

Need another word that means the same as “belittling”? Find 7 synonyms and 30 related words for “belittling” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Belittling” are: denigration, deprecating, deprecative, deprecatory, depreciative, depreciatory, slighting

Belittling as a Noun

Definitions of "Belittling" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “belittling” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The act of belittling.*
- *A belittling comment.*



Synonyms of "Belittling" as a noun (1 Word)

denigration The action of unfairly criticizing someone or something.
*I witnessed the **denigration** of anyone who failed to toe the line.*

Belittling as an Adjective

Definitions of "Belittling" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "belittling" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Dismissive of the importance of a person or thing.*
- *Tending to diminish or disparage.*

Synonyms of "Belittling" as an adjective (6 Words)

deprecating	Expressing disapproval; disapproving. <i>He sniffed in a deprecating way.</i>
deprecative	Given to expressing disapproval.
deprecatory	Tending to diminish or disparage. <i>Deprecatory remarks about the book.</i>
depreciative	Causing gradual diminishment in value. <i>A depreciative effect on the currency.</i>
depreciatory	Tending to diminish or disparage. <i>Depreciatory effects on prices.</i>
slighting	Being of delicate or slender build- Frank Norris. <i>A slighting remark.</i>

Usage Examples of "Belittling" as an adjective

- *Belittling comments.*
- *His cruel, belittling remarks.*

Associations of "Belittling" (30 Words)

abase	Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. <i>I watched my colleagues abasing themselves before the board of trustees.</i>
debase	Corrupt, debase or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>The King was forced to debase the coinage.</i>
decomposition	The analysis of a vector field. <i>The decomposition of organic waste.</i>

decry	Express strong disapproval of. <i>They decried human rights abuses.</i>
defamation	An abusive attack on a person's character or good name. <i>She sued him for defamation.</i>
defame	Charge falsely or with malicious intent. <i>The journalists have defamed me.</i>
degradation	A low or downcast state. <i>A trail of human misery and degradation.</i>
degrade	Treat or regard (someone) with contempt or disrespect. <i>When exposed to light the materials will degrade.</i>
demean	Cause a severe loss in the dignity of and respect for (someone or something). <i>I had demeaned the profession.</i>
demote	Move (someone) to a lower position or rank, usually as a punishment. <i>She was demoted because she always speaks up.</i>
denigrate	Criticize unfairly; disparage. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who denigrate their own country.</i>
deprecation	The act of expressing disapproval (especially of yourself).
deprecatory	Expressing disapproval; disapproving. <i>Deprecatory remarks about the book.</i>
derogate	Deviate from (a set of rules or agreed form of behaviour). <i>This does not derogate from his duty to act honestly and faithfully.</i>
derogatory	Showing a critical or disrespectful attitude. <i>Derogatory comments.</i>
disgrace	A person or thing regarded as shameful and unacceptable. <i>If he'd gone back it would have brought disgrace on the family.</i>
disparage	Regard or represent as being of little worth. <i>He never missed an opportunity to disparage his competitors.</i>
downgrade	A downward gradient on a railway or road. <i>Downgrades by debt rating agencies outnumber upgrades by five to one.</i>
humiliate	Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. <i>You'll humiliate me in front of the whole school.</i>
humiliation	Strong feelings of embarrassment. <i>He fought back tears of humiliation.</i>
infamy	Evil fame or public reputation. <i>A date which will live in infamy.</i>

mortify	Practice self-denial of one's body and appetites. <i>Mortify the flesh.</i>
opprobrium	An occasion or cause of reproach or disgrace. <i>The name was a by word of scorn and opprobrium throughout the city.</i>
permafrost	Ground that is permanently frozen. <i>Hilly terrain underlain by permafrost.</i>
<u>relegate</u>	Assign to a class or kind. <i>She likes to relegate difficult questions to her colleagues.</i>
<u>shame</u>	Bring shame to. <i>One mistake brought shame to all his family.</i>
<u>slander</u>	Words falsely spoken that damage the reputation of another. <i>They were accused of slandering the head of state.</i>
smirch	A blot on someone's character; a flaw. <i>The window was smirched by heat and smoke.</i>
stultify	Deprive of strength or efficiency; make useless or worthless. <i>Nobody is legally allowed to stultify himself.</i>
sully	Damage the purity or integrity of. <i>They were outraged that anyone should sully their good name.</i>