

## English Grammar: 'to warn' vs 'to advise' (PT: avisar)

### 1) to warn (synonym: to alert)(PT: advertir, avisar) (Nouns: warning, alert)

We use this verb to make people aware that a danger exists.

We “warn” somebody *about* something, *give* somebody a “warning” or *receive* a “warning”.

#### Examples:

- My parents **warned** me about thieves on the beach.
- The teacher gave me a **warning**, yesterday. I have to study harder!
- It’s important to **warn** children about dangers on the road.
- I received a **warning** from the lifeguard, because the current is strong.



### 2) to advise (PT: aconselhar, avisar) (Noun: advice)

We use this verb to tell people about things that we think they should know.

We “advise” somebody (*about* something), *give* somebody “some advice” or “a piece of advice” or *receive* “some advice”.

#### Examples:

- My doctor **advised** me to drink more water.
- He **advised** me not to take the job.
- My father gave me a piece of **advice**: “Never look a gift horse in the mouth.”

## ADVICE vs. ADVISE



**Exercise.** Complete with 'warn', 'warning', 'advise' or 'advice':

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ me not to smoke too much, but I didn't listen.
2. Let me \_\_\_\_\_ you about your hair. I think you should wash it.
3. I received a \_\_\_\_\_ from the traffic cops about my driving.
4. Can you give me some \_\_\_\_\_? Which color suits me best?
5. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you! Stop irritating me!
6. Yesterday, my teacher \_\_\_\_\_ me to study harder.