

Need another word that means the same as “differential”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “differential” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Differential” are: distinctive, different, dissimilar, contrasting, divergent, disparate, contrastive, differential gear, derivative, differential coefficient, first derivative, difference, gap, gulf, divergence, disparity, discrepancy, imbalance, inequality, contrast, distinction, inequity, unevenness, disproportion, inconsistency, variation, variability

Differential as a Noun

Definitions of "Differential" as a noun

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

- *A bevel gear that permits rotation of two shafts at different speeds; used on the rear axle of automobiles to allow wheels to rotate at different speeds on curves.*
- *A difference in wages between industries or between categories of employees in the same industry.*
- *The result of mathematical differentiation; the instantaneous change of one quantity relative to another; $df(x)/dx$.*
- *A difference between amounts of things.*
- *A quality that differentiates between similar things.*
- *A set of gears allowing a motor vehicle's driven wheels to revolve at different speeds*

when going around corners.

- *An infinitesimal difference between successive values of a variable.*



Synonyms of "Differential" as a noun (20 Words)

contrast	The perceptual effect of the juxtaposition of very different colors. By contrast .
<u>derivative</u>	A substance that is derived chemically from a specified compound. <i>The aircraft is a derivative of the Falcon 20G.</i>
difference	The state or condition of being dissimilar. <i>His support made a real difference.</i>
differential coefficient	A bevel gear that permits rotation of two shafts at different speeds; used on the rear axle of automobiles to allow wheels to rotate at different speeds on curves.
differential gear	A quality that differentiates between similar things.
discrepancy	An event that departs from expectations. <i>There s a discrepancy between your account and his.</i>
disparity	Inequality or difference in some respect. <i>The arrangements could lead to disparity of treatment between companies.</i>
disproportion	An instance of being out of proportion with something else. <i>There is a disproportion between the scale of expenditure and any benefit that could possibly result.</i>
<u>distinction</u>	An honor awarded to someone in recognition of achievement or superiority. <i>I was completely unaware of class distinctions.</i>
<u>divergence</u>	A difference in opinions, interests, etc. <i>An angle is formed by the divergence of two straight lines.</i>
first derivative	The fielding position of the player on a baseball team who is stationed at first of the bases in the infield (counting counterclockwise from home plate.
gap	A narrow opening. Gap between income and outgo.
gulf	An arm of a sea or ocean partly enclosed by land; larger than a bay. <i>The widening gulf between the rich and the poor.</i>
<u>imbalance</u>	(mathematics) a lack of symmetry. <i>A hormonal imbalance.</i>

inconsistency

The quality of being inconsistent and lacking a harmonious uniformity among things or parts.

*The **inconsistency** between his expressed attitudes and his actual behaviour.*

inequality

Difference in size, degree, circumstances, etc.; lack of equality.

*The growing **inequality** between rich and poor.*

inequity

Lack of fairness or justice.

*Policies aimed at redressing racial **inequity**.*

unevenness

The quality of being unbalanced.

variability

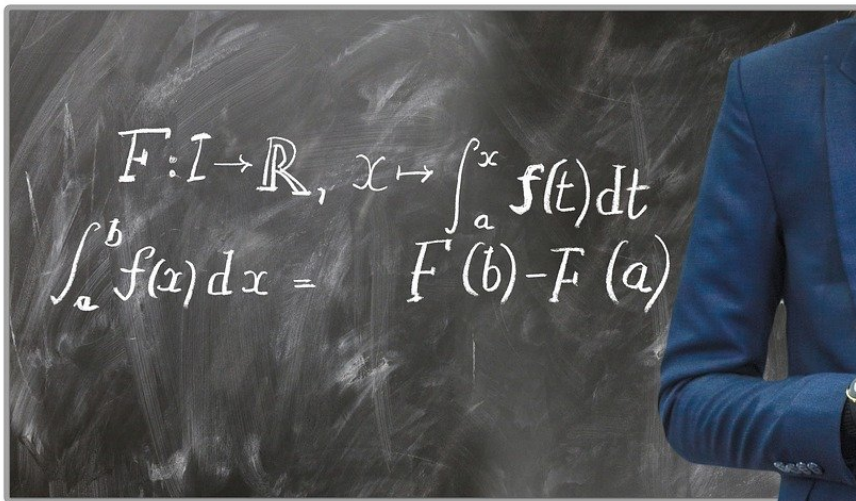
The quality of being uneven and lacking uniformity.

*A great deal of **variability** in quality.*

variation

Something a little different from others of the same type.

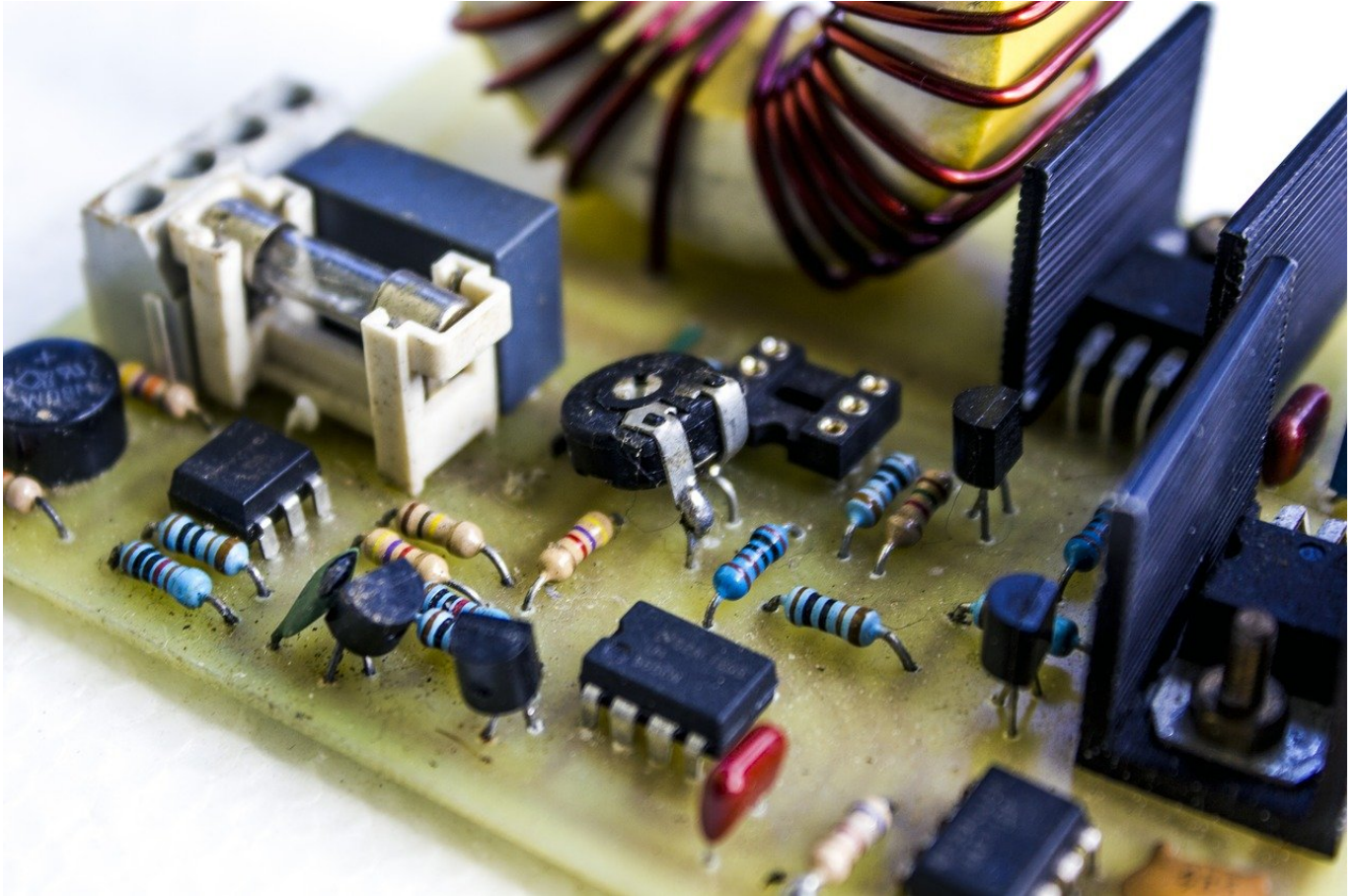
*He patented a **variation** on the sandal.*



Usage Examples of "Differential" as a noun

- *Regional differentials in pay.*

- *The differential between petrol and diesel prices.*

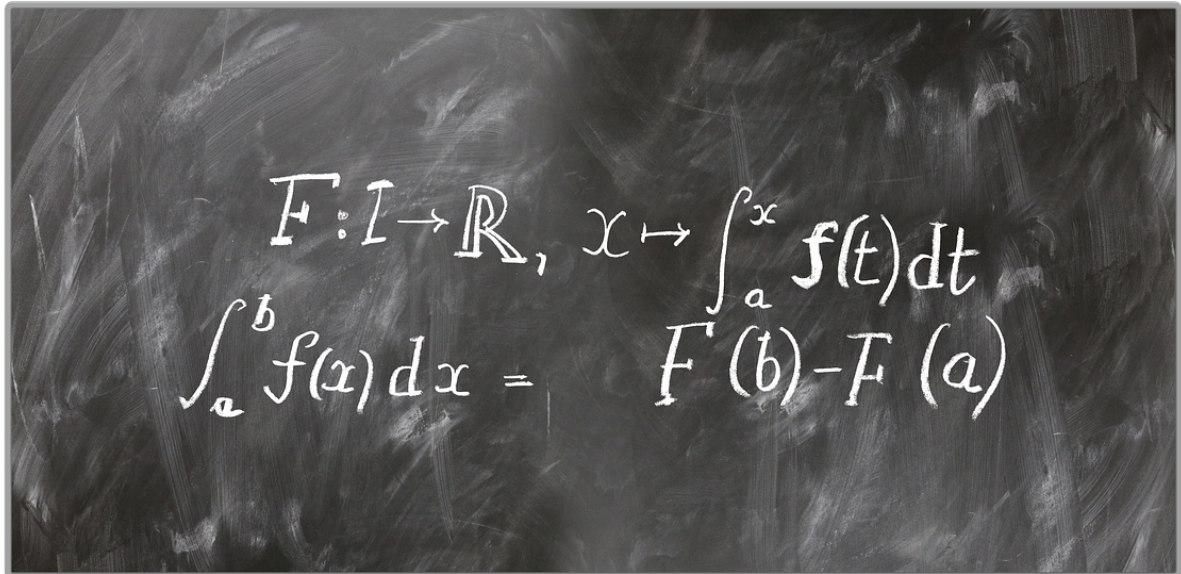


Differential as an Adjective

Definitions of "Differential" as an adjective

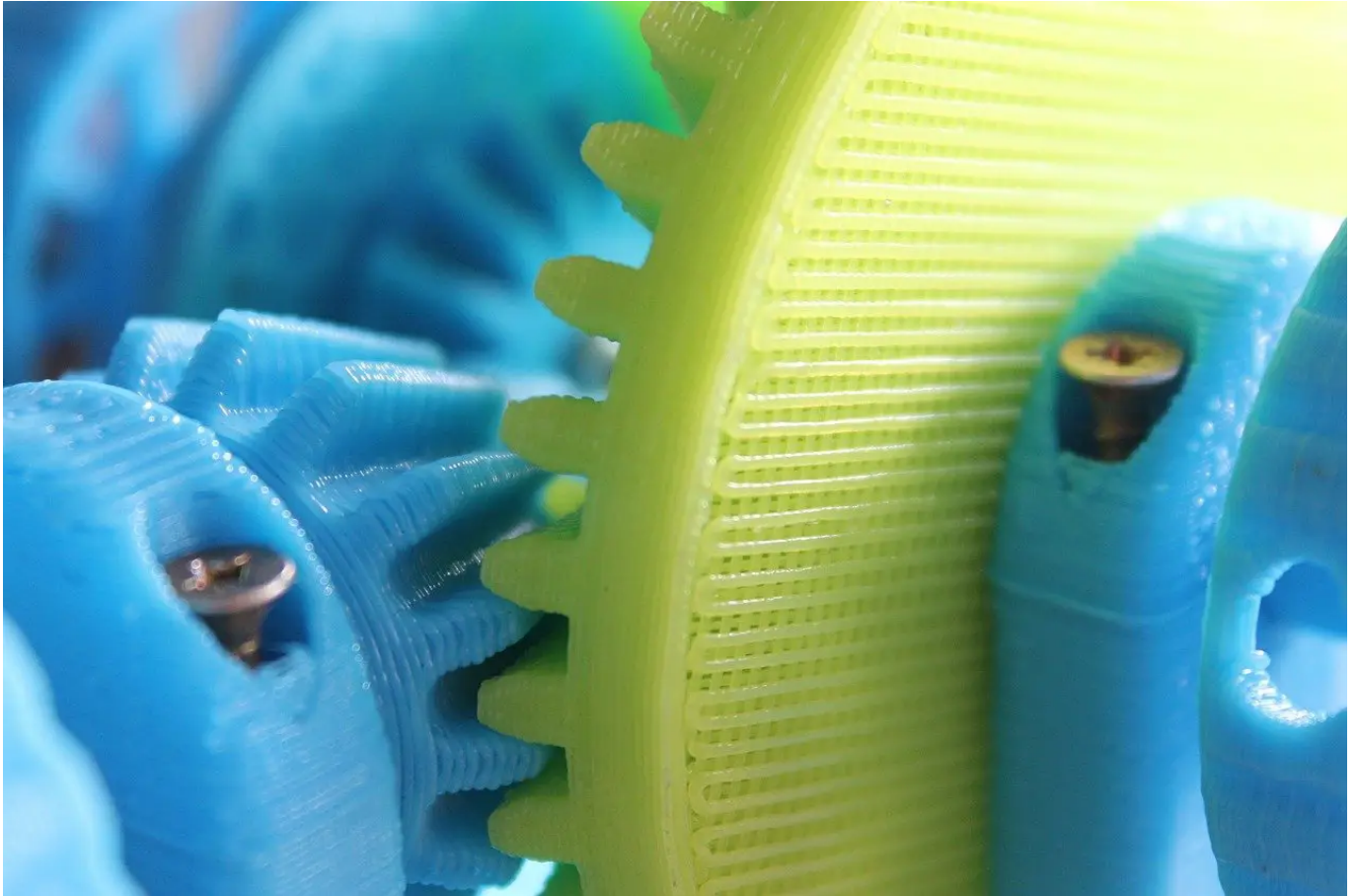
According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "differential" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Of, showing, or depending on a difference; varying according to circumstances or relevant factors.*
- *Relating to or showing a difference.*
- *Relating to a difference in a physical quantity.*
- *Constituting a specific difference; distinctive.*
- *Relating to infinitesimal differences or to the derivatives of functions.*
- *Involving or containing one or more derivatives.*


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$$\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$$

Synonyms of "Differential" as an adjective (7 Words)

- contrasting** Differing strikingly.
Contrasting colours.
- contrastive** Of words so related that one contrasts with the other.
*Disjunctive conjunctions like but or or though serve a **contrastive** function.*
- different** Distinctly separate from the first.
Different parts of the country.
- disparate** Containing elements very different from one another.
*A culturally **disparate** country.*
- dissimilar** Marked by dissimilarity.
*A collection of **dissimilar** nations lacking overall homogeneity.*
- distinctive** Of a feature that helps to distinguish a person or thing- Curtis Wilkie.
*Jerusalem has a **distinctive** Middle East flavor.*
- divergent** Tending to be different or develop in different directions.
Divergent thinking.



Usage Examples of "Differential" as an adjective

- *A differential amplifier.*
- *The differential achievements of boys and girls.*
- *The differential features between benign and malignant tumours.*
- *Differential equation.*



Associations of "Differential" (30 Words)

characterize	Describe the distinctive nature or features of. <i>The disease is characterized by weakening of the immune system.</i>
compare	Be comparable. <i>Beyond compare.</i>
comparison	The quality of being similar or equivalent. <i>The fractions selected for comparison must require pupils to consider both numerator and denominator.</i>
contrast	The opposition or dissimilarity of things that are compared. <i>In contrast to.</i>
contrastingly	In a contrasting manner.
convert	A person who has been converted to another religious or political belief. <i>Convert hotels into jails.</i>

diametrical	Related to or along a diameter. <i>He s the diametrical opposite of Gabriel.</i>
differ	Be different. <i>I beg to differ.</i>
difference	A disagreement or argument about something important. <i>There are many differences between jazz and rock.</i>
differentiate	Become different during development. <i>The receptors are developed and differentiated into sense organs.</i>
differentiation	A discrimination between things as different and distinct. <i>Packaging can be a source of product differentiation.</i>
differently	In a way that is not the same as another or as before. <i>Differently coloured pens.</i>
discrete	Individually separate and distinct. <i>A government with three discrete divisions.</i>
disparate	Containing elements very different from one another. <i>They inhabit disparate worlds of thought.</i>
disparity	A great difference. <i>The arrangements could lead to disparity of treatment between companies.</i>
dissimilarity	Difference; variance. <i>The similarity or dissimilarity between humans and other animals.</i>
distinction	Excellence that sets someone or something apart from others. <i>I was completely unaware of class distinctions.</i>
distinguish	Manage to discern (something barely perceptible). <i>His modesty distinguishes him from his peers.</i>
divergence	A difference in opinions, interests, etc. <i>The divergence between primates and other groups.</i>
gap	Make an opening or gap in. <i>Gap between income and outgo.</i>
incompatibility	Inability of two people to live together harmoniously. <i>Our different backgrounds had something to do with our incompatibility.</i>
inconsistent	Acting at variance with one's own principles or former behaviour. <i>Inconsistent with the roadmap.</i>
individuation	Discriminating the individual from the generic group or species.
preeminence	High status importance owing to marked superiority.
secant	A straight line that cuts a curve in two or more parts.

sized	Having a specified size. <i>A grapefruit sized lump.</i>
specialization	The process of concentrating on and becoming expert in a particular subject or skill. <i>A biologist and ecologist with a specialization in butterflies.</i>
style	Make consistent with a certain fashion or style. <i>This style of shoe is in demand.</i>
<u>variance</u>	A quantity equal to the square of the standard deviation. <i>A zoning variance.</i>
<u>variant</u>	An event that departs from expectations. <i>A variant of the same word.</i>