

**happen**['hæpən] *v***1. случаться, происходить**

to relate the facts as they actually happened - рассказывать всё по порядку

what happened to your friend? - что случилось с твоим другом?

don't let it happen again! - не допускайте повторения этого!

worse things happen - бывает и хуже; случается и худшее

as often happens - как часто бывает

whatever happens - что бы ни случилось

happen what may - будь что будет

should it so happen - если так случится

just as if nothing had happened - как ни в чём не бывало

what happened next? - а что было потом?

something happened to my watch - у меня что-то с часами

if anything happens to me - *эфф.* если что-нибудь со мной случится, если я умру**2. оказываться (случайно)**

the house happened to be empty - дом оказался пустым

I happen to know that ... - мне случайно стало известно, что ...

do you happen to know whether the train has already left or not? - вы случайно не знаете, ушёл ли уже поезд или ещё нет?

I happen to like you - как ни странно, (но) вы мне нравитесь

how does it happen that you were out? - как получилось, что тебя не было на месте?

as it happens - а) дело в том, что; б) случайно

as it happened, he was away - он как раз /как нарочно/ был в отъезде

there happened to be no visitors that day - в тот день посетителей не оказалось

it so happened that he had no money - случилось так, что у него не оказалось денег

**3. посчастливиться**

I happened to have found the right words - мне удалось подобрать нужные слова

**4. (on, upon) натолкнуться**

to happen upon a lost article - случайно найти затерявшуюся статью

the two friends happen on each other by chance - друзья встретились совершенно случайно

**happen**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**hap·pen** [happen happens happened happening] *BrE* ['hæpən] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE*['hæpən] *verb***1. intransitive** to take place, especially without being planned

- You'll never guess what's happened!
- Accidents like this happen all the time.
- Let's see what happens next week.
- I'll be there **whatever happens**.
- Is this really happening or is it a dream?
- I don't know how this happened.

**2. intransitive** to take place as the result of sth

- She pressed the button but nothing happened.
- What happens if nobody comes to the party?
- Just plug it in and **see what happens**.

**3. linking verb** to do or be sth by chance

- ~ **to be/do sth** She happened to be out when we called.
- You don't happen to know his name, do you?
- This happens to be my favourite restaurant.
- The door happened to be unlocked.
- **it happens that...** It happened that she was out when we called.

**4. transitive** ~ **to be/do sth** used to tell sb sth, especially when you are disagreeing with them or annoyed by what they have said

- That happens to be my mother you're talking about!

**more at** accidents will happen **at** ↑ **accident**, in the event of sth/that sth happens **at** ↑ **event**, shit happens **at** ↑ **shit**, an accident/a disaster waiting to happen **at** ↑ **wait** *v*.

Idioms: ↑ anything can happen ▪ ↑ as it happens ▪ ↑ it so happens that ... ▪ ↑ these things happen

Derived ↑ happen on something ▪ ↑ happen to somebody

## Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	happen
	BrE / 'hæpən/
	NA.mE / 'hæpən/
he / she / it	happens
	BrE / 'hæpənz/
	NA.mE / 'hæpənz/
past simple, past participle	happened
	BrE / 'hæpənd/
	NA.mE / 'hæpənd/
-ing form	happening
	BrE / 'hæpənɪŋ/
	NA.mE / 'hæpənɪŋ/

## Word Origin:

late Middle English (superseding the verb hap): from the noun hap 'chance' + †-en.

## Thesaurus:

### happen **verb**

- How did the accident happen?

**take place** • • **come about** • • **come up** • • **present itself** • • **turn out** • • **materialize** • • **crop up** • |**formal occur** • • **arise** •

a **change** happens/takes place/comes about/occurs/arises

an **event/accident** happens/takes place/occurs

**be likely to** happen/take place/come about/come up/materialize/crop up/occur/arise

## Example Bank:

- Don't just sit back and let it happen.
- I don't remember learning to swim, it just happened.
- Mistakes are bound to happen sometimes.
- She couldn't quite believe that all this was actually happening to her.
- She didn't know what was happening to her.
- Sometimes fun activities just happen spontaneously; at other times they take careful planning.
- They could only wait and see what was going to happen.
- What tends to happen is that students spend the first week of the course in a blind panic, but settle down by the second or third week.
- You have to make things happen if you want them to happen.
- Change doesn't happen overnight
- I don't know how this happened.
- I'll be there whatever happens.
- Just plug it in and see what happens.
- Let's see what happens next week.
- She couldn't believe that all this was actually happening.
- You'll never guess what's happened!

## happen

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**hap** **pen** **S1 W1** /'hæpən/ **BrE** <sup>="</sup> **AmE** <sup>="</sup> **verb** [intransitive]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: hap (⇒ †happy)]

1. when something happens, there is an event, especially one that is not planned **SYN occur**:

- " When did the accident happen?
- " It's impossible to predict what will happen next.

### something/nothing/anything happens

- " Something terrible has happened.
- " She carried on as if nothing had happened.
- " This was bound to happen sooner or later.
- " This kind of thing happens all the time.
- " We'll still be friends, whatever happens.

2. **something/anything/what happens to somebody/something** if something happens to someone or something, they are affected by an event:

- " He should be here by now – something must have happened to him.
- " The same thing happened to me last year.
- " What's happened to your coat? It's all ripped.

3. **happen to do something** if you happen to do something, you do it by chance:

- " I happened to see James in town.

4. **somebody/something happens to be something** used when telling someone something in an angry way:

- " This happens to be my house!

5. **as it happens/it just so happens** used to tell someone something that is surprising, interesting, or useful:

- " As it happens, I know someone who might be able to help.

6. **these things happen** used to tell someone not to worry about a mistake they have made, an accident they have caused etc:

- " It's not your fault – these things happen.

7. **whatever happened to somebody/something?** used to ask where a person or thing is now:

Whatever happened to Steve? I haven't seen him for years.

⇒ accidents (will) happen at ↑accident(5)

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### THESAURUS

- **happen** used especially when talking about events that have not been planned: When did the accident happen? | Something terrible has happened!
- **take place** to happen – used especially when talking about events that have been planned or that have already happened: The conference will take place on the 16th of June. | The competition took place on Saturday 30th June.
- **occur** *formal* to happen – used especially when talking about events that have not been planned: The incident occurred outside the police station at around 9 pm.
- **there is/there are** used when saying that a particular event happens: There was an earthquake about a week ago. | There are strikes almost every year.
- **come up** to happen – used about problems, questions, or opportunities: There aren't any jobs at the moment, but we'll let you know if something comes up. | This question often comes up when I'm talking to students.
- **arise** *formal* to happen unexpectedly – used about problems, arguments, or difficult situations: A dispute arose about who should receive the money. | It is best to deal with the problem as soon as it arises.
- **crop up** to happen – used about problems or difficult situations, especially ones that are less serious, and can quickly be dealt with: The banks will contact their customers if a problem crops up.
- **strike** to happen suddenly and unexpectedly – used about very bad events: The hurricane struck at around 1 am. | Disaster struck, and he lost all movement in his legs.
- **turn out** to happen in a particular way: Luckily, everything turned out well. | How did it all turn out?

**happen on/upon somebody/something** *phrasal verb literary or old-fashioned*

to find something or meet someone by chance **SYN come across:**

▪ I happened on the restaurant by chance.

## happen

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