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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. (ədˈvɑːntɪdʒ) 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. 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Ltd. 1980 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition © HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (əd'va:ntɪdʒ) noun1. (a) gain or benefit. There are several advantages in being self-employed. voordeel فائدة преимущество vantagem výhoda der Vorteil fordel πλεονέκτημαventaja eelis فايدة مزيت hyöty avantageיתרון ,,,