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The initial a- was mistakenly assimilated to ad- in the 16th cent.Idioms be/work to your advantage to give you an advantage; to change a situation in a way that gives you an advantageIt would be to your advantage to attend this meeting.Eventually, the new regulations will work to our advantage.Extra ExamplesThe plan would be to our mutual advantage.It is to your advantage to delay things for as long as possible. take advantage of something/somebody to make use of something well; to make use of an opportunityShe took advantage of the children's absence to tidy their rooms.We took full advantage of the hotel facilities.I took complete advantage of the situation. to make use of somebody/something in a way that is unfair or dishonest synonym exploitHe took advantage of my generosity (= for example, by taking more than I had intended to give). in a way that shows the best of somebody/somethingThe photograph showed him to advantage.May was the month to see the garden to best advantage.The bright lighting showed the jewels to their best advantage. turn something to your advantage to use or change a bad situation so that it helps youEvery magician has a trick that goes wrong, but you can turn this to your advantage by pretending it was deliberate and making the audience laugh. 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Idioms to advantage, in such a way as to have beneficial effects:The lighting showed off the room to advantage. ad•van•ta•geous /ˌædvən'teɪdʒəs/USA pronunciation adj. ad•van•ta•geous•ly, adv. WordReference Random House Unabridged Dictionary of American English © 2025ad•van•tage (ad van'tij, -vän'-),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 /ədˈvɑːntɪdʒ/ 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 noun (5)verb (used with object) (3)View synonyms for advantageany 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 followed by over or of).His height gave him an advantage over his opponent.a position of superiority (often followed by over orof).their advantage in experienced players.Tennis. the first point scored after deuce.to be of service to; yield profit or gain to; benefit.Synonyms: aid, help, avail, serveto cause to advance; further; promote.Such action will advantage our cause.to prove beneficial to; profit.It would advantage him to work harder.superior or more favourable position or powerhe had an advantage over me because of his experiencebenefit or profit (esp in the phrase to one's advantage)tennisthe point scored after deucethe resulting state of the scoreto make good use ofto impose upon the weakness, good nature, etc, of; abuseto seduceto good effectthe used his height to advantage at the gameyou know me but I do not know you"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012Origin of advantage1First recorded in 1300–50; Middle English ava(u)ntage, from Anglo-French, Old French avantage, equivalent to avant "before" + -age noun suffix; advance, -ageOrigin of advantage1C14: 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 advanceIdiomsto advantage, to good effect; advantageously.The paintings were arranged to advantage on one wall.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, especially unfairly, as by exploiting a weakness.to take advantage of someone.Examples have not been reviewed."Harming other people and taking advantage of family members, that's not a good thing.""Mycelium has the advantage that it can be mass-produced under controlled, aseptic conditions, assuring specified levels of key compounds and preventing contamination by undesirable microorganisms and insects," adds Saxe.Leaders believe that tourists are likely to take advantage of the system, and hope more Angelenos will too."I do believe there may be people out there impersonating ICE, taking advantage of this population," said Barger.She says she feels trans women have biological advantages in women's sports - a belief that is hotly debated.What are other ways to say advantage?An advantage is something that positions one well for accomplishing something. 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