

**accident**[ˈæksɪd(ə)nt] *n*

## 1. несчастный случай; катастрофа авария

railway [motor /motoring/] accident - железнодорожная [автомобильная] катастрофа

fatal accident - несчастный случай со смертельным исходом

industrial accident - несчастный случай на производстве

accident frequency rate - **амер.** коэффициент промышленного травматизма

accident hospital - травматологическая больница

accident insurance - страхование от несчастных случаев

accident prevention - а) техника безопасности; б) предупреждение несчастных случаев

accident preventatives - техника /средства/ безопасности

to have/to meet with/ an accident - попасть в катастрофу, **особ.** дорожно-транспортное происшествие; потерпеть аварию /крушение/

two get back without accident - вернуться благополучно

## 2. случай, случайность

pure /mere/ accident - чистая случайность

accident measures - **воен.** меры предупреждения случайностей

by accident - случайно, нечаянно

we met by accident rather than by design - мы встретились скорее случайно, чем преднамеренно

nothing was left to accident - всё было предусмотрено, случайностям места не осталось

3. **лог.** случайное свойство; побочное обстоятельство4. **геогр.** складка, неровность местности, рельефа5. **филос.** акциденция, несущественное или неглавное качество предмета

◇ accidents will happen in the best regulated families - всякое бывает, ≅ скандал в благородном семействе

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**ac·ci·dent** [accident accidents] **BrE** [ˈæksɪd(ə)nt] <sup>a</sup> **NAmE** [ˈæksɪd(ə)nt] <sup>a</sup> **noun**1. **countable** an unpleasant event, especially in a vehicle, that happens unexpectedly and causes injury or damage• a **car/road/traffic accident**• He was killed **in an accident** .

• One in seven accidents is caused by sleepy drivers.

• The accident happened at 3 p.m.

• to **have an accident**• a **serious/minor accident**• a **fatal accident** (= in which sb is killed)

• accidents in the home

• a **climbing/riding accident**• Take out **accident insurance** before you go on your trip.• I didn't mean to break it— **it was an accident** .2. **countable, uncountable** something that happens unexpectedly and is not planned in advance

• Their early arrival was just an accident.

• It is **no accident** that men fill most of the top jobs in nursing.• an **accident of birth/fate/history** (= describing facts and events that are due to chance or circumstances)**more at** chapter of accidents **at** ↑chapter, an accident/a disaster waiting to happen **at** ↑wait *v.***Idioms:** ↑accidents will happen ▪ ↑by accidentWord Origin:late Middle English (in the general sense 'an event'): via Old French from Latin **accident-** 'happening', from the verb **accidere**, from **ad-** 'towards, to' + **cadere** 'to fall'.Thesaurus:**accident** **noun C**

• an accident on the main road

**crash** • • **collision** • |**AmE wreck** • |**especially journalism pile-up** •**in** a/an accident/crash/collision/wreck/pile-up**have** a/an accident/collision**cause** a/an accident/crash/collision/wreck/pile-upSynonyms:**luck**

chance • coincidence • accident • fate • destiny

These are all words for things that happen or the force that causes them to happen.

**luck** • the force that causes good or bad things to happen to people: ▪ This ring has always brought me good luck.**chance** • the way that some things happen without any cause that you can see or understand: ▪ The results could simply be due to chance.**coincidence** • the fact of two things happening at the same time by chance, in a surprising way: ▪ They met through a series of strange coincidences.**accident** • something that happens unexpectedly and is not planned in advance: ▪ Their early arrival was just an accident.**fate** • the power that is believed to control everything that happens and that cannot be stopped or changed: ▪ Fate decreed that

she would never reach America.

**destiny** • the power that is believed to control events: ▪ I believe there's some force guiding us— call it God, destiny or fate.

**fate or destiny?**

**Fate** can be kind, but this is an unexpected gift; just as often, **fate** is cruel and makes people feel helpless. **Destiny** is more likely to give people a sense of power: people who have a **strong sense of destiny** usually believe that they are meant to be great or do great things.

**by** ...luck/chance/coincidence/accident

**It's no** coincidence/accident **that...**

**pure/sheer** luck/chance/coincidence/accident

**to believe in** luck/coincidences/fate/destiny

Example Bank:

- He was badly hurt in an accident involving two cars and a lorry.
- It happened, whether by accident or design, that Steve and I were the last two people to leave.
- It is no accident that men fill most of the top jobs.
- It's just an accident of history that the city became part of the Soviet Union.
- She met with an accident while on holiday in Spain.
- The ambulance took only six minutes to reach the scene of the accident.
- The woman was involved in a road traffic accident.
- Their boat sank in a freak accident.
- a fatal road accident
- Every year in the United Kingdom more than 4 000 people die in accidents in the home.
- He claimed that Britain was European only as an accident of geography and that its interests really lay with the United States.
- I didn't mean to break it— it was an accident.
- It is the first fatal accident to have occurred at the factory.
- It's Dad. He's had an accident at work.
- She broke her arm in a riding accident.
- The accident happened at 4.20 p.m.
- a climbing/riding accident
- an accident of birth/fate/history

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**ac**ci**ci**dent **S2 W2** /'æksədənt, 'æksɪdənt/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *noun*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑accident; **adverb:** ↑accidentally; **adjective:** ↑accidental]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin accidens 'additional quality, chance', from accidere 'to happen', from ad- 'to' + cadere 'to fall']

1. **by accident** in a way that is not planned or intended **OPP on purpose, deliberately** :

- I met her quite by accident (=completely by accident).
- The discovery was made almost by accident.
- The pilot, whether by accident or design (=whether it was planned or not planned), made the plane do a sharp turn.

2. **[countable]** an event in which a car, train, plane etc is damaged and often someone is hurt:

- Over 70,000 people are seriously injured every year in road accidents.
- The accident happened at the junction of Forest Road and Pine Walk.
- a train accident

3.



**[countable]** a situation in which someone is injured or something is damaged without anyone intending them to be:

- Ken had an accident at work and had to go to hospital.
- I'm sorry about breaking the vase – it was an accident (=I did not intend to do it).

**a climbing/skiing/hunting etc accident**

- He died in a climbing accident in the Himalayas.
- She was injured in a freak accident (=an unusual accident) when a wall suddenly collapsed.
- I had a slight accident with your coffee.
- They lost their lives in a tragic accident.

4. **[uncountable and countable]** something that happens without anyone planning or intending it:

- My third baby was an accident.
- It is no accident that men fill most of the top jobs in nursing, while women remain on the lower grades.

**an accident of birth/geography/history etc** (=an event or situation caused by chance)

5. **accidents (will) happen** *spoken* used to tell someone who has broken something that they should not worry that it has happened

6. **an accident waiting to happen** used about a situation in which an accident is likely to happen because no one is trying to prevent it:

" The boats are being left to drift; it's an accident waiting to happen.

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## COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

### ■ adjectives

- **a bad/serious accident** There's been a bad accident on the freeway. | The road is closed following a serious accident.
- **a major accident** News is coming in of a major rail accident.
- **a horrible/nasty/horrific accident** We narrowly avoided a nasty accident. | 'This was an absolutely horrific accident,' said an ambulance spokesman.
- **a fatal accident** (=in which someone is killed) a fatal accident involving a bus and a cyclist
- **a minor accident** (=one that is not serious) The ice and poor visibility caused minor accidents all over the country.
- **a road/traffic accident** The number of traffic accidents has gone down. | Portugal has one of Western Europe's worst road accident rates.
- **a car accident** (also **an automobile accident** *American English formal*) He was badly injured in a car accident.
- **a plane accident/an airplane accident** (also **a flying accident**) Holly died in a plane accident.
- **a rail accident/a train accident** It was the country's worst ever rail accident.
- **a hit-and-run accident** (=when someone is hit by a driver who does not stop) A woman is fighting for her life after a hit-and-run accident.

### ■ verbs

- **have an accident** I had an accident on my way to work.
- **be involved in an accident** *formal* Your son has been involved in a car accident.
- **prevent an accident** Steps have been taken to prevent a similar accident happening again.
- **an accident happens** (also **an accident occurs** *formal*) No one saw the accident happen. | Most road accidents occur in urban areas.

### ■ accident + NOUN

- **an accident victim** One of the accident victims is still trapped in his vehicle.
- **accident rates/statistics** There is a relation between accident rates and the numbers of drivers on the road. | a survey of the latest airline accident statistics
- **an accident investigation/inquiry** The two deaths are the subject of an accident inquiry. | Accident investigations often take months.
- **an accident investigator** Accident investigators have been there all morning.

### ■ phrases

- **the scene of an accident** (=the place where it happened) Police were at the scene of the accident within minutes.

### ■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '*a small accident*'. Say **a minor accident**.

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## THESAURUS

- **accident** an event in which a vehicle is damaged and often someone is hurt: Her father died in a car accident. | Hugh had an accident on his way to work.
- **crash** a serious accident in which a vehicle hits something else: Rees-Jones was the only person to survive the crash. | a car/plane/train crash | He was killed in a plane crash.
- **collision** an accident in which two or more cars, trains etc hit each other: His car was involved in a collision with a train. | **a head-on collision** (=between vehicles that are driving towards each other): The actor was killed in a head-on collision while driving his new sports car.
- **disaster** a serious accident involving a train, plane, or boat, in which a lot of people are killed or injured: It was Britain's worst air disaster.
- **wreck** *American English* an accident in which a car or train is badly damaged: Ben nearly died in a car wreck.
- **pile-up** an accident that involves several cars or trucks: The pile-up happened in thick fog. | There was a 12-car pile-up on the motorway.
- **fender-bender** *American English informal*, **prang** *British English informal* a car accident in which little damage is done: Atkinson was involved in a fender-bender in the hotel parking lot. | At 15, he borrowed his parents' car and had a prang.

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