

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)

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

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

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

