

\$once in a while\$ etymology Meaning of once and while in once in a while Once in a while OR Once in awhile ?.

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Feb 13 2016 To me once in a while is at least a few times in a lifetime but usually more often than that e.g. once in a while your life will dramatically change but definitely rarer than once every ~20-30 characteristic time lengths Jul 6 2016
1. Once in a while OR 2. Once in awhile Which is the correct phrase? I'm thinking it's the first one but I'm unable to find out for certain

a while vs awhile and Correct Every so often Every once in a while Every now and then again Every actually is a determiner or broadly speaking an adjective specifying a noun or noun phrase and means that everybody or everything of the referred group is addressed as in every day every man or every student The while here indicates a period of time and once in a while implies something that happens infrequently during said period

The every is optional Oct 21 2019 So to use your examples It was a once in a lifetime trip a trip so special or expensive that one would be unlikely to undertake such a trip more than once and once in a lifetime acts as an adjective

We are born once in a lifetime literally this event happens exactly once and the four words stand alone to describe that fact Nov 4 2016 All combinations of for a while for awhile a while and awhile can be used as adverbial phrases with identical sense and usage

The for is optional and a while is indistinguishable from awhile in speech so they have no differences in meaning or in grammar 1 I'd suggest saying this instead I appreciate the thoughtfulness in your occasional visits

Edit As Getzel R said the usage of every once in a while ends up sounding like it may be sarcastic and the replacement of it with occasional helps clarify that the speaker means occasional only in the most literal sense without a hostile intent Mar 27 2024 What's the story behind this word and how did it end so ambiguous while other languages differ? There's already Bimonthly why does every dictionary still use once every two months as an additional meaning to Bimonthly if there's already another word? May 26 2016 I can't possibly do all those things at the same time ! Edit As Rathony stated the third one I will let you know at once when I have the information about it

isn't strictly wrong and could mean immediately when

But in this case a more natural way to say it to me is I will let you know as soon as I have the information about it Whoever told you that you should not use and more than once in a sentence? However yes your sentence seems to go on and on and on and on Try starting a new sentence every once in a while it will make your sentence so much easier to read.

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