

power

1 Verb + power

Use the correct form of these verbs:

use	fall from	give
return to	seize	have

1. The authorities the power to cancel the march if they think it will lead to civil disobedience.
2. The police their powers under the Public Order Act to remove the protesters who were blocking the entrance to the nuclear power station.
3. When one politician power, another comes to power in their place.
4. After four years out of government, the Socialist Party is expected to be power in the forthcoming election.
5. The President was ousted from power yesterday when rebel soldiers power in a bloodless coup.
6. The aim of the new legislation is to people more power over their own lives.

2 Noun + preposition + power

Use these nouns in the sentences:

rise	hunger
balance	trappings
grip	positions
abuse	

1. The mayor has been arrested on charges of corruption and of power.
2. He enjoyed the of power, such as chauffeur-driven cars and five-star hotels.
3. Her rapid to power surprised many people.
4. There is certainly a shortage of women in of power, but plans are being made to change this.
5. Like so many politicians, he had an insatiable for power.
6. The new employment laws mean that the of power has shifted away from workers towards employers.
7. The army refuses to hand over power to the civilian government. It is obviously reluctant to relax its on power.

3 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences below with the following:

creative	destructive	enormous
mysterious	absolute	sweeping

1. The power of modern weapons is terrifying.
2. She held a senior position and wielded power over the Prime Minister.
3. I don't know why Helen does everything Mark says. He seems to have some power over her.
4. During the crisis, the security forces were given powers to search people and their homes.
5. As an artist, he was at the height of his powers in his forties.
6. Mugabe was a ruthless dictator who ended up exercising power over Zimbabwe.

4 Power(s) + of + noun

Complete the sentences with these words:

advertising	concentration
positive thinking	speech

1. Chess is a game that requires great powers of
2. No one can doubt the persuasive power of – especially on TV.
3. My father had a stroke and lost the power of for a few months, but he can communicate quite well now.
4. He claims that his recovery from illness demonstrates the power of – the power of the mind over the body.

Notes

1. Note the following expressions:
The government has promised to do everything in its power to combat terrorism.
There's a power struggle going on at the top of the Labour Party.
2. We talk about 'nuclear power, steam power' etc.