

spasmodic[spæz'mɒdɪk] *a*

1. спазматический, судорожный
2. нерегулярный, хаотичный
3. взвинченный; порывистый

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spas·mod·ic *BrE* [spæz'mɒdɪk] ^ˈ *NAmE* [spæz'mɑːdɪk] ^ˈ *adjective*

1. happening suddenly for short periods of time; not regular or continuous
 - a spasmodic interest in politics
 - There was spasmodic fighting in the area yesterday.
2. (**technical**) caused by your muscles becoming tight in a way that you cannot control
 - spasmodic movements

Derived Word †spasmodicallyWord Origin:[**spasmodic** **spasmodically**] late 17th cent.: from modern Latin **spasmodicus**, from Greek **spasmōdēs**, from **spasma**, from **span** 'pull'.Example Bank:

- The enemy attacks virtually ceased although spasmodic fighting continued for another month.
- The training given was spasmodic and followed no organized pattern.

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1. happening for short irregular periods, not continuously:
 - spasmodic machine gun fire
2. **formal** or **medical** of or relating to a muscle spasm:
 - a spasmodic cough

—**spasmodically** /-kli/ *adverb***spasmodic**

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