

# unique

adjective

▶ Say it: u • nique

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Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
not like anything else <i>Synonyms:</i> special, one-of-a-kind	No two _____ are exactly alike; each one is <b>unique</b> .



Family

- **Noun:** uniqueness
- **Adverb:** uniquely

Word Partners

- \_\_\_\_\_ experience      Traveling to the Dominican Republic and participating in a study abroad program will be a **unique experience** for our Spanish club.
- \_\_\_\_\_ feature      One **unique feature** of elephants is their long trunk.
- \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity      Performing in the Thanksgiving Day parade is a **unique opportunity** for our chorus.

## 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 The singer \_\_\_\_\_ has a **unique** voice that is easy to recognize.
- 2 One **unique** piece of clothing that I own is a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

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

The \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ animal because it

\_\_\_\_\_.

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

Of all the students at my school, I have a \_\_\_\_\_ perspective on the topic

of \_\_\_\_\_ because I \_\_\_\_\_.

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

1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### grammar tip

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

unique styles

loud dogs

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

Every person has \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> fingerprints, including identical twins.

Fingerprints are \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> by epidermal ridges, or raised portions of skin

on the tips of the fingers. These ridges are completely \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> and

specific to one person. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> marks similar to fingerprints can also

be found on other parts of the body, including toes and the soles of the feet. The uniqueness

of fingerprints is often used for identification \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>, such as in crime

scene investigations and missing person cases. Investigators \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>

fingerprints using special chemicals that make fingerprints easy to see. Police

can then compare the fingerprints to a database or to fingerprints that they have

\_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> from another person.