

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.*

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

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| tapered | Becoming gradually narrower. <i>Trousers with tapered legs.</i> |
| <u>tenuous</u> | Very thin in gauge or diameter. <i>The tenuous link between interest rates and investment.</i> |
| trifle | 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 trifle.</i> |
| trifling | The deliberate act of delaying and playing instead of working. <i>A trifling matter.</i> |
| <u>trivial</u> | Concerned with trivialities. <i>Huge fines were imposed for trivial offences.</i> |
| undersized | Smaller than normal for its kind. <i>The undersized cubs may not survive the winter.</i> |
| wee | (used informally) very small. <i>The wee hours of the morning.</i> |

