

maximum

adjective

▶ Say it: max • i • mum **62** Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
the largest amount of something that is possible <i>Synonym:</i> most <i>Antonym:</i> minimum	The little girl wanted to ride the _____, but it had already reached maximum _____.
Family	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Noun:</i> maximum• <i>Verb:</i> maximize	
Word Partners	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• _____ amount of• _____ length• _____ number of	<p>The maximum amount of sugar that doctors recommend eating daily is 40 grams.</p> <p>The maximum length that your research paper can be is ten pages.</p> <p>The maximum number of students that can go on the field trip is 25.</p>



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 If you drive over the **maximum** speed limit, you might get

_____.

2 The **maximum** amount of time that I spend on my homework each night is

_____.

Writing Practice

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

If a student is caught painting graffiti on school grounds, the _____
penalty should be _____.

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

The _____ length of time that I could survive without a computer, TV,
or cell phone is probably _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **maximum** with the word partner *maximum length*. In your second sentence, use **maximum** with the word partner *maximum number of*.

① _____

② _____

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

One summer _____^① that many people
enjoy is going to an amusement park. Kids and adults alike love
the exciting roller coasters and _____^②. While these attractions are
designed to be entertaining, amusement parks are also very _____^③
about safety. Most amusement parks follow guidelines established by state and
local governments to keep people safe. For example, many rides have minimum and
_____^④ height requirements that are posted next to the entrance. If
you are shorter than the minimum height or taller than the maximum height, you are not
allowed to _____^⑤. Some rides also have weight restrictions where a
_____^⑥ weight is posted. These safety _____^⑦
are important for keeping riders safe so they can sit back and enjoy the ride.

grammar tip

Amount of and *number of* are quantifiers used to describe how much or how many of a noun there is. Use *amount of* with non-count nouns, and use *number of* with count nouns.

The maximum **amount of** time you have is one hour.

The maximum **number of** slices per person is two.