

Need another word that means the same as “handful”? Find 19 synonyms and 30 related words for “handful” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Handful” are: smattering, fistful, a small number, a small amount, a small quantity, a sprinkling, a smattering, a scattering, a trickle, few, one or two, nuisance, problem, bother, irritant, source of annoyance, thorn in someone's flesh, thorn in someone's side, bugbear**

## Handful as a Noun

### Definitions of "Handful" as a noun

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

- *A person or group that is very difficult to deal with or control.*
- *The quantity that can be held in the hand.*
- *A quantity that fills the hand.*
- *A small number or amount.*



## Synonyms of "Handful" as a noun (19 Words)

<b>a scattering</b>	A haphazard distribution in all directions.
<b>a small amount</b>	A garment size for a small person.
<b>a small number</b>	The slender part of the back.
<b>a small quantity</b>	A garment size for a small person.
<b>a smattering</b>	A slight or superficial understanding of a subject.
<b>a sprinkling</b>	The act of sprinkling or splashing water.
<b>a trickle</b>	Flowing in drops; the formation and falling of drops of liquid.
<b>bother</b>	An angry disturbance. <i>A bit of a <b>bother</b>.</i>
<b>bugbear</b>	An object of dread or apprehension. <i>Germany was always a <b>bugbear</b> for France.</i>
<b><u>few</u></b>	The RAF pilots who took part in the Battle of Britain. <i>Art is not just for the <b>few</b>.</i>

<b>fistful</b>	As much as a person can hold in their clenched hand. <i>The man took a <b>fistful</b> of cash from the drawer.</i>
<b>irritant</b>	A substance that causes slight inflammation or other discomfort to the body. <i>A powerful skin <b>irritant</b>.</i>
<b>nuisance</b>	An act which is harmful or offensive to the public or a member of it and for which there is a legal remedy. <i>It s a <b>nuisance</b> having all those people clomping through the house.</i>
<b>one or two</b>	The smallest whole number or a numeral representing this number.
<b>problem</b>	A question raised for consideration or solution. <i>The <b>problem</b> of ageism in Hollywood.</i>
<b>smattering</b>	A small amount of something. <i>A <b>smattering</b> of snow.</i>
<b>source of annoyance</b>	Anything that provides inspiration for later work.
<b>thorn in someone's flesh</b>	Something that causes irritation and annoyance.
<b>thorn in someone's side</b>	Something that causes irritation and annoyance.



## Usage Examples of "Handful" as a noun

- *Only a handful of responses were received.*
- *The kids could be such a handful.*
- *Only a handful of people were in the pub.*
- *A small handful of fresh coriander.*



## Associations of "Handful" (30 Words)

### **about**

On the move.  
*He s **about** 35.*

### **almost**

(of actions or states) slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.  
*We re **almost** finished.*

### **bit**

The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press.  
*In just a **bit**.*

<b>few</b>	A small elite group. A <b>few</b> weeks ago.
<b>insignificant</b>	Not worthy of notice. She was so small and <b>insignificant</b> .
<b>iota</b>	The ninth star in a constellation. Nothing she said seemed to make an <b>iota</b> of difference.
<b>least</b>	Used in names of very small animals and plants e.g. least shrew. That is the <b>least</b> of my concerns.
<b>less</b>	Lower in quality. Of <b>less</b> importance.
<b>little</b>	Small and of little importance. A <b>little</b> puppy dog.
<b>marginal</b>	Of questionable or minimal quality. Remove any dead foliage on water lilies and <b>marginals</b> .
<b>mere</b>	Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications. His stomach rebelled at the <b>mere</b> thought of food.
<b>mini</b>	Denoting a miniature version of something. A <b>mini</b> camera.
<b>minimal</b>	Of a minimum amount, quantity, or degree; negligible. P and b are a <b>minimal</b> pair distinguished by the feature of voicing.
<b>minimum</b>	The least or smallest amount or quantity possible, attainable, or required. They checked visas with the <b>minimum</b> of fuss.
<b>minor</b>	Of an interval characteristic of a minor scale and less by a semitone than the equivalent major interval. Smith <b>minor</b> .
<b>negligible</b>	So small as to be meaningless; insignificant. He said that the risks were <b>negligible</b> .
<b>poky</b>	Annoyingly slow. Five of us shared the <b>poky</b> little room.
<b>rarefaction</b>	The lessening of density of tissue, especially of nervous tissue or bone. The cord has undergone <b>rarefaction</b> .
<b>scarce</b>	Scarcely. He was <b>scarce</b> sixteen years old.
<b>several</b>	Separate or respective. <b>Several</b> letters came in the mail.

<b>slight</b>	Insult (someone) by treating or speaking of them without proper respect or attention. A <b>slight</b> increase.
<b>slightly</b>	To a small degree; not considerably. <i>The children argued because one slice of cake was <b>slightly</b> larger than the other.</i>
<b>small</b>	On a small scale. A little or <b>small</b> group.
<b>smattering</b>	A small number or amount. A <b>smattering</b> of snow.
<b>some</b>	To some extent quite a lot. <i>We did not meet again for <b>some</b> years.</i>
<b>somewhat</b>	To a small degree or extent. <i>Matters have improved <b>somewhat</b> since then.</i>
<b>soupcorn</b>	A slight but appreciable amount.
<b>tiny</b>	A very young child. <b>Tiny</b> feet.
<b>trifle</b>	A thing of little value or importance. <i>We will not <b>trifle</b> life is too short.</i>
<b>wee</b>	Very early. <i>Bide a <b>wee</b>.</i>



