

moment

1 Verb + moment

Use the correct form of these verbs:

have	dread	last	pause for
spare	take	wait	choose

1. Could you look through my report when you a moment or two?
2. As I boarded the plane, I began to panic, but thankfully, the feeling only a moment.
3. Don't worry. You won't feel a thing. This won't a moment.
4. I'm terribly busy. I can only a few moments, I'm afraid. Now, what was it about?
5. Could you a moment, please. I'll be with you as soon as I can.
6. It was now my turn to make a speech. This was the moment I had been all day.
7. The headmaster is in a terrible mood today. If you want to speak to him, you should your moment very carefully!
8. The lecturer a moment and asked if there were any questions.

2 Common adjective collocations

Choose the more natural collocation from the pairs below:

1. Sorry, have I caught you at a moment? Would it be better if I called back later? (*bad / terrible*)
2. Her finest moment came when she won a gold medal at the Olympics. She said it was the moment of her life. (*luckiest / proudest*)
3. My most moment was when I was out with my wife shopping and we bumped into one of my ex-girlfriends. (*embarrassing / embarrassed*)
4. For one moment, we thought the climber was going to fall. (*dreadful / bad*)
5. The new exhibition in the National Museum covers the moments of Sweden's history. (*best / key*)
6. I've been so busy today – I'm still waiting for a moment when I can grab a sandwich. (*calm / quiet*)
7. There were a few moments as the plane came in to land in last night's storm. (*anxious / worried*)

8. There was a moment of calm and we were able to take off. (*short / brief*)
9. Why do you always leave things to the moment? (*final / last*)
10. At the moment Dave said 'I do', who do you think walked into the church? Celia, his ex-wife! (*precise / crucial*)

3 Word grammar

Match the two halves of these sentences:

1. I'm waiting for the right moment
2. Gaining independence was a great moment
3. A tourist managed to capture
4. There's no news, but I'll call you
5. I spent a few moments
6. The team jumped up and down,
 - a. the awful moment on film.
 - b. the moment I hear anything.
 - c. savouring their moment of victory.
 - d. to break the bad news that he's failed.
 - e. in the country's history.
 - f. thinking about what I was going to say.

4 Preposition + moment

Use a suitable preposition in the sentences:

1. I loved you the very first moment I saw you.
2. I'm just going to the canteen. I'll be back a moment.
3. Why do you always leave it the last possible moment before packing your bags?
4. Doctor Ferguson is busy the moment. Can I take a message?
5. Would you mind looking after my bag a moment while I buy a ticket?
6. Peter left the room quietly. We followed him a few moments.

Notes

1. Note the following expressions:
At this moment in time, we don't know the outcome.
You have to be ready to leave at a moment's notice.
2. If you do something 'on the spur of the moment', you do it without planning:
I decided to go with them on the spur of the moment.