

Need another word that means the same as “intermittent”? Find 13 synonyms and 30 related words for “intermittent” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Intermittent” are: sporadic, irregular, fitful, spasmodic, broken, fragmentary, discontinuous, disconnected, isolated, odd, random, patchy, scattered

Intermittent as an Adjective

Definitions of "Intermittent" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “intermittent” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady.*
- *Stopping and starting at irregular intervals.*



Synonyms of "Intermittent" as an adjective (13 Words)

broken	Having been broken. <i>Broken sunshine.</i>
disconnected	Music marked by or composed of disconnected parts or sounds cut short crisply. <i>The iron is disconnected.</i>
discontinuous	Of a function or curve; possessing one or more discontinuities. <i>He received a somewhat haphazard and discontinuous schooling.</i>
fitful	Active or occurring spasmodically or intermittently; not regular or steady. <i>Business was fitful.</i>
fragmentary	Consisting of small disconnected or incomplete parts. <i>Excavations have revealed fragmentary remains of masonry.</i>
irregular	Not occurring at expected times. <i>Their involvement in irregular financial dealings.</i>
isolated	Remote and separate physically or socially- W.H.Hudson. <i>Little isolated worlds as abruptly disjunct and unexpected as a palm shaded well in the Sahara.</i>
odd	Denoting a single goal by which one side defeats another, especially where each side scores at least once. <i>Invited 30 odd guests.</i>
patchy	Irregular or uneven in quality, texture, etc. <i>Patchy fog.</i>
random	Lacking any definite plan or order or purpose; governed by or depending on chance. <i>A random choice.</i>
scattered	Occurring or distributed over widely spaced and irregular intervals in time or space. <i>The forecast is for scattered showers.</i>
spasmodic	Affected by involuntary jerky muscular contractions; resembling a spasm. <i>Spasmodic fighting continued.</i>
sporadic	Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated. <i>Sporadic fighting broke out.</i>



Usage Examples of "Intermittent" as an adjective

- *Intermittent rain showers.*
- *Intermittent rain.*

Associations of "Intermittent" (30 Words)

abnormal	Not normal; not typical or usual or regular or conforming to a norm. <i>Abnormal amounts of rain.</i>
acne	An inflammatory disease involving the sebaceous glands of the skin; characterized by papules or pustules or comedones. <i>He was clean shaven with a face that had been ravaged by acne when younger.</i>
anomalous	Deviating from what is standard, normal, or expected. <i>An anomalous situation.</i>

collectable	Able to be collected. <i>The auction attracted professional dealers trading in quality small collectables.</i>
episodic	(of a programme or story) broadcast or published as a series of instalments. <i>The book is episodic and the incidents don't always hang together.</i>
fitful	Intermittently stopping and starting. <i>Business was fitful.</i>
flighty	Guided by whim and fancy. <i>Flighty young girls.</i>
hardly	Almost not. <i>She could hardly sit up.</i>
infrequent	Not frequent; not occurring regularly or at short intervals. <i>Infrequent outbursts of temper.</i>
infrequently	Not often; rarely. <i>A storage area for infrequently used items.</i>
irregular	A member of an irregular military force. <i>Their involvement in irregular financial dealings.</i>
occasional	Occurring, appearing, or done infrequently and irregularly. <i>Occasional headaches.</i>
occasionally	Now and then or here and there. <i>He was arrogant and occasionally callous.</i>
often	Many times at short intervals. <i>He often goes for long walks by himself.</i>
patchy	Irregular or uneven in quality, texture, etc. <i>Your coursework was patchy.</i>
periodic	Relating to the periodic table of the elements. <i>The periodic visits she made to her father.</i>
pimple	A small hard inflamed spot on the skin. <i>I can see the hut down there just a tiny pimple.</i>
rare	Not widely distributed. <i>Rare roast beef.</i>
rarefaction	A decrease in the density of something. <i>The cord has undergone rarefaction.</i>
scarce	Scarcely. <i>Would have scarce arrived before she would have found some excuse to leave.</i>

<u>seldom</u>	Not common; infrequent. <i>Islay is seldom visited by tourists.</i>
<u>sometimes</u>	Occasionally, rather than all of the time. <i>Sometimes I want to do things on my own.</i>
<u>sparse</u>	Not dense. <i>Information on earnings is sparse.</i>
<u>sporadic</u>	Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated. <i>Sporadic fighting broke out.</i>
sporadically	In a sporadic manner. <i>He worked sporadically at part time jobs.</i>
<u>spotty</u>	Lacking consistency. <i>His spotty record on the environment.</i>
teen	Relating to teenagers. <i>Teen angst.</i>
uncommon	Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind J R Lowell. <i>Uncommon birds.</i>
<u>unpredictable</u>	Not able to be predicted; changeable. <i>An unpredictable or indeterminable future.</i>
unusual	Not habitually or commonly occurring or done. <i>A scene of unusual beauty.</i>