

rarely['reəli] *adv*

- редко, нечасто, изредка
I see him very rarely - я очень редко его вижу
- эмоц.-усил.** исключительно, на редкость; замечательно
rarely honest [magnificent] - исключительно /на редкость/ честный [великолепный]
we dined rarely - мы замечательно /отлично/ пообедали

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

rare-ly *BrE* ['reəli] [ⓘ] *NAmE* ['rerli] [ⓘ] *adverb*

not very often

- She is rarely seen in public nowadays.
- We rarely agree on what to do.
- a rarely-performed play
- (formal) Rarely has a debate attracted so much media attention.
- You will rarely, if ever, have to wait longer than an hour.

Thesaurus:**rarely** [**rarely**] *adv.*

- He rarely spoke.

seldom • • **hardly ever** • • **infrequently** •**Opp:** often, **Opp:** frequentlyrarely/seldom/hardly ever/infrequently **used**rarely/seldom/hardly ever **available /the case**rarely/seldom/hardly ever **happen /speak****Rarely or seldom?** Rarely is slightly more formal than **not often** and seldom is slightly more formal than **rarely**.Example Bank:

- He rarely spoke.
- It is a slowly developing disease, rarely fatal.
- It's an interesting production of a rarely-performed play.
- She very rarely made a mistake.
- Support is provided by specialist teachers or, more rarely, interpreters.
- That's something I very rarely do.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

rare-ly *W2* /'reəli \$ 'rerli/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] *adverb*

[Word Family: noun: ↑rarity; adverb: ↑rarely; adjective: ↑rare]

not often **OPP frequently**:

- She very rarely complains.
- This method is rarely used in modern laboratories.

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GRAMMARIn formal or literary writing, **rarely** can be put first, followed by an auxiliary and the subject, to emphasize that something does not often happen:

- Rarely is the customer consulted on the changes.

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THESAURUS

- **rarely** not often: These geese are rarely found on inland waters. | 50% of Britons say they rarely eat meat.
- **not (very) often** often used in everyday English instead of saying **rarely**: Tina's not often late. | I don't go there very often. | It's not often that you get a chance like this.
- **seldom** rarely. **Seldom** is more formal than **rarely** and is used especially in written English: He seldom slept well. | They seldom went out.
- **hardly ever/scarcely ever** almost never: Ben's nineteen and he's hardly ever at home these days. | For some reason, her name was scarcely ever mentioned.
- **very occasionally** used when you want to emphasize that something only happens a few times over a long period of time: Very occasionally the temperature drops to below 30.

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