

Talking Sport

Week 3 – Shawn Johnson Experience & opportunity



In today's video we heard Shawn use the words **experience** and **opportunity**.

1) Nouns and Verbs

In the video Shawn used the word 'experience'.

*"I am most looking forward to just the whole Olympic **experience** again."*

The word experience can be used both as a noun and as a verb.

Noun:

Example: I had an awful **experience** at the dentist's.

Verb:

Example: Alan is **experiencing** some difficulties at work.

The word practice can also be a noun and a verb but when it is used as a verb the spelling changes.

Noun: Practice

Example: He is always at football **practice**!

Verb: Practise

Example: I **practise** playing the piano every day.

Now complete these sentences with the correct word - practise or practice?

1. It seemed like a good plan but in _____ is was an awful idea.
2. I need to _____ my English.
3. I love hockey _____. It is a great way to meet new people.
4. To be the best in your sport you need to _____ every day.

2) Chance idioms

In the video Shawn talked about 'opportunity' meaning a chance to do something.

*"... getting the **opportunity** to compete with them."*

*"So I hope I get that **opportunity** again."*

Here are some phrases containing the word chance.

fat chance: an exclamation we say when something is not likely to happen

given half a chance: would be very keen to do something if given the opportunity

chance your arm: take a risk in order to get what you want

a fifty–fifty chance: there is an equal chance of something happening or not

Now complete these sentences with the correct phrase.

1. A: I am going to own a really big house by the end of next year!
B: You don't have a job, _____ of that happening.
2. He is really _____ asking for a pay rise.
3. There's only _____ that Sarah can make it home for my birthday.
4. I would stop work _____.

Answers

1) Nouns and Verbs

1. It seemed like a good plan but in practice it was an awful idea.
2. I need to practise my English.
3. I love hockey practice. It is a great way to meet new people.
4. To be the best in your sport you need to practise every day.

2) Chance idioms

1. A: I am going to own a really big house by the end of next year!
B: You don't have a job, fat chance of that happening.
2. He is really chancing his arm asking for a pay rise.
3. There's only a fifty-fifty chance that Sarah can make it home for my birthday.
4. I would stop work given half the chance.

Script

Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

In gymnastics, China, Russia and the USA were the biggest medal winners at the last Olympics.

Shawn Johnson from America won a gold medal and three silver medals.

And she is hoping to compete again in the London 2012 Olympics!

Let's hear what Shawn is looking forward to.

Listen for the words 'experience' and 'opportunity'.

Clip

I am most looking forward to just the whole Olympic experience again. Walking into the Olympic village and being surrounded by the world's best athletes and getting the opportunity to compete with them. So I hope I get that opportunity again.

Presenter

Watch the clip again.

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I am most looking forward to just the whole Olympic **experience** again. Walking into the Olympic village and being surrounded by the world's best athletes and getting the **opportunity** to compete with them. So I hope I get that **opportunity** again.

Presenter

an experience

This means something that happens that affects how you feel.

I am looking forward to just the whole Olympic experience again.

an opportunity

This means a chance to do something.

... getting the opportunity to compete with them

... I hope I get that opportunity again

Let's hear from some people in London. Listen to how they use the words 'experience' and 'opportunity'.

Vox pops

This trip to London, it's an experience that I'll never forget.

Visiting London has been a great opportunity to see another culture.

A great opportunity for me has been working in London.

On screen

... is an experience I will never forget

... has been a great opportunity

a great opportunity for me has been...

Presenter

I'm Natalie and that's all from Talking Sport.

Why not try out this week's worksheet for some extra learning?

See you next time.