

# ad·vance<sup>1</sup> S2 W2

/əd'vɑːns \$ əd'væns/

noun

## 1 in advance (of something) BEFORE

before something happens or is expected to happen:

*I should **warn** you **in advance** that I'm not a very good dancer.*

*Many thanks, in advance, for your help.*

**six months/a year etc in advance**

*Book tickets 21 days in advance.*

*Could you distribute copies **well in advance** of the meeting?*

## 2 be in advance of somebody/something

to be more developed or modern than someone or something else:

*Their aircraft were in advance of those used by the US.*

## 3 **development/improvement** PROGRESS[countable] a change, discovery, or INVENTION that brings progress:

**technological/scientific/medical etc advance**

*one of the great technological advances of the 20th century*

*a **major advance***

**advance in**

*Recent advances in genetics have raised moral questions.*

**advance on**

*an advance on previous treatments*

*the **advances made** in the understanding of mental handicap*

## 4 **forward movement** [countable] FORWARD forward movement or progress

of a group of people – used especially to talk about soldiers:

**advance on**

*the enemy's advance on St. Petersburg*

**5 | money** [countable usually singular] PAY FOR money paid to someone before the usual time, especially someone's salary:

*a \$500 advance*

**advance on**

*Krebs decided to ask for an advance on his salary.*

**6 advances** [plural] (formal)

an attempt to start a sexual relationship with someone:

*She accused her boss of **making advances** to her.*

*The witness said that he 'went berserk' when she rejected his **sexual advances**.*

**7 | increase** INCREASE IN NUMBER OR AMOUNT [countable] an increase in the price or value of something – used especially when talking about the STOCK EXCHANGE