

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 **decided** human rights abuses.

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

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

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

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

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



