

Need another word that means the same as "scarce"? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for "scarce" in this overview.

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The synonyms of "Scarce" are: in short supply, short, scant, scanty, meagre, sparse, hard to find, hard to come by, not enough, insufficient, deficient, inadequate, lacking, wanting, rare, few and far between, thin on the ground, barely, hardly, scarcely, just

Scarce as an Adjective

Definitions of "Scarce" as an adjective

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "scarce" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- Occurring in small numbers or quantities; rare.
- Deficient in quantity or number compared with the demand.
- (especially of food, money, or some other resource) insufficient for the demand.





Synonyms of "Scarce" as an adjective (17 Words)

deficient Falling short of some prescribed norm.

Deficient in common sense.

few and far between A quantifier that can be used with count nouns and is often

preceded by `a'; a small but indefinite number.

hard to come by Very strong or vigorous.

hard to find Not easy; requiring great physical or mental effort to accomplish or

comprehend or endure.

in short supply Holding office.

inadequate Not sufficient to meet a need.

An **inadequate** income.

Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement.

There was **insufficient** evidence to convict him.

lacking Nonexistent.

There was something **lacking** in our marriage.

(of something provided or available) lacking in quantity or quality.

meagre A meagre diet of bread and beans.



rare

not enough Sufficient for the purpose.

(of meat) cooked a short time; still red inside.

What is so **rare** as a day in June.

Barely sufficient or adequate.

scant A scant cup of sugar.

Small or insufficient in quantity or amount.

scanty They paid whatever they could out of their **scanty** wages to their

families.

Tending to crumble or break into flakes due to a large amount of

short shortening.

They have been backed at **short** odds to win thousands of pounds.

Scanty; in short supply.

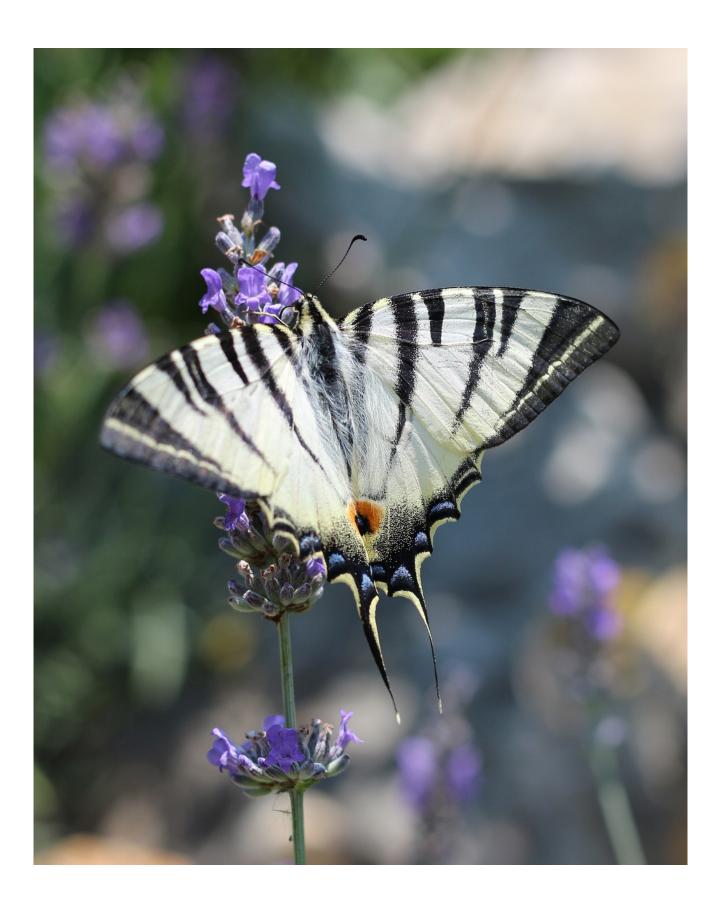
sparseAreas of **sparse** population.

thin on the ground Lacking excess flesh-Shakespeare.

Nonexistent.

wanting
The English batting technique has been found wanting.







Usage Examples of "Scarce" as an adjective

- The freshwater shrimp becomes scarce in soft water.
- As raw materials became scarce, synthetics were developed.
- Fresh vegetables were scarce during the drought.



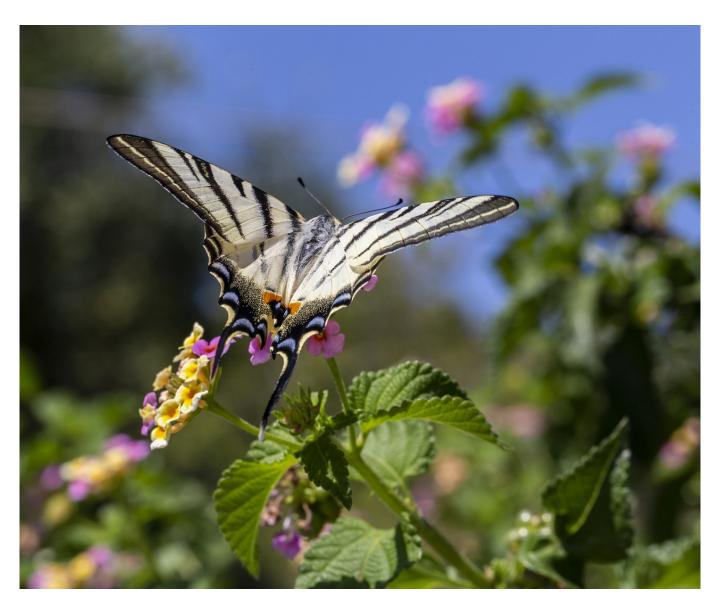
Scarce as an Adverb

Definitions of "Scarce" as an adverb

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English, "scarce" as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- Only a very short time before.
- Almost not.
- Scarcely.





Synonyms of "Scarce" as an adverb (4 Words)

barely In a sparse or scanty way. It was **barely** 5 a m.

hardly

No or not (suggesting surprise at or disagreement with a statement.

The little boung in which he lived was hardly bigger than a but

The little house in which he lived was **hardly** bigger than a hut.

Indicating exactness or preciseness.

They were just interested in making

They were **just** interested in making money.

scarcely Almost not.

They could **scarcely** all be wrong.





Usage Examples of "Scarce" as an adverb

- He was scarce sixteen years old.
- They scarcely ever used the emergency generator.
- Had scarcely rung the bell when the door flew open.
- Would have scarce arrived before she would have found some excuse to leave.
- A babe scarce two years old.





Associations of "Scarce" (30 Words)

The quality of being sufficient for the end in view.

adequacy He questioned the **adequacy** of the usual sentimental interpretation of the

Golden Rule.

Only a very short time before.

 $She \ nodded \ \textbf{\textit{barely}} \ able \ to \ speak.$

coincidentally Happening at the same time.

The report should be published **coincidentally** with the letter.

A rare, unusual, or intriguing object.

curio They had such fun over the wonderful box of **curio**s that Jack had sent

from India.



deficient or inadequate.

A deficient education.

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hardly Only a very short time before.

The party had **hardly** started when the police arrived.

inadequate
Of insufficient quantity to meet a need.

Inadequate funding.

infrequently Not often; rarely.

A storage area for **infrequently** used items.

of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement.

Insufficient funds.

limited Not unlimited.

The legislation has had a **limited** effect.

Deficient in amount or quality or extent.

meager Meager resources.

meagerly Deficient in amount or quality or extent.

These voices are **meagerly** represented at the conference.

measly Contemptibly small in amount.

A measly tip.

occasional Occurring from time to time.

An **occasional** worker.

The presence of something in only small or insufficient quantities or

paucity amounts.

A **paucity** of information.

A pious bequest to a religious house or order to provide extra food and

pittance wine at particular festivals, or on the anniversary of the benefactor's death.

He paid his workers a **pittance**.

Recurring only at long intervals.

He plays with **rare** sensitivity.

rarefaction A decrease in the density of something.

The cord has undergone **rarefaction**.

Not often.

we rarely met.

rareness Noteworthy scarcity.

rarity Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting.

The **rarity** of the condition.

scant Deal with inadequately; neglect.

The press regularly **scant**s a host of issues relating to safety and health.



scanty Short underpants for women or children (usually used in the plural.

Her dress was **scanty** and revealing.

seldom Not often.

He was **seldom** absent.

on certain occasions or in certain cases but not always.

Sometimes I want to do things on my own.

Thinly dispersed or scattered. *Areas of* **sparse** population.

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sparsely In a thinly dispersed manner; in small numbers.

A **sparsely** populated region.

Recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances.

Sporadic fighting broke out.

sporadically In a sporadic manner.

He worked **sporadically** at part time jobs.

subsist Be attributable to.

The peace **subsist**ed between 1303 and 1324.



