

position**1. [pə'ziʃ(ə)n] n**

1) положение, местонахождение, расположение; место

position data - координаты

position buoy - указательный буй

charted position - *мор.* место, нанесённое на карту

estimated position - *мор.* счисляемое место (судна в море)

the house has a very good position - дом очень удобно /хорошо/ расположен

2) обычное, правильное место, положение

in [out of] position - на своём [не на своём] месте; в правильном [неправильном] месте /положении/

the players were in position - игроки были на своих местах

3) *воен.* позиция, расположение; рубеж

position of assembly - а) место сбора; б) район сосредоточения

position warfare - позиционная война

position area - *воен.* район обороны

position defense - *воен.* оборона на заранее подготовленной позиции, позиционная оборона

2. 1) положение, поза

horizontal [vertical] position - горизонтальное [вертикальное] положение

to lie in an uncomfortable position - лежать в неудобной позе

2) *мех.* положение

open [closed] position - а) открытое [закрытое] положение (*клапана*); б) разомкнутое [замкнутое] положение (*контактов*)

initial position - начальное /исходное, нулевое/ положение

••off••position - «выключено»

••on••position - «включено»

working /operating/ position - рабочее положение

idle position - нейтральное положение, положение холостого хода

3. 1) должность, место

to get [to lose] a good position - получить [потерять] хорошее место

to occupy /to hold/ leading positions - занимать руководящие посты

he has a position as cashier - он занимает должность кассира

2) *мк. sing* (высокое) общественное положение

a high position in society - высокое положение в обществе

people of position - люди, занимающие высокое общественное положение

4. 1) положение, состояние

from a /the/ position of strength - *полит.* с позиции силы

to be placed /to be put/ in a false [in an awkward, in a ridiculous] position - быть поставленным в ложное [в неловкое, в смешное] положение

what is the position of affairs? - каково положение вещей /дел/?

what would you do if you were in my position? - что бы вы сделали на моём месте?

you're in a better position to judge - вам виднее

this is a nice position to be in! - ну и в переплёт вы /мы/ попали, ну и влипли же вы /мы/!

2) возможность; способность

to be in a position to do smth. - иметь возможность /быть в состоянии/ сделать что-л

they were in a position to buy the best - они могли позволить себе покупать самое лучшее

5. позиция, точка зрения; отношение

starting positions - исходные позиции [*ср. тж.* 10]

to define one's position - определить свою позицию /свою точку зрения/

to take up the position that ... - утверждать, что ...; стать на точку зрения, что ...

to adopt /to take up/ a definite position on a question - занять определённую позицию по какому-л. вопросу

6. *филос.* полагание

7. *муз.*

1) позиция, положение левой руки на грифе (*при игре на струнных смычковых инструментах*)

2) положение, расположение (*аккорда*)

8. *фон.* положение, позиция

vowel long by position - позиционно долгий звук

9. *амер. бирж. разг.*

1) (срочная) позиция, срочный контракт, сделка на срок (*контракт, истекающий в определённом месяце*)

distant [near] position - определённая [близкая /срочная/] позиция

2) остаток сальдо

dollar position - сальдо по расчётам в долларах, остаток на долларовых счетах

3) запас; наличие материалов

10. *спорт.* положение, позиция; поза; стойка

position of attention [at ease] - положение «смирно» [«вольно»]

starting position - исходное положение [*ср. тж.* 5]

back [cross, front] position - положение спиной [поперёк, продольно] к снаряду (*гимнастика*)

cross position sideways - положение к снаряду боком (*гимнастика*)

prone-fall position - положение с упором на руки и носки (*гимнастика*)

crouched position - присед (*гимнастика*)

half-split position - полушпагат (*гимнастика*)

adjourned [basic, cramped] position - отложенная [исходная, стеснённая] позиция (*шахматы*)
down position - положение «на полу» (*бокс*)
standing [prone, kneeling] position - положение «стоя» [«лёжа», «с колена»] (*стрельба*)
normal [irregular] position of legs - нормальная [неправильная] постановка ног (*конный спорт*)
semicrouch [crouch, high /straight/] position - основная [низкая, высокая] стойка (*при спуске на лыжах*)
position play - выбор выгодной позиции

11. **спорт.** место, занятое в соревновании

12. **мор.** позиция (*время, в течение которого судно может прибыть под погрузку*)

2. [pə'zɪʃ(ə)n] *v редк.*

1. ставить, помещать

the controller positioned the aircraft over the target - **ав.** штурман навёл самолёт на цель

2. определять местонахождение; локализовать

3. **спорт.** занимать место; выбирать позицию (*по ходу игры*)

4. выпускать *или* рекламировать товар, предназначенный для определённой категории покупателей

position

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pos-ition [position positions positioned positioning] **noun, verb** BrE [pə'zɪʃn]

NAmE [pə'zɪʃn]

noun

PLACE

1. **countable** the place where sb/sth is located

- From his position on the cliff top, he had a good view of the harbour.
- Where would be the best position for the lights?
- These plants will grow well in a sheltered position.
- The hotel stands in an elevated position looking out over the lake.

2. **uncountable** the place where sb/sth is meant to be; the correct place

- Is everybody **in position** ?
- He took up his position by the door.
- She was learning to change her hand from first to third position (= on the strings of a [↑]violin) .

WAY SB/STH IS PLACED

3. **countable, uncountable** the way in which sb is sitting or standing, or the way in which sth is arranged

- a **sitting/kneeling /lying position**
- Keep the box in an upright position.
- Make sure that you are working in a comfortable position.
- My arms were aching so I shifted (my) position slightly.
- The soldiers had to stand for hours without changing position.

see also [↑]missionary position

SITUATION

4. **countable, usually singular** the situation that sb is in, especially when it affects what they can and cannot do

- to be in a **position of power/strength/authority**
- What would you do in my position?
- This put him and his colleagues in a difficult position.
- The company's financial position is not certain.
- ~ **to do sth** I'm afraid I am **not in a position** to help you.

OPINION

5. **countable** ~ (**on sth**) an opinion on or an attitude towards a particular subject

- to **declare /reconsider/shift/change your position**
- the party's position on education reforms
- She has made her position very clear.
- My parents always **took the position** that early nights meant healthy children.

LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE

6. **countable, uncountable** a person or organization's level of importance when compared with others

- the position of women in society
- the company's dominant position in the world market
- Wealth and position (= high social status) were not important to her.

JOB

7. **countable** (formal) a job

Syn: [↑]post

- He held a senior position in a large company.
- I should like to apply for the position of Sales Director.

IN RACE/COMPETITION

8. **countable** a place in a race, competition, or test, when compared to others

- United's 3–0 win moved them up to third position.

IN SPORT

9. **countable** the place where sb plays and the responsibilities they have in some team games

- What position does he play?

IN WAR

10. **countable, usually plural** a place where a group of people involved in fighting have put men and guns

- They attacked the enemy positions at dawn.

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

position noun

1. C, U

- These plants will grow well in a sheltered position.
- The dancers all got into position.

location • **place** • **spot** • **site** • **point** • **whereabouts** •

a (good, etc.) position/location/place/spot/site **for** sth

at a position/location/place/spot/site/point

in a position/location/place

the/sb/sth's **exact/precise** position/location/place/spot/site/point/whereabouts

2. C, U

- Can you get into a sitting position?

pose • **posture** • **stance** •

a **relaxed** position/pose/posture/stance

adopt/take up/keep/maintain a position/pose/posture/stance

change your position/pose/posture/stance

3. C, usually sing.

- What would you do in my position?

situation • **circumstances** • **conditions** • **state of affairs** • |informal, especially spoken **things** •

in (a) position/situation/circumstances/state of affairs

the **general/current/present/real** position/situation/circumstances/conditions/state of affairs

describe/explain (the) position/situation/circumstances/state of affairs/things

4. C

- Our party's position on education is very clear.

stance • **line** • **stand** • **attitude** • **perspective** • **view** • **point of view** • **angle** • **outlook** •

a/an position/stance/line/stand/perspective/view/angle/outlook **on** sth

from the position/perspective/point of view/angle of sb/sth

take a/an position/stance/line/stand/attitude/perspective/view/point of view/angle

Position or stance? A **stance** can be more temporary and/or more personal than a **position**, in reaction to a new issue in current affairs. A **position** may be more long-term and/or official and concerns how sb acts on a particular issue, rather than what they say.

5. C, U

- Her position within the company was not very high.

level • **rank** • **status** • **standing** • **grade** • **ranking** • **class** •

sb's position/level/rank/status/standing/ranking **in/within** sth

a/the **high/higher** position/level/rank/status/standing/grade/ranking

improve your position/status/standing/ranking

6. C (formal)

- I would like to apply for the position of art editor.

job • **role** • **vacancy** • **opening** • **work** • **employment** • **occupation** • |especially BrE **post** • **posting** • **appointment** •

(a) **permanent/full-time/part-time** position/job/role/vacancy/work/employment/occupation/post/appointment

apply for a/an position/job/vacancy/post/posting

offer sb/take a/an position/job/post/appointment/posting

Synonyms:

job

position • post • vacancy • appointment

These are all words for a position doing work for which you receive regular payment.

job • a position doing work for which you receive regular payment: ▫ He's trying to get a job in a bank.

position • (rather formal) a job: ▫ a senior position in a large corporation

job or position?

Position usually refers to a particular job within an organization, especially at a high level, and is not usually used about jobs generally. It is also often used in job applications, descriptions and advertisements.

post • a job, especially an important one in a large organization: ▫ a key post in the new government

vacancy • a job that is available for sb to do: ▫ We have several vacancies for casual workers.

appointment • (rather formal, especially BrE) a job or position of responsibility: ▪ This is a permanent appointment, requiring commitment and hard work.

a **permanent/temporary** job/position/post/vacancy/appointment

a **full-time/part-time** job/position/post/vacancy/appointment

to **have/have got** a(n) job/position/post/vacancy/appointment

to **apply for/fill** a job/position/post/vacancy

to **resign from/leave/quit** a job/position/post

Synonyms:

place

site • area • position • point • location • scene • spot • venue

These are all words for a particular area or part of an area, especially one used for a particular purpose or where sb/sth is situated or happens.

place • a particular point, area, city, town, building, etc, especially one used for a particular purpose or where a particular thing happens: ▪ This would be a good place for a picnic.

site • the place where sth, especially a building, is or will be situated; a place where sth happened or that is used for a particular purpose: ▪ They've chosen a site for the new school.

area • a part of a room, building or particular space that is used for a special purpose; a particular place on an object: ▪ the hotel reception area ◊▪ Move the cursor to a blank area on the screen.

position • the place where a person or thing is situated; the place where sb/sth is meant to be: ▪ From his position at the top of the hill, he could see the harbour.

The **position** of sb/sth is often temporary: the place where sb/sth is at a particular time.

point • a particular place within an area, where sth happens or is supposed to happen: ▪ the point at which the river divides

location • a place where sth happens or exists, especially a place that is not named or not known: ▪ The company is moving to a new location.

scene • a place where sth happens, especially sth unpleasant: ▪ the scene of the accident

spot • a particular point or area, especially one that has a particular character or where sth particular happens: ▪ The lake is one of the local beauty spots ▪

venue • the place where people meet for an organized event such as a performance or sports event

at a place/site/position/point/location/scene/spot/venue

in a(n) place/area/position/location/venue

the place/site/point/location/spot/venue **where...**

the **right** place/site/position/location/spot/venue

a **central** site/position/location/venue

the/sb's/sth's **exact/precise** place/site/position/point/location/spot

Synonyms:

situation

circumstances • position • conditions • things • the case • state of affairs

These are all words for the conditions and facts that are connected with and affect the way things are.

situation • all the things that are happening at a particular time and in a particular place: ▪ the present economic situation

circumstances • the facts that are connected with and affect a situation, an event or an action; the conditions of a person's life, especially the money they have: ▪ The ship sank in mysterious circumstances.

position • the situation that sb is in, especially when it affects what they can and cannot do: ▪ She felt she was in a position of power.

conditions • the circumstances in which people live, work or do things; the physical situation that affects how sth happens: ▪ We were forced to work outside in freezing conditions.

circumstances or conditions?

Circumstances refers to sb's financial situation; **conditions** are things such as the quality and amount of food or shelter they have. The **circumstances** that affect an event are the facts surrounding it; the **conditions** that affect it are usually physical ones, such as the weather.

things • (rather informal) the general situation, as it affects sb: ▪ Hi, Jane! ▪ How are things? ◊▪ Think things over before you decide.

the case • the true situation: ▪ If that is the case ▪ (= if the situation described is true) ▪, we need more staff.

state of affairs • a situation: ▪ How did this unhappy state of affairs come about?

situation or state of affairs?

State of affairs is mostly used with **this**. It is also used with adjectives describing how good or bad a situation is, such as **happy**, **sorry**, **shocking**, **sad** and **unhappy**, as well as those relating to time, such as **present** and **current**. **Situation** is much more frequent and is used in a wider variety of contexts.

in (a) particular situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs

the/sb's **economic/financial/social** situation/circumstances/position/conditions

(a/an) **happy/unhappy** situation/circumstances/position/state of affairs

to **look at/review** the situation/circumstances/conditions/things

Example Bank:

- Fix the pieces in position before gluing them together.
- He left the club in a precarious financial position with debts of £36 million.
- He took an extreme position on religious matters.
- Hordes of journalists jostled for position outside the conference hall.

- How long were you in your previous position?
- I was in the embarrassing position of having completely forgotten her name.
- It has taken years to achieve the position we are now in.
- It put me in an awkward position when he asked me to keep a secret.
- Nakata had to play out of position when the defender was injured.
- Please get into position.
- She has taken up a key position in our head office.
- She was offered the position of sales manager.
- The country's official position is that there is no famine in the area.
- The firm gained a dominant position in the market.
- The guards took up their positions on either side of the door.
- Their obvious desperation strengthens our bargaining position.
- They occupy a lowly position in society.
- This latest novel confirms her pre-eminent position among today's writers.
- We may be in a position to help you.
- a faculty position at Iowa State University
- his new position in the firm
- the trading position of the British economy
- Can you get into a kneeling position?
- Could you tell us your exact position please?
- From his position at the top of the hill, he could see the harbour.
- He's been promoted from his previous position as team coach.
- His main aim is to improve his social position.
- I would like to apply for the position of sales director.
- I'm afraid I am not in a position to help you.
- I'm afraid my position within the organization is not very high.
- Is everybody in position?
- My arms were aching so I shifted (my) position.
- Our party's position on education is very clear.
- Please tell us about your previous position, and what salary you earned.
- Radars determine the aircraft's position.
- Several people were jostling for position.
- She felt she was in a position of power.
- She holds a senior position in a large corporation.
- She took up her position by the door.
- The company has a dominant position in the world market.
- The company's financial position is not certain.
- The dancers all got into position.
- The defence stuck firmly to its position.
- The hotel stands in an elevated position looking out over the lake.
- The managing director was urged to reconsider his position on the takeover.
- The official position was that of refusing to talk to terrorists.
- The soldiers had to stand for hours without changing position.
- We anticipate that this position will be made full-time shortly.
- We need to improve the position of women and girls in these societies.
- Wealth and position are not important to her.
- What would be the best position for the lights?

Derived Word ↑ **positioning**

verb ~ sth (+ adv./prep.)

to put sb/sth in a particular position

Syn: ↑ **place**

- Large television screens were positioned at either end of the stadium.
- She quickly positioned herself behind the desk.
- Position your hands correctly on the shaft of the club.
- The company is now well positioned to compete in foreign markets.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	position
	BrE /pe'zɪʃn/
	NA mE /pe'zɪʃn/
he / she / it	positions
	BrE /pə'zɪʃnz/
	NA mE /pe'zɪʃnz/
past simple, past participle	positioned
	BrE /pe'zɪʃnd/
	NA mE /pe'zɪʃnd/
-ing form	positioning
	BrE /pe'zɪʃnɪŋ/
	NA mE /pe'zɪʃnɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Police marksmen were positioned on the roof.
- The company is uniquely positioned to compete in foreign markets.
- The markers were not positioned centrally.
- The radiologist firmly positioned Phoebe in front of a ferocious-looking machine.

position

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I. **po|sition**¹ **S1 W1** /pə'zɪʃən/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun*

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin *positio*, from *positus*, past participle of *ponere 'to put'*]

1. WAY OF STANDING/SITTING ETC [countable] the way someone is standing, sitting, or lying:

- Lie in a comfortable position.
- Frankie shifted his position so that his knees would not become cramped.

sitting/kneeling/standing position

- I struggled up into a sitting position.

2. SITUATION [countable usually singular] the situation that someone is in, especially when this affects what they can and cannot do:

- I'm not sure what I would do if I were in your position.

be in a position to do something

- Next week we will be in a much better position to comment.

be in the position of doing something

- She is in the enviable position of having three job offers.
- You're putting me in rather a difficult position.

3. PLACE WHERE SOMEBODY/SOMETHING IS [countable] the place where someone or something is, especially in relation to other objects and places

position of

- the position of the sun in the sky
- Our hotel was in a superb central position near St Mark's Square.
- the strategic position (=useful or important position) of Egypt in relation to the Arabian peninsula

4. CORRECT PLACE [uncountable and countable] the place where someone or something is needed or supposed to be

into position

- He pulled the ladder into position.

in/out of position

- All parking signs have now been placed in position.

5. DIRECTION [countable] the direction in which an object is pointing

vertical/upright/horizontal position

- Make sure the container remains in an upright position.
- She turned the switch to the 'on' position.

6. OPINION [countable] an opinion or judgment on a particular subject, especially the official opinion of a government, a political party, or someone in authority **SYN attitude**

position on

- What's the party's position on tax reform?
- The principal took the position that the students didn't need music classes.
- I hope you'll reconsider your position.

7. JOB [countable] formal a job

sb's position as something

- Bill took up his new position as Works Director in October.

position of

- She has held the position of Chief Financial Officer since 1992.
- Bruce is thinking of applying for the position.
- I'm sorry, the position has been filled (=someone has been found to do the job).

8. LEVEL/RANK [uncountable and countable] someone's or something's level, authority, or importance in a society or organization

the position of somebody

- the position of women in society

position of power/authority/influence etc

- Many of his supporters used their positions of power for personal advantage.
- As a priest, he was in a position of trust.

abuse your position as something (=use your authority wrongly)

9. be in a position to do something to be able to do something because you have the ability, money, or power to do it:

- When I know all the facts, I'll be in a position to advise you.

10. be in no position to do something to be unable to do something because you do not have the ability, money, or power to do it:

- You're unemployed and in no position to support a family.
- Ned says I'm always late? He's in no position to talk (=should not criticize because he does the same thing).

11. RACE/COMPETITION [uncountable and countable] the place of someone or something in a race or competition in relation to the other people or things

(in) 2nd/3rd/4th etc position

Alesi finished in third position.

12. **SPORTS** [countable] the area where someone plays in a sport, or the type of actions they are responsible for doing:

What position do you play?

13. **jockey/manoeuvre/jostle for position** to try to get an advantage over other people who are all trying to succeed in doing the same thing:

Firms adopt different strategies as they jockey for position.

14. **ARMY** [countable usually plural] a place where an army has put soldiers, guns etc:

an attack on the enemy positions

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

adjectives

- **a comfortable position** She wriggled into a more comfortable position.
- **an awkward position** My foot was in an awkward position.
- **a sitting/kneeling/standing position** The priest rose from his kneeling position by the bed.
- **a foetal position** (=in which you are curled up like a baby before it is born) I crawled into my bed and curled up in a foetal position.

verbs

- **change/shift your position** He shifted his position to get a better view of the stage.
- **pull/drag/haul yourself into a position** She pulled herself into a sitting position.
- **assume/adopt a position** *formal* (=move your body into a particular position) The patient should adopt this position for five minutes every half hour.
- **hold a position** (=stay in a position) Pull in your tummy muscles and hold that position.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

adjectives

- **the same position** A lot of people are in the same position.
- **a similar position** You can ask to be put in contact with others in a similar position.
- **a strong/good position** (=a situation in which you have an advantage) A victory tonight will put them in a very strong position to win the cup.
- **a unique position** (=a situation that no one else is in) Their close knowledge of the area places them in a unique position to advise on social policy.
- **a difficult/awkward position** I was in the difficult position of having to choose between them.
- **an enviable position** (=a situation that other people would like to be in) He is in the enviable position of not needing to work.
- **an impossible position** (=a very difficult situation) She was furious with Guy for putting her in such an impossible position.
- **a weak position** (=a situation in which you have a disadvantage) Someone who is desperate to sell their house is in a weak position.
- **a vulnerable position** (=a situation in which you might be harmed) Today we are in the vulnerable position of producing barely half our own food.
- **the present/current position** The following statistics indicate the present position.
- **the legal position** (=the situation from a legal point of view) The legal position is far from clear.
- **sb's financial position** Has your financial position changed recently?
- **a bargaining/negotiating position** (=someone's ability to bargain/negotiate) The new law has strengthened workers' bargaining position.

verbs

- **be in a strong/weak etc position** We are in a good position to help.
- **find yourself in a similar/awkward etc position** The refugee organizations now found themselves in a difficult position.
- **reach a position** It has taken two years to reach the position we are now in.
- **put/place somebody in a good/awkward etc position** I'm sorry if I put you in an awkward position.
- **strengthen sb's position** (=give someone a bigger advantage) People said that he used the conflict to strengthen his own position.
- **weaken sb's position** (=give someone a bigger disadvantage) The Prime Minister's position had been weakened by allegations of financial mismanagement.
- **sb's position improves** By March, the Democrats' position had improved.

phrases

- **a position of strength** (=a strong position) By now they were negotiating from a position of strength.

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THESAURUS (for Meaning 7)

describing someone's position in an organization

- **senior** used about someone who has an important position in an organization. **Senior** can also be used about someone who has a higher position than you in an organization: a senior executive | She's a senior partner in a law firm. | She is senior to me.
- **chief** [only before noun] used, especially in job titles, about someone who has the most important or one of the most important positions in an organization: Carole is the company's chief financial officer. | He's the chief economist at Hangseng Bank.
- **high-ranking** [only before noun] used about someone who has a high position in an organization such as the government, the army, or the police: high-ranking government officials | a high-ranking police officer
- **top** [only before noun] used about someone who is very good, important, or successful in their job: a top lawyer | He's one of the President's top aides. | top diplomats
- **junior** used about someone who has a low position in an organization. **Junior** can also be used about someone who has a lower position than you in an organization: a junior clerk | a junior doctor | His role as naval officer was junior to Nelson.
- **assistant** [only before noun] an assistant manager, director, editor etc has a position just below a manager etc: He's an

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 6)

■ verbs

- **take/hold a position** (=have an opinion) We take the position that these changes are to be welcomed.
- **adopt a position** (=start having an opinion) In 1898, the Church adopted its current position.
- **change your position** Since then, the party has changed its position.
- **reconsider your position** (=think again about it and perhaps change it) The UN Secretary General urged the US to reconsider its position.
- **defend a position** Each of the next three speakers defended a different position.

■ adjectives

- **a official position** (=one that a government or organization says officially that it has) This was the French government's official position.
- **an extreme position** Few people hold this extreme position today.
- **a middle position** (=one that is between two extreme positions) They took a middle position, favouring decentralization but with some controls.
- **a neutral position** (=not supporting either side in an argument) The US claimed that Jordan had abandoned its neutral position and sided with Iraq.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 7)

■ verbs

- **hold a position** (=have it) She had previously held a senior position in another school.
- **apply for a position** I decided to apply for the position of head teacher.
- **take up a position** (=start doing a job) Woods took up a new position as managing director of a company in Belfast.
- **leave a position** He left his position as Chief Conductor of the Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra.
- **resign from a position** She has resigned from her position as department secretary.
- **offer somebody a position** They offered me the position of store manager.
- **fill a position** (=find someone to do a job) We are now seeking to fill some key positions in the company.

■ adjectives

- **a senior position** Decision making is done by managers holding the most senior positions.
- **a junior position** I left school and was offered a junior position in a bank.
- **a permanent/temporary position** It's a temporary position initially, for six months.
- **an official position** He has no official position in the government.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 8)

■ phrases

- **a position of power/authority** Many used their positions of power for personal advantage.
- **a position of influence** The media have an unrivalled position of influence.
- **a position of trust** As a church leader, he was in a position of trust.
- **a position of responsibility** Did you hold any positions of responsibility at school or university?
- **a position of leadership** She had risen to a position of leadership.

■ adjectives

- **a privileged position** The public expects the Royal Family to earn its privileged position.
- **an influential position** It's useful if you have friends in influential positions.
- **a powerful position** Many leaders from that period are still in powerful positions in government.
- **a dominant position** The firm achieved a dominant position in the world market.

■ verbs

- **occupy a position** Those who occupy positions of power do not want democracy.
- **maintain a position** (=keep the rank that you have) High-status groups do all they can to maintain their positions.
- **use your position** She can now use her position to do some good.
- **abuse your position** (=use your level or rank wrongly) He abused his position as a doctor.

II. position² BrE² AmE² verb [transitive always + adverb/preposition]

1. to carefully put something in a particular position:

- Position the cursor before the letter you want to delete.

position yourself

- I positioned myself where I could see the door.

2. be well/ideally/perfectly positioned to be in a situation in which you will be able to do something successfully:

- We are ideally positioned to take advantage of the growth in demand.

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THESAURUS

- **put** to move something to a particular place: I've put the wine in the fridge. | Where have you put my grey shirt?
- **place** to put something somewhere carefully: 'It's beautiful,' he said, placing it back on the shelf.
- **lay** to put someone or something down carefully on a flat surface: He laid all the money on the table. | She laid the baby on his bed.
- **position** to carefully put something in a suitable position: Position the microphone to suit your height. | Troops were positioned around the city.
- **slip** to put something somewhere with a quick movement: He slipped his arm around her waist. | Carrie quickly slipped the money into her bag.
- **shove** to put something into a space or container quickly or carelessly: Shove anything you don't want in that sack. | I've ironed

those shirts so don't just shove them in a drawer.

- **stick** (also **bung** *British English*) *informal* to put something somewhere quickly or carelessly: I stuck the address in my pocket and I can't find it now. | Could you bung those clothes in the washing machine?
- **dump** to put something down somewhere in a careless and untidy way: Don't just dump all your bags in the kitchen. | People shouldn't dump rubbish at the side of the street.
- **pop** *informal* to quickly put something somewhere, usually for a short time: Pop it in the microwave for a minute.
- **thrust** *literary* to put something somewhere suddenly or forcefully: 'Hide it,' he said, thrusting the watch into her hand.

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