

Need another word that means the same as “less”? Find 3 synonyms and 30 related words for “less” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Less” are: to a smaller extent, not so much, not as much**

## **Less as an Adverb**

### **Definitions of "Less" as an adverb**

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “less” as an adverb can have the following definitions:

- *To a smaller extent; not so much.*
- *Used to form the comparative of some adjectives and adverbs.*
- *Comparative of little.*



### **Synonyms of "Less" as an adverb (3 Words)**

**not as much**

To the same degree (often followed by `as.

**not so much**

Subsequently or soon afterward (often used as sentence connectors.

**to a smaller extent** On a small scale.



## Usage Examples of "Less" as an adverb

- *Less quickly.*
- *Less expensive.*
- *He listened less to the answer than to Kate's voice.*
- *That this is a positive stereotype makes it no less a stereotype.*
- *Cut out less important material.*
- *Less interesting.*



## Associations of "Less" (30 Words)

- almost** (of actions or states) slightly short of or not quite accomplished; all but.  
*Blues jazz he can play **almost** anything.*
- bit** The cutting part of a drill usually pointed and threaded and is replaceable in a brace or bitstock or drill press.  
*There are 8 **bits** in a byte.*
- few** A quantifier that can be used with count nouns and is often preceded by `a'; a small but indefinite number.  
***Few** women have led troops in battle.*
- handful** A small number or amount.  
*Only a **handful** of people were in the pub.*
- insignificant** Signifying nothing.  
*An **insignificant** sum of money.*

<b>iota</b>	A tiny or scarcely detectable amount. <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>That is the <b>least</b> of my concerns.</i>
<b>little</b>	Used in names of animals and plants that are smaller than related kinds e.g. little grebe. <i>When she was <b>little</b> she was always getting into scrapes.</i>
<b>mere</b>	Apart from anything else; without additions or modifications. <i>Questions that cannot be answered by <b>mere</b> mortals.</i>
<b>mini</b>	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A bouquet of <b>mini</b> carnations.</i>
<b>minimal</b>	Characterized by the repetition and gradual alteration of short phrases. <i>The aircraft suffered <b>minimal</b> damage.</i>
<b>minimum</b>	The least possible. <i><b>Minimum</b> wage.</i>
<b>minor</b>	A minor term or premise. <i>In college she <b>minored</b> in mathematics.</i>
<b>negligible</b>	So small or unimportant as to be not worth considering; insignificant. <i>The effect was <b>negligible</b>.</i>
<b>poky</b>	Annoyingly slow. <i>Five of us shared the <b>poky</b> little room.</i>
<b>several</b>	(used with count nouns) of an indefinite number more than 2 or 3 but not many. <i>Specialists in their <b>several</b> fields.</i>
<b>slight</b>	An insult caused by a failure to show someone proper respect or attention. <i>Watched her <b>slight</b> figure cross the street.</i>
<b>slightly</b>	(with reference to a person's build) in a slender way. <i><b>Slightly</b> built.</i>
<b>small</b>	A garment size for a small person. <i>At dinner some of the <b>smaller</b> neighbours were invited.</i>
<b>smattering</b>	A small amount of something. <i>Edward had only a <b>smattering</b> of Welsh.</i>
<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 certain extent or degree. <i>His arguments were <b>somewhat</b> self-contradictory.</i>
<b>soupcon</b>	A slight but appreciable amount.

<b>tapered</b>	Becoming gradually narrower. <i>Trousers with <b>tapered</b> legs.</i>
<b><u>tenuous</u></b>	Very thin in gauge or diameter. <i>The <b>tenuous</b> link between interest rates and investment.</i>
<b>trifle</b>	A cold pudding made of layers of sponge cake spread with fruit or jelly; may be decorated with nuts, cream, or chocolate. <i>The thousand yen he d paid seemed the merest <b>trifle</b>.</i>
<b>trifling</b>	The deliberate act of delaying and playing instead of working. <i>A <b>trifling</b> matter.</i>
<b><u>trivial</u></b>	Concerned with trivialities. <i>Huge fines were imposed for <b>trivial</b> offences.</i>
<b>undersized</b>	Smaller than normal for its kind. <i>The <b>undersized</b> cubs may not survive the winter.</i>
<b>wee</b>	(used informally) very small. <i>The <b>wee</b> hours of the morning.</i>

