

opportunity

1 Verb + opportunity

Use the correct form of these verbs:

come up	deny	give
grab	take	miss

1. You can't let an opportunity like a trip to Australia go by. It's simply too good to
2. I'd like to this opportunity to thank you all for coming.
3. This programme the public the opportunity to make their voices heard. So get on the phone straightaway!
4. Make sure you the opportunity with both hands! You won't get another one like it for years.
5. An opportunity as good as this only once in a lifetime.
6. I would have liked to have learnt Spanish at school, but I was the opportunity. Only French and German were taught.

2 Common adjective collocations

Complete the sentences below with the following:

ample	great	missed	ideal
possible	rare	golden	right

1. We need to make an appointment with you for further tests. Please contact this office at the earliest opportunity.
2. Don't worry. You will have opportunity to ask questions after the talk. The speaker intends to stay behind for about an hour.
3. This is a opportunity to see all the painter's work together in one place. There hasn't been an opportunity like this for 20 years.
4. Look, this is the right job for you! It's a opportunity. Who else do you know gets the chance to work in New York for two years?
5. I'm not changing jobs at the moment but when the opportunity comes along, I intend to take it.
6. You mean he came to the club and I could have got his autograph! Another opportunity!
7. If you don't invest now, you'll miss a opportunity to double your money.
8. Club 18-25 offers an opportunity for you to meet other single people on holiday.

3 Determiner and quantifiers

Complete the sentences with these words:

only	much	no
this	every	an

1. Sue isn't the best company to be with. She talks about her children at possible opportunity!
2. Since we started a family we don't get opportunity to go out dancing.
3. If I have opportunity, I'll take your books back to the library for you this afternoon.
4. She's just in town for the day. This may be your one and opportunity to meet her.
5. The Professor left straight after his lecture, so there was opportunity to find out why he held such weird ideas.
6. I'd like to take opportunity to thank all of you for your support.



"We don't get much opportunity to go dancing any more!"

Notes

1. In 1-5 'arises' is also possible.
2. Note this expression:
Make sure you make the most of this opportunity.
3. Note these ways of talking about great opportunities:
I'll have a wonderful opportunity to practise my Italian when I'm in Rome.
From the company's point of view, this is an excellent opportunity to expand into Europe.
We see this agreement as an exciting opportunity for both companies to work together.
4. Note these two common expressions:
All over the world women are demanding equal opportunities in the workplace.
Job opportunities for women have improved greatly.