

prioritize

verb



Say it: pri • or • i • tize

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

to decide what tasks are most important so you can do those first

Example

In an _____ room, nurses have to **prioritize** who the _____ will take care of first.



Forms

Present:

I/You/We/They
He/She/It

prioritize
prioritizes

Past:

prioritized

Family

• **Noun:** priority

Word Partners

• need to _____

The band **needs to prioritize** practicing for the holiday concert before anything else.

• _____ a task

We have very little time and a lot to do, so we must **prioritize our tasks**.

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 want to **prioritize** your tasks, you should probably finish your homework before you _____.

② One person who can help you **prioritize** your responsibilities is _____.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **prioritize** and appropriate content.

When I have a lot of homework for my classes, I _____ which assignments to do first by deciding which _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **prioritize** and appropriate content.

I _____ spending time with my _____ before anyone else because _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **prioritize** in the *simple present tense*. In your second sentence, use **prioritize** in the *simple past tense*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

To make the simple past tense of regular verbs, add **-ed** or **-d**.

Ralph prioritized his tasks for the party.

I played tennis today.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **prioritize** and original content.

During an emergency, it can be difficult to _____^① what you should do. For example, what injuries need to be addressed _____^②, and which can wait? When you find yourself in a life-threatening emergency such as a fire or _____^③, your priority should be to get out of the situation as quickly as possible. Once you are somewhere safe, call 911 and then _____^④ any injuries to yourself or others around you. It's important to _____^⑤ severe injuries to the head or chest before any others as those are life threatening. If someone is unconscious, _____^⑥ the person on his or her side and cover the person with a blanket. If you _____^⑦ your needs in an emergency, you will be able to react calmly and effectively until help arrives.