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e-vent  (ĩ-věnt)

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n.

1.

a. Something that takes place, especially a significant occurrence. See Synonyms at [occurrence](#).

b. A social gathering or activity: *The fundraising event was held in the ballroom.*

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3. Physics A phenomenon or occurrence located at a single point in spacetime, regarded as the fundamental observational entity in relativity theory.

4. Archaic A final result; an outcome.

Idioms:

at all events

In any case.

in any event

In any case: *In any event, the audience seemed pleased with your performance.*

in the event

If it should happen; in case: *In the event of an emergency, call 911.*

[Latin *ēventus*, from past participle of *ēvenīre*, to happen : *ē-*, *ex-*, *ex-* + *venīre*, to come; see **g^wā-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

e-vent **less** *adj.*

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