

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

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

Seldom as an Adverb

Definitions of "Seldom" as an adverb

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

- *Not often; rarely.*
- *Not often.*

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

almost never	Slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.
hardly	No or not (suggesting surprise at or disagreement with a statement). <i>She could hardly sit up.</i>
hardly ever	Almost not.
infrequently	Not often; rarely. <i>A storage area for infrequently used items.</i>
not often	Many times at short intervals.
once in a while	On one occasion.
only now and then	And nothing more.

only occasionally	Never except when.
rarely	Not often; seldom. <i>The rarely fine Sheraton bookcase.</i>
scarcely	Only a very short time before. <i>They could scarcely all be wrong.</i>
scarcely ever	Only a very short time before.
sporadically	Occasionally or at irregular intervals. <i>He worked sporadically at part time jobs.</i>

Usage Examples of "Seldom" as an adverb

- *Islay is seldom visited by tourists.*
- *An old seldom-used church.*
- *He was seldom absent.*

Associations of "Seldom" (30 Words)

anymore	At the present or from now on; usually used with a negative. <i>Alice doesn't live here anymore.</i>
barely	Only just; almost not. <i>Their barely furnished house.</i>
coincidentally	At the same time. <i>The three are coincidentally reunited when captured by the enemy.</i>
curio	A rare, unusual, or intriguing object. <i>They had such fun over the wonderful box of curios that Jack had sent from India.</i>
frequency	The rate at which something occurs over a particular period of time or in a given sample. <i>An increase in the frequency of accidents due to increased overtime.</i>
frequently	Many times at short intervals. <i>They go abroad frequently.</i>
hardly	Slowly and with difficulty. <i>I can hardly hear what she is saying.</i>
infrequent	Not occurring often; rare. <i>Her visits were so infrequent.</i>
infrequently	Not often; rarely. <i>He cooks but only infrequently.</i>

occasional	Occurring or appearing at usually irregular intervals. <i>Occasional freelancer seeks full time position.</i>
<u>occasionally</u>	At infrequent or irregular intervals; now and then. <i>Very occasionally the condition can result in death.</i>
oddity	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>Realizing the oddity of the remark he retracted it.</i>
often	Frequently or in great quantities. <i>He often goes for long walks by himself.</i>
oftentimes	Frequently; many times. <i>Sensory processing is oftentimes a challenge for someone with ASD.</i>
<u>rare</u>	(of an event, situation, or condition) not occurring very often. <i>Rare patches of green in the desert.</i>
<u>rarely</u>	Not often; seldom. <i>The rarely fine Sheraton bookcase.</i>
rareness	Noteworthy scarcity.
<u>rarity</u>	Noteworthy scarcity. <i>To take the morning off was a rarity.</i>
scant	Work hastily or carelessly; deal with inadequately and superficially. <i>Companies with scant regard for the safety of future generations.</i>
scanty	Small or insufficient in quantity or amount. <i>The women looked cold in their scanty bodices.</i>
<u>scarce</u>	Scarcely. <i>As raw materials became scarce synthetics were developed.</i>
scarcely	Only a very short time before. <i>She had scarcely dismounted before the door swung open.</i>
<u>sometimes</u>	Occasionally, rather than all of the time. <i>Sometimes I want to do things on my own.</i>
<u>sparse</u>	Not dense. <i>Information on earnings is sparse.</i>
sparsely	In a thinly dispersed manner; in small numbers. <i>A sparsely furnished apartment.</i>
<u>sporadic</u>	Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated. <i>A city subjected to sporadic bombing raids.</i>
sporadically	Occasionally or at irregular intervals. <i>He only works sporadically.</i>

typically	In most cases; usually. <i>The quality of work is typically very high.</i>
uncommonly	Exceptionally. <i>He is an uncommonly good talker.</i>
unusual	Not usual or common or ordinary. <i>The government has taken the unusual step of calling home its ambassador.</i>