

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.*

flyspeck	Very small. <i>The flyspeck nation of Bahrain moved toward democracy.</i>
homuncular	(of a person or animal) very small; diminutive.
lilliputian	Tiny; relating to or characteristic of the imaginary country of Lilliput. <i>A lilliputian chest of drawers.</i>
little	Used in names of animals and plants that are smaller than related kinds e g little grebe. <i>A nice little job.</i>
microscopic	So small as to be visible only with a microscope. <i>Microscopical examination.</i>
mini	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A bouquet of mini carnations.</i>
miniature	Being on a very small scale. <i>A miniature camera.</i>
minuscule	Lowercase. <i>E e cummings s poetry is written all in minuscule letters.</i>
minute	Infinitely or immeasurably small. <i>Two minute whiplike threads of protoplasm.</i>
nanoscopic	Extremely small. <i>His comment contains a nanoscopic grain of truth.</i>
<u>petite</u>	Attractively small and dainty (used of a woman). <i>Her petite figure.</i>
pocket	Of a suitable size for carrying in a pocket. <i>A 6 000 acre pocket paradise.</i>
pygmy	Used in names of animals and plants that are much smaller than more typical kinds e g pygmy shrew pygmy water lily.
short	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 short.</i>
small	Relatively moderate limited or small. <i>A rather small amount of money.</i>
small-scale	Created or drawn on a small scale.
stubby	Short and thick. <i>Stubby fingers.</i>
tiny	Very small. <i>Tiny feet.</i>
undersized	Smaller than normal for its kind. <i>The undersized 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)

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

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