

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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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)

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

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

unique

Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.

*A species **unique** to Australia.*

unparalleled

Having no parallel or equal; exceptional.

*The sudden rise in unemployment is **unparalleled** in the post war period.*

unrivalled

Better than everyone or everything of the same type.

*The paper's coverage of foreign news is **unrivalled**.*

unsurpassed

Not capable of being improved on.

*The quality of workmanship is **unsurpassed**.*

unusual

Not usual or common or ordinary.

*A man of **unusual** ability.*

very fine

Precisely as stated.

without equal

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)

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

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

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

