

befall

[bɪ'fɔ:l] *v* (*befell; befallen*)

- случаться (с кем-л.); приключаться; выпадать на (чью-л.) долю
 a strange fate befell him - его постигла /ему выпала/ странная судьба
 what befell him? - что с ним стало?
 I fear some evil will befall - боюсь, что случится беда
- учм.* (to)
 - подходить, быть подходящим
 - относиться (к чему-л.)
- арх.* доставаться по праву

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

be-fall [befall befalls befell befalling befallen] *BrE* [bɪ'fɔ:l] *NAmE* [bɪ'fɔ:l]

verb (**be-fell** *BrE* [bɪ'fel] ; *NAmE* [bɪ'fel] , **be-fallen** *BrE* [bɪ'fɔ:ləŋ] ; *NAmE* [bɪ'fɔ:ləŋ]) ~ **sb** (used only in the third person) (*literary*) (*of sth unpleasant*)
 to happen to sb

- They were unaware of the fate that was to befall them.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	befall
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:l/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:l/
he / she / it	befalls
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:lz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:lz/
past simple	befell
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'fel/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'fel/
past participle	befallen
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:lən/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:lən/
-ing form	befalling
	<i>BrE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:lɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /bɪ'fɔ:lɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English befeallan 'to fall' (early use being mainly figurative); related to German [befallen](#).

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

be-fall /bɪ'fɔ:l\$ -'fɔ:l/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* (*past tense* **befell** /-'fel/, *past participle* **befallen** /-'fɔ:ləŋ\$ -'fɔ:ləŋ/) [*transitive*] *literary*

if something unpleasant or dangerous befalls you, it happens to you:

We prayed that no harm should befall them.

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befall 254

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befalls 79

befalling 23

befell 182

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