

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.*

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| <b>curiosity</b>    | An unusual or interesting object or fact.<br><i>Filled with <b>curiosity</b> she peered through the window.</i>   |
| <b>deficient</b>    | Inadequate in amount or degree.<br><i>A <b>deficient</b> education.</i>   |
| <b>hardly</b>       | Only with great difficulty.<br><i>We <b>hardly</b> knew them.</i>   |
| <b>infrequent</b>   | Not occurring often; rare.<br><i><b>Infrequent</b> outbursts of temper.</i>   |
| <b>infrequently</b> | Not often; rarely.<br><i>He cooks but only <b>infrequently</b>.</i>   |
| <b>insufficient</b> | Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement.<br><i><b>Insufficient</b> funds.</i>   |
| <b>limited</b>      | Denoting a limited company used after a company name.<br><i>A <b>limited</b> number of places are available.</i>  |
| <b>meager</b>       | Deficient in amount or quality or extent.<br><i><b>Meager</b> resources.</i>  |
| <b>meagerly</b>     | To a meager degree or in a meager manner.<br><i>These voices are <b>meagerly</b> represented at the conference.</i>   |
| <b>measly</b>       | Contemptibly small in amount.<br><i>Three <b>measly</b> votes.</i>  |
| <b>occasional</b>   | Occurring on a temporary or irregular basis.<br><i><b>Occasional</b> headaches.</i>   |
| <b>oddity</b>       | Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting.<br><i>She was regarded as a bit of an <b>oddity</b>.</i>  |
| <b>often</b>        | Frequently; many times.<br><i>He <b>often</b> goes for long walks by himself.</i>   |
| <b>pittance</b>     | An inadequate payment.<br><i>He paid his workers a <b>pittance</b>.</i>   |
| <b>rare</b>         | Having low density.<br><i><b>Rare</b> patches of green in the desert.</i>   |
| <b>rarely</b>       | Not often; seldom.<br><i>You can write <b>rarely</b> now after all your schooling.</i>  |
| <b>rareness</b>     | Noteworthy scarcity.  |
| <b>rarity</b>       | Something unusual — perhaps worthy of collecting.<br><i>To take the morning off was a <b>rarity</b>.</i>  |
| <b>scant</b>        | Work hastily or carelessly; deal with inadequately and superficially.<br><i>The press regularly <b>scants</b> a host of issues relating to safety and health.</i> |

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| <b>scanty</b>           | Small or insufficient in quantity or amount.<br><i>The women looked cold in their <b>scanty</b> bodices.</i>   |
| <b><u>scarce</u></b>    | Scarcely.<br><i>As raw materials became <b>scarce</b> synthetics were developed.</i>   |
| <b><u>seldom</u></b>    | Not often.<br><i>Islay is <b>seldom</b> visited by tourists.</i>   |
| <b><u>sloppy</u></b>    | (of semi-fluid matter) containing too much liquid; watery.<br><i>We gave away a goal through <b>sloppy</b> defending.</i>                              |
| <b><u>sometimes</u></b> | On certain occasions or in certain cases but not always.<br><i><b>Sometimes</b> I want to do things on my own.</i>                                     |
| <b><u>sporadic</u></b>  | Recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances.<br><i><b>Sporadic</b> fighting broke out.</i>   |
| <b>subsist</b>          | Maintain or support oneself, especially at a minimal level.<br><i>The effect of genetic maldevelopment may <b>subsist</b> in chromosomal mutation.</i> |
| <b>unique</b>           | A unique person or thing.<br><i>A style of architecture that is <b>unique</b> to Portugal.</i>   |

