



◀ Dorothea Dix was born on April 4, 1802. Throughout her life, she worked to reform society. She started a home for young girls in Boston and fought for better conditions in jails and mental hospitals. During the Civil War, she held a position of **authority** over women nurses. The United States Post Office issued a postage stamp to honor her work.

Word	Part of Speech	Meaning	Word History	Other Forms
<i>authority</i>	noun	1) the power or right to give orders and make and enforce decisions; 2) a person who has this power	<i>authority</i> comes from the Latin <i>auctoritas</i> , meaning “invention, advice, or opinion”	<i>authoritative</i> (adj); <i>authoritatively</i> (adv)

Choose one meaning of this word and draw/insert a picture of it.

authority

Name other words that mean about the same thing.

Name other words that have the opposite meaning.

Write a sentence or question that includes this word.

Figurative Language

Have it on good authority means you believe certain information is true because you got the information from a trusted source. *Juliana had it on good authority that the school is closed tomorrow.* What do you think would be a “good authority” for Juliana’s belief?

