

▶ Say it: sim • i • lar

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Write it: _____

Meaning	Example
almost the same <i>Synonyms:</i> like, alike <i>Antonym:</i> dissimilar	The Smith _____ look similar , but they _____ very differently from each other.



Family

Noun: similarity
Adverb: similarly

Word Partners

- _____ pattern All mammals follow a **similar pattern** of development—they drink milk as babies and grow fur or hair on their bodies.
- _____ problem Last year insects ate many of the fruits and vegetables in our garden, and we're having a **similar problem** this year.
- _____ results When our class tried the experiment a second time, we got **similar results**.

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 My friends and I have **similar** interests; we all like _____
and _____.
- 2 Taking care of a puppy is **similar** to taking care of a baby because they both need
_____.

Writing Practice

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

Our school's _____ team followed a _____ pattern as last year—they won about _____ percent of the games that they played.

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

People often say my _____ and I have _____ characteristics because we both _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences using **similar**. In your first sentence, use **similar** with a *plural noun*. In your second sentence, use **similar** with a *singular noun*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Adjectives do not have plural forms. Do not add an *-s* to adjectives when they describe plural nouns.

similar results

loud dogs

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

Reality TV is a fast-growing phenomenon. Many people are fascinated by the _____
 ① _____ of reality stars because the events that they see on TV
 are either very _____
 ② _____ or completely dissimilar to their own
 experiences. For example, reality shows that focus on fitness or weight loss are very

 ③ _____ because many people have similarly struggled with

 ④ _____. However, sometimes reality shows are popular because
 the stars have lives that are _____
 ⑤ _____ or extraordinary in some way.
 For instance, reality shows about celebrities offer a glimpse into the lives of people who
 are incredibly _____
 ⑥ _____ or famous. Reality TV will continue to grow in
 popularity as long as there are people who are interested in _____
 ⑦ _____
 the lives of others.