

## Missing The Opportunity 勿失良机 — 11 月 29 日

Hello and Welcome to English World. This is your friend Mark.

And I am your friend Guo Wen-Jie.

欢迎你来到英语世界

Wen-J, I didn't see you yesterday.

Well, I took a day off yesterday.

我昨天休假，没有回到办公室

Do you know who stopped by the office?

Oh, Who stopped by?

谁来访了？

Our old friend Jeff. Do you still remember him?

The tall guy Jeff? Of course I remember him.

我们的老同事 Jeff 来探望大家 How is he?

He is fine. He said hello to you.

他向我问好

Oh, I missed the good opportunity to see him.

我错过了和他会面的好机会

Yes, you did. Speaking of that, today we are going to talk about opportunities.

今天我们要谈的主题，就是 opportunities 机会

An opportunity is a moment in time in which we can do something.

我们可以在某一个时刻作些事情，这就是机会

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in time in which we can do something.

### How do we say it? 要怎么说？

Opportunity	( opportunity 机会，时机)
We say, Find an opportunity	(找到一个机会 find an opportunity)
Create an opportunity	(创造一个机会 create an opportunity)
Miss the opportunity	(错过机会 miss the opportunity)
Lose the opportunity	(失去机会 lose the opportunity)

Coming up next, it's today's Everyday Dialogue.

紧接下来，我们要来听今天的“日常会话”

Annie is inviting her friend Justin to a party.

Annie 邀请她的朋友 Justin 去一个聚会（派对）

Let's listen in.

我们一起来听他们的对话

\*Dialogue

- A: *I am hosting a party at my home Saturday and you are invited.*  
J: *Thanks, but I think I would rather stay at home.*  
A: *Why? What will you be doing at home?*  
J: *I don't know. Maybe do some reading and watch a DVD.*  
A: *You can do that any other night. Come, I am sure you will enjoy this party.*  
J: *You are very kind to invite me.*  
A: *There will be food and music. And it's a great opportunity to meet interesting people.*  
J: *Well, I'll think about it.*  
A: *Don't think too much. Just come. I look forward to seeing you this Saturday.*
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Ok, Now, let's review this dialogue sentence by sentence.

我们一起来逐句的了解这段对话

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- A: *I am hosting a party at my home Saturday and you are invited.*  
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这星期六，我在家里办一个聚会，你也被邀请参加  
We say, hosting a party or having a party  
hosting a party, having a party  
是主办一个派对，开 party
- J: *Thanks, but I think I would rather stay at home.*  
Thanks, but I would rather stay at home.  
谢了。但是我宁愿待在家里  
I would rather means I prefer  
我宁愿怎样怎样  
I would rather or I prefer  
Stay at home  
Stay at home 待在家里
- A: *Why? What will you be doing at home?*  
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为什么呢？你待在家里要作什么呢？
- J: *I don't know. Maybe do some reading and watch a DVD.*  
I don't know. Maybe do some reading and watch a DVD.  
我不知道。可能看看书，看 D V D 电影

A: *You can do that any other night. Come, I am sure you will enjoy this party.*

You can do that any other night.

你随意哪个晚上都可以做那些事阿

Come, I am sure you will enjoy this party.

Come, I am sure you will enjoy this party.

来吧，我相信如果你来，你会很开心的

J: *You are very kind to invite me.*

You are very kind to invite me.

你实在对我很好，邀请我参加

You are very kind.

You are very kind.

你很仁慈，对人很好

A: *There will be food and music. And it's a great opportunity to meet interesting people.*

There will be food and music.

聚会里有食物，有音乐

And it's a great opportunity to meet interesting people.)

And it's a great opportunity to meet interesting people.

也是个大好时机来认识一些有趣的人

It's a great opportunity or we say, It's a wonderful opportunity.

大好时机

a great opportunity, a wonderful opportunity

J: *Well, I'll think about it.*

Well, I'll think about it.

嗯，我会考虑看看

A: *Don't think too much. Just come. I look forward to seeing you this Saturday.*

Don't think too much. Just come.

不要想太多，来就是了

I look forward to seeing you this Saturday.

I look forward to seeing you this Saturday.

我期待这星期六见到你

I look forward to seeing you. I am expecting to see you. I am eager to see you.

I look forward to, I am expecting to, I am eager to

意思都是我很期待

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All Right. Now listen to the Everyday Dialogue once again.

我们再来听一回日常会话

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What do you think, Wen-J? Should Justin go to the party?

Of course.

Why do you say so?

Justin seems to be a shy person.

看来 Justin 人很害羞 This is a good chance for him to meet people.

这是他认识人的好机会

I agree. He should take this opportunity to be sociable.

Justin 应该把握这个机会去和人交往

We have a saying: "When opportunity knocks, open the door!"

西方人有句谚语: When opportunity knocks, open the door! 当机会来敲门时, 要把门打开。

Of course, Opportunity is not a real person.

机会并不是一个人, 这是拟人化说法

But this is an idiom meaning: Take hold of the important moment in time.

意思是, 要把握那个重要的时机

We have all had the experience of missing something.

我们都有错过了一些机会的体验

Like missing the train or the plane while traveling.

好比, 旅行时没搭上火车或是飞机

Missing a wonderful concert or performance.

错过了音乐会或是表演

Missing a ball game.

错过了球赛

Missing the opportunity to meet with old friends.

错过了和老朋友相见的机会

That's right.

We miss a lot of things.

我们错过很多事物

## **Fun With the Idioms 趣味成语**

“When opportunity knocks, open the door!”

当机会来敲门时，要把门打开。

“Don’t miss this opportunity, it may never come again.”

良机莫失，失不再来

Well, if you miss a bus, there’s a later one.

如果你错过一班 公车，总还有下一班

Or the musicians may perform another concert.

或者表演艺人会有另一场的演奏

However, there are opportunities in life,

但是人生中有一些机会

That, if we do not take action.

我们如果不采取行动

These opportunities are lost forever

这些机会就永远失去

Do you wish you would have spent more time with the family?

你是否希望过去能多花点时间跟家人相聚呢？

Do you feel sorry that you were not more kind and helpful to others?

你是否为了过往不够仁慈去帮助人而难过呢？

When you have opportunities, do you say thanks to people

如果你有机会的话，你会向谁说声谢谢呢？

## **Verse of the Week 每周金句**

Be very careful, then, how you live.

你们要谨慎行事

not as unwise but as wise,

不要像愚昧人，当像智慧人

making the most of every opportunity,

要爱惜光阴

because the days are evil.

因为现今的世代邪恶

Ephesians 5:15,16 以弗所书

For Christians, we should make the most of every opportunity.

对基督徒来说，我们应该把握每个机会

To live wisely.

有智慧的生活

Take the opportunity to repent and accept God’s salvation.

把握机会向神悔罪，接受救恩

Use every opportunity to do good to all people.

利用每个机会向众人行善

To share God's love with others.

与人分享神的爱

Use our lives to serve God and His people.

以我们的生命去事奉神，事奉人

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Listener friend, What opportunities do you have today?

听友，你今天有怎样的机会呢？

Don't miss out on them.

可不要错过机会了

One great opportunity is this:

一个大好机会是，

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你可以得到我们赠送，免费的英语世界 DVD

Write to us and we will be glad to send it to you.

只要向我们索取，我们会寄上给你

Also, you can review the old lessons on our website.

也别忘了，你可以上网来复习旧课程

This is your friend Mark.

And I am your friend Guo Wen-Jie.

Until next time, happy learning!

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Mark, why don't we "create" an opportunity?

Create an opportunity to do what?

To invite our friend Jeff to have lunch with us.

That's an excellent idea.