

Need another word that means the same as “rarely”? Find 12 synonyms and 30 related words for “rarely” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Rarely” are: seldom, infrequently, hardly ever, scarcely ever, hardly, scarcely, almost never, once in a while, only now and then, not often, only occasionally, sporadically

Rarely as an Adverb

Definitions of "Rarely" as an adverb

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

- *Not often; seldom.*
- *Not often.*
- *Remarkably well.*
- *To an unusual degree; exceptionally.*



Synonyms of "Rarely" as an adverb (12 Words)

almost never

Slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.

hardly

Scarcely (used to qualify a statement by saying that it is true to an insignificant degree).

*A thing **hardly** bigger than a credit card.*

hardly ever

Almost not.

infrequently

Not many times.

*He cooks but only **infrequently**.*

not often

Many times at short intervals.

once in a while

On one occasion.

only now and then Without any others being included or involved.

only occasionally	Never except when.
scarcely	Almost not. <i>Had scarcely rung the bell when the door flew open.</i>
scarcely ever	Almost not.
seldom	Not often. <i>He was seldom absent.</i>
sporadically	In a sporadic manner. <i>He only works sporadically.</i>



Usage Examples of "Rarely" as an adverb

- *I rarely drive above 50 mph.*
- *The rarely fine Sheraton bookcase.*
- *We rarely met.*
- *You can write rarely now, after all your schooling.*



Associations of "Rarely" (30 Words)

- anymore** At the present or from now on; usually used with a negative.
*Alice doesn't live here **anymore**.*
- barely** In a sparse or scanty way.
*Their **barely** furnished house.*
- coincidentally** In a way that results from chance despite being very unlikely.
*The three are **coincidentally** reunited when captured by the enemy.*
- curio** A rare, unusual, or intriguing object.
*They had such fun over the wonderful box of **curios** that Jack had sent from India.*
- curiosity** An unusual or interesting object or fact.
*Filled with **curiosity** she peered through the window.*
- deficient** Inadequate in amount or degree.
***Deficient** in common sense.*

frequently	Many times at short intervals. <i>They go abroad frequently.</i>
hardly	Slowly and with difficulty. <i>She could hardly sit up.</i>
infrequently	Not often; rarely. <i>He cooks but only infrequently.</i>
insufficient	Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement. <i>There was insufficient evidence to convict him.</i>
meager	Deficient in amount or quality or extent. <i>Meager resources.</i>
meagerly	To a meager degree or in a meager manner. <i>These voices are meagerly represented at the conference.</i>
occasional	Occurring, appearing, or done infrequently and irregularly. <i>An occasional table.</i>
occasionally	Sporadically and infrequently. <i>He was arrogant and occasionally callous.</i>
oddity	A strange attitude or habit. <i>Realizing the oddity of the remark he retracted it.</i>
often	Frequently or in great quantities. <i>We often met over a cup of coffee.</i>
rare	Recurring only at long intervals. <i>Rare patches of green in the desert.</i>
rareness	Noteworthy scarcity.
rarity	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>The rarity of the condition.</i>
scant	Provide grudgingly or in insufficient amounts. <i>He does not scant his attention to the later writings.</i>
scanty	Lacking in amplitude or quantity. <i>The women looked cold in their scanty bodices.</i>
scarce	Scarcely. <i>Fresh vegetables were scarce during the drought.</i>
scarcely	Only a very short time before. <i>They could scarcely all be wrong.</i>
seldom	Not often. <i>A great but seldom pleasure.</i>
sometimes	On certain occasions or in certain cases but not always. <i>Sometimes I want to do things on my own.</i>

- sparse** Not dense.
*Information on earnings is **sparse**.*
- sparsely** In a thinly dispersed manner; in small numbers.
*A **sparsely** populated region.*
- sporadically** Occasionally or at irregular intervals.
*The comedy is only **sporadically** funny.*
- typically** In a typical manner.
*The illness **typically** lasts five to ten days.*
- uncommonly** Exceptionally; very.
*He is an **uncommonly** good talker.*

