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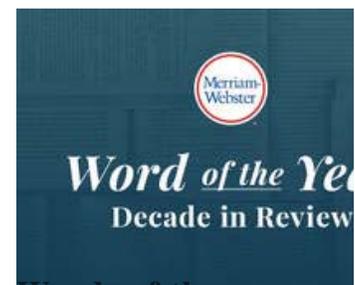
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Definition of *occurrence*

- 1 : something that [occurs](#) a startling occurrence Lightning is a natural occurrence.
- 2 : the action or fact of happening or occurring —often used with *of* the repeated occurrence of petty theft in the locker room

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Choose the Right Synonym for *occurrence*

[occurrence](#), [event](#), [incident](#), [episode](#), [circumstance](#) mean something that happens or takes place. [occurrence](#) may apply to a happening without intent, volition, or plan. an encounter that was a chance *occurrence* [event](#) usually implies an occurrence of some importance and frequently one having antecedent cause. the *events* following the assassination [incident](#) suggests an occurrence of brief duration or secondary importance. a minor wartime *incident* [episode](#) stresses the distinctiveness or apartness of an incident. a brief romantic *episode* in a life devoted to work [circumstance](#) implies a specific detail attending an action or event as part of its setting or background. couldn't recall the exact *circumstances*

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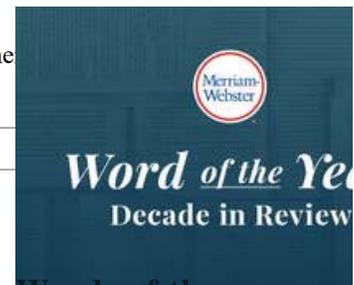
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Kids Definition of *occurrence*

1 : something that happens Lightning is a natural *occurrence*.
 2 : the action or process of happening There's been a lower *occurrence* of the disease.

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