

position

1 Verb + position (place)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

jostle for occupy change take up

1. Government troops have defensive positions around the capital.
2. I get cramp in one leg when I drive, so I have to keep position on long journeys.
3. The castle a commanding position at the top of a hill with unrivalled views of the surrounding countryside.
4. People in the crowd the best positions to see the princess as she arrived at the theatre.

2 Verb + position (job)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

abuse apply for strengthen
rise hold fill

1. Our sales manager is leaving, and I'm thinking of the position.
2. She has the position of chief accountant since 1994.
3. This latest move is clearly intended to the President's position as head of state.
4. I'm afraid it's too late to apply. The position has already been
5. The Minister was sacked for her position by giving jobs to her friends and cronies.
6. I started as a clerk, but I've to a senior position in a government office.

3 Verb + position (attitude or opinion)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

make reconsider soften take

1. This new evidence on the vaccine has forced the medical profession to seriously its position on the use of multiple vaccines for young children.
2. I have my position as clear as I can. Nothing will change my mind.
3. My parents always the position that children need lots of love rather than strict discipline.
4. The authorities are still taking a hard line on asylum seekers. They show no signs of their position.

4 Common adjective collocations

Use these adjectives in the sentences:

awkward enviable prominent upright
sheltered similar vulnerable

1. Don't plant these bulbs in an exposed place where the wind can get at them. The plants will only thrive in a position.
2. Don't lay the box on its side. Make sure it is kept in an position at all times.
3. My parents are in the position of having enough money to retire.
4. You should display new books in a position at the front of the shop where they can be easily seen.
5. The council put me in contact with other single mothers who are in a position to me.
6. I can't understand why they built houses in such a position on the slopes of the volcano.
7. You've put me in a very position. Both candidates are my friends, so I really don't want to get involved in deciding which one gets the job.

"The position may be a bit vulnerable, but the sunsets are amazing!"



Notes

1. Note the following expression:
I'm afraid that as I have no money, I am not in a position to help you.
2. We talk about a 'sitting, kneeling, or standing position'.
3. The question 'What's your position?' can mean either *what is your job* or *what is your stance on this issue*.