

erratic1. [ɪˈræɪtɪk] *n*

1. эксцентричная личность; чудака, оригинал
2. *геол.* эрратический валун

2. [ɪˈræɪtɪk] *a*

- 1) неустойчивый, колеблющийся (о *взглядах и т. п.*)
erratic temperature - неустойчивая температура
his opinions were erratic - его мнения не отличались постоянством
- 2) рассеянный (о *мыслях*)
- 3) *эк.* неравномерный, изменчивый, непостоянный (о *ценах*)
2. странный, беспорядочный
erratic behaviour - сумасбродное поведение
erratic life - беспорядочная жизнь
erratic opinions - странные взгляды
erratic reading - беспорядочное чтение
erratic genius - гений, ведущий себя непредсказуемо
3. *арх.* блуждающий
erratic stars - блуждающие звёзды /планеты/
4. *тех.* неритмичный, неравномерный (о *работе*)
5. *геол.* эрратический
erratic boulder - эрратический валун

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er-rat-ic [erratic erratics] **adjective, noun** BrE [ɪˈræɪtɪk] [ⓘ] NAmE [ɪˈræɪtɪk] [ⓘ]**adjective** (often disapproving)

not happening at regular times; not following any plan or regular pattern; that you cannot rely on

Syn: ↑unpredictable

- The electricity supply here is quite erratic.
- She had learnt to live with his sudden changes of mood and erratic behaviour
- Mary is a gifted but erratic player (= she does not always play well) .
- Irrigation measures will be necessary in areas of erratic rainfall.

Word Origin:late Middle English: from Old French *erratique*, from Latin *erraticus*, from *errare* 'to stray, err'.Example Bank:

- their increasingly erratic policy decisions

Derived Word ↑erratically**noun** (also **er,ratic 'block, er,ratic 'boulder**) (geology)

a large rock that is different from the rock around and was left behind when a large mass of ice melted

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erˈrætɪk /ɪˈræɪtɪk/ BrE [ⓘ] AmE [ⓘ] **adjective**[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: *erratique*, from Latin *errare*; ⇨ ↑err]

something that is erratic does not follow any pattern or plan but happens in a way that is not regular:

- His breathing was becoming erratic.
- his erratic behaviour

—erratically /-kli/ **adverb:**

- He always drives erratically.

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