

Need another word that means the same as “sparse”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “sparse” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Sparse” are: thin, scanty, scant, scattered, thinly distributed, scarce, infrequent, sporadic, few and far between

Sparse as an Adjective

Definitions of "Sparse" as an adjective

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

- *Thinly dispersed or scattered.*
- *Scanty; in short supply.*
- *Not dense.*



Synonyms of "Sparse" as an adjective (9 Words)

few and far between A quantifier that can be used with count nouns and is often preceded by 'a'; a small but indefinite number.

infrequent Not occurring often; rare.
*Her visits were so **infrequent**.*

scant Barely amounting to a specified number or quantity.
*She weighed a **scant** two pounds.*

- scanty** Lacking in magnitude or quantity.
*A **scanty** harvest.*
- scarce** Occurring in small numbers or quantities; rare.
*The freshwater shrimp becomes **scarce** in soft water.*
- scattered** (of electromagnetic radiation or particles) deflected or diffused.
***Scattered** showers.*
- sporadic** Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.
*A city subjected to **sporadic** bombing raids.*
- thin** Relatively thin in consistency or low in density not viscous.
*A **thin** line of paint.*
- thinly distributed** Lacking excess flesh-Shakespeare.



Usage Examples of "Sparse" as an adjective

- *Trees were sparse.*
- *Information on earnings is sparse.*
- *Areas of sparse population.*



Associations of "Sparse" (30 Words)

- adequacy** The quality of being able to meet a need satisfactorily.
*The **adequacy** of testing procedures.*
- collectable** (of an item) worth collecting; of interest to a collector.
*The auction attracted professional dealers trading in quality small **collectables**.*
- curio** Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting.
*They had such fun over the wonderful box of **curios** that Jack had sent from India.*

curiosity	An unusual or interesting object or fact. <i>Filled with curiosity she peered through the window.</i>
deficient	Inadequate in amount or degree. <i>A deficient education.</i>
hardly	Only with great difficulty. <i>We hardly knew them.</i>
infrequent	Not occurring often; rare. <i>Infrequent outbursts of temper.</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>Insufficient funds.</i>
limited	Denoting a limited company used after a company name. <i>A limited number of places are available.</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>
measly	Contemptibly small in amount. <i>Three measly votes.</i>
occasional	Occurring on a temporary or irregular basis. <i>Occasional headaches.</i>
oddity	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>She was regarded as a bit of an oddity.</i>
often	Frequently; many times. <i>He often goes for long walks by himself.</i>
pittance	An inadequate payment. <i>He paid his workers a pittance.</i>
rare	Having low density. <i>Rare patches of green in the desert.</i>
rarely	Not often; seldom. <i>You can write rarely now after all your schooling.</i>
rareness	Noteworthy scarcity.
rarity	Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting. <i>To take the morning off was a rarity.</i>
scant	Work hastily or carelessly; deal with inadequately and superficially. <i>The press regularly scants a host of issues relating to safety and health.</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>
<u>seldom</u>	Not often. <i>Islay is seldom visited by tourists.</i>
<u>sloppy</u>	(of semi-fluid matter) containing too much liquid; watery. <i>We gave away a goal through sloppy defending.</i>
<u>sometimes</u>	On certain occasions or in certain cases but not always. <i>Sometimes I want to do things on my own.</i>
<u>sporadic</u>	Recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances. <i>Sporadic fighting broke out.</i>
subsist	Maintain or support oneself, especially at a minimal level. <i>The effect of genetic maldevelopment may subsist in chromosomal mutation.</i>
unique	A unique person or thing. <i>A style of architecture that is unique to Portugal.</i>

