

evidence

noun

► Say it: ev • i • dence

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

anything that proves something is true

Synonyms: proof, support

Example

_____ made more money than any other movie in history, which is **evidence** that it was a very _____ movie.



Family

- *Adjective:* evident
- *Adverb:* evidently

Word Partners

- _____ suggests
- gather _____
- present _____

Evidence suggests that drinking coffee every day has many health benefits.
 The police officers **gathered evidence** at the scene of the accident.
 The lawyer **presented evidence** to the jury that her client was not guilty.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 When you write a paper for class, you have to present **evidence** to support your _____.
- 2 If I'm going to accuse someone of _____, I need to find **evidence** first.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using evidence and appropriate content.

When police detectives try to solve crimes, they gather _____ such as _____ or _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using evidence and appropriate content.

If someone asked me to present _____ that I am good at _____, I would show them _____ as proof.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use evidence with the word partner *gather evidence*. In your second sentence, use evidence with the word partner *present evidence*.

① _____

 ② _____

grammar tip

Non-count nouns name things that can't be counted. Non-count nouns have only one form. Do not add an -s to a non-count noun.

They don't have enough evidence to arrest her.

The water is frozen.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using evidence and original content.

Whether you're debating an issue with a friend or writing a persuasive essay, there are two types of _____^① that you can use to support your _____^②. The first kind of evidence is scientific evidence, which includes examples from research studies, _____^③ articles, and other data. This type of _____^④ is very compelling because it usually comes from expert professionals or organizations. The second type of _____^⑤ is personal experience, which involves describing something that you have _____^⑥ and relating it to your argument. For example, if someone argues that most people are _____^⑦, you could describe a time when a stranger did something nice for you. If you use these two kinds of evidence to support your argument, others will find it much more persuasive and compelling.