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noun

- 1 [uncountable] help, such as money or food, given by an organization or government to a country or to people who are in a difficult situation:

***Foreign aid** from many countries poured into the famine area.*

*convoys delivering **humanitarian aid***

*a substantial **aid programme***

*He has been granted **legal aid** (= free legal services) .*

- 2 [uncountable] help that you need to do a particular thing:

with/without the aid of something

Father Poole walked painfully, with the aid of a stick.

- 3 **in aid of something**

in order to help a CHARITY:

We're collecting money in aid of cancer research.

- 4 HELP [uncountable] help or advice that is given to someone who needs it:

come/go to somebody's aid (= help someone)

I didn't speak any French, but a nice man came to my aid.

- 5 [countable] TOOL something such as a machine or tool that helps someone do something:

A video is a useful aid in the classroom.

a hearing aid

- 6 **what's this in aid of?** REASON (*BrE*) (spoken)

used to ask what something is used for or why someone is doing something:

What's this meeting tomorrow in aid of, then?

7 an American spelling of AIDE

→ FIRST AID

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 1 **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + aid**

foreign/ international/ overseas aid *The development of the continent is now dependent on foreign aid.*

legal aid *If you are on a low income, you may qualify for legal aid.*

financial/ economic aid *The commission said it was ready to provide financial aid to help farmers.*

military aid *Israel is the largest recipient of U.S. economic and military aid.*

medical aid *The capital was in urgent need of food and medical aid.*

food aid *The government launched an appeal for emergency food aid for 60,000 people.*

humanitarian aid (= given to people living in very bad conditions) *Ministers agreed to send humanitarian aid, including food and medical supplies.*

relief/ emergency aid (= given when there is a disaster, a war etc) *Surrounding countries supplied disaster relief aid.*

development aid (= given to help develop poor countries) *It's one of the poorest countries in the world, but it has received no UN development aid.*

verbs

send/ provide aid *EU Ministers meeting in Belgium agreed to send humanitarian aid.*

ask for/ appeal for aid *The Chinese authorities have asked for aid to help the earthquake victims.*

get/ receive aid *Ethiopia receives less foreign aid than any other developing country.*

depend on/ rely on aid *The report stated that some 703,000*

people relied on food aid.

suspend aid (= officially stop aid from continuing, usually for a short time) *Canada will be suspending aid until democracy is restored.*

cut off/withdraw aid (= stop giving aid) *The US has threatened to cut off aid to the region. |*

Conditions deteriorated further as western aid was withdrawn.

qualify for aid (also be eligible for aid) (= have the right to be given aid) *The project is eligible for aid from the British Tourist Board.*

nouns

an appeal/request for aid *International aid agencies launched an appeal for emergency aid.*

an aid worker *Aid workers warned of a worsening situation.*

aid agency *The sanctions could prevent international aid agencies from delivering food and medicine.*

an aid programme/scheme/package *The UN aid programme provided most of the finance.*

COLLOCATIONS – Meaning 5

adjectives

a hearing aid *Many of the older residents wear hearing aids.*

visual/audio/audio-visual aids (= recorded sounds, pictures, film etc, used to help describe or explain something) *No scientific lecture is ever given without slides or other visual aids.*

teaching/classroom aids *teaching aids and resources*

training/study aids *Receive free study aids when you enrol, including a copy of The IDM Marketing Guide worth £95.*

navigational/navigation aids (= that help you find the way you need to go when you are travelling from one place to another) *navigational aids such as radar*

electronic aids *Fishermen rely primarily on electronic aids for*

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verb [transitive]

1 to help someone do something:

an index to aid the reader

aid somebody in/with (doing) something

Mrs Coxen was aided in looking after the children by her niece.

2 to make something happen more quickly or easily:

Welfare spending aids economic development in three ways.

3 aid and abet (law)

to help someone do something illegal

Word origin

Date: 1400–1500

Language: French

Origin: *aider*, from Latin *adjutare*, from *adjuvare*, from *ad-* 'to' + *juvare* 'to help'

AID

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the abbreviation for the AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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