

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)

<b>almost never</b>	Slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.
<b><u>hardly</u></b>	Scarcely (used to qualify a statement by saying that it is true to an insignificant degree. <i>A thing <b>hardly</b> bigger than a credit card.</i>
<b>hardly ever</b>	Almost not.
<b>infrequently</b>	Not many times. <i>He cooks but only <b>infrequently</b>.</i>
<b>not often</b>	Many times at short intervals.
<b>once in a while</b>	On one occasion.
<b>only now and then</b>	Without any others being included or involved.

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

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

