



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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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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| Yao was discussing the next stage of AI development on-stage Friday with Tencent's Cloud executive Dowson Tong at the company's **event** in Beijing co-organized with local authorities.

— Evelyn Cheng, anniek Bao, *CNBC*, 5 June 2026

| The forces, initially planned as potential rescue teams in the **event** of an emergency, expanded in scope to become military and intelligence gathering positions.

— Tal Shalev, *CNN Money*, 5 June 2026

| Victim's siblings talk about impact of finding answers This past April, six years after Nash's DNA matched the crime scene evidence, the San Bernardino County district attorney hosted an **event** for National Crime Victims Rights Week where Jones' younger sister, Kymberly Jones, spoke.

— Saleen Martin, *USA Today*, 5 June 2026

| It was inspired by true **events** in the life of Natalia Grace and debuted on Hulu in 2025.

— Joe Otterson, *Variety*, 4 June 2026

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in the event of	mass extinction event
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consent	dement
descent	detent
dissent	extent

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- 1 **a** : something usually of importance that happens
| **b** : a social occasion or activity (as a party)
- 2 : **EVENTUALITY**
| in the *event* of rain the ceremony will be held indoors
- 3 : any of the contests in a program of sports
| 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

event noun

i-ˈvent

- : an adverse or damaging medical occurrence
| a heart attack or other cardiac *event*

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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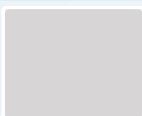
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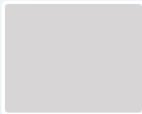
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