

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

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**The synonyms of “Diminutive” are: bantam, flyspeck, lilliputian, midget, petite, tiny, small, little, minute, miniature, mini, minuscule, microscopic, nanoscopic, small-scale, compact, pocket, undersized, short, stubby, elfin, dwarfish, pygmy, homuncular, short form, contraction, elision, acronym, initialism, symbol**

## Diminutive as a Noun

### Definitions of "Diminutive" as a noun

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

- *A shortened form of a name, typically used informally.*
- *A word that is formed with a suffix (such as -let or -kin) to indicate smallness.*
- *A diminutive word or suffix.*
- *A charge of the same form as an ordinary but of lesser size or width.*

### Synonyms of "Diminutive" as a noun (6 Words)

#### [acronym](#)

An abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word (e.g. ASCII, NASA).

*The word scuba is an **acronym** for s elf c ontained u nderwater b reathing a pparatus.*

- contraction** The process or result of becoming smaller or pressed together.  
*The manufacturing sector suffered a severe **contraction**.*
- elision** The omission of a sound or syllable when speaking (as in I'm, let's).  
*Unease at the **elision** of so many vital questions.*
- initialism** A word formed from the initial letters of the several words in the name and pronounced as one word.  
*NATO is an **initialism** for North Atlantic Treaty Organization.*
- short form** The location on a baseball field where the shortstop is stationed.
- symbol** A mark or character used as a conventional representation of an object, function, or process, e.g. the letter or letters standing for a chemical element or a character in musical notation.  
*The limousine was another **symbol** of his wealth and authority.*

## Usage Examples of "Diminutive" as a noun

- 'Nick' is a diminutive of 'Nicholas'.

## Diminutive as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Diminutive" as an adjective

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

- (of a word, name, or suffix) implying smallness, either actual or imputed to convey affection, scorn, etc. (e.g. teeny, -let, -kins).
- Extremely or unusually small.
- Very small.

### Synonyms of "Diminutive" as an adjective (24 Words)

- bantam** Very small.
- compact** Briefly giving the gist of something.  
*Towns **compact** of wooden houses.*
- dwarfish** Atypically small.
- elfin** (of a person or their face) small and delicate, typically with a mischievous charm.  
*Obsessed by things **elfin** and small.*

<b>flyspeck</b>	Very small. <i>The <b>flyspeck</b> nation of Bahrain moved toward democracy.</i>
<b>homuncular</b>	(of a person or animal) very small; diminutive.
<b>lilliputian</b>	Tiny; relating to or characteristic of the imaginary country of Lilliput. <i>A <b>lilliputian</b> chest of drawers.</i>
<b>little</b>	Used in names of animals and plants that are smaller than related kinds e g little grebe. <i>A nice <b>little</b> job.</i>
<b>microscopic</b>	So small as to be visible only with a microscope. <i><b>Microscopical</b> examination.</i>
<b>mini</b>	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A bouquet of <b>mini</b> carnations.</i>
<b>miniature</b>	Being on a very small scale. <i>A <b>miniature</b> camera.</i>
<b>minuscule</b>	Lowercase. <i>E e cummings s poetry is written all in <b>minuscule</b> letters.</i>
<b>minute</b>	Infinitely or immeasurably small. <i>Two <b>minute</b> whiplike threads of protoplasm.</i>
<b>nanoscopic</b>	Extremely small. <i>His comment contains a <b>nanoscopic</b> grain of truth.</i>
<b><u>petite</u></b>	Attractively small and dainty (used of a woman). <i>Her <b>petite</b> figure.</i>
<b>pocket</b>	Of a suitable size for carrying in a pocket. <i>A 6 000 acre <b>pocket</b> paradise.</i>
<b>pygmy</b>	Used in names of animals and plants that are much smaller than more typical kinds e g pygmy shrew pygmy water lily.
<b>short</b>	Tending to crumble or break into flakes due to a large amount of shortening. <i>The English vowel sounds in pat pet pit pot putt are <b>short</b>.</i>
<b>small</b>	Relatively moderate limited or small. <i>A rather <b>small</b> amount of money.</i>
<b>small-scale</b>	Created or drawn on a small scale.
<b>stubby</b>	Short and thick. <i><b>Stubby</b> fingers.</i>
<b>tiny</b>	Very small. <i><b>Tiny</b> feet.</i>
<b>undersized</b>	Smaller than normal for its kind. <i>The <b>undersized</b> cubs may not survive the winter.</i>

## Usage Examples of "Diminutive" as an adjective

- A diminutive figure dressed in black.
- Diminutive in stature.

## Associations of "Diminutive" (30 Words)

<b>few</b>	The RAF pilots who took part in the Battle of Britain. <i>A world that increasingly belongs to the <b>few</b>.</i>
<b>handful</b>	A small number or amount. <i>A small <b>handful</b> of fresh coriander.</i>
<b>iota</b>	The ninth letter of the Greek alphabet (Ι, ι), transliterated as 'i'. <i>Nothing she said seemed to make an <b>iota</b> of difference.</i>
<b>least</b>	Used in names of very small animals and plants e.g. least shrew. <i>It is the <b>least</b> I can do.</i>
<b>less</b>	Used to form the comparative of some adjectives and adverbs. <i><b>Less</b> than three years old.</i>
<b>lilliputian</b>	Very small. <i>A <b>lilliputian</b> chest of drawers.</i>
<b>mini</b>	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A <b>mini</b> dress.</i>
<b>miniature</b>	Painting or drawing included in a book (especially in illuminated medieval manuscripts). <i>She saw her own reflection <b>miniatured</b>.</i>
<b>minimal</b>	Of a minimum amount, quantity, or degree; negligible. <i>The aircraft suffered <b>minimal</b> damage.</i>
<b>miniscule</b>	Extremely small.
<b>minor</b>	Of a premise containing the minor term in a categorical syllogism. <i>A bid of two no trumps shows strength in the <b>minors</b>.</i>
<b>minuscule</b>	Minuscule script. <i>A <b>minuscule</b> kitchen.</i>
<b>neap</b>	Of a tide tend towards or reach the highest point of a neap tide. <i><b>Neaps</b> occur at 6 a m and 6 p m.</i>
<b>negligible</b>	So small or unimportant as to be not worth considering; insignificant. <i>He said that the risks were <b>negligible</b>.</i>
<b>peccadillo</b>	A relatively minor fault or sin. <i>The sexual <b>peccadilloes</b> of celebrities aren't necessarily news.</i>

<b>pettiness</b>	Undue concern with trivial matters, especially of a small-minded or spiteful nature. <i>Try to overlook insults and <b>pettinesses</b>.</i>
<b>pinprick</b>	A prick caused by a pin. <i>Compared with the indignities he had so far endured this was a mere <b>pinprick</b>.</i>
<b>puny</b>	(used especially of persons) of inferior size. <i>White faced <b>puny</b> children.</i>
<b>quaver</b>	A shake or tremble in a person's voice. <i>I m not safe here am I she said in a <b>quavering</b> voice.</i>
<b>remotely</b>	From a distance; without physical contact. <i>The meeting was the first to be held <b>remotely</b> using conferencing software.</i>
<b>several</b>	Applied or regarded separately. <i>The two levels of government sort out their <b>several</b> responsibilities.</i>
<b>slight</b>	A deliberate discourteous act (usually as an expression of anger or disapproval). <i><b>Slight</b> evidence.</i>
<b>slightly</b>	To a small degree or extent. <i>They are all <b>slightly</b> different.</i>
<b>smattering</b>	A slight superficial knowledge of a language or subject. <i>A <b>smattering</b> of snow.</i>
<b>tenuous</b>	Lacking substance or significance. <i>The <b>tenuous</b> link between interest rates and investment.</i>
<b>tiny</b>	Very small. <i><b>Tiny</b> feet.</i>
<b>trifling</b>	The deliberate act of delaying and playing instead of working. <i>A <b>trifling</b> matter.</i>
<b>trivial</b>	Concerned with trivialities. <i>A <b>trivial</b> young woman.</i>
<b>undersized</b>	Of less than the usual size. <i>The <b>undersized</b> cubs may not survive the winter.</i>
<b>wee</b>	Little. <i>The lyrics are a <b>wee</b> bit too <b>sweet</b> and sentimental.</i>