

Need another word that means the same as “sporadic”? Find 10 synonyms and 30 related words for “sporadic” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Sporadic” are: occasional, infrequent, irregular, periodical, periodic, scattered, patchy, isolated, odd, uneven**

## **Sporadic as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Sporadic" as an adjective**

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

- *Recurring in scattered and irregular or unpredictable instances.*
- *Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated.*



## Synonyms of "Sporadic" as an adjective (10 Words)

- infrequent** Not occurring often; rare.  
*Infrequent outbursts of temper.*
- irregular** Not occurring at a regular rate or fixed intervals.  
*An irregular heartbeat.*
- isolated** Having minimal contact or little in common with others.  
*Tiny isolated villages remote from centers of civilization.*
- occasional** Occurring from time to time.  
*Occasional headaches.*
- odd** Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected.  
*It is odd that his name is never mentioned.*
- patchy** Not of the same quality throughout; inconsistent.  
*My knowledge of Egyptology is patchy.*
- periodic** Relating to the periodic table of the elements.  
*The periodic appearance of the seventeen year locust.*

**periodical** Happening or recurring at regular intervals.  
*She took **periodical** gulps of her tea.*

**scattered** Occurring or distributed over widely spaced and irregular intervals in time or space.  
*Changes in the angular distribution of **scattered** light.*

**uneven** Lacking consistency.  
*Wood with an **uneven** grain.*



## Usage Examples of "Sporadic" as an adjective

- *Sporadic fighting broke out.*
- *A city subjected to sporadic bombing raids.*



## Associations of "Sporadic" (30 Words)

- collectable** An item valued and sought by collectors.  
*A hire car **collectable** on your arrival.*
- collectible** Things considered to be worth collecting (not necessarily valuable or antique).  
*A **collectible** bill.*
- episodic** Occurring occasionally and at irregular intervals.  
*An account concerned primarily with **episodic** events such as the succession of rulers.*
- exceptional** Surpassing what is common or usual or expected.  
*Late claims will only be accepted in **exceptional** circumstances.*

<b>fitful</b>	Occurring in spells and often abruptly. <i>Business was <b>fitful</b>.</i>
<b>flighty</b>	Guided by whim and fancy. <i>Her mother was a <b>flighty</b> Southern belle.</i>
<b>hardly</b>	Slowly and with difficulty. <i>The rule worked <b>hardly</b>.</i>
<b>infrequent</b>	Not occurring often; rare. <i><b>Infrequent</b> outbursts of temper.</i>
<b>infrequently</b>	Not many times. <i>He cooks but only <b>infrequently</b>.</i>
<b>intermittent</b>	Stopping and starting at irregular intervals. <i><b>Intermittent</b> rain showers.</i>
<b>intermittently</b>	In an intermittent manner. <i>An <b>intermittently</b> amusing plot.</i>
<b>irregular</b>	A member of an irregular armed force that fights a stronger force by sabotage and harassment. <i>His strong <b>irregular</b> features.</i>
<b>occasional</b>	Employed for a particular occasion or on an irregular basis. <i>The <b>occasional</b> car went by but no taxis.</i>
<b>occasionally</b>	Now and then or here and there. <i>We met up <b>occasionally</b> for a drink.</i>
<b>oddity</b>	A strange or peculiar person or thing. <i>She was regarded as a bit of an <b>oddity</b>.</i>
<b>oft</b>	Many times at short intervals. <i>We <b>often</b> met over a cup of coffee.</i>
<b>often</b>	In many cases or instances. <i>He <b>often</b> goes for long walks by himself.</i>
<b>oftentimes</b>	Frequently; many times. <i>I would <b>oftentimes</b> go there.</i>
<b>periodic</b>	Relating to the periodic table of the elements. <i>The <b>periodic</b> appearance of the seventeen year locust.</i>
<b>rare</b>	(of an event, situation, or condition) not occurring very often. <i>He plays with <b>rare</b> sensitivity.</i>
<b>rarefaction</b>	Reduction in the density of something, especially air or a gas. <i>Opposed processes such as <b>rarefaction</b> and condensation.</i>
<b>scarce</b>	Scarcely. <i>As raw materials became <b>scarce</b> synthetics were developed.</i>

- seldom** Not common; infrequent.  
*He was **seldom** absent.*
- sometimes** On certain occasions or in certain cases but not always.  
***Sometimes** I want to do things on my own.*
- sparse** Thinly dispersed or scattered.  
*Trees were **sparse**.*
- sparsity** The property of being scanty or scattered; lacking denseness.
- sporadically** In a sporadic manner.  
*He only works **sporadically**.*
- spotty** Having spots or patches (small areas of contrasting color or texture).  
*A **spotty** purple flower.*
- uncommon** Marked by an uncommon quality especially superlative or extreme of its kind J R Lowell.  
*An **uncommon** liking for money.*
- unpredictable** Not capable of being foretold.  
*An **unpredictable** or indeterminable future.*

