

significance

noun

► Say it: sig • nif • i • cance

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

importance

Antonym: insignificance

Example

When you have a crush on someone, every smile and _____ you get from him or her has special **significance**.



Family

- **Verb:** signify
- **Adjective:** significant
- **Adverb:** significantly

Word Partners

- cultural _____
- explain the _____ of something
- special _____

The Fourth of July has a lot of **cultural significance** for Americans.

Our teacher asked us to **explain the significance** of hip hop in modern music.

The color black has **special significance** during funerals in the United States.

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.

- English teachers often ask students to explain the **significance** of _____.
- The sport of _____ has a lot of cultural **significance** for Americans.

Writing Practice

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

One movie that has a lot of _____ to me is _____ because
it is about _____.

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

In my house, one item of special _____ to me is my _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **significance** with the word partner *cultural significance*. In your second sentence, use **significance** with the word partner *special significance*.

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.

This watch has personal **significance** to me.

The **water** is frozen.

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

Field trips are fun, educational experiences that can significantly impact the way that students view _____¹ and important world events. Field trips allow students to explore _____² that have had great cultural and personal _____³ for people throughout history. For example, in a museum you might see items that people used to celebrate births, weddings, and _____⁴. Some museums also feature the mummies of important _____⁵ in history, such as King Tut! Field trips can help students understand the _____⁶ of the past and its impact on the _____⁷. Additionally, learning about history and other cultures also helps students appreciate the _____⁸ of events and traditions in their own lives and cultures.