

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)

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

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

