

**frequently****fre·quent·ly** *BrE* ['friːkwəntli] *NAmE* ['friːkwəntʃi] **adverb**

often

- Buses run frequently between the city and the airport.
- some of the most frequently asked questions about the Internet

**Opp:** †infrequentlyThesaurus:**frequently** [**frequently**] **adv.**

- Trains are frequently cancelled.

**often** • • **routinely** • • **habitually** • |informal, especially spoken **a lot** •**Opp:** infrequently**happen** frequently/often/a lot**occur** frequently/oftenfrequently/routinely/habitually **used****Frequently or often?** **Frequently** is more formal than **often** and is used especially to talk about things that affect people generally; **often** is used more to talk about things that affect sb personally.Example Bank:

- Check the machine frequently.
- How frequently does it happen?
- Ill health was the most frequently mentioned reason for early retirement.
- It was a word he used frequently.
- It's the most frequently asked question these days.
- Passengers complained that trains were frequently cancelled.
- Tax law is very complex and changes frequently.
- There is a ferry to the island that runs frequently.

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very often or many times:

He was frequently drunk.

**REGISTER**In everyday English, people usually say that something **often** happens, or that something happens **a lot**, rather than say it happens **frequently**:

- I often see him. OR I see him a lot.

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**THESAURUS**

- **often** used when saying that something happens many times: Gary was often bad-tempered in the morning. | We often meet up for a drink after work.
- **a lot** *informal* **often:** I think she likes him – she talks about him a lot. | His wife goes abroad on business a lot.
- **frequently** *especially written* **often** – used especially in writing or more formal English: Passengers complain that trains are frequently late. | Older patients frequently forget to take their medicine.
- **regularly** **often**, especially at regular intervals: Buses run regularly every ten minutes.
- **again and again** used to emphasize that someone does something many times, or the same thing happens many times: She told herself again and again that everything would be all right. | Gunfire rang out across the city again and again.
- **repeatedly** *especially written* used to emphasize that someone does something many times: His doctor had repeatedly warned him not to work so hard.
- **constantly/continually** **often** over a long period of time – used especially about something that is annoying or causes problems: They seem to be continually arguing. | It's hard to keep up with technology when it's constantly changing.
- **time and time again** many times – used when this is annoying or does not have any effect: He forgets his keys time and time again. | I tell students time and time again to keep careful notes.

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