

**authority**[ɔ:'θɒrɪti] *n*1. **власть**

- supreme authority - верховная власть
- the authority of Parliament - власть /полномочия/ парламента
- a man set in authority - лицо, облечённое властью
- to have [to exercise] authority - иметь [осуществлять] власть
- who is in authority here? - кто здесь за главного?; кто здесь командует?

2. 1) **полномочие; право, права; компетенция**

- to give [to receive] authority (for an act /to do smth./) - давать [получать] полномочия (на что-л.)
- who gave you the authority to do this? - кто уполномочил вас сделать это?
- to act with the authority of the law - действовать на основании закона
- to act on smb.'s authority - действовать на основании полученных полномочий
- to act on one's own authority - действовать самостоятельно/по собственному почину, на свой страх и риск/
- only the treasurer has the authority to make payments - только казначей имеет право совершать выплаты

2) **документ, подтверждающий полномочия; доверенность; ордер; грамота и т. п.**

- here is my authority - вот документ, подтверждающий мои полномочия

3. 1) **обыкн. pl** власти, начальство; администрация

- local authorities - местные власти; органы местного самоуправления
- the municipal authorities - муниципальные власти
- to apply to the authorities - обратиться к властям

2) **воен.** инстанция; начальник

## 3) (Authority) орган, управление; отдел

- Port of London Authority - Управление Лондонского порта
- National Command authority - Высшее национальное военное командование (в США)

4. **авторитет; вес, влияние**

- to have authority with smb. - пользоваться авторитетом у кого-л.

5. 1) **авторитет; крупный специалист**

- he is an authority on phonetics - он является авторитетом в области фонетики

2) **авторитетный источник (книга, документ и т. п.)**

- to quote one's authorities - сослаться на авторитетные источники
- to know smth. on good authority - знать что-л. из достоверного источника

6. **основание**

- what is your authority for that statement? - какое вы имеете основание для подобного утверждения?
- on the authority of papers - по сообщениям газет

7. **вес, убедительность; сила**

- his strong bass lent authority to the performance - его мощный бас сделал исполнение особенно впечатляющим

**authority**

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**au·thor·ity** AW [authoriˈtɪ, ˈɒrɪti] BrE [ɔːθɒrɪˈtɪ, ˈɒrɪti] NAmE [əˈθɔːrɪˈtɪ]NAmE [əˈθɔːrɪˈtɪ] noun (pl. **au·thor·ities**)**POWER**

- uncountable** the power to give orders to people
  - in a position of authority
  - She now **has authority over** the people who used to be her bosses.
  - Nothing will be done because no one **in authority** (= who has a position of power) takes the matter seriously.
- uncountable** ~ (to do sth) the power or right to do sth
  - Only the manager has the authority to sign cheques.
  - We have the authority to search this building.

**PERMISSION**

- uncountable** official permission to do sth
  - It was done without the principal's authority.
  - We acted **under the authority of** the UN.

**ORGANIZATION**

- countable, usually plural** the people or an organization who have the power to make decisions or who have a particular area of responsibility in a country or region
    - The health authorities are investigating the problem.
    - I have to report this to the authorities.
    - the immigration authorities
- see also** ↑local authority

**KNOWLEDGE**

- uncountable** the power to influence people because they respect your knowledge or official position
  - He spoke **with authority** on the topic.
  - the moral authority to run the country

## EXPERT

6. **countable** ~ (on sth) a person with special knowledge

**Syn:** †specialist

- She's an authority on criminal law.

**Idiom:** †have something on good authority

### Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **autorite**, from Latin **auctoritas**, from **auctor**, from **augere** 'increase, originate, promote'.

### Thesaurus:

**authority** noun

#### 1. U

- No one in authority takes the matter seriously enough.

**power** • • **control** • • **command** • • **rule** • |formal **jurisdiction** •

authority/power/control/command/rule/jurisdiction **over** sb/sth

be **in** authority/power/control/command

authority/power/jurisdiction **to do sth**

#### 2. U

- Only the manager has the authority to sign cheques.

**power** • • **right** •

the authority/power/right **to do sth**

**have** the authority/power/right

**use/exercise** your authority/power/rights

**Authority or power? (to have) the authority to do sth** usually refers to what sb is allowed to do within a company or other organization. **The power to do sth** or **special powers** often refer to what sb is allowed to do within the law or government of a country.: ✗ **Only the manager has the power to sign cheques.:**

- The powers of the police must be clearly defined.

✗ **The authority of the police must be clearly defined.**

#### 3. U

- The council was accused of selling the land without formal authority.

**authorization** • • **permission** • • **clearance** • • **approval** • |BrE **licence** • |AmE **license** • |formal **leave** • |informal, especially **journalism the go-ahead** •

authority/authorization/permission/clearance/approval/a licence **for** sth

**without** sb's authority/authorization/permission/leave

**have** (sb's) authority/authorization/permission/clearance/a licence/leave

**receive** authorization/permission/clearance/approval

**Authority or authorization? Authorization** is nearly always permission for a particular action; **authority** can be more general.

Sth can be done **under sb's authority** but not: ✗ **under sb's authorization**

#### 4. the authorities pl.

- The authorities are investigating the problem.

**the establishment** • • **bureaucracy** • • **the system** • |BrE **the top brass** • |AmE **the brass** • |disapproving **officialdom** •

the **military** authorities/establishment/bureaucracy/top brass/brass

the **political/medical** authorities/establishment/bureaucracy

the **local/government/federal/state** authorities/bureaucracy

### Example Bank:

- Central government has extensive authority over teachers.
- Copernicus justified his innovation by citing respected authorities.
- German authorities arrested the author of the computer virus.
- He acted without any legitimate authority.
- He assumed full authority as tsar in 1689.
- He bore an air of authority.
- He had permission from the proper authorities.
- He refuses to relinquish authority over the design process.
- He took the car without authority.
- I need to talk to someone in authority.
- Immigration authorities refused him entry to the country.
- Parents have the authority to discipline their children.
- She had challenged my authority once too often.
- She holds a position of authority in the local church.
- She's a leading authority on genetics.
- Some legal experts think the agency may have exceeded its authority.
- The commander-in-chief exercises supreme authority within his zone.
- The government is urging education authorities to spend less money.
- The health authority denied negligence.
- The local authority has not granted planning permission.
- The new manager obviously felt the need to demonstrate her authority.
- The system notifies the authorities when a security breach occurs.

- These men denied the divine authority of the Church.
- This can only be done under the authority of the government minister.
- adult authority figures such as parents and teachers
- the right of law enforcement authorities to take and retain photographs
- He has come to be something of a leading authority on the subject.
- Nothing will be done because no one in authority takes the matter seriously.
- She is an authority on early musical instruments.
- She now has authority over the people who used to be her bosses.
- The clause limits the directors' authority to allot shares.
- The government was accused of selling the land without formal authority.
- The minister must answer to Parliament for anything his officials have done under his authority.
- You will need the written authority of the registered owner.

## authority

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**au** **thor** **ity** **W1 AC** /ɔːθərɪti, ɔːθərɪti, \$ ɒːθərɪti/ -BrE " AmE " *noun* (plural **authorities**)

[**Word Family**: **noun**: ↑*authority*, ↑*authorization*, ↑*authoritarian*, ↑*authoritarianism*; **adjective**: ↑*authoritarian*, ↑*authoritative*, *authorized* ≠ ↑*unauthorized*; **verb**: ↑*authorize*; **adverb**: ↑*authoritatively*]

[**Date**: 1200-1300; **Language**: Old French; **Origin**: auctorité, from Latin auctoritas '*opinion, decision, power*', from auctor; ⇒ ↑*author*<sup>1</sup>]

**1. POWER** [**uncountable**] the power you have because of your official position

**the authority to do something**

▪ Only the president has the authority to declare war.

**authority over**

▪ Several countries claim authority over the islands.

**in authority**

▪ I need to speak to someone in authority (=who has a position of power)

**2. the authorities** [**plural**] the people or organizations that are in charge of a particular country or area:

▪ an agreement between the US and Colombian authorities

**3. ORGANIZATION** [**countable**] an official organization or a government department that has the power to make decisions, and has particular responsibilities:

▪ the local authority

▪ East Sussex Education Authority

▪ the San Diego Water Authority

▪ Welsh health authorities face a £13m deficit this year.

**4. EXPERT** [**countable**] someone who knows a lot about a subject and whose knowledge and opinions are greatly respected

**authority on**

▪ Mr Li is a leading authority on Chinese food.

**5. PERMISSION** [**uncountable and countable**] official permission to do something

**under the authority of somebody**

▪ The attack took place under the authority of the UN Security Council.

**without sb's authority**

▪ No one may enter without my authority.

**6. authority figure** someone who has a position of power, especially because of their job:

▪ teenage rebellion against authority figures

**7. PERSONAL QUALITY** [**uncountable**] a quality in the way you speak or behave which makes people obey you:

▪ Jack's air of quiet authority

**8. I have it on good authority** used to say that you are sure that something is true because you trust the person who told you about it

**9. speak with authority** to be sure of what you are saying, because of your knowledge or experience

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

▪ **have authority** Teachers should have the authority to discipline their students. | He has no authority over us anymore.

▪ **exercise/exert your authority** (also **wield authority formal**) (=use your authority) In practice it's very difficult for the president to exercise his authority. | He was one of those people who want to wield authority over others.

▪ **abuse/misuse your authority** (=use your authority in a bad way) The mayor was accused of abusing his authority and taking bribes.

▪ **establish/assert/impose/stamp your authority** (=show people that you have authority) The new manager was anxious to establish her authority. | Robertson quickly stamped his authority on the team. | The State Department pressed him to take bolder steps to assert his authority.

▪ **lose your authority** He's worried that he is losing his authority over the party.

▪ **undermine/weaken sb's authority** (=make someone's authority weaker) I wasn't trying to undermine your authority.

▪ **exceed/overstep your authority** (=do more than you have the power or right to do) A higher court decided that the judge had exceeded his authority.

▪ **challenge sb's authority** (=try to take the power away from someone) There had been no-one to really challenge his authority.

### ■ adjectives

▪ **full/complete/total authority** The manager has full authority to make decisions.

▪ **absolute authority** (=complete authority over everyone – used especially about the leader of a country) In those days, the

emperor had absolute authority.

- **parental authority** The younger children are more likely to resist parental authority.
- **governmental authority** Their failure undermined governmental authority.
- **presidential authority** A number of constitutional amendments have increased presidential authority.
- **legal authority** US agents have legal authority to bring criminals back from overseas.

■ **phrases**

- **be in a position of authority** I've never been in a position of authority before.
- **have an air of authority** *approving* (=look like you have authority, in a way that makes people obey you) The commander had an unmistakable air of authority.
- **a challenge to sb's authority** The leadership saw the demonstrations as a challenge to their authority.
- **an authority figure** (=someone, such as a parent or teacher, who has the power to tell young people what they can do) The teacher is an authority figure, like the parent.

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**THESAURUS**

- **expert** someone who has a lot of knowledge about something or skill at doing something: a computer expert | an expert on beetles | It's best to ask an expert.
- **specialist** an expert who has studied a particular medical or technical subject for a long time and knows much more about it than other people: She is a specialist in corporate finance. | My doctor sent me to see a heart specialist.
- **authority** an expert whose knowledge and opinions are greatly respected: The professor is one of the world's leading authorities on African art.
- **connoisseur** /,kɒnə'sɜː, kɑːnə'sɜː/ an expert on food, art, literature, or design, who has had a lot of experience and knows when something is of very good quality: He was a connoisseur of fine wines. | His works are popular among connoisseurs.
- **buff** /bʌf/ *informal* someone who is very interested in a subject and knows a lot about it: a wine buff | Jazz buffs will be familiar with the band's first album.
- **virtuoso** /,vɜːtʃʊə'soʊ, vɜːtʃʊə'soʊ/ an expert player or performer: The piece was played by violin virtuoso Pavel Sporcl. | a virtuoso pianist

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