

▶ Say it: val • id

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Write it: _____

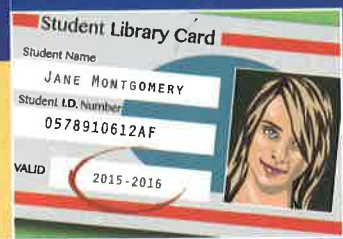
Meanings

Examples

1. good or usable

1. With a **valid** _____ card, you can check out books and DVDs.

Antonym: invalid



2. reasonable or sensible

2. Joey gave a **valid** _____ for being late to class.

Antonym: invalid



Family

Nouns: validity, validation

Verb: validate

Word Partners

- _____ argument One **valid argument** for watching the news is that you should be informed about world events.
- _____ point I don't agree with you entirely on this issue, but you've made a **valid point**.
- _____ reason Terry gave a **valid reason** for not turning in her homework: her dog actually ate it and had to go to the vet!

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 You can get into trouble for driving without a **valid** _____.
- 2 Items like _____ usually have an expiration date to show how long they are **valid**.
- 3 One **valid** reason for failing a student is if he or she doesn't _____.
- 4 _____ isn't a **valid** excuse for being late.

Writing Practice

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

One _____ argument for owning a cell phone is that

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

A _____ reason for missing school is if you _____.

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

valid reasons

loud dogs

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

We all have various reasons for not meeting people's expectations. But are your reasons _____ ① ? When you have a _____ ② explanation for not meeting an expectation, people are usually more willing to _____ ③ you. For example, most teachers would consider a death in your family as a _____ ④ reason for not turning in _____ ⑤ because that is a situation beyond your control. But failing to turn in something because you _____ ⑥ all night is definitely an invalid excuse; it represents a bad choice you made. Before you decide not to do something, _____ ⑦ the repercussions and whether you want to disappoint someone by giving them a poor excuse.