

chance

1 Verb + chance (opportunity)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

give have improve take
miss jump at need wait for

- I can do much better. Please me one more chance and I'll show you what I can really do.
- I can't believe how rude Pete was. He snatched the newspaper out of my hand before I a chance to read it.
- Don't this chance to buy three of your favourite videos for the price of one.
- You should the chance to travel abroad while you're still young.
- I had no hesitation in accepting the job in the New York office. It was the chance I had been
- I feel that learning English will my chances of working abroad.
- It's an important matter so I a chance to think it over before I make a decision.
- Do you think I should take the job in Milan?
> Well, if it was me, I'd the chance!

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with these adjectives:

better equal last second rare

- If you don't finish this task within the time limit, you will be eliminated from the contest. Nobody gets a chance.
- Many parents today make sacrifices to send their children to good schools and to university. They want their children to have a chance in life than they had themselves.
- This weekend, visitors will get a chance to see inside the rooms of the Royal Palace. This is only the second time the King has allowed the public into his private apartments.
- Handicaps in sports such as golf give people with different abilities an chance of winning competitions.
- This is my chance to pass the entrance examination. It's my third attempt and I won't be allowed another chance.

3 Verb + chance (possibility)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

fancy increase rate ruin stand

- Smoking when you are pregnant may the chances of damage to your baby.
- One careless mistake at work my chances of promotion.
- At this rate we don't a chance of getting to the airport on time.
- I don't our chances of beating them. They are a very strong team. They haven't lost a home game for two years!
- How do you your chances of getting the job?

4 Common adjective collocations

Write the expressions from the sentence with the following meanings:

- no chance at all
 - no chance, but maybe!
 - a very very small chance
 - a good chance
 - a very good chance
- We only have an outside chance of making the airport on time. The plane leaves in twenty minutes!
 - Nowadays we have the expertise to ensure that premature babies have an excellent chance of survival.
 - It's only a thunderstorm! The chances of being struck by lightning are a million to one.
 - Fat chance of him coming to give us a hand. He won't lift a hand to help anybody but himself.
 - The team has a fair chance of success this year.

Notes

- Note the following:
Is there any chance of a lift to the airport?
Is there any chance of borrowing the car, Dad?
- Chance can also mean 'risk':
If I were you, I'd take a chance and ring her.
It can also mean 'luck':
It was pure chance we were on the same plane.