

## Opportunity

The air we breathe is so freely available that we take it for granted. Yet without it we could not survive more than a few minutes. **For the most part**, the same air is available to everyone, and everyone needs it. Some people use the air to **sustain** them while they sit around and feel sorry for themselves. Others breathe in the air and use the energy it provides to make a **magnificent** life.

Opportunity is the same way. It is everywhere. Opportunity is so freely available that we take it for granted. Yet opportunity alone is not enough to create success. Opportunity must be seized and **acted upon** in order to have value. So many people are so anxious to "**get in**" on a "**ground floor opportunity**", as if the opportunity will do all the work. That's impossible.

Just as you need air to breathe, you need opportunity to succeed. It takes more than just breathing in the fresh air of opportunity, however. You must make use of that opportunity. That's not up to the opportunity. That's up to you. It doesn't matter what "floor" the opportunity is on. What matters is what you do with it.

### Notes

For the most part: 在很大程度上; 主要地

Sustain: 维持; 经受; 支撑, 抵挡

magnificent: 壮丽的, 伟大的, 华丽的, 高贵的

Act upon/on: 根据... 来行动

"get in" on a "ground floor opportunity": 夺得先机。源自于词组 *get in on the ground floor* 取得有利地位

the same way 同样的道路, 衍生意义为同样的道理。