

moment['mɒmənt] *n***1. момент, миг, мгновение, минута**

wait a moment!, just a moment! - погоди!, один момент!, сейчас!

the moment (when /that/) - как только

I came the moment I heard of it - я пришёл, как только услышал об этом

the moment (that) I saw him - как только я его увидел

a moment ago - только что

this moment - а) немедленно; come this moment! - сейчас же иди сюда!; go this very moment! - отправляйся немедленно /тотчас же!; б) только что

I have just /only/ this moment heard of it - я только что услышал /узнал/ об этом

in a moment - а) через минуту, сейчас

he will be back in a moment - он сейчас /через минуту/ вернётся; in a few moments - через несколько минут; б) очень скоро, в один миг /момент/

it was all done in a moment - всё было сделано в один момент /миг/

for a moment - на минуту /минутку/

give me your book for a moment - дайте мне вашу книгу на минутку

he disappeared for a moment - он исчез на минуту

I haven't a moment to spare - у меня нет ни минуты свободного времени

2. данный момент, определённое время

at the /this/ moment, at the present moment - в данную минуту, в настоящее время

at the /that/ moment - в ту минуту, в то время

at the moment I thought - а) в тот миг я подумал; б) в то время я думал

at the last moment - в последнюю минуту /-ий миг, -ее мгновение/

at any moment - в любую минуту, в любое время

he may return (at) any moment - он может вернуться в любую минуту

(at) every moment - каждую минуту

to expect smb. every moment - ожидать кого-л. с минуты на минуту

to interrupt at every moment - перебивать каждую минуту; всё время мешать

at a moment's notice - по первому требованию

at odd moments - урывками, в свободное время, между делом

in one's spare moments - в свободное время, в свободные минуты

for the moment - в данную /настоящую/ минуту, в данное /настоящее/ время; пока; на ближайшее будущее

I want nothing for the moment - в настоящее время /пока/ мне ничего не нужно

not for a moment - никогда (в жизни); ни за что (на свете)

I would not agree to that for a moment - я ни за что не соглашусь на это

to the moment - точно (в указанный срок)

his entry was timed to the moment - он точно рассчитал свой выход

3. *pl* короткие периоды времени

he spent many happy moments there - он провёл там много счастливых минут

to have one's moments - *разг.*, *часто шутл.* испытывать минуты взлёта, успеха, счастья *и т. п.*; ≅ «звёздный час»**4. важность, значение**

to be of great [of little, of the first] moment - иметь большое [небольшое, первостепенное] значение

to be of no moment - не иметь (никакого) значения

an affair /matter, business/ of (great) moment - важное дело

a man of moment - влиятельный человек

5. *физ.*, *стат.* момент

moment of inertia - момент инерции

moment of friction - момент трения

◇ moment of truth - а) решающий момент (*в бое быков*); б) критическая ситуация; минута решающего испытания**moment**

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mo·ment [moment moments] *BrE* ['mɒmənt] ^m *NAmE* ['moʊmənt] ^m **noun****1. a very short period of time**

- Could you **wait a moment**, please?
- **One moment, please** (= Please wait a short time).
- He thought **for a moment** before replying.
- I'll be back **in a moment**.
- We arrived **not a moment too soon** (= almost too late).
- **Moments later** (= a very short time later), I heard a terrible crash.

see also ↑senior moment**2. singular an exact point in time**

- We're busy **at the moment** (= now).
- I agreed **in a moment of** weakness.
- **At that very moment**, the phone rang.
- **From that moment on**, she never felt really well again.

3. countable a particular occasion; a time for doing sth

- I'm waiting for **the right moment** to tell him the bad news.
- That was one of the happiest moments of my life.

• Have I caught you at a bad moment?

more at the evil hour/day/moment **at** ↑evil, just a minute/moment/second **at** ↑just_{adv.}, the last minute/moment **at** ↑last_{det.}, at a moment's notice **at** ↑notice_{n.}, the psychological moment **at** ↑psychological, on the spur of the moment **at** ↑spur_{n.}, wait a minute/moment/second **at** ↑wait_{v.}

Idioms: ↑any moment ▪ ↑at this moment in time ▪ ↑for the moment ▪ ↑have its moments ▪ ↑moment of truth ▪ ↑moment ... ▪ ↑not for a moment ▪ ↑of moment ▪ ↑of the moment

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin **momentum**, from **movimentum**, from **movere** 'to move'.

Thesaurus:

moment noun

1. C

• He thought for a moment before replying.

minute • • **second** • • **instant** • • **split second** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **bit** • |informal, spoken **sec** •

in/for a/an moment/minute/instant/second/split second/bit/sec

at/from that moment/minute/second/instant

hang on/hold on/wait a moment/minute/second/sec

Moment, minute or second? In many cases you can use any of these words

• Wait/Hang on/Just a moment/minute/second.

Minute is the most frequent in spoken English; it is more usual to use **moment** in written English, especially when telling a story.

2. sing.

• At that very moment, the phone rang.

instant • • **point** • • **hour** • • **time** • • **occasion** •

a moment/the point/sb's hour/a time **of** sth

at the moment/that instant/that point/the time

for the moment/time/occasion

the **very/precise** moment/instant/hour/time

3. C (especially spoken)

• I'm waiting for the right moment to tell him the bad news.

chance • • **opportunity** • • **occasion** • |especially business **window** •

a **suitable** moment/opportunity/occasion

have a/an moment/chance/opportunity/occasion

wait for the moment/a chance/an opportunity/an occasion

Example Bank:

- A moment later, the ceiling fell in.
- After a moment we followed him.
- Afterwards she relived every moment in her head.
- At that very moment the phone rang.
- At the present moment, we do not have a choice.
- Could you look through this report when you have a spare moment?
- Could you wait a few moments?
- For one heart-stopping moment, we thought she was going to fall.
- He might wake up at any moment.
- He opened his mouth to say he loved her, but the moment passed.
- He was here just a moment ago.
- He's in a bad mood today— you need to choose your moment carefully.
- Her finest moment came when she won Wimbledon.
- Her finest moment came when she won the Nobel Prize.
- I can only spare you a moment, I'm afraid— I'm terribly busy.
- I couldn't stand it a moment longer.
- I didn't want to screw up my big moment.
- I don't expect to spend every waking moment at work.
- I don't think this is the right moment to ask for a bonus.
- I dread the moment when she finds out.
- I felt at home here from the very moment I arrived
- I loved her from the first moment I met her.
- I managed to capture the moment on film.
- I spent a few moments thinking what I was going to say.
- I stood there for a moment or two.
- I treasure the moments we spent together.
- I'll be back in a moment.
- In the heat of the moment she forgot what she wanted to say.
- It was a bad time to have a senior moment.
- It was the proudest moment of my entire life.
- She let the news slip by mistake, in an unguarded moment.
- She paused a moment to reflect.
- That was a bad moment in my life.

- The feeling only lasted a moment.
- The moment had finally come to make a move.
- There was a moment of silence.
- There's never a dull moment in this job.
- They were making the most of those last precious moments together.
- This is one of the book's funniest moments.
- This won't take a moment.
- Victory was sweet, and he wanted to savour every moment.
- We have reached a critical moment in the negotiations.
- Why do you leave it until the last possible moment before getting ready to leave?
- You need to be aware of what you are doing at any given moment.
- a great moment in the country's history
- at the moment of death
- in her rare moments of leisure
- Could you wait a moment, please?
- From that moment on, she never felt really well again.
- I haven't finished. I'm still waiting for a quiet moment.
- I'm waiting for the right moment to tell him the bad news.
- Moments later, I heard a terrible crash.
- One moment, please.
- We arrived not a moment too soon.
- We're busy at the moment.

moment

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moment **S1 W1** /'məʊmənt \$ 'moʊ-/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m *noun* [countable]

[**Word Family:** *noun:* ↑moment, ↑momentum; *adjective:* ↑momentary, ↑momentous; *adverb:* ↑momentarily]

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1. POINT IN TIME a particular point in time:

It was one of the most exciting moments in his life.

at this/that moment (=used for emphasis)

Just at that moment there was a knock on the door.

She may be in trouble at this very moment and trying to call you.

I remember the moment when I first saw him after the operation.

Quinn always seems to be in the right place at the crucial moment.

I just this moment (=only a very short time ago) arrived and already Dan wants to know when I'm leaving.

At this moment in time it would be inappropriate to comment on the situation.

From that moment on (=after that time) we were the best of friends.

► Do not say 'in that moment' when you mean 'at that particular time'. Say **at that moment**: *At that moment, everything stopped.*

2. SHORT TIME a very short period of time:

He was here a moment ago.

Can you spare a few moments to answer some questions?

in a moment (=very soon)

I'll come back to that point in a moment.

for a moment

It was quiet for a moment, then Rae spoke.

after a moment

'I don't understand,' said Louise after a moment.

A moment later we heard a splash.

wait/just a moment (=used when you want someone to wait a short time while you do or say something)

Just a moment; let me put these away first.

We have to be ready to leave at a moment's notice (=very quickly).

3. at the moment *British English especially spoken, American English formal* now:

Julia's on holiday in Spain at the moment.

At the moment, the situation in Haiti is very tense.

4. for the moment used to say that something is happening or is true now but will probably change in the future:

Well, for the moment we're just friends.

For the moment the rain had stopped.

5. the moment (that) somebody does something as soon as someone does something:

He said he'd phone you the moment he got home.

6. the last moment if you do something at the last moment or if something happens at the last moment, it happens at the last possible time

at the last moment

The operation was cancelled at the last moment.

She always leaves everything to the last moment.

7. (at) any moment extremely soon:

The plumber should be here any moment now.

The roof could collapse at any moment.

8. OPPORTUNITY [usually singular] a particular time when you have a chance to do something:

His wife Denise was there to share his **big moment** (=opportunity to do something great).

choose/pick your moment (=try to choose the best time to do something)

" He picked his moment carefully to tell them the news.

" This was her moment and she knew she had to take it.

9. moment of madness/weakness/panic etc a short period of time when you do not feel or behave as normal and often do or say something which you later wish you had not done or said

in a moment of something

" In a moment of madness I agreed to go with him.

" He experienced a brief moment of panic.

10. one moment ... the next/from one moment to the next used to say that a situation changes very suddenly, often in a way which you do not expect or cannot explain:

" One moment she's kissing me, the next she doesn't want to see me again.

" You never know what's going to happen from one moment to the next.

11. not believe /think/do something for a/one moment especially spoken used to say that you did not believe, expect etc something at all:

" He didn't fool me for a moment.

" She had never for one moment imagined that it could happen to her.

12. of the moment the person, idea, word etc of the moment is the one that is most important or popular at the present time:

" They interview personalities on a topic of the moment.

" the mood of the moment

13. have its/your moments to have periods of being good or interesting:

" a movie that had its moments

14. not a moment too soon almost too late:

" The ambulance finally arrived, and not a moment too soon.

15. the moment of truth the time when you will find out if something will work properly, be successful etc

16. of great moment old-fashioned important

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ adjectives

- **right/perfect** I'm just waiting for the right moment to tell her. | The moment is not quite right just yet.
- **an opportune moment** (=a good time to do something) I was waiting for an opportune moment to leave.
- **a historic moment** (=a moment that is important in history) The fall of the Berlin wall was a historic moment.
- **a memorable moment** There have been many memorable moments in this year's Olympics.
- **the exact/precise moment** Her stomach chose that precise moment to make a loud noise.
- **the very moment** (=used for emphasizing that something happened at a particular time) I could tell something was wrong from the very moment I walked in through the front door.
- **the present moment** (=now) At the present moment, there are 500 students at the school.
- **an important moment** This was probably the most important moment in his life.
- **a critical/crucial moment** (=a very important moment) This was a critical moment in the country's history.
- **a defining moment** (=something that shows the real character or purpose of something) The win was a defining moment in the boxer's career.
- **sb's finest moment** (=when someone was most successful or admired) The performance was one of the band's finest moments.
- **sb's proudest moment** (=when someone did the thing they are most proud of) My proudest moment was when my daughter was born.
- **the worst moment** Standing on the edge waiting to do your bungee jump is the worst moment.

■ verbs

- **capture the moment** (=to take a picture, describe something etc that will remind you of a particular time) They captured the moment on film.
- **enjoy the moment** She found herself laughing with him, enjoying the moment.
- **savour the moment** (=enjoy the moment) He seemed to savour every moment of their conversation.
- **relive the moment** (=experience something again by thinking about it, talking about it etc) In court she had to relive the moment her son was murdered.
- **choose a moment to do something** (=do something at a particular time) She always seemed to choose the worst moment to interrupt his thoughts.
- **dread a moment** (=feel anxious or worried about something that will happen) She was dreading the moment when she would have to fire him.

■ phrases

- **just this/that moment** (=only a very short time ago) I had just that moment arrived.
- **at this moment in time** (=now) At this moment in time we cannot proceed with the proposal.
- **from that moment on** (=after that time) From that moment on I saw very little of Dean.
- **moment to moment/moment by moment** (=used for emphasizing that something changes quickly) The colours of the sunset changed moment to moment.
- **every waking moment** (=all the time you are awake) He spent every waking moment in the lab.
- **at a given moment** (=at any particular time) There was no variety at all - you knew exactly what you would be doing at any given moment of the week.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ verbs

- **take a moment** (=use a short time) Coleman took a moment to reply.
- **have a moment** (=have a short time to use) Can you come and see me when you have a moment?
- **wait a moment** Wait a moment while I get my coat.
- **pause a moment** (=stop speaking or doing something for a short time) Lisa paused a moment, then said 'yes'.
- **hesitate a moment** (=not speak or do something for a short time because you are unsure of what to say or do) Paul hesitated a moment then followed her.
- **spare a moment** (=used when asking someone if they have a short time available to spend with you) Can you spare a moment to go through some figures with me?

phrases

- **just a moment** (=used when telling someone to wait) Just a moment, I'll go and get her.
- **at a moment's notice** (=very quickly) Fire fighters need to be able to get ready at a moment's notice.
- **a moment ago** I saw him outside just a moment ago.
- **there's never a dull moment** (=something is always exciting or full of activity) There's never a dull moment with Chris around!

adjectives

- **a brief moment** For a brief moment, he looked directly at her.
- **a fleeting moment** (=a very short time) For a fleeting moment she wanted to run away.
- **a long moment** He was silent for a long moment before replying.
- **a spare moment** (=short period of time when you are not doing other things) She spent every spare moment in the library.

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THESAURUS

a time when something happens

- **time** a time when something happens or when you should do something: The last time I saw her she was in high school. | It's time for you to go to bed. | The best time to visit Scotland is in late May.
- **occasion** a time when something happens. **Occasion** is more formal than **time**: They have been seen together on several occasions. | The last occasion the two teams met, the Giants won easily.
- **moment** a particular point in time when something happens: At that moment (=at exactly that time), the door bell rang. | The next moment she was gone.
- **point** a particular time during a longer period of time: At one point during the play she completely forgot her lines. | the lowest point of the holiday

moment

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