

Need another word that means the same as “minimize”? Find 38 synonyms and 30 related words for “minimize” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Minimize” are: belittle, denigrate, derogate, downplay, minimise, understate, keep down, keep at a minimum, keep to a minimum, reduce, decrease, cut back on, cut down, lessen, curtail, diminish, prune, pare down, shrink, make light of, play down, underestimate, underrate, make little of, underplay, undervalue, detract from, sell short, de-emphasize, discount, soft-pedal, brush aside, gloss over, trivialize, decry, disparage, deprecate, depreciate

Minimize as a Verb

Definitions of "Minimize" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “minimize” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Represent as less significant or important.*
- *Make small or insignificant.*
- *Reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree.*
- *Represent or estimate at less than the true value or importance.*
- *Cause to seem less serious; play down.*



Synonyms of "Minimize" as a verb (38 Words)

belittle

Express a negative opinion of.

She **belittled** Amy's riding skills whenever she could.

brush aside

Clean with a brush.

curtail

Terminate or abbreviate before its intended or proper end or its full extent.

Curtail drinking in school.

cut back on

Grow through the gums.

cut down

Cut down on make a reduction in.

de-emphasize

Reduce the emphasis.

decrease

Decrease in size extent or range.

He **decreased** his staff.

decry

Publicly denounce.

They **decry** human rights abuses.

denigrate	Charge falsely or with malicious intent. <i>Doom and gloom merchants who denigrate their own country.</i>
deprecate	Express strong disapproval of; deplore. <i>Avoid the deprecated blink element that causes text to flash on and off.</i>
<u>depreciate</u>	Reduce the recorded value in a company's books of (an asset) each year over a predetermined period. <i>The dollar depreciated again.</i>
derogate	Cause to seem less serious; play down. <i>This does not derogate from his duty to act honestly and faithfully.</i>
detract from	Take away a part from; diminish.
diminish	Make or become less. <i>The trial has aged and diminished him.</i>
discount	Buy or sell (a bill of exchange) before its due date at less than its maturity value. <i>A product may carry a price which cannot easily be discounted.</i>
disparage	Express a negative opinion of. <i>He never missed an opportunity to disparage his competitors.</i>
<u>downplay</u>	Make (something) appear less important than it really is. <i>This report downplays the seriousness of global warming.</i>
gloss over	Give a deceptive explanation or excuse for.
keep at a minimum	Supply with necessities and support.
keep down	Supply with necessities and support.
keep to a minimum	Prevent (food) from rotting.
lessen	Wear off or die down. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i>
make light of	Proceed along a path.
make little of	Make or cause to be or to become.
minimise	Cause to seem less serious; play down.
pare down	Cut small bits or pare shavings from.
play down	Contend against an opponent in a sport, game, or battle.
prune	Weed out unwanted or unnecessary things.
reduce	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>Reduce an image.</i>
sell short	Exchange or deliver for money or its equivalent.

shrink	Be averse to or unwilling to do (something difficult or unappealing). <i>Can you shrink this image.</i>
soft-pedal	Play down or obscure.
trivialize	Make trivial or insignificant. <i>The problem was either trivialized or ignored by teachers.</i>
underestimate	Make a deliberately low estimate. <i>The government has grossly underestimated the extent of the problem.</i>
underplay	Perform (something) in a restrained way. <i>The violins underplayed the romantic element in the music.</i>
underrate	Make too low an estimate of. <i>They vastly underrate their own players.</i>
understate	Describe or represent (something) as being smaller or less good or important than it really is. <i>The press have understated the extent of the problem.</i>
undervalue	Rate (something) insufficiently highly; fail to appreciate. <i>Through overfamiliarity it is easy to undervalue this concerto.</i>



Usage Examples of "Minimize" as a verb

- *They may minimize, or even overlook, the importance of such beliefs.*
- *The aim is to minimize costs.*
- *Let's minimize the risk.*



Associations of "Minimize" (30 Words)

abase	Cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of. <i>I watched my colleagues abasing themselves before the board of trustees.</i>
abate	Make less active or intense. <i>Nothing abated his crusading zeal.</i>
compress	Make more compact by or as if by pressing. <i>A cold compress.</i>
constrict	(of a snake) coil round (prey) in order to asphyxiate it. <i>He felt his throat constrict.</i>
contraction	The process or result of becoming smaller or pressed together. <i>The manufacturing sector suffered a severe contraction.</i>
curtail	Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on. <i>Curtail drinking in school.</i>
decrease	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The amount of homework decreased towards the end of the semester.</i>

<u>demote</u>	Assign to a lower position; reduce in rank. <i>She was demoted because she always speaks up.</i>
detract	Take away a part from; diminish. <i>His bad manners detract from his good character.</i>
diminished	Diminished in size or strength as a result of disease or injury or lack of use. <i>She felt diminished by the report.</i>
<u>diminution</u>	A reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something. <i>The disease shows no signs of diminution.</i>
downgrade	A downward gradient on a railway or road. <i>A steep downgrade for which he had to put the car in second.</i>
<u>downplay</u>	Make (something) appear less important than it really is. <i>This report downplays the seriousness of global warming.</i>
<u>downturn</u>	A decline in economic, business, or other activity. <i>The market took a downturn.</i>
lessen	Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i>
<u>lower</u>	Set lower. <i>Land of a lower quality.</i>
reduce	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>Ordinary soldiers are reduced to begging.</i>
reducible	Capable of being reduced- Edmund Wilson. <i>Shakespeare's major soliloquies are not reducible to categories.</i>
reduction	Substitution of a sound which requires less muscular effort to articulate. <i>The reduction of classical genetics to molecular biology.</i>
refrigerant	A substance used for refrigeration. <i>A refrigerant substance such as ice or solid carbon dioxide.</i>
retrench	Make (an employee) redundant. <i>Right wing parties which seek to retrench the welfare state.</i>
<u>rundown</u>	(of a company or industry) in a poor economic state. <i>A rundown in the business would be a devastating blow to the local economy.</i>
shrinkage	An allowance made for reduction in the takings of a business due to wastage or theft. <i>Shrinkage is the retail trade's euphemism for shoplifting.</i>
shrinking	Becoming smaller in size or amount. <i>The shrinking market has provoked a massive price war.</i>

small	Into small pieces. <i>You shouldn't write so small.</i>
<u>under</u>	Under water. <i>See under for further discussion.</i>
understate	Describe or represent (something) as being smaller or less good or important than it really is. <i>The press have understated the extent of the problem.</i>
<u>understatement</u>	A statement that is restrained in ironic contrast to what might have been said. <i>A master of English understatement.</i>
undervalue	Assign too low a value to. <i>Through overfamiliarity it is easy to undervalue this concerto.</i>
<u>weaken</u>	Lessen in force or effect. <i>His resistance had weakened.</i>

