

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)

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

fistful

As much as a person can hold in their clenched hand.

*The man took a **fistful** of cash from the drawer.*

irritant

A substance that causes slight inflammation or other discomfort to the body.

*A powerful skin **irritant**.*

nuisance

An act which is harmful or offensive to the public or a member of it and for which there is a legal remedy.

*It s a **nuisance** having all those people clomping through the house.*

one or two

The smallest whole number or a numeral representing this number.

problem

A question raised for consideration or solution.

*The **problem** of ageism in Hollywood.*

smattering

A small amount of something.

*A **smattering** of snow.*

source of annoyance

Anything that provides inspiration for later work.

thorn in someone's flesh

Something that causes irritation and annoyance.

thorn in someone's side 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**.*

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

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

