

advantage

1 Verb + advantage

Use the correct form of these verbs:

give	have	outweigh
take	stress	weigh up

1. I think we should go ahead with the plan. The advantages far the disadvantages.
2. He had no trouble finding a job because he the advantage over the other candidates of speaking fluent Spanish.
3. I haven't decided yet whether to emigrate or not. I'm still the advantages and disadvantages.
4. The Prime Minister was at great pains to the advantages of the new system.
5. His height and long arms him a huge advantage over other boxers.
6. While we stayed at the hotel, we advantage of its excellent leisure facilities.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use these adjectives in the sentences:

mutual	main	added
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1. Not having to travel far to get anything you need is probably the advantage of living in the city centre.
2. The plan is to our advantage. We will all benefit greatly from it.
3. The new plan will improve living conditions in the villages, and it has the advantage of bringing much-needed employment to rural areas.

distinct	great	unfair
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4. Some people object to private schools because they give an advantage to children from rich families.
5. His enormous height is a advantage when playing basketball.
6. The advantage of the euro is we don't need to keep changing money every time we go to another country.

Here are three adjectives with similar meanings to some of those in the exercise. Which of the above sentences would they fit in?

additional	
considerable	
obvious	

3 Advantage + preposition.

Complete the sentences with **for**, **in**, **of**, **over**, **to**:

1. There are a number of advantages studying English in the UK or America.
2. There are distinct advantages a more radical approach to this problem.
3. Government subsidies give these companies an unfair advantage their competitors.
4. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages travelling abroad on your own.
5. The bird's huge claws are an obvious advantage catching its prey



"It's not fair! I feel your height gives you a distinct advantage!"

Notes

1. In 1-6 'take advantage of' means 'make use of'.
2. Note the expression in 2-2 – to your advantage. It means something is in your interest. For example: *It's to your advantage that you speak French fluently.*
3. In 2-2 it is natural to say that something is to our mutual advantage. You can't say that something is to our mutual disadvantage.
4. Note the use of 'over' when making comparisons. *Digital cameras have lots of advantages over conventional ones.*
5. Note the following common expressions with disadvantage:
The fact that he didn't speak English put him at a disadvantage during the visit to London.
It is clear that children of poor families are at a disadvantage when it comes to getting into university.
6. Notice this common structure:
There are a number of advantages in (doing something).