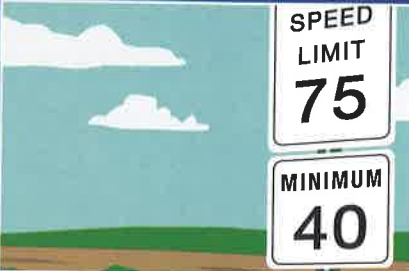


minimum

adjective

▶ Say it: min • i • mum **63** Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example	
the smallest amount of something that is possible <i>Synonym:</i> least <i>Antonym:</i> maximum	The minimum _____ limit on this highway is _____ miles per hour.	

Family

- **Noun:** minimum
- **Verb:** minimize
- **Adjective:** minimal
- **Adverb:** minimally

Word Partners

- _____ age The **minimum age** for buying a video game that is rated "Mature" is 17.
- _____ amount of The **minimum amount of** time I am supposed to practice the piano each week is 30 minutes.
- _____ requirement If you want to pass this class, the **minimum requirements** are turning in all of your homework and participating every day.

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 The **minimum** number of classes that I have to take each year is _____.
- 2 Some stores and restaurants require a **minimum** purchase of _____ before they'll let you use a debit or credit card.

Writing Practice

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

I think the _____ age that people should be before they start working is _____ because _____.

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

On school days, I wake up at _____ because the _____ amount of time I need to get ready in the morning is _____ minutes.

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

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Amount of is a quantifier used to describe how much of a noun there is. Use *amount of* with non-count nouns.

The minimum **amount of time** I spend watching TV every day is 30 minutes.

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

Sleep provides a number of restorative _____^①, but most people still don't get enough of it. The _____^② amount of sleep that each person should get every night varies by age, but, in general, the younger you are, the more sleep you need. Children in elementary school need a minimum of nine to eleven hours, while teenagers _____^③ approximately nine to ten hours a night. Adults need the _____^④, from seven to eight hours. The disadvantages of sleep deficiency become _____^⑤ after just one night of poor rest. In the short term, sleep deficiency can _____^⑥ cognitive impairments and hallucinations. In the long term, it can put you at risk for heart disease or diabetes. Make sure you take the time to get the _____^⑦ amount of sleep you need in order to feel and perform at your best.