

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).
*Can you **shrink** this image.*

soft-pedal

Play down or obscure.

trivialize

Make trivial or insignificant.

*The problem was either **trivialized** or ignored by teachers.*

underestimate

Make a deliberately low estimate.

*The government has grossly **underestimated** the extent of the problem.*

underplay

Perform (something) in a restrained way.

*The violins **underplayed** the romantic element in the music.*

underrate

Make too low an estimate of.

*They vastly **underrate** their own players.*

understate

Describe or represent (something) as being smaller or less good or important than it really is.

*The press have **understated** the extent of the problem.*

undervalue

Rate (something) insufficiently highly; fail to appreciate.

*Through overfamiliarity it is easy to **undervalue** this concerto.*



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>
<u>abate</u>	Make less active or intense. <i>Nothing abated his crusading zeal.</i>
<u>compress</u>	Make more compact by or as if by pressing. <i>A cold compress.</i>
<u>constrict</u>	(of a snake) coil round (prey) in order to asphyxiate it. <i>He felt his throat constrict.</i>
<u>contraction</u>	The process or result of becoming smaller or pressed together. <i>The manufacturing sector suffered a severe contraction.</i>
<u>curtail</u>	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>

