

**coincidence**[kəʊ'ɪnsɪd(ə)ns] *n*

- совпадение  
coincidence of space [of time, of number] - совпадение в пространстве [во времени, в количестве]
- случайное стечение обстоятельств  
strange coincidence - странное стечение обстоятельств
- полное согласие, гармония

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**co-in-ci-dence** **AW** [coincidence coincidences] **BrE** [kəʊ'ɪnsɪdəns] <sup>#</sup> **NAmE**[kəʊ'ɪnsɪdəns] <sup>#</sup> **noun**

- countable, uncountable** the fact of two things happening at the same time by chance, in a surprising way
  - a **strange/an extraordinary/a remarkable coincidence**
  - What a coincidence!** I wasn't expecting to see you here.
  - It's **not a coincidence that** none of the directors are women (= it did not happen by chance).
  - By (sheer) coincidence**, I met the person we'd been discussing the next day.
- singular (formal)** the fact of things being present at the same time
  - the coincidence of inflation and unemployment
- singular (formal)** the fact of two or more opinions, etc. being the same
  - a coincidence of interests between the two partners

Word Origin:

early 17th cent. (in the sense 'occupation of the same space'): from medieval Latin *coincidentia*, from *coincidere* 'coincide, agree', from *co-* 'together with' + *incidere* 'fall upon or into'.

Synonyms:**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:

- By an unfortunate coincidence, their house was burgled on the day he lost his job.
- By coincidence, we both went to the same school.
- It was pure coincidence that they were both in Paris on the same day.
- Remarkable coincidences do happen in real life.
- They met through a series of strange coincidences.
- What a happy coincidence to meet you at the airport just when I wanted to see you.
- By sheer coincidence, I met the person we'd been discussing the next day.
- It's not a coincidence that none of the directors is a woman.

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**co-in-ci-dence** /kəʊ'ɪnsədəns, kəʊ'ɪnsɪdəns \$ kəʊ-/ **BrE** <sup>#</sup> **AmE** <sup>#</sup> **noun**

- [uncountable and countable]** when two things happen at the same time, in the same place, or to the same people in a way that seems surprising or unusual ⇒ **coincide, coincidental**:

<sup>#</sup> 'I'm going to Appleby tomorrow.' 'What a coincidence! I'm going there too.'

**by coincidence**

<sup>#</sup> By coincidence, John and I both ended up at Yale.

**sheer/pure coincidence (=completely by chance)**

<sup>#</sup> It was sheer coincidence that we were staying in the same hotel.

**not a coincidence/more than coincidence (=not chance, but deliberate)**

<sup>#</sup> I think it is more than coincidence that all the complaints have come from the same group of people.

- [singular] formal** when two ideas, opinions etc are the same

## coincidence of

" a coincidence of interest between the mining companies and certain politicians

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **sheer/pure coincidence** (=complete chance) It was pure coincidence that we were on the same plane.
- **mere coincidence** (=only chance and nothing else) Is it mere coincidence that they always seem to employ men?
- **a happy/lucky/fortunate coincidence** It was just a happy coincidence that he was there too.
- **an unfortunate coincidence** By a very unfortunate coincidence, she didn't get either of his emails.
- **a strange/curious coincidence** What a strange coincidence that you were both living in Bangkok at the same time.
- **a remarkable /amazing /extraordinary coincidence** What an extraordinary coincidence meeting you here!

### ■ phrases

- **it is a coincidence that** It was a remarkable coincidence that two people with the same name were staying at the hotel.
- **it is not a/no coincidence that** (=it is deliberate) It is no coincidence that the Government made the announcement today.
- **be more than (a) coincidence** (=there is some other explanation) When I saw him a third time, I realized it was more than just coincidence.
- **a string/series/set of coincidences** The accident happened because of a string of unfortunate coincidences.

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