

advance² W3

verb

- 1 | move forward** FORWARD[intransitive] to move towards someone or something, especially in a slow and determined way – used especially to talk about soldiers:

A line of US tanks slowly advanced.

advance on

Troops advanced on the rebel stronghold (= moved towards it in order to attack it) .

advance across/through/towards

The army advanced across the plain.

- 2 | develop** PROGRESS[intransitive and transitive] if scientific or technical knowledge advances, or if something advances it, it develops and improves:

Our understanding of human genetics has advanced considerably.

The group's research has done much to advance our knowledge of the HIV virus.

- 3 | money** PAY FOR[transitive] to give someone money before they have earned it:

advance somebody something

Will they advance you some money until you get your first paycheck?

advance something to somebody

I advanced \$1,500 to Kramer last Thursday.

- 4 advance your career/a cause/your interests etc** SUCCESSFUL

to do something that will help you achieve an advantage or success for yourself or someone else:

Jameson agreed to the deal in an effort to advance his

political career.

5 | price INCREASE IN NUMBER OR AMOUNT [intransitive] if the price or value of something advances, it increases – used especially when talking about the STOCK EXCHANGE

6 | time/date BEFORE [transitive] (formal) to change the time or date when an event should happen to an earlier time or date:

The meeting has been advanced to ten o'clock.

7 | machine [intransitive and transitive] (formal) if you advance a film, clock, musical recording etc, or if it advances, it goes forward

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