

Need another word that means the same as “accident”? Find 33 synonyms and 30 related words for “accident” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Accident” are: chance event, fortuity, stroke, mishap, misfortune, misadventure, mischance, unfortunate incident, injury, disaster, tragedy, catastrophe, contretemps, calamity, blow, trouble, problem, difficulty, crash, collision, bump, car crash, car accident, road accident, traffic accident, multiple crash, multiple collision, chance, mere chance, coincidence, twist of fate, freak, hazard

Accident as a Noun

Definitions of "Accident" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “accident” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *An event that happens by chance or that is without apparent or deliberate cause.*
- *Anything that happens suddenly or by chance without an apparent cause.*
- *(in Aristotelian thought) a property of a thing which is not essential to its nature.*
- *A crash involving road or other vehicles.*
- *An unfortunate mishap; especially one causing damage or injury.*
- *An unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally, typically resulting in damage or injury.*
- *The working of fortune; chance.*
- *An incidence of incontinence by a child or animal.*



Synonyms of "Accident" as a noun (33 Words)

blow

An act of blowing an instrument.
*We re in for a bit of a **blow**.*

bump

A light blow or a jolting collision.
***Bumps** in the road.*

calamity

An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster.
*The journey had led to **calamity** and ruin.*

car accident

The compartment that is suspended from an airship and that carries personnel and the cargo and the power plant.

car crash

Where passengers ride up and down.

catastrophe

The denouement of a drama, especially a classical tragedy.
*An environmental **catastrophe**.*

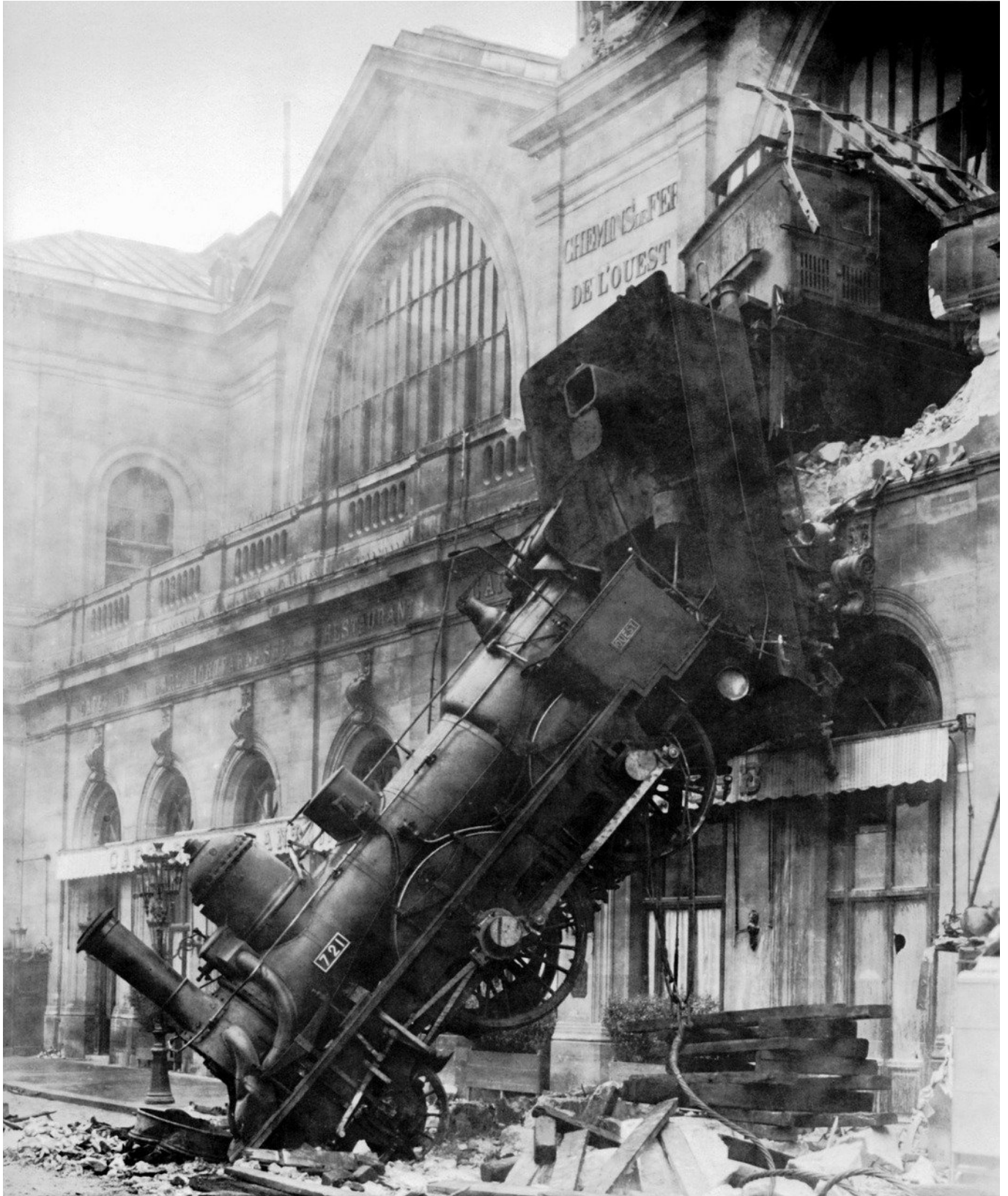
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| chance | An unknown and unpredictable phenomenon that causes an event to result one way rather than another. <i>We ran into each other by pure chance.</i> |
| chance event | A measure of how likely it is that some event will occur; a number expressing the ratio of favorable cases to the whole number of cases possible. |
| <u>coincidence</u> | The quality of occupying the same position or area in space. <i>The coincidence of interest between the mining companies and certain politicians.</i> |
| <u>collision</u> | An instance of simultaneous transmission by more than one node of a network. <i>A mid air collision between two aircraft.</i> |
| contretemps | An unexpected and unfortunate occurrence. <i>She had occasional contretemps with her staff.</i> |
| crash | A violent collision, typically of one vehicle with another or with an object. <i>They are still investigating the crash of the TWA plane.</i> |
| difficulty | A factor causing trouble in achieving a positive result or tending to produce a negative result. <i>Guy had no difficulty in making friends.</i> |
| disaster | Denoting a genre of films that use natural or accidental catastrophe as the mainspring of plot and setting. <i>Lunch had turned out to be a total disaster.</i> |
| fortuity | The state of being controlled by chance. <i>It was due to an accident or fortuity.</i> |
| freak | Someone who is so ardently devoted to something that it resembles an addiction. <i>A fitness freak.</i> |
| <u>hazard</u> | An obstacle on a golf course. <i>A safety hazard.</i> |
| injury | An accident that results in physical damage or hurt. <i>An ankle injury.</i> |
| mere chance | A small pond of standing water. |
| misadventure | An unfortunate incident; a mishap. <i>The petty misdemeanours and misadventures of childhood.</i> |
| mischance | An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. <i>By pure mischance the secret was revealed.</i> |

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| <u>misfortune</u> | An unfortunate condition or event. <i>Never laugh at other people's misfortunes.</i> |
| <u>mishap</u> | An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. <i>The event passed without mishap.</i> |
| multiple collision | The product of a quantity by an integer. |
| multiple crash | The product of a quantity by an integer. |
| problem | Denoting or relating to people whose behaviour causes difficulties to themselves and others. <i>Motivation of staff can also be a problem.</i> |
| road accident | A way or means to achieve something. |
| traffic accident | Buying and selling; especially illicit trade. |
| <u>tragedy</u> | An event causing great suffering, destruction, and distress, such as a serious accident, crime, or natural catastrophe. <i>Greek tragedy.</i> |
| trouble | A cause of worry or inconvenience. <i>One trouble after another delayed the job.</i> |
| twist of fate | Any clever maneuver. |
| unfortunate incident | A person who suffers misfortune. |



Usage Examples of "Accident" as a noun

- *He had an accident at the factory.*
- *Four people were killed in a road accident.*
- *Members belong to the House of Lords through hereditary right or accident of birth.*
- *He had a little accident, but I washed his shorts out.*
- *If you are unable to work owing to accident or sickness.*
- *The pregnancy was an accident.*
- *Winning the lottery was a happy accident.*
- *It is no accident that Manchester has produced more than its fair share of professional comics.*
- *It was due to an accident or fortuity.*



Associations of "Accident" (30 Words)

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| accidentally | Of a minor or subordinate nature. <i>They met accidentally.</i> |
| befall | Become of; happen to. <i>He promised that no harm would befall her.</i> |
| blow | Of a whale eject air and vapour through the blowhole. <i>Cotton curtains were blowing in the breeze.</i> |
| <u>calamity</u> | An event resulting in great loss and misfortune. <i>Emergency measures may be necessary in order to avert a calamity.</i> |
| casually | In an unconcerned manner. <i>She was just casually strolling through the mall.</i> |
| casualty | A person killed or injured in a war or accident. <i>He went to casualty to have a cut stitched.</i> |
| cataclysm | A sudden violent political or social upheaval. <i>The cataclysm at the end of the Cretaceous Period.</i> |
| catastrophe | Something very unfortunate or unsuccessful. <i>Inaction will only bring us closer to catastrophe.</i> |
| <u>coincidence</u> | An event that might have been arranged although it was really accidental. <i>The coincidence of interest between the mining companies and certain politicians.</i> |
| damage | Suffer or be susceptible to damage. <i>The scandal could seriously damage his career.</i> |
| damaged | Harmed or injured or spoiled. <i>I won't buy damaged goods.</i> |
| disaster | An act that has disastrous consequences. <i>Lunch had turned out to be a total disaster.</i> |
| <u>earthquake</u> | Shaking and vibration at the surface of the earth resulting from underground movement along a fault plane or from volcanic activity. <i>A political earthquake.</i> |
| fatality | The quality of being able to cause death or fatal disasters. <i>A sense of fatality gripped her.</i> |
| happen | Happen occur or be the case in the course of events or by chance. <i>The afternoon when the disturbance happened.</i> |
| happening | An event that happens. <i>A multimedia happening.</i> |

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| <u>inadvertently</u> | Without knowledge or intention. <i>His name had been inadvertently omitted from the list.</i> |
| <u>incident</u> | (especially of light or other radiation) falling on or striking something. <i>The US regretted the incident.</i> |
| incidental | An item that is incidental. <i>An allowance to cover meals taxis and other incidentals.</i> |
| incidentally | Used to add a further comment or a remark unconnected to the current subject; by the way. <i>The infection was discovered only incidentally at post mortem examination.</i> |
| misadventure | An unfortunate incident; a mishap. <i>The coroner recorded a verdict of death by misadventure.</i> |
| <u>mishap</u> | An unpredictable outcome that is unfortunate. <i>Although there were a few minor mishaps none of the pancakes stuck to the ceiling.</i> |
| occur | Come to one's mind; suggest itself. <i>Precious stones occur in a large area in Brazil.</i> |
| overhear | Hear, usually without the knowledge of the speakers. <i>We overheard the conversation at the next table.</i> |
| <u>traumatic</u> | Psychologically painful. <i>She was going through a traumatic divorce.</i> |
| unconsciously | Without realizing or being aware of one's actions. <i>Ben smiled unconsciously when he heard her voice.</i> |
| <u>unexpected</u> | Not expected or regarded as likely to happen. <i>He seemed to have a knack for saying the unexpected.</i> |
| unexpectedly | Without advance planning. <i>Tourist chiefs reported unexpectedly high visitor numbers.</i> |
| <u>unintentionally</u> | Without intention; in an unintentional manner. <i>Unintentionally rude song lyrics.</i> |
| unrepaired | Not repaired; unmended, unrestored. |

