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adj. **rar·er, rar·est**

1. Infrequently occurring; uncommon: *a rare event; a plant that is rare in this region.*
2. Excellent; extraordinary: *a rare sense of honor.*
3. Thin in density; rarefied: *rare air.*

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *rârus*.]

rare **ness** *n.*

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rare²  (râr)

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adj. **rar·er, rar·est**

Cooked just a short time so as to retain juice and redness: *a rare steak.*

[Middle English *rere*, lightly boiled, from Old English *hrēr*; see **kerā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

rare **ness** *n.*

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