

Need another word that means the same as “minor”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “minor” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Minor” are: nonaged, underage, modest, pocket-size, pocket-sized, small, small-scale, venial, slight, little known, unknown, lesser, junior, younger, child, fry, kid, nestling, nipper, shaver, small fry, tiddler, tike, tyke, youngster, infant, youth**

## Minor as a Noun

### Definitions of "Minor" as a noun

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

- *A minor key, interval, or scale.*
- *A small drab moth which has purplish caterpillars that feed on grass.*
- *A person under the age of full legal responsibility.*
- *A student's subsidiary subject or course.*
- *A minor term or premise.*
- *A young person of either sex.*
- *The minor leagues in baseball or American football.*
- *A system of change-ringing using six bells.*



## Synonyms of "Minor" as a noun (13 Words)

- child** An immature childish person.  
*The **children** of Israel.*
- fry** French fries; chips.  
*Would you like a **fry** in the morning.*
- infant** A schoolchild between the ages of about four and eight.  
*Healthy **infants**.*
- kid** English dramatist (1558-1594).  
*They re just **kids**.*
- nestling** A young person of either sex.  
*Buntings their throats bulging with food for hungry **nestlings**.*
- nipper** Pliers, pincers, or a similar tool for gripping or cutting.  
*Using a pair of **nippers** you can chip away at the tiles.*
- shaver** An electric razor.  
*Little **shavers** and their older brothers.*
- small fry** The slender part of the back.
- tiddler** A young person of either sex.  
***Tiddler** is a British term for youngster.*
- tike** A crude uncouth ill-bred person lacking culture or refinement.
- tyke** An unpleasant or coarse man.  
***Tyke** hockey.*

**youngster** A young person of either sex.  
*Tiddler is a British term for **youngster**.*

**youth** An early period of development.  
*He was attacked by a gang of **youths**.*



### **Usage Examples of "Minor" as a noun**

- *A minor in American Indian studies.*
- *A bid of two no trumps shows strength in the minors.*
- *Salinas was one of six teams in the minors.*
- *The court would take account of the minor's wishes.*



## Minor as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Minor" as an adjective

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

- *Inferior in number or size or amount.*
- *Of a scale or mode.*
- *Relatively moderate, limited, or small.*
- *Lesser in importance, seriousness, or significance.*
- *Limited in size or scope.*
- *Of your secondary field of academic concentration or specialization.*
- *(of a key or mode) based on a minor scale and tending to produce a sad or pensive effect.*
- *(of a term) occurring as the subject of the conclusion of a categorical syllogism.*

- *(of a scale or mode) having half steps between the second and third degrees, and (usually) the fifth and sixth degrees, and the seventh and eighth degrees.*
- *(of an interval) characteristic of a minor scale and less by a semitone than the equivalent major interval.*
- *(of a premise) containing the minor term in a categorical syllogism.*
- *(of a scale) having intervals of a semitone between the second and third degrees, and (usually) the fifth and sixth, and the seventh and eighth.*
- *Warranting only temporal punishment.*
- *Not of legal age.*
- *Of lesser importance or stature or rank.*
- *(following a surname in public schools) indicating the younger of two brothers.*
- *Of the younger of two boys with the same family name.*
- *Lesser in scope or effect.*
- *Of lesser seriousness or danger.*



## Synonyms of "Minor" as an adjective (14 Words)

<b>junior</b>	For or denoting schoolchildren between the ages of about 7 and 11. <i>The <b>junior</b> class.</i>
<a href="#"><u>lesser</u></a>	Used in names of animals and plants which are smaller than similar kinds e g lesser spotted woodpecker lesser celandine. <i>You re looking down your nose at us <b>lesser</b> mortals.</i>
<b>little known</b>	Faint.
<a href="#"><u>modest</u></a>	Not large but sufficient in size or amount. <i>A <b>modest</b> man of the people.</i>
<b>nonaged</b>	Not of legal age.
<b>pocket-size</b>	Small enough to be carried in a garment pocket.
<b>pocket-sized</b>	Limited in size or scope.
<b>slight</b>	Small in quantity or degree; not much or almost none or (with `a') at least some. <i>A <b>slight</b> romantic comedy.</i>
<b>small</b>	Have fine or very small constituent particles. <i>At dinner some of the <b>smaller</b> neighbours were invited.</i>
<b>small-scale</b>	Created or drawn on a small scale.
<b>underage</b>	Not of legal age. <i>I m <b>underage</b> I m not allowed in pubs.</i>
<b>unknown</b>	Being or having an unknown or unnamed source. <i>An <b>unknown</b> island.</i>
<b>venial</b>	Warranting only temporal punishment. <i>A <b>venial</b> error.</i>
<b>younger</b>	Used of the younger of two persons of the same name especially used to distinguish a son from his father.



## Usage Examples of "Minor" as an adjective

- *A minor share of the profits.*
- *The minor keys.*
- *Smith minor.*
- *The E flat clarinet sounds a minor third higher than the written notes.*
- *A minor poet.*
- *She requested a number of minor alterations.*
- *Minor back roads.*
- *Jones minor.*
- *A minor official.*
- *Concerto in A minor.*
- *Had a minor part in the play.*
- *Many of these hardy adventurers were minor noblemen.*
- *In B flat minor.*
- *Minor children.*



## Associations of "Minor" (30 Words)

### few

A quantifier that can be used with count nouns and is often preceded by 'a'; a small but indefinite number.

*A world that increasingly belongs to the **few**.*

### inconsequential

Lacking worth or importance.

*His work seems trivial and **inconsequential**.*

### **inconsiderable**

Too small or unimportant to merit attention.

*A not **inconsiderable** artist.*

### insignificant

Meaningless.

*A minor **insignificant** bureaucrat.*

### **insubstantial**

Not having physical existence.

*Vinyl siding has become the standard bearer for cheap **insubstantial** construction.*



<b>little</b>	Small and of little importance. <i>Gave it <b>little</b> thought.</i>
<b><u>marginal</u></b>	(of costs or benefits) relating to or resulting from small or unit changes. <i>A <b>marginal</b> offside decision.</i>
<b>meanness</b>	Unkindness, spitefulness, or unfairness. <i>He is also callous with a streak of <b>meanness</b>.</i>
<b>mini</b>	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A leather <b>mini</b>.</i>
<b>miniature</b>	A picture or decorated letter in an illuminated manuscript. <i><b>Miniatures</b> for your rock garden.</i>
<b><u>minimal</u></b>	Characterized by simplicity and lack of adornment or decoration. <i>Her grades were <b>minimal</b>.</i>
<b><u>minimum</u></b>	The least possible. <i>Keep costs to a <b>minimum</b>.</i>
<b><u>negligible</u></b>	Not worth considering. <i>He said that the risks were <b>negligible</b>.</i>
<b>nitpick</b>	Engage in fussy or pedantic fault-finding. <i>The state is <b>nitpicking</b> about minor administrative matters.</i>
<b>nominal</b>	(of a price or charge) very small; far below the real value or cost. <i><b>Nominal</b> interest rates.</i>
<b>paltry</b>	Petty; trivial. <i>Naval glory struck him as <b>paltry</b>.</i>
<b>peccadillo</b>	A petty misdeed. <i>The sexual <b>peccadilloes</b> of celebrities aren't necessarily news.</i>
<b>pettiness</b>	The quality of being unimportant and petty or frivolous. <i>These awesome moments lift us above the <b>pettiness</b> of the world.</i>
<b>petty</b>	(informal) small and of little importance. <i>Limited to <b>petty</b> enterprises.</i>
<b>picayune</b>	Of little value or significance; petty. <i>The <b>picayune</b> squabbling of party politicians.</i>
<b>piddling</b>	Small and of little importance. <i><b>Piddling</b> little questions.</i>
<b><u>secondary</u></b>	A secondary feather. <i>A <b>secondary</b> infection.</i>
<b>slight</b>	Small in quantity or degree; not much or almost none or (with `a') at least some. <i>There's <b>slight</b> chance that it will work.</i>

<b>small</b>	On a small scale. <i>A rather <b>small</b> amount of money.</i>
<b><u>subordinate</u></b>	Make subordinate dependent or subservient. <i>He was mild mannered especially with his <b>subordinates</b>.</i>
<b><u>tenuous</u></b>	Very slender or fine; insubstantial. <i>A <b>tenuous</b> cloud.</i>
<b>trifling</b>	Unimportant or trivial. <i>A <b>trifling</b> matter.</i>
<b><u>trivial</u></b>	Concerned with trivialities. <i>Only <b>trivial</b> objections.</i>
<b>undersized</b>	Of less than the usual size. <i>The <b>undersized</b> cubs may not survive the winter.</i>
<b><u>unimportant</u></b>	Not important. <i>The question seems <b>unimportant</b>.</i>

