

Need another word that means the same as “marginal”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “marginal” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Marginal” are: borderline, bare, fringy, slight, small, tiny, minute, low, minor, insignificant, minimal, negligible, disputable, questionable, doubtful

Marginal as an Adjective

Definitions of "Marginal" as an adjective

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

- *(of costs or benefits) relating to or resulting from small or unit changes.*
- *Just barely adequate or within a lower limit.*
- *Close to the limit of profitability, especially through difficulty of exploitation.*
- *Relating to water adjacent to the land's edge or coast.*
- *Relating to or at the edge or margin.*
- *Minor and not important; not central.*
- *At or constituting a border or edge.*
- *Producing at a rate that barely covers production costs.*
- *(of a parliamentary or council seat) held by a small majority and therefore at risk in an election.*
- *(of taxation) relating to increases in income.*
- *Of questionable or minimal quality.*
- *(of a decision or distinction) very narrow; borderline.*



Synonyms of "Marginal" as an adjective (15 Words)

bare	Just barely adequate or within a lower limit. <i>The bare walls.</i>
borderline	Only just acceptable in quality or as belonging to a category. <i>Borderline grades.</i>
disputable	Not established as a fact, and so open to question or debate. <i>Whether it can be described as art criticism may be disputable.</i>
doubtful	Improbable. <i>It is doubtful whether these schemes have any lasting effect.</i>
fringy	At or constituting a border or edge.
insignificant	Small and unimpressive. <i>Insignificant yet enchanting phrases.</i>
low	Ranking below other people or things in importance or class. <i>I was feeling low.</i>
minimal	The least possible. <i>Production costs are minimal.</i>
minor	Of an interval characteristic of a minor scale and less by a semitone than the equivalent major interval. <i>A minor share of the profits.</i>
minute	Characterized by painstaking care and detailed examination. <i>Two minute whiplike threads of protoplasm.</i>
negligible	So small or unimportant as to be not worth considering; insignificant. <i>He said that the risks were negligible.</i>
questionable	Able to be refuted. <i>His questionable financial deals.</i>
slight	Being of delicate or slender build. <i>A slight increase.</i>
small	Made to seem smaller or less especially in worth. <i>The small hill that sheltered the house.</i>
tiny	Very small. <i>Tiny feet.</i>



Usage Examples of "Marginal" as an adjective

- *A marginal victory.*
- *Marginal notes.*
- *The issue is to estimate the marginal benefit from the increased frequency of screening examinations against the marginal increased cost.*
- *Marginal farmland.*
- *The marginal strip of beach.*
- *Marginal writing ability.*
- *The marginal tax rates on these incomes rise to as much as 80 per cent in some republics.*
- *It seems likely to make only a marginal difference.*
- *Water lilies and marginal aquatics.*
- *Marginal industries.*
- *The cost is negligible, less than marginal.*
- *A marginal offside decision.*



Associations of "Marginal" (30 Words)

edge	Provide with an edge. <i>She perched on the edge of a desk.</i>
<u>few</u>	The minority of people; the elect. <i>An invalid's pleasures are few and far between.</i>
inconsiderable	Of small size, amount, or extent. <i>A not inconsiderable amount of money.</i>
<u>insignificant</u>	Signifying nothing. <i>Insignificant yet enchanting phrases.</i>
irreducible	Incapable of being made smaller or simpler. <i>Literature is often irreducible to normative ideas.</i>
least	Used in names of very small animals and plants e.g. least shrew. <i>He has the least talent of anyone.</i>
limit	Set or serve as a limit to. <i>Try to limit the amount you drink.</i>
little	Informal small and of little importance. <i>The plants will grow into little bushes.</i>
marginally	To only a limited extent; slightly. <i>He's marginally worse than he was.</i>
mini	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A bouquet of mini carnations.</i>
miniature	Represent on a smaller scale. <i>A miniature camera.</i>
<u>minimal</u>	Characterized by simplicity and lack of adornment or decoration. <i>A minimal charge for the service.</i>
<u>minimum</u>	The point on a curve where the tangent changes from negative on the left to positive on the right. <i>They checked visas with the minimum of fuss.</i>
<u>minor</u>	A minor key interval or scale. <i>A minor official.</i>
<u>negligible</u>	Not worth considering. <i>The effect was negligible.</i>
peccadillo	A petty misdeed. <i>The sexual peccadilloes of celebrities aren't necessarily news.</i>
peripheral	A peripheral device. <i>The peripheral areas of Europe.</i>

pettiness	The quality of being unimportant and petty or frivolous. <i>The sheer pettiness of the officials was quite startling.</i>
reducible	Capable of being reduced- Edmund Wilson. <i>Shakespeare's major soliloquies are not reducible to categories.</i>
reductive	(with reference to art) minimal. <i>The reductive elimination of acetyl iodide.</i>
rim	Roll around the rim of. <i>The outer rim of the solar system.</i>
slight	(quantifier used with mass nouns) small in quantity or degree; not much or almost none or (with `a') at least some. <i>She was slight and delicate looking.</i>
<u>slightly</u>	(with reference to a person's build) in a slender way. <i>He lowered his voice slightly.</i>
subnormal	Not meeting standards or reaching a level regarded as usual. <i>Subnormal intelligence.</i>
tiny	Very small. <i>A tiny hummingbird.</i>
<u>token</u>	Insignificantly small a matter of form only tokenish is informal. <i>The patronizing treatment of the token Middle Eastern character.</i>
trifling	Not worth considering. <i>A trifling matter.</i>
<u>trivial</u>	Concerned with trivialities. <i>A trivial young woman.</i>
<u>unimportant</u>	Devoid of importance, meaning, or force. <i>A relatively unimportant feature of the system.</i>
unreported	Not reported. <i>Many human rights abuses went unreported.</i>

