

ad·vice

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/əd'vaɪs/

noun [uncountable]

ADVISE an opinion you give someone about what they should do:

You should have followed my advice.

advice on/about

advice on saving energy

I need some advice about my computer.

on somebody's advice

On her doctor's advice (= because her doctor advised her)
Smith decided to take early retirement.

⚠ Do not confuse the noun **advice**

/əd'vaɪs/

with the verb **advise**

/əd'vaɪz/

: *He gave me some useful advice.* |

Can you advise me on college courses?

Grammar

Advice is an uncountable noun. Do not say 'advices' or 'an advice'.

COLLOCATIONS

verbs

give somebody some advice *My father once gave me some useful advice.* |

The scheme has given advice and training to scores of youngsters taking part.

get some advice *I decided to get some advice from a specialist.*

ask somebody's advice *Can I ask your advice about something?*

ask for advice *If in doubt, always ask for advice.*

take/follow somebody's advice (*also* act on somebody's advice (**formal**)) (= do what someone advises you to do) *He followed his doctor's advice and went on a low-fat diet.* | *The king acted on his advice and ordered his soldiers to get ready for battle.*

listen to somebody's advice (*also* heed somebody's advice (**formal**)) (= pay attention to someone's advice) *I wish I had listened to her advice.*

ignore/disregard somebody's advice (= not do what someone tells you) *The accident happened because she ignored their advice.*

go/turn to somebody for advice *People often go to him for advice about their problems.*

seek advice (= try to get some advice) *If you have any of these symptoms you should seek urgent advice.*

offer advice *They can offer advice to those who wish to quit drinking.*

pass on some advice (= give someone advice that you have learned or been given) *Readers can pass on advice about gardening.*

adjectives

good/excellent/useful/helpful *The book is full of good advice.*

sound (= sensible) *I thought that this was sound advice.*

wrong *Unfortunately all the advice they gave me was wrong.*

bad advice *Financial advisors can be fined if they give bad advice to a client.*

practical advice *The programme aims to offer practical advice on healthy eating.*

detailed advice *The website gives detailed advice about making bombs.*

professional/expert/specialist advice *It's advisable to get*

professional advice before starting any building work.

legal/ medical/ financial etc advice *Good legal advice can be expensive.*

independent/ impartial advice (= from someone who is not involved and will not get an advantage) *The banks claim to offer independent financial advice.*

conflicting advice (= very different opinions about what you should do) *I've asked several people, and they've all given me conflicting advice.*

phrases

a piece of advice (also a bit of advice (informal)) *Let me give you a piece of advice.*

a word of advice (spoken) (= used when advising someone what to do) *A word of advice: look at the small print in the contract very carefully.*

advice + NOUN

an advice centre/ service/ desk/ bureau *They offer a 24-hour advice service to customers.*

THESAURUS

advice **noun** [uncountable] an opinion that is given to someone about what they should do: *His advice was to give up smoking.*

tip **noun** [countable] a simple but useful piece of advice about the best way to do something: *useful tips on healthy eating*

recommendation **noun** [countable] advice about what to do, usually given by an expert or a group of people who have studied the matter: *one of the major recommendations of the report*

guidance **noun** [uncountable] helpful general advice, especially about what to do in your life, your work etc: *Young people need guidance from their parents. | a careers guidance counsellor*

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