

role

1 Play a role in + verb

Use the correct form of these verbs:

build up	campaign for
educate	influence
open	remove

1. President Clinton played a pivotal role in channels of communication between the leaders of the two countries.
2. Television has a crucial role to play in young people. That's why we need more documentaries and fewer game shows.
3. Your kidneys play a vital role in waste products from your blood.
4. Nobody would deny that the media play a major role in people's opinions.
5. He played a key role in the company into the success it is today.
6. She played a leading role in equal opportunities for women.

Go back and underline all the adjectives used to describe an *important role*.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

active	dual
minor	peace-keeping
clear	traditional

1. He is finding his role as composer and conductor quite demanding.
2. Most of the top management positions are held by men. Women seem to play relatively roles in the running of the organisation.
3. Every member of staff must have a role. Everybody needs to know what is expected of them.
4. United Nations troops are only deployed in a role. They do not fight wars, they try to prevent them.
5. I think our government should be playing a more role in promoting human rights. It needs to do more.
6. Many women have abandoned their role as wife and mother. For many the pursuit of a career is more important.

Go back and underline the adjective collocations.

3 Verb + role

Use the correct form of these verbs:

examine	reverse
see	play
find	take on

1. When my mother died when I was five, my older sister had to her role.
2. My parents looked after me when I was young, but now the roles are and I look after them.
3. I my role as that of a mediator, helping other people to work out their problems together.
4. The report the changing role of women in modern society.
5. Because most parents work nowadays, grandparents are a more and more important role in bringing up children.
6. In the reorganisation of the company, my old boss hasn't really a role for himself.



"Grandpa playing an important role!"

Notes

1. Role also refers to an actor's part in a play or film:
I auditioned for the leading role, but I ended up with only a tiny part in the film.
2. Note the following examples:
She's acting in an advisory role.
Sports stars need to remember that they are role models for thousands of young people.
The main role of the police is to enforce the law.
Now that I'm a patient and not the doctor, it feels like role reversal!