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vi·cen·ni·al  (vī-sĕn ē-əl)

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adj.

1. Happening once every 20 years.
2. Existing or lasting for 20 years.

[From Late Latin *vīcennium*, period of twenty years : Latin *vīciēns*, twenty times (from *vīgintī*, twenty; see [VICENARY](#)) + Latin *annus*, year; see [at-in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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