

Need another word that means the same as "barely"? Find 11 synonyms and 30 related words for "barely" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Barely" are: hardly, scarce, scarcely, just, only just, narrowly, by the skin of one's teeth, by a hair's breadth, by a very small margin, by the narrowest of margins, by a nose

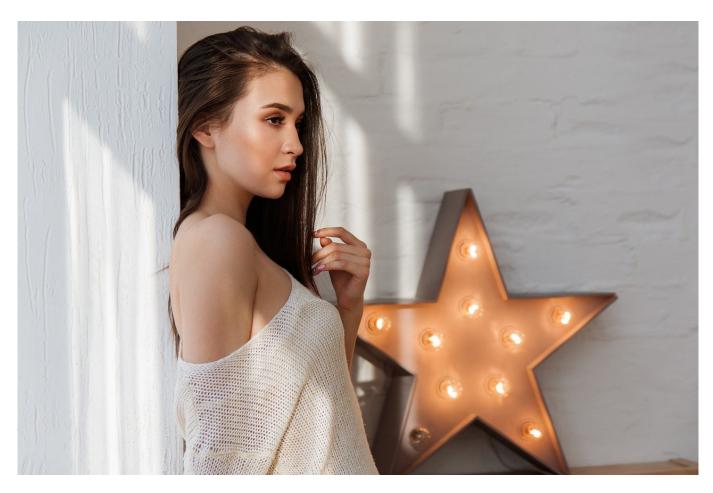
# Barely as an Adverb

### Definitions of "Barely" as an adverb

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "barely" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- Only a very short time before.
- In a simple and sparse way.
- Almost not.
- Openly; explicitly.
- By a little.
- In a sparse or scanty way.
- Only just; almost not.





## Synonyms of "Barely" as an adverb (11 Words)

by a hair's breadth
by a nose
by a very small margin
by the narrowest of margins
So as to pass a given point.
by the pass a given point.

hardly Only with great difficulty. She could hardly sit up.

**just**Very recently; in the immediate past.

The batter **just** missed being hit.

narrowly Closely or carefully.

Narrowly defined tasks.

**only just** And nothing more.



scarce Scarcely.

A babe **scarce** two years old.

Almost not.

Scarcely

Her voice is so low I can scarcely hear what she is saying.



## Usage Examples of "Barely" as an adverb

- We were so far back in the theater, we could barely read the subtitles.
- It was barely 5 a.m.
- $\bullet \ \textit{She nodded, barely able to speak.}\\$
- $\bullet \ \textit{She barely seemed to notice him}.$
- Their barely furnished house.
- The network has barely 5 percent of viewers.
- ullet A barely perceptible pause.
- They had barely sat down before forty policemen swarmed in.





# Associations of "Barely" (30 Words)

Alice deep t live here anymore

Alice doesn t live here **anymore**.

coincidentally At the same time.

The three are **coincidentally** reunited when captured by the enemy.

deficient or inadequate.

A deficient education.

fraguently Many times at short intervals.

**frequently**They go abroad **frequently**.

**happenstance** An event that might have been arranged although it was really accidental.

It was just **happenstance** that I happened to be there.

. Almost not.

hardly

The little house in which he lived was hardly bigger than a hut.



**infrequently** Not often; rarely.

He cooks but only **infrequently**.

insufficient Not enough; inadequate.

Insufficient funds.

Of an opinion or appraisal well founded justifiable.

They were **just** interested in making money.

meagerly

To a meager degree or in a meager manner.

These voices are **meagerly** represented at the conference.

occasional Employed for a particular occasion or on an irregular basis.

An **occasional** worker.

**occasionally** At infrequent or irregular intervals; now and then.

Open areas are only **occasionally** interrupted by clumps of trees.

often In many instances.

We **often** met over a cup of coffee.

unusually good or remarkable.

It s **rare** to see a house so little altered.

To an unusual degree; exceptionally.

You can write **rarely** now after all your schooling.

**rareness** Noteworthy scarcity.

rarity

A rare thing, especially one having particular value.

The **rarity** of the condition.

scant Provide grudgingly or in insufficient amounts.

Companies with **scant** regard for the safety of future generations.

scanty Small or insufficient in quantity or amount.

The women looked cold in their **scanty** bodices.

Scarcely.

**scarce** Would have **scarce** arrived before she would have found some excuse to

leave.

scarcely
Used to suggest that something is unlikely to be or certainly not the case.

They **scarcely** ever used the emergency generator.

seldom Not often; rarely.

Islay is **seldom** visited by tourists.

on certain occasions or in certain cases but not always.

**Sometimes** I want to do things on my own.

Not dense.

*sparse Information on earnings is sparse.* 



**typically** 

sparsely

In a thinly dispersed manner; in small numbers.

A **sparsely** furnished apartment.

**sporadically** Occasionally or at irregular intervals.

He worked **sporadically** at part time jobs.

tightly
Securely fixed or fastened.
A tightly sealed container.

In a way that is characteristic of a particular person or thing.

Typically she showed no alarm.

uncommonly Exceptionally.

He is an **uncommonly** good talker.

unusual Not habitually or commonly occurring or done.

A scene of **unusual** beauty.

