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adjective oc·ca·sion·al 
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Simple Definition of occasional

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• : happening or done sometimes but not often : not happening or done in a regular or frequent way

• : sometimes doing a particular job or activity

Full Definition of occasional

1. 1a : of or relating to a particular occasion <a budget able to meet occasional demands as well as regular ones>

b : created for a particular occasion <occasional verse>

2. 2 : acting as the occasion or contributing cause of something

3. 3 : encountered, occurring, appearing, or taken at irregular or infrequent intervals <occasional visitors> <an occasional vacation>

4. 4 : acting in a specified capacity from time to time <an occasional lecturer>

5. 5 : designed or constructed to be used as the occasion demands <occasional furniture>

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Examples of occasional

1. She receives occasional phone calls from her mother.

2. There will be occasional showers during the morning.

3. Most mornings, we'll see deer or the occasional bear walking past our house.

4. He tells an occasional joke to keep his students interested.

5. I need to take occasional breaks from work.

6. Sure, I drink an occasional glass of wine from time to time.

7. She's an occasional lecturer at the university.

Circa 1631

First Known Use of occasional

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Related to occasional

Synonyms
aperiodic, casual, catchy, choppy, discontinuous, episodic (also episodical), erratic, intermittent, irregular, fitful, spasmodic, spastic, sporadic, spotty, unsteady

Antonyms
constant, continuous, habitual, periodic, regular, repeated, steady

Related Words
convulsive, sudden, violent; broken, disconnected, fragmentary, interrupted; aimless, arbitrary, desultory, haphazard, hit-and-miss, hit-or-miss, odd, random, scattered, slapdash, stray; capricious, changeable, flickering, fluid, inconstant, mercurial, mutable, fickle, variable, volatile

Near Antonyms
changeless, equable, even, stable, stationary, uniform; unchanging, unvarying, unwavering; methodical (also methodic), orderly, systematic, unrelenting, unrelenting

Rhymes with occasional
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Definition of occasional

1. : happening or met with now and then <They went to an occasional movie.>

 ocas·ca·sion·al·ly adverb

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