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(redirected from advantages)Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Idioms, Encyclopedia. (ăd-văn′tĭj)n.1. A beneficial factor or combination of factors: Being tall is usually an advantage in basketball.2. Benefit or profit; gain: It is to your advantage to invest wisely.3. A relatively favorable position; superiority of means: A better education gave us the advantage.4. Sports a. The first point scored in tennis after deuce.5. Sports A situation in soccer in which the referee has signaled that a foul has been committed but delays making the call because the fouled team has a more favorable position in play. If the fouled team loses this favorable position, the referee then makes the call.tr.v. ad·van·taged, ad·van·tag·ing, ad·van·tag·es To afford profit or gain to; benefit.Idioms: take advantage of1. To put to good use; avail oneself of: take advantage of all educational opportunities.2. To make use of for selfish reasons; achieve a selfish goal by exploiting: took advantage of him by leaving him with the bill; took advantage of his unsuspecting nature. to advantage To good effect; favorably: The roses were displayed to advantage in a blue vase.[Middle English avantage, from Old French, from avant, before, from Latin abante, from before; see advance.]American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ) n1. (often foll by: over or of) superior or more favourable position or power: he had an advantage over me because of his experience. 2. benefit or profit (esp in the phrase to one's advantage)3. (Tennis) tennis a. the point scored after deuceb. the resulting state of the score4. take advantage of b. to impose upon the weakness, good nature, etc, of; abuse5. to advantage to good effect: he used his height to advantage at the game. 6. you have the advantage of me you know me but I do not know you[C14: avantage (later altered to advantage on the model of words beginning with Latin ad-), from Old French avant before, from Latin abante from before, away. See advance]Collins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (æd'væn tɪdʒ, -'vɑn-) n., v. -taged, -taging. n. 1. any circumstance, opportunity, or means specially favorable to success or a desired end: the advantages of a good education. 2. benefit; gain; profit: It will be to your advantage to study Chinese. 3. a position of superiority or ascendancy (often fol. by over or of): It gave him an advantage over his opponent. 4. the first point in tennis scored after deuce. v.t. 5. to be of service to; yield profit or gain to; benefit. Idioms: 1. take advantage of, a. to make use of for gain: to take advantage of an opportunity. b. to impose upon, esp. unfairly, as by exploiting a weakness. 2. to advantage, in such a way as to have worthwhile or beneficial effects. [1300–50; < Anglo-French, Old French avantage=avant before + -age -age] syn: advantage, benefit, profit all mean something that is of use or value. advantage is anything that places a person in a favorable or superior position, esp. in coping with competition or difficulties: It is to your advantage to have traveled widely. benefit is anything that promotes the welfare or improves the state of a person or group: The new factory will be a great benefit to our town. profit is any valuable or useful gain, usu. financial, moral, or educational: profit from trade; profit from experience. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. ace in the hole A trump card; something advantageous held in reserve until needed, and especially until needed to turn apparent failure into actual success. In stud poker a hole card is the card dealt face down in the first round. Since an ace is the highest and most valuable card, the player who receives an ace as his hole card has a decided advantage.beat to the punch To get the drop on, to beat to the draw, to be a step ahead; to gain the advantage through quickness and alertness; to steal someone's thunder; to win at oneupmanship. Webster's Third cites W. J. Reilly's use of this boxing metaphor:… beats you to the conversational punch by having his say before you have a chance to open your mouth.catch a weasel asleep To gain an advantage over something due to its inattentiveness. A sleeping animal is an easy target. This expression is an older equivalent of the current to catch someone napping.catch napping To acquire an advantage over someone through his inattentiveness. A sleeping person or animal is easily taken off guard by another person or predator. As used in the phrase, however, napping does not carry its literal meaning of 'sleeping.' It means simply 'unawares, off guard, inattentive.'get the drop on To have the advantage over someone; to be in a superior, controlling position, such that one cannot be taken unawares. Most sources cite the following quotation from Alexander K. McClure's Three Thousand Miles through the Rocky Mountains (1869) as the first use of this colloquial American expression.So expert is he with his faithful pistol that the most scientific of rogues have repeatedly attempted in vain to "get the drop" on him.This original use referring exclusively to a fast draw may be related to at the drop of a hat. (See INSTANTANEOUSNESS.) The idea of covering a person with a gun before he can draw his own soon gave rise to the current figurative use.At any rate, we will not let Arcturus get the drop on the reading public. (Texas Siftings, August, 1888)get the weather gage of To obtain the advantage over; to get the better of. In the sea battles of bygone days, a ship on the weather gage, or windward, side of an adversary's vessel would have the advantage of being better able to maneuver into a strategic position. The expression's principal use still usually concerns war and fighting, although not necessarily of a maritime nature.He had got the weather gage of them, and for us to run down to them would be to run ourselves into the lion's mouth. (John Mackey Wilson, Tales of the Borders, 1835-40)go in with good cards To have reason to expect success; to anticipate triumph. This expression is derived from a card player's foreknowledge of victory upon being dealt an exemplary hand. The phrase maintains limited use in the United States and Great Britain.They went in upon far better Cards to overthrow King Henry, than King Henry had to overthrow King Richard. (Francis Bacon, Henry VII, 1622)have the ball at one's feet To be in a strategically advantageous position; to be in the driver's seat. In the British game of football (American soccer), whoever has the ball at his feet has the power to call the shots. This expression can be used in regard to politics, personal relations, or any area in which there are plays for power as one person or group attempts to gain control.We have the ball at our feet, and if the Government will allow us … the rebellion will be crushed. (W. E. Auckland, Journal and Correspondence, 1788-98)inside track An advantageous position granting one an edge over others; a favorable status; influence, or the power to secure favors. In racing, the inside track 'inner side of a curved track' is the shortest route. By the mid-19th century, this Americanism was used figuratively to refer to any position of advantage.When a woman knows where she stands, and has the inside track, … the man has no show whatever. (Atherton, Perch of Devil, 1914)in the catbird seat In an advantageous position or condition; ahead of the game; also sitting in the catbird seat. This U.S. slang expression, dating at least from 1942, was popularized by baseball announcer "Red" Barber during his 1945-55 radio broadcasts of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball games.keep one jump ahead To advance or increase before someone or something else and thus maintain an advantageous position or superior status. The exact origin of this 20th-century expression is unknown; it may come from the game of checkers in which one player jumps 'takes possession of' another player's checkers—literally advancing one checker in front of another one—in order to win the game.That would allow the Government to permit wage rises to keep one jump ahead of prices. (Sun, January 6, 1973)sitting pretty In a favorable situation or condition; at an advantage; successful; well-to-do; well-off, set. This expression has been in use since 1926.steal a march on To gain an advantage over, to get the jump on, to be a step ahead of. This expression originally had to do with the stealthy movement of troops without the enemy's knowledge. It still retains connotations of furtiveness or secrecy.Happening to awake earlier than usual, he stole a march on his nurses, and … walked out and tottered into the jail. (Charles Reade, It Is Never Too Late To Mend, 1856)Picturesque Expressions: A Thematic Dictionary, 1st Edition. © 1980 The Gale Group, Inc. All rights reserved.Past participle: advantagedGerund: advantagingImperativePresentPreteritePresent ContinuousPresent PerfectPast ContinuousPast PerfectFutureFuture PerfectFuture ContinuousPresent Perfect ContinuousFuture Perfect ContinuousPast Perfect ContinuousConditionalPast ConditionalImperativeadvantageadvantageCollins English Verb Tables © HarperCollins Publishers 2011The first point served after deuce.Dictionary of Unfamiliar Words by Diagram Group Copyright © 2008 by Diagram Visual Information Limited Noun1.advantage - the quality of having a superior or more favorable position; "the experience gave him the advantage over me"asset, plus - a useful or valuable qualityfavor, favour - an advantage to the benefit of someone or something; "the outcome was in his favor"leverage - strategic advantage; power to act effectively; "relatively small groups can sometimes exert immense political leverage"handicap - advantage given to a competitor to equalize chances of winninghomecourt advantage - the advantage of playing on your home court in front of fans who are rooting for youlead - an advantage held by a competitor in a race; "he took the lead at the last turn"clout, pull - special advantage or influence; "the chairman's nephew has a lot of pull"head start, start - the advantage gained by beginning early (as in a race); "with an hour's start he will be hard to catch"gain, profit - the advantageous quality of being beneficialpreference - grant of favor or advantage to one over another (especially to a country or countries in matters of international trade, such as levying duties)privilege - a special advantage or immunity or benefit not enjoyed by allexpedience, expediency - the quality of being suited to the end in viewgood - benefit; "for your own good"; "what's the good of worrying?"tax advantage - an advantage bestowed by legislation that reduces a tax on some preferred activitydisadvantage - the quality of having an inferior or less favorable position2.advantage - (tennis) first point scored after deucelawn tennis, tennis - a game played with rackets by two or four players who hit a ball back and forth over a net that divides the courtpoint - the unit of counting in scoring a game or contest; "he scored 20 points in the first half"; "a touchdown counts 6 points"3.advantage - benefit resulting from some event or action; "it turned out to my advantage"; "reaping the rewards of generosity"benefit, welfare - something that aids or promotes well-being; "for the benefit of all"Verb1.advantage - give an advantage to; "This system advantages the rich"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.noun1. benefit, use, start, help, service, aid, profit, favour, asset, assistance, blessing, utility, boon, ace in the hole, ace up your sleeve A good crowd will be a definite advantage to the team. benefit difficulty, handicap, curse, disadvantage, drawback, snag, uphill (S. African), inconvenience, downside, hindranceCollins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002nounverb The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. افضليةالتُّفَّطَة الأولى في لُعْبَة البِلْسقايَةهمِيْزَه avantagebénéficeintérêtprofitvantaggioapprofittarebeneficioconvenienzafare risaltarebüti pranašesniamdaugiaupalankiaipalankuspasinaudotinpreимуществоавантажпревосходство优势优点有利条件网球一局临终打成平局后一方先赢得的一分Collins Spanish Dictionary - Complete and Edition 2005 © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1971, 1988 © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2005Collins English/French Electronic Resource. © HarperCollins Publishers 2005Collins German Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged 7th Edition 2005. © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1980 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition © HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ) noun1. (a) gain or benefit. There are several advantages in being self-employed. voordeel قايدَه преимущество vantagem výhoda der Vorteil fordel πλεονέκτημαventaja eelis فايده مزيت; hyöty avantageיתרון 利点 prednost előny keuntungan kostur, hagur vantaggio privalumas priekšrocība; izdevīgums manfaat voordeelfordel, gagn, nyttekorzyść, zaleta گنه vantagem avantaj преимущество výhoda ugodnost prednost fördel ; yarar 優點 , 優勢 вигода, користь فائد sự thuận lợi 优点 , 有利条件 2. in tennis, the first point gained after deuce. gelykop التُّفَّطَة الأولى في لُعْبَة التِنْس предимство vantagem výhoda der Vorteil fordel αβαντάζventaja edu سودمند از اولین امتیاز بعد از دوس etu avantage נקודת יתרון בטניס prednost (tenis) (fyrsta stig sem unnið er eftir jafna stöðu) vantaggio バンテージ [] 1 daugiau mata pertama yang diterima selepas seri(dalam sukan tenis) voordeelprzewaga د دوس ځخه وروسته لومړنی بریا یا امتیاز vantagem avantaj больше, преимущество в счете výhoda prednost prednost fördel 40 avantaj (網球)終局前平分時一方先贏得的一分 більше پوائنٹ لا حاصل کرد 的一分advantageous (ædvən'teidʒəs) adjective having or giving an advantage. Because of his experience he was in an advantageous position for promotion voordelig مُفِيد ، مُرِيح изгоден vantajoso výhodný vorteilhaft fordelagtig πλεονεκτικόςventajoso soodus سودمند edullinen avantageux מועיל koristan előnyös menguntungkan hagstæður vantaggioso 有利な palankus, pranašus izdevīgs ada kelebihan voordeligfordelaktigkorzystny گټور vantajoso avantajos выгодный výhodný ugoden biti u prednosti (dati prednost) fördelaktig avantajlı 有利的 вигідний; сприятливий مفيد ، مند فائد có lợi 有利的,advan'tageously adverb voordelig عَلَى نَحْوٍ مُفِيد изгодно vantajosamente výhodně vorteilhaft fordelagtigt πλεονεκτικά con ventaja soodsalt بطور سودمند edullisesti avantageusementמשתלם, גיל, 占优势 мати верх فوقيت có lợi thế 占优势take advantage of to make use of (a situation, person etc) in such a way as to benefit oneself. He took full advantage of all his business opportunities. gebruik maak, misbruik maak بِشَهْرٍ، بِتَغْنِيم فُرْصَة възползуваме aproveitar-se využít, těžit z ausnutzen benytte sig af; udnytte; drage nytte af εκμεταλλεύομαιaprovechar, aprovecharse de ära kasutama استفاده کردن profiter de לנצל, לנצות ; iskoristiti prednost kihasznál memanfaatkan (mis)nota sér approfittarsi di ~を利用する ... pasinaudoti (kuo nors) izmantot; iegūt ambil kesempatan zijn voordeel doen met dra nytte av, benytte seg av, utnytte, lure wykorzystywać له موقع ځخه ګټه اخیستل aproveitar a profita de воспользоваться ťažiť z izkoristiti iskoristiti prednost dra fördel av, utnyttja ; yararlan 用(某情况，某人等) скористатися اتهانا فائد tận dụng cơ hội 趁机利用某事Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary © 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. → مِيْزَة výhoda fordel Vorteil πλεονέκτημα ventaja etu avantage prednost vantaggio 有利 voordeel fordel przewaga vantagem преимущество fördel ; üstünlük lợi thế 优势Multilingual Translator © HarperCollins Publishers 2009n. ventaja, ganancia, beneficio; v. to take __ → aprovecharse, valerse de. English-Spanish Medical Dictionary © Farlex 2012 n ventaja; the advantages and disadvantages..las ventajas e inconvenientes.. las ventajas y desventajasEnglish-Spanish/Spanish-English Medical Dictionary Copyright © 2006 by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. All rights reserved. Want to thank TFD for its existence? Tell a friend about us, add a link to this page, or visit the webmaster's page for free fun content. Link to this page: On beginning to talk to the peasants about it, and making a proposition to cede them the land on new terms, he came into collision with the same great difficulty that they were so much absorbed by the current work of the day, that they had not time to consider the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed scheme.But when Levin hinted at the future advantages, Ivan's face expressed alarm and regret that he could not hear all he had to say, and he made haste to find himself some task that would admit of no delay: he either snatched up the fork to pitch the hay out of the pens, or ran to get water or to clear out the dung.It is no wonder that in an age when this kind of merit is so little in fashion, and so slenderly provided for, persons possessed of it should very eagerly flock to a place where they were sure of being received with great complaisance; indeed, where they might enjoy almost the same advantages of a liberal fortune as if they were entitled to it in their own right; for Mr Allworthy was not one of those generous persons who are ready most bountifully to bestow meat, drink, and lodging on men of wit and learning, for which they expect no other return but entertainment, instruction, flattery, and subserviency; in a word, that such persons should be enrolled in the number of domestics, without wearing their master's cloathes, or receiving wages.Above all others, men of genius and learning shared the principal place in his favour; and in these he had much discernment: for though he had missed the advantage of a learned education, yet, being blest with vast natural abilities, he had so well profited by a vigorous though late application to letters, and by much conversation with men of eminence in this way, that he was himself a very competent judge in most kinds of literature.Thus it is, as I believe, that when the males and females of any animal have the same general habits of life, but differ in structure, colour, or ornament, such differences have been mainly caused by sexual selection; that is, individual males have had, in successive generations, some slight advantage over other males, in their weapons, means of defence, or charms; and have transmitted these advantages to their male offspring.Bennet and his daughters saw all the advantages of Wickham's removal from the shire as clearly as Mr.Did you hear all the advantages of the unjust which Thrasymachus was rehearsing?Oh, tell me, who was it first announced, who was it first proclaimed, that man only does nasty things because he does not know his own interests; and that if he were enlightened, if his eyes were opened to his real normal interests, man would at once cease to do nasty things, would at once become good and noble because, being enlightened and understanding his real advantage, he would see his own advantage in the good and nothing else, and we all know that not one man can, consciously, act against his own interests, consequently, so to say, through necessity, he would begin doing good?The State governments will have the advantage of the Federal government, whether we compare them in respect to the immediate dependence of the one on the other; to the weight of personal influence which each side will possess; to the powers respectively vested in them; to the predilection and probable support of the people; to the disposition and faculty of resisting and frustrating the measures of each other.If they cannot do this, they ought at least to prove to us that it is easier to subvert the liberties of three millions of people, with the advantage of local governments to head their opposition, than of two hundred thousand people who are destitute of that advantage.Allen had no particular reason to hope it would be followed with more advantage now; but we are told to "despair of nothing we would attain," as "unwearied diligence our point would gain"; and the unwearied diligence with which she had every day wished for the same thing was at length to have its just reward, for hardly had she been seated ten minutes before a lady of about her own age, who was sitting by her, and had been looking at her attentively for several minutes, addressed her with great complaisance in these words: "I think, madam, I cannot be mistaken; it is a long time since I had the pleasure of seeing you, but is not your name Allen?" This question answered, as it readily was, the stranger pronounced hers to be Thorpe; and Mrs.Now, when your weapons are dulled, your ardor damped, your strength exhausted and your treasure spent, other chieftains will spring up to take advantage of your extremity. Have you ever wondered what the term advantages really means and how it applies to your life? Understanding this concept can open doors to better decision-making and improved outcomes in various aspects of your personal and professional journey.In this article, you'll explore the definition of advantages, along with real-life examples that illustrate its significance. From recognizing competitive edges in business to identifying benefits in everyday situations, grasping this term can empower you to leverage opportunities effectively.Get ready to dive into a world where understanding advantages isn't just academic—it's practical! Whether you're looking to enhance your skills or simply curious about its implications, you'll find valuable insights that will keep you engaged throughout the discussion.Understanding advantages helps you identify the benefits that can enhance your personal and professional life. Recognizing these edges enables informed decision-making and strategic planning.Advantages refer to conditions or circumstances that put someone in a favorable position. In simpler terms, they are the qualities that give you an upper hand in various situations. For instance, having advanced skills in a job application makes you more appealing to employers. Similarly, access to resources can lead to better outcomes in projects.In Business: Competitive advantages allow companies to outperform rivals. This could be through unique products or superior customer service.In Education: Students with access to quality tutoring often achieve higher grades, thus gaining an edge over peers.In Personal Life: Awareness of your strengths—like communication skills—can improve relationships and networking opportunities.By grasping the concept of advantages, you empower yourself to leverage them effectively for success.Understanding the types of advantages is crucial for leveraging them effectively in various aspects of life. Here are two primary categories:Competitive advantages refer to unique factors that allow individuals or organizations to outperform others. They create a favorable position in the market or personal endeavors. Examples include:Superior product quality: A smartphone brand may use high-grade materials, attracting more customers.Lower operational costs: Companies that streamline production can offer better prices and gain market share.Innovative technology: Businesses using cutting-edge software can enhance efficiency and customer experience.These elements help distinguish you from competitors, making it easier to attract opportunities.Strategic advantages involve long-term benefits that guide decision-making toward achieving goals. They often stem from careful planning and resource allocation. Examples include:Strong brand reputation: A well-known brand builds trust, resulting in customer loyalty and repeat business.Access to exclusive partnerships: Collaborating with influential entities can open doors to new markets and resources.Highly skilled workforce: Employees with specialized skills drive innovation and improve performance.Strategic advantages contribute significantly to sustainable growth, aligning actions with future objectives.Understanding advantages can help you identify beneficial situations in various aspects of life. Here are notable examples that illustrate how advantages manifest in real-world scenarios.In business, advantages often play a crucial role in achieving success. For instance, companies with strong brand loyalty enjoy repeat customers and reduced marketing costs. Other examples include:Innovative technology, allowing quicker product development.Lower operational costs, enabling competitive pricing strategies.Access to exclusive partnerships, offering unique market opportunities.Recognizing these applications helps businesses leverage their strengths effectively.In terms of personal growth, understanding your advantages boosts confidence and decision-making. Consider these examples:Advanced communication skills enhance networking abilities.Access to educational resources leads to better job prospects.Strong support systems, such as mentors or friends, provide encouragement during challenges.These factors contribute significantly to personal achievements and overall well-being.Misunderstandings about advantages often lead to confusion. Clarifying these misconceptions helps you recognize their true value.Many myths circulate regarding advantages. Here are some of the most common:Advantages guarantee success: Having an advantage doesn't automatically ensure positive outcomes; hard work plays a crucial role.Only businesses benefit from advantages: Individuals also gain significant benefits from understanding their personal strengths, like improved relationships or career growth.All advantages are permanent: Situational changes can diminish certain advantages over time, requiring constant evaluation and adaptation.Clarifications help dispel false beliefs about advantages. Consider these points:Understand that advantages can be situational, varying based on context or environment. What works in one scenario may not apply in another.Recognize that not all advantages are equal; some provide short-term gains while others yield long-lasting benefits.Remember that identifying your own strengths—such as communication skills or technical expertise—can enhance your opportunities significantly.By addressing these misconceptions, you'll better appreciate how to leverage your unique advantages effectively. WordReference Random House Learner's Dictionary of American English © 2025ad•van•tage /æd'væntɪdʒ/USA pronunciation n., v., -taged, -taging. n. circumstance, opportunity, etc., that is very favorable to success:[countable]the advantages of a good education. [uncountable] benefit; gain; profit: It will be to your advantage to study Chinese. a position of superiority or ascendancy:[countable]Knowledge of foreign policy gave the candidate an advantage. v. [~ + object] to benefit:How will this advantage you at work? Idioms Idiomstake advantage of, [~ + obj] to make use of for gain: to take advantage of an opportunity. to impose upon, esp. unfairly, as by exploiting a weakness:You took unfair advantage of our friendship. Idioms to advantage, in such a way as to have beneficial effects:The lighting showed off the room to advantage. ad•van•ta•geous /,ædvən 'teɪdʒəs/USA pronunciation adj. ad•van•ta•geous•ly, adv. WordReference Random House Unabridged Dictionary of American English © 2025ad•van•tage (ad van′tij, -van′-),USA pronunciation n., v., -taged, -taging. n. any state, circumstance, opportunity, or means specially favorable to success, interest, or any desired end:the advantage of a good education. benefit; gain; profit:It will be to his advantage to learn Chinese before going to China. superiority or ascendancy (often fol. by over or of):His height gave him an advantage over his opponent. a position of superiority (often fol. by over or of):their advantage in experienced players. Sport[Tennis.]the first point scored after deuce. have the advantage of, to be in a superior or advantageous position; possess an advantage over:By virtue of independent wealth, he has the advantage of his opponents. take advantage of: to make use of for gain:to take advantage of an opportunity. to impose upon, esp. unfairly, as by exploiting a weakness:to take advantage of someone. to advantage, to good effect; advantageously:The paintings were arranged to advantage on one wall. v.t. to be of service to; yield profit or gain to; benefit. to cause to advance; further; promote:Such action will advantage our cause. to prove beneficial to; profit:It would advantage him to work harder. Anglo-French, Old French avantage, equivalent. to avant before (see advance) + -age -age; for ad- see advance Middle English ava(u)ntage 1300–50 2. Advantage, benefit, profit all mean something that is of use or value. Advantage is anything that places one in an improved position, esp. in coping with competition or difficulties:It is to one's advantage to have traveled widely.Benefit is anything that promotes the welfare or improves the state of a person or group:a benefit to society.Profit is any valuable, useful, or helpful gain:profit from trade or experience. 9. serve, avail, help, aid. Collins Concise English Dictionary © HarperCollins Publishers:: advantage /ad 'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/ n often followed by over or of: superior or more favourable position or power benefit or profit (esp in the phrase to one's advantage) the point scored after deucetake advantage of ⇒ to make good use of to impose upon the weakness, good nature, etc, of; abuse to seduceto advantage ⇒ to good effectEtymology: 14th Century: avantage (later altered to advantage on the model of words beginning with Latin ad-), from Old French avant before, from Latin abante from before, away. See advance British National CorpusSpoken Corpus FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'advantages' in Spoken Corpus Frequency: #3328Written Corpus FrequencyRank popularity for the word 'advantages' in Written Corpus Frequency: #4300How to pronounce advantages?How to say advantages in sign language?NumerologyChaldean NumerologyThe numerical value of advantages in Chaldean Numerology is: 6Pythagorean NumerologyThe numerical value of advantages in Pythagorean Numerology is: 4German Corredor:It's key that those who develop projects know how to get communities acquainted with projects, that they understand the point of view of indigenous communities, that they can offer advantages that make projects viable.Zhang Xiaojin:The VAT cut is apparently good news for China's coal industry. The expected 4 percentage point cut will relieve a lot of pressure from domestic coal firms as they do not have many advantages competing with foreign mines in either price or quality.Abbe Guillaume Raynal:The only difference between a genius and one of common capacity is that the former anticipates and explores what the latter accidentally hits upon; but even the man of genius himself more frequently employs the advantages that chance presents him; it is the lapidary who gives value to the diamond which the peasant has dug up without knowing its value.William Shatner as Kirk, in "Dagger of the Mind":One of the advantages of being a captain is being able to ask for advice without necessarily having to take it.Vonda Wright:While high-intensity exercise has been found to reap great training advantages, we do not recommend that Masters athletes or Masters-age people go from sedentary activity to intense activity immediately, we recommend Masters athletes progress toward high-intensity activity using speed-play techniques such as the running fartlek – mixing sprints or faster runs into long-distance runs. ventajasSpanish;HindielőnyHungarianпреимуществаRussian优点Chinese - Select - 简体中文 (Chinese - Simplified) 繁體中文 (Chinese - Traditional) Español (Spanish) Esperanto (Esperanto) 日本語 (Japanese) Português (Portuguese) Deutsch (German) العربية (Arabic) Français (French) Русский (Russian) (Kannada) (Korean) עברית (Hebrew) Gaeilg (Irish) Українська (Ukrainian) اردو (Urdu) Magyar (Hungarian) (Hindi) Indonesia (Indonesian) Italiano (Italian) (Tamil) Türkçe (Turkish) (Telugu) (Thai) Tiếng Việt (Vietnamese) Čeština (Czech) Polski (Polish) Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian) Româneşte (Romanian) Nederlands (Dutch) Ελληνικά (Greek) Latinum (Latin) Svenska (Swedish) Dansk (Danish) Suomi (Finnish) (Persian) יידיש (Yiddish) հայերեն (Armenian) Norsk (Norwegian) English (English) See also: Appendix:Collocations of do, have, make, and take From Middle English avantage, avauntage, from Old French avantage, from avant ("before"), from Late Latin ab ante. The spelling with d was a mistake, a- being supposed to be from Latin ad (see advance). For sense development, compare foredeal. advantage (countable and uncountable, plural advantages) (countable) Any condition, circumstance, opportunity or means, particularly favorable or chance to success, or to any desired end. The enemy had the advantage of a more elevated position. c. 1603–1604 (date written), William Shakespeare, "The Tragedie of Othello, the Moore of Venice", in Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies […] (First Folio), London: […] Isaac Iaggard, and Ed[ward] Blount, published 1623, →OCLC, [Act III, scene i]:Give me advantage of some brief discourse. 2013 June 7, Ed Pilkington, "'Killer robots' should be banned in advance, UN told", in The Guardian Weekly, volume 188, number 26, page 6:In his submission to the UN, [Christof] Heyns points to the experience of drones. Unmanned aerial vehicles were intended initially only for surveillance, and their use for offensive purposes was prohibited, yet once strategists realised their perceived advantages as a means of carrying out targeted killings, all objections were swept out of the way. (obsolete) Superiority; mastery; — used with of to specify its nature or with over to specify the other party. (countable, uncountable) Superiority of state, or that which gives it; benefit; gain; profit the advantage of a good constitution Having the faster car is of little advantage. (tennis) The score where one player wins a point after deuce but needs the next to carry the game. (soccer) The continuation of the game after a foul against the attacking team, because the attacking team are in an advantageous position. 2012 November 17, "Arsenal 5-2 Tottenham", in BBC Sport[1]:Webb played an advantage that enabled Cazorla to supply a low cross from the left for Giroud to sweep home first time, despite Gallas and Vertonghen being in close attendance. Interest of money; increase; overplus (as the thirteenth in the baker's dozen). c. 1596 (date written), William Shakespeare, "The Life and Death of King Iohn", in Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragedies […] (First Folio), London: […] Isaac Iaggard, and Ed[ward] Blount, published 1623, →OCLC, [Act III, scene iii]:And with advantage means to pay thy love. advantage (third-person singular simple present advantages, present participle advantaging, simple past and past participle advantaged) (transitive) to provide (someone) with an advantage, to give an edge to [from 15th c.] 1655 April 21, "Mr. Ja. Nutley to fecreary Thurloe.", in A Collection of the State Papers of John Thurloe, Efq; […], volume III, London: […] the Executor of the late Mr. Fletcher Gyles; Thomas Woodward, […] Charles Davis, […], published 1742, page 399:I had almoft forgotten to acquaint your honor, that one major Alford (who was in mr. Love's conſpiracy) was of the graund inqueſt at Saliſbury, and was very zealous in his highneſſe fervice here, and his good affection and wife carriage here, did much advantage the buffinefe. (reflexive) to do something for one's own benefit; to take advantage of [from 16th c.] Some authorities object to the use of advantage as a verb meaning "to provide with an advantage". From Old French, see above. advantage m (plural advantages) advantage 1595, Michel de Montaigne, Essais:Et pour commencer a luy oster son plus grand advantage contre nous, prenons voye toute contraire a la commune.And to start removing the biggest advantage it has against us, let's the take opposite route to the usual one. From Longman Dictionary of Contemporary EnglishadvantageadvantageAdvantage something that helps you to be more successful than others, or the state of having this OPP disadvantageadvantage over Her experience meant that she had a big advantage over her opponent. Younger workers tend to be at an advantage (=have an advantage) when applying for jobs. It might be to your advantage (=it might help you) to take a computer course of some kind.2 [countable, uncountable]GOOD POINT OR CHARACTERISTIC a good or useful feature that something hasadvantage of One of the many advantages of living in New York is that you can eat out at almost any time of day.advantage over This printer has several advantages over conventional printers. 3 → take advantage of somebody4 → take advantage of something (to do something)5 → use/turn something to your/good advantage6 → show something to (good/great) advantage7 → advantage somebody COLLOCATIONS – Meanings 1 & 2verbshave an advantage (also enjoy an advantage formal)Our parents didn't have all the advantages that we have.Western countries enjoyed considerable advantages in terms of technology.get/gain an advantageBoth teams tried to get an advantage.give somebody an advantageHis height gives him a big advantage.work to your advantage (=make you have an advantage – often used when this is unexpected)Sometimes a lack of experience can work to your advantage.see the advantage (=understand the advantage)I can see the advantage of living near the station.adjectivesa big/great/massive/huge advantageIt's a great advantage to be able to speak some Spanish.a slight advantage (=a small one)Karpov enjoyed a slight advantage over his opponent. an unfair advantageCompanies that receive government subsidies have an unfair advantage.a definite/distinct advantage (=one that you can clearly notice)Electronic trading has a number of distinct advantages.a real advantage (=a definite advantage)The new system has some real advantages.an added advantage (=an extra advantage)Candidates with experience in Sales and Marketing would have an added advantage.a political advantageRepublicans have a political advantage in most of those areas.a military advantageThe military advantage had shifted towards the rebels.a psychological advantageWinning the first game gives you a psychological advantage over your opponent.phrasesthe advantages and disadvantages of somethingthe advantages and disadvantages of living in a big citythe advantages outweigh the disadvantages (=the advantages are more valuable)When it comes down to working from home, you have to decide if the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.COMMON ERRORS ► Don't say 'a good advantage'. Say a big advantage or a real advantage. THESAURUS – Meaning 2: a good or useful feature that something hasadvantage a good feature that something has, which makes it better, more useful etc than other thingsThe great advantage of digital cameras is that there is no film to process.benefit a feature of something that has a good effect on people's livesRegular exercise has many benefits, including reducing the risk of heart disease.merit a good feature that something has, which you consider when you are deciding whether it is the best choiceThe committee will consider the merits of the proposals.The merits and demerits of (=the good and bad features of)alternative funding systems were widely discussed in the newspapers.The chairman saw no great merit in this suggestion (=he did not think that it was a good idea).virtue an advantage that makes you believe that something is a good thingThey believed in the virtues of culture, civilization, and reason. He's always extolling the virtues of hard work (=saying that hard work is a good thing).the good/great/best thing about something especially spoken used when mentioning a good feature of something. This phrase is rather informal and you should not use it in formal essaysThe good thing about cycling is that you don't have to worry about getting stuck in a traffic jam.the beauty of something is that used when you want to emphasize that something has a very good or useful featureThe beauty of the plan is that it is so simple. Examples from the Corpusadvantage• People who have been to university have a big advantage when it comes to finding jobs.• The Big Three are making a lot of noise in hopes of gaining a political and competitive advantage.• The elongated nose, however, gave these animals a considerable advantage over their competitors.• There might, however, be other advantages to polyandry.• Electronically supported meetings not only solve pressing business problems but offer their own advantages.• This gives them at least two powerful advantages over their struggling counterparts.• None the less, everything important is included on Sony's single disc, which thus enjoys a considerable price advantage.• If you appear to be easy and soft, people take advantage of you.• The advantage will be smoother, more life-like, more in-depth games - and probably more vivid nightmares.• Taxes on imports gave Japanese companies an unfair advantage. be at an advantage• Children have several advantages over adults when it comes to learning another language.• Mitchell's height gives him a distinct advantage over the other players.• Younger kids were at an advantage.• So I've always thought that we were at an advantage.• Students with a strong math background will be at an advantage next year when the statistics course starts.• Applicants with computer skills will be at an advantage.advantage of• The advantages of a college education should not be underestimated.From Longman Business Dictionaryadvantagead·van·tage /əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒəd'væn-/ noun [countable, uncountable] something that helps you to be better or more successful than othersAmerica's lead in aerospace is one of its most important competitive advantages.Government subsidies give these industries an unfair advantage.advantage overIt has an advantage over foreign manufacturers because of its flexible workforce. → absolute advantage → comparative advantage → competitive advantage → first-mover advantage → last-mover advantage → second-mover advantageOrigin advantage (1300-1400) Old French avantage, from avant "before", from Latin abante; → ADVANCE2