

occasion**1. [ə'keɪz(ə)n] n****1. случай**

on occasion - при случае, при (определённых) обстоятельствах иногда

I have met him on several occasions - я несколько раз встречал его

on occasion(s) - при случае, иногда; время от времени

except on occasions - за исключением редких случаев

should the occasion so demand - если этого потребуют обстоятельства

on the occasion of - по случаю, по поводу (*какого-л. события*)

I met him on the occasion of my sister's marriage - я познакомился с ним на свадьбе моей сестры

I wish to express my sorrow on this occasion - я хотел бы выразить мою глубокую скорбь по поводу этого события

2. (важное) событие

great occasion - большое событие

this festive occasion - этот праздник

this is quite an occasion - это целое событие

to celebrate the occasion - отметить/отпраздновать это событие

3. возможность, благоприятный случай

to choose one's occasion - выбрать подходящий момент

to profit by the occasion - воспользоваться случаем

to take occasion (to do smth.) - воспользоваться благоприятным случаем (сделать что-л.)

I haven't had occasion to attend to it - у меня не было случая этим заняться

I'll do it on the first possible occasion - я сделаю это при первой же возможности

4. 1) основание, причина, повод; обстоятельство

occasion of dispute - причина спора

to take /to improve/ the occasion - использовать (*что-л.*) в качестве повода (*к чему-л.*)

to have no occasion to be angry [to laugh, to cry] - не иметь основания для гнева [для смеха, для слёз]

to give occasion to - послужить причиной

it's not the occasion for laughter [rejoicing] - нечему здесь смеяться [радоваться]

there is no occasion for alarm - оснований для беспокойства нет

on all occasions - во всяком случае; во всех случаях

the specific occasion of the poem is not known - неизвестно, что послужило поводом к написанию этого стихотворения

it was not the real cause, merely the occasion - это не было настоящей причиной, а только поводом

2) человек, являющийся (случайной) причиной (чего-л.)**5. pl арх. дела**

◇ to be equal /to rise/ to the occasion - быть /оказаться/ на высоте положения

a sense of occasion - такт, понимание (*ситуации и т. п.*)

to take occasion by the forelock - действовать без промедления; ≅ брать быка за рога

to go about one's lawful occasions - заниматься своим обычным делом

2. [ə'keɪz(ə)n] v КНИЖН.

вызывать, служить причиной; давать повод

to occasion a riot - вызвать бунт

to occasion smb. great anxiety - причинять кому-л. большое беспокойство

to occasion an argument - вызвать спор

your behaviour occasioned us a lot of trouble - ваше поведение доставило нам много неприятностей

her strange appearance occasioned a great deal of gossip - её странная внешность вызвала много толков

occasion

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

oc-ca-sion [occasion occasions occasioned occasioning] noun, verb BrE[ə'keɪz(ə)n] ^{AmE} [ə'keɪz(ə)n] ^{AmE}

noun

1. countable a particular time when sth happens

- on this/that occasion
- I've met him on several occasions.
- I can remember very few **occasions when** he had to cancel because of ill health.
- They have been seen together on two **separate occasions**.
- On one occasion, she called me in the middle of the night.
- He used the occasion to announce further tax cuts.

2. countable a special event, ceremony or celebration

- a great/memorable/happy occasion
- Turn every meal into **a special occasion**.
- They **marked the occasion** (= celebrated it) with an open-air concert.
- Their wedding turned out to be quite an occasion.
- He was presented with the watch **on the occasion of** his retirement.

3. singular ~ (for sth/doing sth) a suitable time for sth

- It should have been an occasion for rejoicing, but she could not feel any real joy.
- I'll speak to him about it **if the occasion arises** (= if I get a chance).

4. uncountable, singular (formal) a reason or cause

- ~ **(to do sth)** I've had no occasion to visit him recently.
- She doesn't have much occasion to speak French in her new job.

- ~ (of/for sth) Her death was the occasion of mass riots.
 - I'm willing to go to court over this **if the occasion arises** (= if it becomes necessary).
- more at** a sense of occasion **at** ↑sense n.

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **occasio(n-)** 'junction, reason', from **occidere** 'go down, set', from **ob-** 'towards' + **cadere** 'to fall'.

Thesaurus:

occasion noun

1. C

- They've been seen together on several occasions.

time • • **date** • • **moment** •

on that occasion/date

for the occasion/time/moment

a/an **memorable** /**emotional** occasion/time/moment

2. C

- The concert was a very special occasion.

event • • **celebration** • • **party** • • **function** • |informal **get-together** •

a **special** occasion/event/celebration/party

a **family** occasion/event/celebration/party/get-together

a **social** occasion/event/function

Example Bank:

- His death became an occasion for widespread discussion of his character.
- I bought the camera last year, but never had the occasion to use it.
- I do sometimes dance if the occasion calls for it.
- I have stayed there on a number of occasions.
- I only wear my silk dress on special occasions.
- I want to use this occasion to thank you all for your hard work.
- I'll speak to him if the occasion arises.
- It should have been an occasion for rejoicing.
- It was the first of many such occasions.
- Last year we had occasion to visit relatives in Cornwall.
- Medals are usually worn only on ceremonial occasions.
- On one occasion he even called me in the middle of the night.
- On the day of the wedding there was a real sense of occasion.
- On this occasion, as it happens, the engine started immediately.
- On this particular occasion, Joe wasn't there.
- The Queen's coach is only used for state occasions.
- The choir rose to the occasion and sang beautifully.
- The police were called out on 24 separate occasions.
- These workshops provide an occasion for talking about art.
- They came to visit us on the odd occasion, but only when they had nothing better to do.
- We sell cards and notepaper for all occasions.
- a party to mark the occasion of their daughter's graduation
- the occasion of his 50th birthday
- I will overlook your lateness, on this occasion.
- I've met him on several occasions.
- It was certainly a memorable occasion!
- They have been seen together on two separate occasions.
- They marked the occasion with an open-air concert.
- Turn every meal into a special occasion.

Idiom: ↑on occasion

verb (formal)

to cause sth

- ~ **sth** The flight delay was occasioned by the need for a further security check.
- The injury was believed to have occasioned his death.
- ~ **sb sth** The decision occasioned us much anxiety.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	occasion
	BrE /ə'keɪʒn/
	NAmE /ə'keɪʒn/
he / she / it	occasions
	BrE /ə'keɪʒnz/
	NAmE /ə'keɪʒnz/
past simple, past participle	occasioned
	BrE /ə'keɪʒnd/
	NAmE /ə'keɪʒnd/
-ing form	occasioning
	BrE /ə'keɪʒnɪŋ/
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I. **oc·ca·sion**¹ **S1 W2** /ə'keɪʒən/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *noun*

[Word Family: **noun**: ↑occasion; **adverb**: ↑occasionally; **adjective**: ↑occasional]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: Latin occasio, from occidere 'to fall down']

1. TIME

a) [countable] a time when something happens

on ... occasions

- " I've seen Jana with them on several occasions.
- " On this occasion we were sitting in a park in Madrid.
- " She had met Zahid on two separate occasions.

b) [singular] a suitable or favourable time

occasion for

- " This was the occasion for expressions of friendship by the two presidents.

▶ Do not use **occasion** to mean 'a time when it is possible for you to do what you want to do'. Use **opportunity** or **chance**: *Do not waste this opportunity (NOT this occasion).*

2. **SPECIAL EVENT** [countable] an important social event or ceremony:

- " I'm saving this bottle of champagne for a special occasion.

3. **CAUSE/REASON** [uncountable] *formal* a cause or reason:

- " His remark was the occasion of a bitter quarrel.
- " I had occasion to call on him last year.

4. **if (the) occasion arises** *formal* if a particular action ever becomes necessary:

- " If ever the occasion arises when I want advice, you're the first person I'll come to.

5. **on occasion** sometimes but not often:

- " On occasion, prisoners were allowed visits from their families.

6. **on the occasion of something** *formal* at the time of an important event:

- " on the occasion of his second wedding ⇒ **rise to the occasion** at ↑rise¹(9)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

- **several occasions** He has helped me on several occasions.
- **many occasions** I have seen him drunk on many occasions.
- **numerous occasions** She has been late on numerous occasions.
- **two/three etc occasions** He was given a red card on two occasions this season.
- **a rare occasion** (=used when something does not happen often) Only on rare occasions did she ever receive a letter.
- **a particular occasion** On that particular occasion, he greeted me by kissing my hand.
- **a previous occasion** He insisted then, as on every previous occasion, that he was innocent.
- **a separate occasion** I had heard this story on at least four separate occasions.
- **a different occasion** The same person can react differently on different occasions.
- **such occasions** (=an occasion like the one mentioned or described) He had a box of toys by his desk for such occasions.

■ phrases

- **a number of occasions** The crowd interrupted her speech on a number of occasions.
- **more than one occasion** (=more than once) She stayed out all night on more than one occasion.
- **at least one occasion** (=once, and probably more than once) On at least one occasion he was arrested for robbery.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ adjectives

- **a special occasion** She used her best china on special occasions.
- **a big/great/splendid occasion** The big occasion for country people was the Agricultural Fair.
- **a formal occasion** He wore the suit on formal occasions.
- **a social occasion** I prefer not to discuss business at social occasions.
- **a ceremonial occasion** (=a very formal official occasion) The gowns are worn only on ceremonial occasions.

- **a happy/joyful occasion** The wedding had been a joyful occasion.
- **a sad/solemn occasion** He did not want his funeral to be a sad and solemn occasion, but a celebration of his life.
- **a festive occasion** (=when you celebrate something) The Great Hall had been prepared for the festive occasion.
- **a historic occasion** (=important as part of history) This is truly a historic occasion.

■ **verbs**

- **celebrate an occasion** To celebrate the occasion, a small party was held at his home.
- **mark an occasion** (=do something special to celebrate an event) The bells were rung to mark the occasion.
- **suit the occasion** The table was decorated to suit the occasion.

■ **phrases**

- **a sense of occasion** (=a feeling that an event is very special or important) The music gave the event a real sense of occasion.
- **enter into the spirit of the occasion** (=join in a social occasion in an eager way) People entered into the spirit of the occasion by enjoying a picnic before the outdoor concert.

II. **occasion**² *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb* [transitive] *formal*

to cause something:

▪ She had a long career break occasioned by her husband's job being moved to Paris.

occasion somebody something

▪ Your behaviour has occasioned us a great deal of anxiety.

occasion

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