

priority

noun

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► Say it: pri • or • i • ty

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

the most important thing you have to do or give attention to before everything else

Example

On an airplane,
_____ is the top
priority.



Forms

- *Singular:* priority
- *Plural:* priorities

Family

- *Verb:* prioritize

Word Partners

- give _____ to something Congress's new budget **gives priority to** education programs.
- high/top _____ Ralph cares a lot about his grades, so studying is a **high priority** for him.
- place _____ on something Our teacher **places priority** on us trying our hardest in class.

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 Restaurants often say that their top **priority** is to give customers _____.

- 2 Most teenagers' **priorities** are _____ and _____.

Writing Practice

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

If I moved to a new town or city, finding a _____ would be a high _____ for me.

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

I care a lot about my _____, so I give top _____ to activities like _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **priority** in the *plural form*. In your second sentence, use **priority** in the *singular form* and include a word partner.

① _____

 ② _____

grammar tip

To form the plural of a noun that ends in a consonant + *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-es*.

priority—priorities
 puppy—puppies

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

Gardening is a fun activity that can yield beautiful flowers and tasty _____

_____ ① . To start a garden, you will have to consider the different _____ ② for growing plants. First, sunlight is the top _____ ③ for most fruits and vegetables. Many plants, such as tomatoes and peppers, _____ ④ six or more hours of full sun every day. However, for other plants, such as beans and lettuce, sunlight isn't as high of a _____ ⑤ ; they can grow with only a few hours of sun a day. Another _____ ⑥ for starting a garden is protecting plants from insects and animals. Many gardeners put wire fences around their gardens to _____ ⑦ hungry intruders and use natural pesticides to discourage insects. Keeping these priorities in mind will help you create a beautiful and bountiful garden.