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intr.v. **oc·curred**, **oc·cur·ring**, **oc·curs**

1. To take place; come about. See Synonyms at [happen](#).
2. To be found to exist or appear: *Copper deposits occur in the region.*
3. To come to mind: *The idea never occurred to me.*

[Latin *occurrere* : *ob-*, toward; see [ob-](#) + *currere*, to run; see **kers-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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