

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)

<b>almost never</b>	Slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.
<b>hardly</b>	No or not (suggesting surprise at or disagreement with a statement). <i>She could <b>hardly</b> sit up.</i>
<b>hardly ever</b>	Almost not.
<b>infrequently</b>	Not often; rarely. <i>A storage area for <b>infrequently</b> used items.</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>	And nothing more.

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

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

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

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