

# authoritative *(au-thor-i-ta-tive)*

## Definition

adj. 1 having authority or ascendancy or influence; 2 of recognized authority or excellence; 3 sanctioned by established authority

## Example Sentence

A dictionary is an **authoritative** source for the spelling of words.

## Synonyms

important; influential; definitive; authorized

## Antonyms

uninfluential; unofficial

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