

scarce1. [skeəs] *a*

1. недостаточный, скудный

scarce commodity - дефицитный товар

scarce raw materials - дефицитное сырьё

to be scarce - иметься в недостаточном количестве

fruit will be scarce this year - в этом году фруктов будет мало

countries where coal is scarce - страны, бедные углём /углем/

money [food] is scarce with them - с деньгами [с продуктами] у них туго

to be scarce of smth. - *КНИЖН.* испытывать недостаток в чём-л. или нехватку чего-л.

to be scarce of money [food] - нуждаться в деньгах [в продовольствии]

2. редкий, редко встречающийся

scarce coin [picture, moth] - редкая монета [картина, бабочка]

scarce collection - редкое собрание /-ая коллекция/

◇ to make oneself scarce - а) потихоньку улизнуть, удрать, «испариться»; б) стараться не попадаться на глаза, не показываться

2. [skeəs] *adv* *позт. см.* *scarcely***scarce**

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scarce [scarce scarcer scarcest] *adjective, adverb* BrE [skeəs] ^ˈ NAmE [skers]**adjective** (scar-*cer*, scar-*cest*)

if sth is scarce, there is not enough of it and it is only available in small quantities

• **scarce resources**

• Details of the accident are scarce.

• Food was becoming scarce.

Word Origin:Middle English (in the sense 'restricted in quantity or size', also 'mean'): from a shortening of Anglo-Norman *escars*, from a Romance word meaning '**plucked out, selected**'.Thesaurus:**scarce** *adj.*

• Land suitable for building on is scarce.

in short supply • • **few and far between** • • **short** • • **low** • • **limited** •**Opp:** plentiful**resources** are scarce/in short supply/short/low/limited**food** is scarce/in short supply/short**time** is short/limited**Which word?** **Scarce** and **in short supply** are used about resources that are not generally available; **short** is used especially about **time** and **money**; **low** is used especially about your supplies when you have not got much left.Example Bank:

- Money was extremely scarce after the war.
- Skilled workers were becoming increasingly scarce.
- Butterflies are getting scarcer and scarcer in industrialized areas.
- Food was becoming increasingly scarce.
- Land suitable for building on is scarce.
- This is a criminal waste of scarce resources.

Idiom: ↑**make yourself scarce****adverb** (literary)

only just; almost not

- I can scarce remember him.

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I. **scarce**¹ /skeəs \$ skers/ BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ *adjective* (comparative **scarcer**, superlative **scarcest**)[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old North French; Origin: *escars*, from Vulgar Latin *excarpusus* '*pulled out*', from Latin *excerpere*; ⇨ ^ˈ*excerpt*]

1. if something is scarce, there is not very much of it available:

• Food was often scarce in the winter.

• There was fierce competition for the scarce resources.2. **make yourself scarce** *informal* to leave a place, especially in order to avoid an unpleasant situation:

I decided it was time to make myself scarce.

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- **rare** not existing in large numbers or in large amounts: The law prevents the export of rare birds. | The plates are quite rare. Only about a hundred were made.
- **scarce** not available in large enough numbers or amounts at a particular time – used especially about things people need: After the war, food and clothing were scarce. | People are having to compete for scarce resources.
- **not common** [not before noun] fairly rare: Silver coins of this period are not common, and could be very valuable.
- **infrequent** *formal* not happening often: As time went on, her visits became more and more infrequent.
- **be few and far between** to not be common – especially much less common than you might expect: Luckily, accidents such as these are few and far between. | Bargains are, unfortunately, few and far between.
- **be (something of) a rarity** if something or someone is a rarity, it is surprising to find one, because very few exist: Women are still something of a rarity in senior management positions.
- **be like hen's teeth** *informal* to be extremely rare: Good Greek restaurants are like hen's teeth around here.

II. **scarce**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *adverb* *literary*

scarcely:

He could scarce believe it.

scarce

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