

ad·vise

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verb

- 1 [intransitive and transitive] ADVISE to tell someone what you think they should do, especially when you know more than they do about something:

She needed someone to advise her.

'Make sure that you keep the documents in a safe place,' Otley advised him.

advise somebody to do something

Evans advised him to leave London.

*You are **strongly advised** to take out medical insurance when visiting China.*

advise somebody against (doing) something

I'd advise you against saying anything to the press.

advise that

Experts advise that sunscreen be reapplied every one to two hours.

advise caution/patience/restraint etc (= advise people to be careful, patient etc)

The makers advise extreme caution when handling this material.

- 2 [intransitive and transitive] ADVISE to be employed to give advice on a subject about which you have special knowledge or skill:

advise on

She's been asked to advise on training the new sales team.

advise somebody on something

He advises us on tax matters.

3 [transitive] TALK TO SOMEBODY (formal) to tell someone about something:

advise somebody of something

We'll advise you of any changes in the delivery dates.

Keep us advised of (= continue to tell us about) *any new developments.*

advise somebody that

They advised him that the tour would proceed.

4 you would be well/ill advised to do something ADVISE

used to tell someone that it is wise or unwise to do something:

You would be well advised to stay in bed and rest.

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advise to tell someone what you think they should do, especially when you have more experience or knowledge than they do: *My lawyer advised me to plead guilty.*

give advice to advise someone about questions relating to a particular subject: *They give advice to people about loans. | Can I give you some advice?*

tell to tell someone what you think they should do, especially in order to avoid problems: *My Dad told me to talk to a teacher if I was being bullied. | I told her not to worry.*

recommend to advise someone to do something, especially after careful study of that subject: *Doctors recommend eating five portions of fruit and vegetables each day. | Current guidelines recommend that young babies should sleep on their back.*

suggest to tell someone your ideas about what they should do: *I suggested they should visit the cathedral while they're here.*

urge to strongly advise someone to do something: *Police have urged anyone with information about the murder to contact*

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