

caution

1. ['kɔːʃ(ə)n] *n*

- 1. осторожность, осмотрительность
caution area - **ав.** район с особым режимом полёта
to do smth. with great caution - делать что-л. очень осторожно /с большой осмотрительностью/
to use caution - проявлять осмотрительность
proceed with caution - соблюдайте осторожности! (*предупреждение водителям; дорожный плакат*)
- 2. предосторожность, предусмотрительность
- 3. 1) предостережение, предупреждение
caution! - осторожно!, берегись!
caution signal - предупредительный сигнал, жёлтый свет
the judge gave the defendant a caution - судья сделал предупреждение обвиняемому
- 2) **юр.** предупреждение арестованному при его задержании о том, что его слова могут быть использованы против него
- 4. **юр.**
1) залог, поручительство, обеспечение
to find caution for smb. - **шотл.** давать поручительство за кого-л., вносить залог за кого-л.
2) **шотл.**, **амер.** поручитель
- 5. **разг.**
1) чудака, человек со странностями
he is a caution! - никогда не знаешь, что он может натворить!
2) странная вещь; необыкновенное явление
some shoes you see these days are a caution - некоторые новые модели обуви - это просто ужас /нечто невероятное/

2. ['kɔːʃ(ə)n] *v*

- 1) предупреждать, предостерегать, делать предупреждение
I cautioned him against being late - я предупредил его, что опаздывать нельзя
to caution against unwarranted expectations - предостеречь от необоснованных надежд
- 2) **юр.** делать предупреждение арестованному при его задержании о том, что его слова могут быть использованы против него

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cau-tion [caution cautions cautioned cautioning] **noun, verb** BrE ['kɔːʃ(ə)n]¹

NAme ['kɔːʃ(ə)n]¹

noun

- 1. **uncountable** care that you take in order to avoid danger or mistakes; not taking any risks
 - **extreme /great caution**
 - Statistics should be treated **with caution** .
 - He could find himself making enemies as well as friends unless he proceeds **with the utmost caution** .
- 2. **countable** (BrE) a warning that is given by the police to sb who has committed a crime that is not too serious
 - As a first offender, she got off with a caution.
- 3. **uncountable, countable (formal)** a warning or a piece of advice about a possible danger or risk
 - a **word/note of caution**
 - Some cautions must be mentioned— for example good tools are essential to do the job well.

Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting bail or a guarantee; now chiefly Scots and US): from Latin **cautio(n-)**, from **cavere** 'take heed' .

Synonyms:

care
caution • prudence

These are all words for attention or thought that you give to sth in order to avoid mistakes or accidents.
care • attention or thought that you give to sth that you are doing so that you will do it well and avoid mistakes or damage: ▪ She chose her words with care.
caution • care that you take in order to avoid danger or mistakes; not taking any risks: ▪ The utmost caution must be exercised when handling explosives.
prudence • (rather formal) being sensible and careful when you make judgements and decisions; avoiding unnecessary risks: ▪ As a matter of prudence, keep a record of all your financial transactions.
Prudence is used particularly in financial contexts.
to do sth **with care/caution/prudence**
great/extreme care/caution/prudence
to **use/exercise** care/caution/prudence
to **proceed with** care/caution

Example Bank:

- I must stress the need for caution.
- I would just like to add a word of caution.
- The board sounded a note of caution about the economy.
- The information on the website should be treated with some caution.
- The information should be treated with some caution.
- The utmost caution must be exercised when handling explosives.
- They let her off with a caution.

- We proceeded with due caution.
- We urge caution in the use of this medication.
- It is better to err on the side of caution
- Some cautions must be kept in mind when interpreting these results.
- Some companies have sounded a note of caution about the outlook for the second half of this year.

Idiom: ↑**cast caution to the wind**

verb

- 1. intransitive, transitive** to warn sb about the possible dangers or problems of sth
 - ~ **against sth** I would caution against getting too involved
 - ~ **sb against/about sth** Sam cautioned him against making a hasty decision.
 - ~ **(sb) that...** The government cautioned that pay increases could lead to job losses.
 - ~ **sb to do sth** Employees were cautioned to be careful about what they said to people outside the company.
 - ~ **(sb) + speech** 'I'd take care if I were you,' she cautioned (him).
- 2. transitive ~ sb (BrE, law)** to warn sb officially that anything they say may be used as evidence against them in court
 - Suspects must be cautioned before any questions are asked.
- 3. transitive, usually passive (BrE, law) ~ sb (for sth)** to warn sb officially that they will be punished if they do sth wrong or illegal again
 - She wasn't sent to the juvenile court; instead she was cautioned.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	caution
	BrE / 'kɔːʃn/
	NAme / 'kɔːʃn/
he / she / it	cautions
	BrE / 'kɔːʃnz/
	NAme / 'kɔːʃnz/
past simple, past participle	cautioned
	BrE / 'kɔːʃnd/
	NAme / 'kɔːʃnd/
-ing form	cautioning
	BrE / 'kɔːʃnɪŋ/
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1. caution ¹ /'kɔːʃən \$ 'kɔːʃ- BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: cautio, from cavere 'to be careful, be on guard']

1. [uncountable] the quality of being very careful to avoid danger or risks ⇒ **cautious**

with caution

- We must proceed with extreme caution.
- The physician must exercise caution when prescribing antidepressants.

counsel/urge caution

- Many parents are tempted to intervene, but most experts counsel caution.

treat/view something with caution (=think carefully about something because it might not be true)

- Evidence given by convicted criminals should always be treated with the utmost caution. ⇒ **err on the side of caution** at ↑err(1)

2. [countable] a warning or piece of advice telling you to be careful:

- Although pleased, Henson added a caution that the team still has a long way to go.

word/note of caution

- A final word of caution – never try any of this without backing up your system.

3. throw/cast caution to the winds *literary* to stop worrying about danger and to take a big risk:

- Throwing caution to the winds, she swung around to face him.

4. [uncountable and countable] British English a spoken official warning given to someone who has been ↑**arrested** or who has done something wrong that is not a serious crime:

- He was let off with a caution.

under caution

- The defendant may make a statement under caution.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **verbs**

- **advise caution** (*also counsel caution formal*) We advise caution if you are buying a property overseas.
- **urge caution** Scientists are urging caution in research involving genes.
- **exercise caution** (=be careful) Travellers are advised to exercise caution while travelling in remote areas.
- **proceed with caution** You should always proceed with caution in financial matters.
- **treat something with caution** The results of the survey should be treated with caution.
- **view something with caution** At the moment investors are viewing the shares with caution.

■ **adjectives**

- **great caution** Exercise great caution when handling toxic waste.
- **extreme caution** Bears can be dangerous and walkers should proceed with extreme caution.
- **the utmost caution** You are advised to take the utmost caution when buying a second-hand car.
- **due caution** *formal* (=the carefulness that is necessary) An over-confident driver may overtake without due caution.

II. **caution**² *BrE* ^{AmE} *verb*

1. [intransitive and transitive] to warn someone that something might be dangerous, difficult etc

caution (somebody) against something

▪ Business leaders are cautioning against hasty action that would hamper flexibility.

caution (somebody) that

▪ Officials were quick to caution that these remarks did not mean an end to the peace process.

caution somebody to do something

▪ He cautioned them to avoid the forest at night.

2. [transitive] *British English*

a) to warn someone officially that the next time they do something illegal they will be punished

caution somebody for (doing) something

▪ She was cautioned for speeding.

b) to warn someone officially that what they say to a police officer may be used as ↑**evidence** in a court of law

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- **warn** to tell someone about something bad or dangerous that might happen, so that they can avoid it or prevent it: I warned you about sitting out in the sun too long. | We were warned that there could be delays on the motorway, so we took another route.
- **give somebody a warning** to tell someone that if they continue to behave in an unsatisfactory way, they will be punished: He's already been given several warnings about handing in his essays late. | The US gave a warning that if the hostages were not released, it would be forced to take military action.
- **alert** to officially or publicly warn people of possible danger so that they can prevent it or be ready to deal with it: a campaign to alert people to the dangers of smoking | An anonymous caller alerted the police that a bomb was due to go off.
- **tip somebody off** *informal* to secretly warn someone about something that is going to happen – used especially about warning the police about a crime: The police found the drugs after being tipped off by local residents. | Informants tipped the FBI off.
- **caution** *formal* to warn someone to do or not to do something in order to avoid a dangerous or bad result: People are being cautioned against using credit cards abroad, in case of fraud. | Health officials have cautioned the public to wash fruit thoroughly before eating it.
- **forewarn** /fɔːrwɜːn/ *formal* to warn someone about something that is going to happen, so that you are expecting it or ready for it: We had been forewarned that the roads weren't very good.

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