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Post by "Cassius" of October 5, 2019 at 11:47 AM

Yes Todd that is a good point, and it needs to be noted in this discussion. As usual I tend to analyze things in terms of how a non-expert / non-academic expert would hear it, and I think that this is something that they need to hear in very clear terms.

My reading of the Latin back when I last looked at this is that indeed the latin was "eventum" and while that surely is not a 100% correlation to "event" -- it's my general understanding of the main connotations of the words in general use that "event" would more equate to "transitory" -- which i think is exactly the issue here, while to many people "accident" conveys "fortuitous" which implies something more than transitory.

Maybe that is my legal mind and the definition of accident that I see discussed in cases as the word applies to "insurance policies." Also, here is one set of definitions presumably at least somewhat in order of general use



accident (ak-si-didnt) [ak-si-dnt]

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noun

- 1 an undesirable or unfortunate happening that occurs unintentionally and usually results in harm, injury, damage, or loss; casualty; mishap; automobile accidents.
- 2 Law, such a happening resulting in injury that is in no way the fault of the injured person for which compensation or indemnity is legally sought.
- 3 any event that happens unexpectedly, without a deliberate plan or cause.
- 4 chance; fortune; luck; I was there by accident.
- 5 a fortuitous circumstance, quality, or characteristic; an accident of birth.
- 6 Philosophy: any entity or event contingent upon the existence of something else.



For the sake of my curiosity, however, can you explain why "accident" sounds more correct to you?