

often[ˈɒf(t)ən] *adv*

часто, много раз

often and often - зачастую, весьма часто

more often than not - чаще всего, очень часто; в большинстве случаев, большей частью; нередко

during foggy weather the trains are late more often than not - в туманную погоду поезда, как правило, идут с опозданием

as often as - всякий раз, каждый раз; как только

as often as not - нередко, очень часто

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often**often** [often oftener oftenest] *BrE* ['ɒfn] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['ɔːfɪ] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['ɑːfɪ] ^ˈ*BrE* ['ɒftən] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['ɔːftə] ^ˈ *NAmE* ['ɑːftə] ^ˈ **adverb****1.** many times**Syn:** †frequently

- We often go there.
- I've often wondered what happened to him.
- **How often** do you go to the theatre?
- I see her quite often.
- Try to exercise as often as possible.
- We should meet for lunch more often.
- **It is not often that** you get such an opportunity.

2. in many cases**Syn:** †commonly

- Old houses are often damp.
- People are often afraid of things they don't understand.
- **All too often** the animals die through neglect.
- His success depended, as so often happens, on things entirely outside his control.

more at once too often **at** †once ^{adv.}**Idioms:** †as often as not ▪ †every so often ▪ †more often than notWord Origin:

Middle English: extended form of †oft, probably influenced by *selden* 'seldom'. Early examples appear to be northern English; the word became general in the 16th cent.

Thesaurus:**often** *adv.***1.**

- Your should come and see us more often.

frequently • • **routinely** • • **habitually** • |informal, especially spoken **a lot** •**Opp:** rarely, **Opp:** seldomoften/routinely **available****happen** often/frequently/a lot**wear sth** often/frequently/habitually/a lot**How** often/frequently?

Often or frequently? **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

- I've often wondered what he looked like.
- Passengers complained that the trains were frequently cancelled.

2.

- Old houses are often damp.

commonly • • **usually** • • **generally** • • **mostly** • |especially written **in general** •**Opp:** rarely, **Opp:** seldomoften/commonly/usually/generally/mostly **known as/called/found...**often/commonly/usually/generally/mostly **used**often/commonly/usually/generally **happen**Example Bank:

- How often does it happen?
- I've often wondered what he looked like.
- It's not often that I receive fan letters.
- People often find it difficult to say goodbye.
- She likes to get out of the city as often as possible.
- She's mean. Rich people very often are.
- The dog often went missing for days.
- Traffic has increased and the roads are all too often inadequate.
- You should come and see us more often.

often

often **S1 W1** /'ɒfən, 'ɒftən \$ 'bɒf-BrE^u AmE^u *adverb*

[Date: 1200-1300; Origin: oft]

1. if something happens often, it happens regularly or many times **SYN frequently**:

- She often works at the weekend.
- If you wash your hair too often, it can get too dry.
- How often do you see your parents?

quite/very often

- I quite often go to Paris on business.
- Robin is a difficult child; you've said so yourself often enough (=a lot of times).

it is not often (that)

- It's not often that a government minister will admit to being wrong.

2. if something happens often, it happens in many situations or cases:

- It's often difficult to translate poetry.

very/quite often

- Very often children who behave badly at school have problems at home.

3. **all too often** (also **only too often**) used to say that something sad, disappointing, or annoying happens too much:

- All too often doctors are too busy to explain the treatment to their patients.
- This type of accident happens only too often.

4. **every so often** sometimes:

- An inspector comes round every so often to check the safety equipment.

5. **as often as not** (also **more often than not**) *spoken* usually:

- More often than not the train is late.

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- **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.

to often happen or do something

- **tend to do something** to often do a particular thing and be likely to do it: Dave tends to arrive late so don't worry. | Girls tend to be better at languages than boys.
- **have a tendency to do something** to often do something, especially something that is not good, and be more likely to do it than other people or things: Some people have a tendency to put on weight. | This type of cloth has a tendency to shrink.
- **be inclined to do something** to do something fairly often or be fairly likely to do it, especially because this is part of your character: Teenage boys are inclined to take risks. | She was inclined to giggle in class.
- **have a habit of doing something** used when saying that something has happened many times before and is likely to happen again: Ben had a habit of coming home drunk. | Life has a habit of surprising people.
- **be prone to something** to be more likely to have problems: Some older computer systems were prone to go wrong. | The fitter you are, the less you are prone to injury. | plants that are prone to disease

often

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