

significant

adjective

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▶ Say it: sig • nif • i • cant Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings	Examples
1. important	1. When _____ became president, it was a significant event because he was the first _____ elected president.
2. a large amount of something <i>Synonym:</i> big <i>Antonym:</i> insignificant	2. It's not a good idea to drink _____ before bed because it has a significant amount of _____.



Family

- *Noun:* significance
- *Verb:* signify
- *Adverb:* significantly

Word Partners

- _____ amount of I need a **significant amount of** sleep every night in order to function.
- _____ difference between There is a **significant difference between** golf and ice hockey.
- _____ role Pollutants and carcinogens play a **significant role** in the development of cancer.

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 One **significant** invention from the past 100 years is _____.
- 2 My _____ has played a **significant** role in my life.
- 3 A **significant** number of students at this school wear _____ every day.
- 4 I have a **significant** amount of homework for my _____ class.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentences using **significant** and appropriate content.

- ① Creative activities like _____ are a _____ part of my life because they _____.
- ② The class that I've had the most _____ improvement in this year is _____. My grade went up to _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentences using **significant** and appropriate content.

- ① One of the most _____ events in my life was when I _____.
- ② I eat a _____ amount of _____ every week.

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

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grammar tip

Amount of is a quantifier used with non-count nouns. It describes how much of a noun there is. With count nouns, use the quantifier *number of*.

This soup has a **significant amount of salt** in it.

There are a **significant number of students** here.

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

Many people in the United States struggle with obesity.

Obesity is a _____^① concern because it can cause serious health _____^② such as diabetes and knee pain. Losing weight is not _____^③ to do, but there are some small changes that anyone can try in order to make a _____^④ difference in their health. For example, drinking water instead of soda can drastically _____^⑤ your daily calorie intake. In addition, taking the stairs instead of the elevator burns more _____^⑥ and builds fat-burning muscle. These are small steps, but they can have a _____^⑦ effect on people's health.