

**phenomenon**[fɪˈnɒmɪnən] *n* (*pl* -*mena*)

- 1) явление, феномен (*тж. филос.*)  
the phenomenon of nature - явление природы  
common phenomenon - обычное явление  
atmospheric phenomenon - атмосферное явление  
the phenomenon of pain - болевой симптом
- 2) *филос.* объект чувственного восприятия
2. *разг.* необыкновенное явление, феномен, чудо  
infant phenomenon - чудо-ребёнок, вундеркинд

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**phe-nom-enon** **AW** [phenomenon phenomena] **BrE** [fəˈnɒmɪnən] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> **NAmE** [fəˈnɑːmɪnən] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> **noun** (*pl.* **phe-nom-ena** **BrE** [fəˈnɒmɪnə] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> ; **NAmE** [fəˈnɑːmɪnə] <sup>Ⓜ</sup> )

1. a fact or an event in nature or society, especially one that is not fully understood
  - **cultural/natural/social phenomena**
  - Globalization is a phenomenon of the 21st century.
  - Early retirement is a relatively new phenomenon in Britain.
2. (*pl.* **phe-nom-enons** in NAmE) a person or thing that is very successful or impressive

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: via late Latin from Greek **phainomenon** ‘**thing appearing to view**’, based on **phainein** ‘**to show**’.

Example Bank:

- His job is to investigate supernatural phenomena.
- How does one explain this incredible phenomenon?
- I observed a similar phenomenon in Bolivia.
- She proved scientifically that such phenomena exist.
- The movie has become a bona fide cult phenomenon.
- The phenomenon occurs during early foetal development.
- The phenomenon occurs in the early stages of pregnancy.
- The unfolding energy crisis is very much a global phenomenon.
- amazing natural phenomena
- the growing phenomenon of air rage
- Harry Potter was the greatest book publishing phenomenon ever.
- The Grand National, with bets worth more than £8m, is a racing phenomenon.
- The research sets out to explain certain social phenomena in modern urban areas.
- They claimed the depletion of the ozone layer was primarily a natural phenomenon.
- This kind of crime is a phenomenon of the modern age.
- This young pianist is a phenomenon.
- natural/cultural/social phenomena

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**phe-nom-e-non** **W3 AC** /fɪˈnɒmənən, fɪˈnɒmɪnən \$ fɪˈnɑːmənən \$ fɪˈnɑːmɪnən/ **BrE** <sup>Ⓜ</sup> **AmE** <sup>Ⓜ</sup> **noun**

(*plural* **phenomena** /-nə/) [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Late Latin; Origin: Greek phainomenon, from phainein ‘to show’]

1. something that happens or exists in society, science, or nature, especially something that is studied because it is difficult to understand

**phenomenon of**

- the growing phenomenon of telecommuting
- Homelessness is not a new phenomenon.

**natural/historical/social etc phenomenon**

- Language is a social and cultural phenomenon.

2. something or someone that is very unusual because of a rare quality or ability that they have

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**COLLOCATIONS****adjectives**

- **a new phenomenon** The idea that we may be able to live forever is not a new phenomenon.
- **a recent phenomenon** Detailed food labelling is a fairly recent phenomenon.
- **a common phenomenon** Cloudy water is a common phenomenon in new aquariums.
- **a rare phenomenon** Planes have occasionally disappeared in midair, but this is a rare phenomenon.
- **a strange phenomenon** What could explain this strange phenomenon?
- **a natural phenomenon** (=one that happens in nature) Natural phenomena such as the appearance of comets intrigued him.
- **a social/cultural etc phenomenon** Crime is a complex social phenomenon.
- **supernatural/paranormal phenomena** (=ones that appear to be against the laws of nature) Ghosts are one example of paranormal phenomena.
- **psychic phenomena** (=relating to the power of the human mind to do strange things) psychic phenomena such as telepathy

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**THESAURUS**

- **event** something that happens, especially something important, interesting, or unusual: He spoke of the tragic event in which more than 100 people died. | recent political events
- **occurrence** /ə'kʌrəns \$ ə'kʌrəns/ *formal* something that happens – used especially when saying how often something happens: Divorce is a common occurrence these days. | Storms like this one are fortunately a rare occurrence. | Accidents are almost a daily occurrence on this road.
- **incident** something that happens, especially something that is unusual or unpleasant, or something that is one of several events: He died after a violent incident outside a nightclub. | This latest incident could put an end to his career.
- **occasion** an important social event or celebration: She only wore the dress for special occasions. | It was his 100th birthday, and friends and family gathered to mark the occasion.
- **affair** [usually singular] something that happens, especially something shocking in political or public life which involves several people and events: The affair has caused people to lose confidence in their government.
- **phenomenon** /fi'nɒmənən, fi'nɒmɪnən \$ fi'nɑːmən ɒnən/ something that happens or exists in society, science, or nature, especially something that is studied because it is difficult to understand: natural phenomena such as earthquakes | Homelessness is not a new phenomenon.

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