

**opportunity**[ˌɒpə'tjuːnɪti] *n***1. удобный случай; благоприятная возможность**

golden opportunity - прекрасный случай, блестящая возможность

opportunity target - **воен.** выгодная /внезапно появившаяся/ цель

equality of opportunity - равные шансы /возможности/

at the first /the earliest/ opportunity - при первой же возможности

to afford /to make/ an opportunity - давать /предоставлять/ возможность

to have no [little, not any] opportunity for doing /to do/ smth. - не иметь возможности сделать что-л

to take the opportunity (of) - воспользоваться случаем

to seize [to get, to find] one's opportunity - использовать удобный момент, воспользоваться случаем

to lose [to miss] an opportunity, to let the opportunity slip - упустить возможность /случай/

when the opportunity occurs - при удобном случае

his life has been deficient in opportunities - у него было мало возможностей в жизни

opportunity knocks (at the door) only once - такая возможность случается только раз

**2. возможность, перспектива**job opportunities - возможность получения работы *или* продвижения по службе

the experiment offers great opportunities - опыт открывает большие перспективы

◇ opportunity makes the thief - **посл.** ≅ плохо не клади, вора в грех не вводи**opportunity**

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**op-por-tun-ity** [opportunity opportunities] *BrE* [ˌɒpə'tjuːnəʒi] *NAmE*[ˌɑːpərˌtuːnɪti] **noun** countable, uncountable (pl. **op-por-tun-ities**)

a time when a particular situation makes it possible to do or achieve sth

**Syn:** ↑chance

- ~ **(to do sth)** You'll have the opportunity to ask any questions at the end.
- This is the perfect opportunity to make a new start.
- ~ **(for sth/for doing sth)** There was no opportunity for further discussion.
- There'll be plenty of opportunity for relaxing once the work is done.
- ~ **(of doing sth)** At least give him the opportunity of explaining what happened.
- Our company promotes **equal opportunities** for women (= women are given the same jobs, pay, etc. as men).
- an **equal opportunities employer**
- **career/employment/job opportunities**
- The offer was too good an opportunity to miss.
- I'd like to **take this opportunity** to thank my colleagues for their support.
- He is rude to me **at every opportunity** (= whenever possible).
- They intend to close the school **at the earliest opportunity** (= as soon as possible).
- a **window of opportunity** (= a period of time when the circumstances are right for doing sth)

**see also** ↑photo opportunityWord Origin:late Middle English: from Old French **opportunité**, from Latin **opportunitas**, from **opportunus** (see ↑opportunity).Thesaurus:**opportunity** **noun** C, U

• You'll have an opportunity to ask questions later.

**chance** • **possibility** • **occasion** • **start** • |informal **break** • |especially spoken **turn** • **moment** • |BrE, spoken **go** •|especially **business window** •the opportunity/a chance/your turn **to do sth**an opportunity/possibilities/an occasion **for sth****have** a/an opportunity/chance/break/turn/moment/go/window**get/give sb a** an opportunity/chance/start/break/turn/moment/go/window**Opportunity or chance?** **Opportunity** tends to be more formal. In some cases only one of the words can be used:

• I won't give him a second chance.

✗ I won't give him a second opportunity.:

• job/equal opportunities

✗ job/equal chances

Example Bank:

- He saw a great opportunity to make some money.
- May I take this opportunity to congratulate Ruth on her promotion.
- Students should take every opportunity to widen their experience.
- The ceasefire has created a window of opportunity to rescue the peace process.
- The company aimed to expand as and when opportunity offered
- The job will offer you excellent opportunities for promotion.
- We are dedicated to the principle of equal opportunity.
- We didn't get much opportunity to swim.
- We need to give them a reasonable opportunity to look at the display.

- We'll have plenty of opportunity to talk later.
- When the opportunity came, I seized it with both hands.
- a golden opportunity to invest and export into new markets
- a missed sales opportunity
- an equal opportunities employer
- to provide better educational opportunities
- He is rude to me at every opportunity.
- I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues for their support.
- Our company promotes equal opportunities for women.
- There are more job opportunities in the south.
- There'll be plenty of opportunity for relaxing once the work is done.
- You'll have the opportunity to ask any questions at the end.

## opportunity

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**opportunity** **S1 W1** /,ɒpə'tjuːnəti, ɒpə'tjuːnɪti, ɑːpər'tuːtɪ/ **BrE** **AmE** **noun** (plural **opportunities**)

1. **[uncountable and countable]** a chance to do something or an occasion when it is easy for you to do something

### opportunity to do something

- a rare opportunity to see inside this historic building
- I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all.

### opportunity for

Games and songs provide an opportunity for classroom interaction.

2. **[countable]** a chance to get a job or improve your situation at work:

There are fewer opportunities for new graduates this year. ⇒ **equal opportunities** at <sup>↑</sup>equal<sup>1(2)</sup>

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## COLLOCATIONS

### verbs

- **have opportunity** I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to travel.
- **take/use opportunity** (=do something you have a chance to do) Several employees took the opportunity to retire early.
- **seize/grasp an opportunity** (=do something very eagerly when you have the chance) She saw an opportunity to speak to him, and seized it.
- **miss/lose an opportunity** (=not do something you have a chance to do) Dwyer never missed an opportunity to criticize her.
- **give somebody opportunity** The children should be given the opportunity to make their own choices.
- **get an opportunity** I decided to go, as I might never get this opportunity again.
- **provide/present/open up an opportunity** The course also provides an opportunity to study Japanese.
- **an opportunity comes (along/up)** We had outgrown our house when the opportunity came up to buy one with more land.
- **an opportunity arises** Perhaps she would explain later, if the opportunity arose.

### adjectives

- **a good/great/wonderful etc opportunity** It's a great opportunity to try new things.
- **the ideal/perfect opportunity** I'd been wanting to try sailing, and this seemed like the ideal opportunity.
- **a golden opportunity** (=a very good opportunity) The council has missed a golden opportunity to improve the town centre.
- **a rare/unique opportunity** a unique opportunity to stay in a real castle
- **a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** (=a very good opportunity that you will only get once) For many athletes, the Olympics are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.
- **a wasted/lost/missed opportunity** (=one you do not use) Many people see the failed talks as a missed opportunity for peace.
- **ample opportunity/plenty of opportunity** (=a number of chances to do something) There will be ample opportunity for shopping.
- **limited/little opportunity** (=not many chances) They had little opportunity to discuss the issue beforehand.

### nouns

- **a photo opportunity** (=a chance to take a good photograph, especially of a particular person) Parents will always look for good photo opportunities at their kid's graduation ceremony.

### phrases

- **at the first/earliest opportunity** (=as soon as possible) He decided to leave school at the earliest opportunity.
- **at every (possible) opportunity** (=whenever possible) She went to the museum at every opportunity.
- **a window of opportunity** (=a time when you can do something) The other team started making mistakes, but we didn't take advantage of this window of opportunity.
- **a land of opportunity** (=a country where people have a lot of good opportunities) America was then seen as a land of opportunity.
- **the opportunity of a lifetime** (=a very good opportunity that you will only get once) The winner of the contest got the opportunity of a lifetime – the chance to work with a top fashion designer.

## opportunity

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