

Need another word that means the same as “rare”? Find 44 synonyms and 30 related words for “rare” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Rare” are: uncommon, rarefied, rarified, infrequent, few and far between, scarce, sparse, scattered, thin on the ground, golden, like gold dust, unusual, unfamiliar, out of the ordinary, atypical, singular, remarkable, recherché, special, precious, exceptional, outstanding, unparalleled, peerless, matchless, unique, unequalled, incomparable, unrivalled, inimitable, without equal, second to none, unsurpassed, surpassing, exquisite, superb, consummate, superior, superlative, first-class, first-rate, choice, excellent, very fine**

## Rare as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Rare" as an adjective

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

- *Marked by an uncommon quality; especially superlative or extreme of its kind.*
- *Unusually good or remarkable.*
- *Marked by an uncommon quality; especially superlative or extreme of its kind- J.R.Lowell.*
- *(of an event, situation, or condition) not occurring very often.*
- *Not widely known; especially valued for its uncommonness.*
- *(of a thing) not found in large numbers and so of interest or value.*
- *Having low density.*
- *(of meat) cooked a short time; still red inside.*
- *Recurring only at long intervals.*
- *Cooked a short time; still red inside.*

- *Not widely distributed.*



**Synonyms of "Rare" as an adjective (44 Words)**

<b>atypical</b>	Not representative of a group, class, or type. <i>A sample of people who are rather <b>atypical</b> of the target audience.</i>
<b>choice</b>	(especially of food) of very good quality. <i>He picked some <b>choice</b> early plums.</i>
<b>consummate</b>	Perfect and complete in every respect; having all necessary qualities. <i>She dressed with <b>consummate</b> elegance.</i>
<b>excellent</b>	Very good; of the highest quality. <i>The lorry was in <b>excellent</b> condition.</i>
<b>exceptional</b>	Surpassing what is common or usual or expected. <i>Late claims will only be accepted in <b>exceptional</b> circumstances.</i>
<b>exquisite</b>	Intense or sharp. <i>Felt <b>exquisite</b> pleasure.</i>
<b>few and far between</b>	A quantifier that can be used with count nouns and is often preceded by 'a'; a small but indefinite number.
<b>first-class</b>	Very good; of the highest quality.
<b>first-rate</b>	Of the highest quality.
<b>golden</b>	Supremely favored. <i>Curls of glossy <b>golden</b> hair.</i>
<b>incomparable</b>	Without an equal in quality or extent; matchless. <i>The <b>incomparable</b> beauty of Venice.</i>
<b>infrequent</b>	Not frequent; not occurring regularly or at short intervals. <i>Her visits were so <b>infrequent</b>.</i>
<b>inimitable</b>	Defying imitation; matchless. <i>They took the charts by storm with their <b>inimitable</b> style.</i>
<b>like gold dust</b>	Having the same or similar characteristics.
<b>matchless</b>	Eminent beyond or above comparison. <i><b>Matchless</b> beauty.</i>
<b>out of the ordinary</b>	Outer or outlying.
<b>outstanding</b>	Owed as a debt. <i>An <b>outstanding</b> war record.</i>
<b>peerless</b>	Eminent beyond or above comparison. <i>A <b>peerless</b> scholar.</i>
<b>precious</b>	Greatly loved or treasured by someone. <i>A <b>precious</b> lot you know about dogs.</i>
<b>rarefied</b>	Having low density. <i>Lightheaded from the <b>rarefied</b> mountain air.</i>

<b>rarified</b>	Of high moral or intellectual value; elevated in nature or style- Oliver Franks.
<b>recherché</b>	Lavishly elegant and refined.
<b>remarkable</b>	Worthy of attention; striking. <i>A <b>remarkable</b> achievement.</i>
<b>scarce</b>	(especially of food, money, or some other resource) insufficient for the demand. <i>Fresh vegetables were <b>scarce</b> during the drought.</i>
<b>scattered</b>	(of electromagnetic radiation or particles) deflected or diffused. <i>The forecast is for <b>scattered</b> showers.</i>
<b>second to none</b>	A part or voice or instrument or orchestra section lower in pitch than or subordinate to the first.
<b>singular</b>	Relating to or of the nature of singularity. <i>The third person <b>singular</b> form of the verb.</i>
<b>sparse</b>	Scanty; in short supply. <i>Information on earnings is <b>sparse</b>.</i>
<b>special</b>	Used to denote education for children with particular needs especially those with learning difficulties. <i>The <b>special</b> features of a computer.</i>
<b>superb</b>	Used in names of birds with attractive or colourful plumage e.g superb lyrebird. <i>A <b>superb</b> actor.</i>
<b>superior</b>	Of high or superior quality or performance. <i>He is <b>superior</b> to fear.</i>
<b>superlative</b>	Highest in quality. <i>A <b>superlative</b> piece of skill.</i>
<b>surpassing</b>	Exceeding or surpassing usual limits especially in excellence. <i>A picture of <b>surpassing</b> beauty.</i>
<b>thin on the ground</b>	Lacking spirit or sincere effort.
<b>uncommon</b>	Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind. <i>Frost and floods are <b>uncommon</b> during these months.</i>
<b>unequaled</b>	Radically distinctive and without equal. <i>Trout of <b>unequaled</b> quality.</i>
<b>unfamiliar</b>	Not known or well known. <i>A name <b>unfamiliar</b> to most.</i>

<b>unique</b>	Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else. <i>A species <b>unique</b> to Australia.</i>
<b><u>unparalleled</u></b>	Having no parallel or equal; exceptional. <i>The sudden rise in unemployment is <b>unparalleled</b> in the post war period.</i>
<b>unrivalled</b>	Better than everyone or everything of the same type. <i>The paper's coverage of foreign news is <b>unrivalled</b>.</i>
<b><u>unsurpassed</u></b>	Not capable of being improved on. <i>The quality of workmanship is <b>unsurpassed</b>.</i>
<b>unusual</b>	Not usual or common or ordinary. <i>A man of <b>unusual</b> ability.</i>
<b>very fine</b>	Precisely as stated.
<b>without equal</b>	Having the same quantity, value, or measure as another.



## Usage Examples of "Rare" as an adjective

- *He plays with rare sensitivity.*
- *Rare gasses.*
- *A rare word.*
- *Lightheaded from the rarefied mountain air.*
- *A rare genetic disorder.*
- *What is so rare as a day in June.*
- *Rare roast beef.*
- *Rare herbs.*
- *Total eclipses are rare events.*
- *A rare appearance.*
- *A rare skill.*
- *Rare patches of green in the desert.*
- *It's rare to see a house so little altered.*
- *Rare books.*
- *One of Britain's rarest birds, the honey buzzard.*



## Associations of "Rare" (30 Words)

- anymore** At the present or from now on; usually used with a negative.  
*Alice doesn't live here **anymore**.*
- barely** Only just; almost not.  
*She **barely** seemed to notice him.*
- collectable** (of an item) worth collecting; of interest to a collector.  
*The auction attracted professional dealers trading in quality small **collectables**.*
- curio** Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting.  
*They had such fun over the wonderful box of **curios** that Jack had sent from India.*
- episodic** Occurring occasionally and at irregular intervals.  
***Episodic** television is a difficult medium to write for.*

<b>exceptional</b>	Deviating widely from a norm of physical or mental ability; used especially of children below normal in intelligence. <i>A child of <b>exceptional</b> ability.</i>
<b>frequently</b>	Regularly or habitually; often. <i>They go abroad <b>frequently</b>.</i>
<b>hardly</b>	Only a very short time before. <i>I nodded <b>hardly</b> able to breath.</i>
<b>infrequent</b>	Not occurring often; rare. <i>Her visits were so <b>infrequent</b>.</i>
<b>infrequently</b>	Not many times. <i>A storage area for <b>infrequently</b> used items.</i>
<b>intermittent</b>	Occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady. <i><b>Intermittent</b> rain showers.</i>
<b>occasional</b>	Recurring or reappearing from time to time. <i><b>Occasional</b> headaches.</i>
<b>occasionally</b>	At infrequent or irregular intervals; now and then. <i>Open areas are only <b>occasionally</b> interrupted by clumps of trees.</i>
<b>oddity</b>	Eccentricity that is not easily explained. <i>Realizing the <b>oddity</b> of the remark he retracted it.</i>
<b>often</b>	Frequently or in great quantities. <i>Vocabulary <b>often</b> reflects social standing.</i>
<b>oftentimes</b>	Frequently; many times. <i>Sensory processing is <b>oftentimes</b> a challenge for someone with ASD.</i>
<b>rarely</b>	Not often. <i>I <b>rarely</b> drive above 50 mph.</i>
<b>rareness</b>	Noteworthy scarcity.
<b>rarity</b>	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>To take the morning off was a <b>rarity</b>.</i>
<b>scant</b>	Work hastily or carelessly; deal with inadequately and superficially. <i>The press regularly <b>scants</b> a host of issues relating to safety and health.</i>
<b>scanty</b>	Women's skimpy knickers or pants. <i>The women looked cold in their <b>scanty</b> bodices.</i>
<b>scarce</b>	Scarcely. <i>He was <b>scarce</b> sixteen years old.</i>
<b>seldom</b>	Not often. <i>A great but <b>seldom</b> pleasure.</i>

- sometimes** On certain occasions or in certain cases but not always.  
***Sometimes** I want to do things on my own.*
- sparse** Not dense.  
*Areas of **sparse** population.*
- sporadic** Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.  
***Sporadic** fighting broke out.*
- sporadically** In a sporadic manner.  
*The comedy is only **sporadically** funny.*
- uncommon** Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind.  
*Prostate cancer is not **uncommon** in men over 60.*
- uncommonly** Exceptionally; very.  
*He is an **uncommonly** good talker.*
- unusual** Being definitely out of the ordinary and unexpected; slightly odd or even a bit weird.  
*The government has taken the **unusual** step of calling home its ambassador.*

