event

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event noun

i-ˈvent

Synonyms of *event*

1 a : something that happens : **OCCURRENCE**

The accident was caused by an odd ***chain/sequence/series of events***.

It's hard to predict the ***course of events***. [=to predict what will happen]

b : a noteworthy happening

was there to witness the *event*

c : a social occasion or activity

a calendar of *events*

d : an adverse or damaging medical occurrence

a heart attack or other cardiac *event*

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2 : any of the contests in a program of sports

3 a : a postulated outcome, condition, or eventuality

In the *event* that I am not there, call the house.

b : the final outcome or determination of a legal action

c **archaic** : **OUTCOME**

4 : the fundamental entity of observed physical reality represented by a point designated by three coordinates of place and one of time in the space-time continuum postulated by the theory of relativity

5 : a subset of the possible outcomes of an experiment

eventless i-ˈvent-ləs **adjective**

see also: **AT ALL EVENTS** | **IN ANY EVENT** | **IN THE EVENT**

Synonyms of *event*

Relevance

incident **thing**
circumstance **occurrence**
episode **happening**
occasion **affair**

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Choose the Right Synonym for *event*

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EVENT usually implies an occurrence of some importance and frequently one having antecedent cause.

> the *events* following the assassination

INCIDENT suggests an occurrence of brief duration or secondary importance.

> a minor wartime *incident*

EPISODE stresses the distinctiveness or apartness of an incident.

> a brief romantic *episode* in a life devoted to work

CIRCUMSTANCE implies a specific detail attending an action or event as part of its setting or background.

> couldn't recall the exact *circumstances*

Examples of *event* in a Sentence

> The article recounted the ***events*** of the past year.

> the last major ***event*** of the summer

> He had no memory of the ***events*** that happened afterwards.

> The accident was caused by an unusual ***sequence of events***.

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track-and-field *events*

4 : a possible result in an experiment in probability or statistics

rolling a 7 is an *event* in the throwing of two dice

Medical Definition

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Legal Definition

event noun

1 : something that happens : **OCCURRENCE**

2 : the issue or outcome of a legal action or proceeding as finally determined

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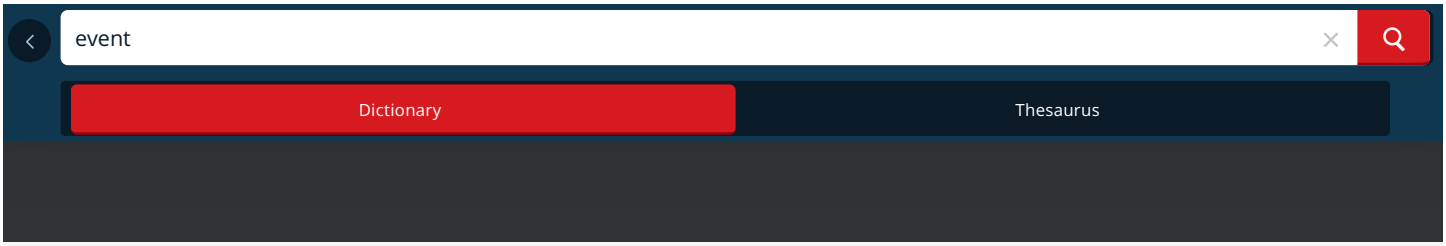
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