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Definition of *usual*

(Entry 1 of 2)

1 : accordant with usage, custom, or habit : [normal](#)

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2 : commonly or ordinarily used followed his usual route

3 : found in ordinary practice or in the ordinary course of events : [ordinary](#)

as usual

: in the accustomed or habitual way *as usual* they were late

usual

[noun](#)

Definition of *usual* (Entry 2 of 2)

: something usual

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Synonyms: Adjective

- [conventional](#),
- [current](#),
- [customary](#),
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- [popular](#),
- [prevailing](#),
- [prevalent](#),
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Antonyms: Adjective

- [nonstandard](#),
- [unconventional](#),
- [unpopular](#),
- [unusual](#)

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Choose the Right Synonym for *usual*

Adjective

[usual](#), [customary](#), [habitual](#), [wonted](#), [accustomed](#) mean familiar through frequent or regular repetition. [usual](#) stresses the absence of strangeness or unexpectedness. my *usual* order for lunch [customary](#) applies to what accords with the practices, conventions, or usages of an individual or community. the *customary* waiting period before the application is approved [habitual](#) suggests a practice settled or established by much repetition. a *habitual* morning routine [wonted](#) stresses habituation but usually applies to what is favored, sought, or purposefully cultivated. his *wonted* determination [accustomed](#) is less emphatic than [wonted](#) or [habitual](#) in suggesting fixed habit or invariable custom. accepted the compliment with her *accustomed* modesty

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Examples of *usual* in a Sentence

Adjective She charges less than the *usual* fee. He took his *usual* route to work. the *usual* method for preparing chili She is not my *usual* doctor. It's *usual* to charge a fee for delivery. It's not *usual* for him to get home so late.

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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Noun

1589, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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Adjective

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