

patchyI
[ˈpætʃi] *a*

1. **покрытый пятнами; пятнистый**
land patchy with rock - местами почва каменистая
2. **неоднородный; пёстрый, разношёрстный**
patchy book - неровно написанная книга
a patchy growth of corn - кукуруза взошла неровно
the land here is patchy - почва здесь неоднородная
as a critic he is patchy - его критические статьи весьма неровны
he lived a patchy life - он прожил пёструю жизнь; ≅ в жизни всякое бывало
3. **обрывочный, случайный**
a patchy excuse - наспех придуманная отговорка
the applause was patchy - раздалась жидкие аплодисменты
the dogs have stopped as the scent was patchy - собаки остановились, так как след всё время терялся

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[ˈpætʃi] *a разг., диал.*

- раздражительный, злой**
he is a bit patchy - он немножко не в духе

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

patchy [patchy patchier patchiest] *BrE* [ˈpætʃi] ^m *NAmE* [ˈpætʃi] ^m **adjective**

1. existing or happening in some places and not others

Syn: ↑uneven

- patchy fog
 - The grass was dry and patchy.
2. (*NAmE* also **spotty**) not complete; good in some parts, but not in others
- a patchy knowledge of Spanish
 - It was a patchy performance.

Derived Words ↑patchily ▪ ↑patchiness**See also:** ↑spotty**Example Bank:**

- The local provision of facilities is decidedly patchy.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

patchy /ˈpætʃi/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **adjective**

1. happening or existing in some areas but not in others:
" patchy fog
2. not complete enough to be useful:
" His knowledge of French remained pretty patchy.
" There is only patchy evidence of the animal's existence.
3. **especially British English** good in some parts but bad in others:
" I thought the performance was patchy.

—patchiness *noun* [uncountable]**patchy**

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