

**seldom**['seldəm] *adv*

редко, нечасто, изредка

very seldom - очень редко

seldom or never - почти никогда, в очень редких случаях

◇ seldom seen, soon forgotten - ≅ с глаз долой - из сердца вон

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**sel·dom** *BrE* ['seldəm] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* ['seldəm] <sup>m</sup> *adverb*

not often

**Syn:** ↑rarely

- He had seldom seen a child with so much talent.
- She **seldom, if ever**, goes to the theatre.
- They seldom watch television these days.
- (*literary*) Seldom had he seen such beauty.

Word Origin:[**seldom**] Old English seldan, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **zelden** and German **selten**, from a base meaning '**strange, wonderful**'.Example Bank:

- It is seldom that a week passes by without my having several letters on the subject.
- People are very seldom exactly what you would like them to be.
- Revenge was seldom, if ever, the motive in these cases.
- Seldom have I come across such vindictive reviews.
- She seldom smiled.
- They work hard and seldom take holidays.
- Why is the symphony so seldom played?

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**sel·dom** /'seldəm/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> *adverb*[*Language:* Old English; *Origin:* seldan]

very rarely or almost never:

Karen had seldom seen him so angry.

**GRAMMAR**In formal writing, **seldom** can be put first, followed by an auxiliary and the subject, to emphasize that something very rarely happens:

- Seldom have I read an article that was so full of lies.

**REGISTER****Seldom** sounds rather literary. In everyday English, people usually say **rarely** or **not very often**:

- *I **seldom** go there.* → I **don't** go there **very often**.

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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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