

Need another word that means the same as “secondary”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “secondary” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Secondary” are: junior-grade, lower-ranking, lowly, petty, subaltern, subordinate, lesser, lower, minor, peripheral, incidental, tangential, marginal, ancillary, subsidiary, subservient, inessential, of little account, unimportant, less important, indirect, derived, derivative, resulting, resultant, concomitant, accompanying, consequential, contingent, alternative, spare, extra, additional, another, supporting, substitute, auxiliary, secondary coil, secondary winding**

## Secondary as a Noun

### Definitions of "Secondary" as a noun

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

- *The Secondary or Mesozoic era.*
- *A secondary feather.*
- *A secondary coil or winding in an electrical transformer.*
- *The defensive football players who line up behind the linemen.*
- *A secondary school.*
- *Coil such that current is induced in it by passing a current through the primary coil.*



### Synonyms of "Secondary" as a noun (2 Words)

**secondary coil**      The defensive football players who line up behind the linemen.

**secondary winding** The defensive football players who line up behind the linemen.



## Secondary as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Secondary" as an adjective

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

- *Relating to or denoting the output side of a device using electromagnetic induction, especially in a transformer.*
- *Being of second rank or importance or value; not direct or immediate.*
- *Denoting or relating to organisms in a particular community that belong to the second trophic level among its consumers, and consume primary consumers.*
- *Coming after, less important than, or resulting from someone or something else that is primary.*
- *Having a reversible chemical reaction and therefore able to store energy.*
- *Belonging to a lower class or rank.*

- *Inferior in rank or status.*
- *Not of major importance.*
- *(chiefly of amines) derived from ammonia by replacement of two hydrogen atoms by organic groups.*
- *Relating to education for children from the age of eleven to sixteen or eighteen.*
- *Depending on or incidental to what is original or primary.*
- *(of an organic compound) having its functional group located on a carbon atom which is bonded to two other carbon atoms.*



## Synonyms of "Secondary" as an adjective (37 Words)

**accompanying**      Following or accompanying as a consequence.  
Owning a home brings with it a horde of **accompanying** expenses.

<b>additional</b>	Added, extra, or supplementary to what is already present or available. <i>Called for <b>additional</b> troops.</i>
<b>alternative</b>	Serving or used in place of another. <i>An <b>alternative</b> plan.</i>
<u><b>ancillary</b></u>	Providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization, system, etc. <i>Paragraph 19 was merely <b>ancillary</b> to paragraph 16.</i>
<b>another</b>	Any of various alternatives; some other. <i>Put it off to <b>another</b> or some other day.</i>
<b>auxiliary</b>	Furnishing added support. <i>The main library and its <b>auxiliary</b> branches.</i>
<u><b>concomitant</b></u>	Following or accompanying as a consequence. <i>She loved travel with all its <b>concomitant</b> worries.</i>
<u><b>consequential</b></u>	Important; significant. <i>The new congress lacked <b>consequential</b> leaders.</i>
<u><b>contingent</b></u>	(of losses, liabilities, etc.) that can be anticipated to arise if a particular event occurs. <i>Arms sales <b>contingent</b> on the approval of congress.</i>
<u><b>derivative</b></u>	Resulting from or employing derivation. <i>Equity based <b>derivative</b> products.</i>
<b>derived</b>	Formed or developed from something else; not original. <i>The belief that classes and organizations are secondary and <b>derived</b>.</i>
<b>extra</b>	Excessive or extravagant. <i><b>Extra</b> ribs as well as other supernumerary internal parts.</i>
<b>incidental</b>	(sometimes followed by `to') minor or casual or subordinate in significance or nature or occurring as a chance concomitant or consequence. <i>The road will bring other <b>incidental</b> advantages.</i>
<u><b>indirect</b></u>	(of a route) not straight; not following the shortest way. <i><b>Indirect</b> evidence.</i>
<b>inessential</b>	Not basic or fundamental. <i><b>Inessential</b> information.</i>
<b>junior-grade</b>	Inferior in rank or status.
<b>less important</b>	A quantifier meaning not as great in amount or degree.
<u><b>lesser</b></u>	Used in names of animals and plants which are smaller than similar kinds e g lesser spotted woodpecker lesser celandine. <i>He was convicted of a <b>lesser</b> assault charge.</i>

<a href="#"><u>lower</u></a>	(of an animal or plant) showing relatively primitive or simple characteristics. <i>Managers <b>lower</b> down the hierarchy.</i>
<b>lower-ranking</b>	Inferior in rank or status.
<a href="#"><u>lowly</u></a>	(of an organism) primitive or simple. <i>A <b>lowly</b> corporal.</i>
<a href="#"><u>marginal</u></a>	Minor and not important; not central. <i>A <b>marginal</b> victory.</i>
<a href="#"><u>minor</u></a>	Of an interval characteristic of a minor scale and less by a semitone than the equivalent major interval. <i><b>Minor</b> children.</i>
<b>of little account</b>	Young, immature.
<b>peripheral</b>	Of secondary or minor importance; marginal. <i>She will see their problems as <b>peripheral</b> to her own.</i>
<b>petty</b>	Unduly concerned with trivial matters, especially in a small-minded or spiteful way. <i>She thought readers were being <b>petty</b> in writing to complain about blocked paths.</i>
<b>resultant</b>	Occurring with or following as a consequence. <i>Restructuring and the <b>resultant</b> cost savings.</i>
<b>resulting</b>	Occurring or following as the consequence of something. <i>Talk of a general election and the <b>resulting</b> political uncertainty.</i>
<a href="#"><u>spare</u></a>	With no excess fat; thin. <i><b>Spare</b> time on my hands.</i>
<b>subaltern</b>	Of lower status. <i>The private tutor was a recognized <b>subaltern</b> part of the bourgeois family.</i>
<a href="#"><u>subordinate</u></a>	Subject or submissive to authority or the control of another. <i>His <b>subordinate</b> officers.</i>
<a href="#"><u>subservient</u></a>	Abjectly submissive; characteristic of a slave or servant- S.H.Adams. <i>He expected her career to become <b>subservient</b> to his.</i>
<b>subsidiary</b>	(of a company) controlled by a holding or parent company. <i>Many argue that the cause of animal rights is <b>subsidiary</b> to that of protecting the environment.</i>
<a href="#"><u>substitute</u></a>	Serving or used in place of another. <i><b>Substitute</b> coffee.</i>

<b>supporting</b>	Capable of bearing a structural load. <i>A <b>supporting</b> wall.</i>
<u><b>tangential</b></u>	Diverging from a previous course or line; erratic. <i><b>Tangential</b> thoughts.</i>
<u><b>unimportant</b></u>	Devoid of importance, meaning, or force. <i>The question seems <b>unimportant</b>.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Secondary" as an adjective

- *A secondary school.*
- *A secondary infection.*
- *Luck plays a role, but it's ultimately secondary to local knowledge.*
- *The primary and secondary coils of the transformer.*
- *The stone will be hauled to a secondary crusher.*

- *Played a secondary role in world events.*
- *The plot is of secondary importance: what matters most is the relationships between the characters.*
- *A secondary source.*
- *When a bear eats a plant-eating rodent, the bear is functioning as a secondary consumer.*
- *The lead-acid accumulator used in cars consists of secondary cells.*
- *Secondary streams.*
- *A secondary issue.*



## Associations of "Secondary" (30 Words)

<b>auxiliary</b>	An auxiliary verb. <i>The main library and its <b>auxiliary</b> branches.</i>
<b>extra</b>	Excessive or extravagant. <i>Crudit is so <b>extra</b> just call it a snack.</i>
<b>flimsy</b>	Insubstantial and easily damaged. <i>A pretty <b>flimsy</b> excuse.</i>
<b><u>inconsequential</u></b>	Lacking worth or importance. <i>His work seems trivial and <b>inconsequential</b>.</i>
<b>inconsiderable</b>	Too small or unimportant to merit attention. <i>A not <b>inconsiderable</b> artist.</i>
<b><u>insignificant</u></b>	(of a person) without power or influence. <i>The sum required was <b>insignificant</b> compared with military spending.</i>
<b>insubstantial</b>	Lacking material form or substance; unreal. <i>The huts are relatively few and <b>insubstantial</b>.</i>
<b>mini</b>	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A <b>mini</b> camera.</i>
<b>miniature</b>	A plant or animal that is a smaller version of an existing variety or breed. <i>Seven full size car bodies and three <b>miniatures</b> were used.</i>
<b><u>minor</u></b>	The minor leagues in baseball or American football. <i>Concerto in A <b>minor</b>.</i>
<b><u>negligible</u></b>	So small as to be meaningless; insignificant. <i>The effect was <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>	Pertaining to a noun or to a word group that functions as a noun. <i>EU legislation allowed variation around the <b>nominal</b> weight that printed on each packet.</i>
<b>paltry</b>	Contemptibly small in amount. <i>She would earn a <b>paltry</b> 33 more a month.</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>The sheer <b>pettiness</b> of the officials was quite startling.</i>
<b>picayune</b>	Small and of little importance. <i>The <b>picayune</b> squabbling of party politicians.</i>
<b>piddling</b>	Pathetically trivial; trifling. <i><b>Piddling</b> little questions.</i>

<b>recessive</b>	A recessive trait or gene. <i>This variant was a low status and <b>recessive</b> feature.</i>
<b>slight</b>	Being of delicate or slender build. <i>A <b>slight</b> increase.</i>
<b><u>subordinate</u></b>	Make subordinate dependent or subservient. <i>A <b>subordinate</b> kingdom.</i>
<b>subsidiary</b>	(of a company) controlled by a holding or parent company. <i>The firm s Spanish <b>subsidiary</b>.</i>
<b>supplementary</b>	A supplementary person or thing. <i>The development of databases <b>supplementary</b> to existing ones.</i>
<b><u>tenuous</u></b>	Having thin consistency. <i>A <b>tenuous</b> argument.</i>
<b>trifling</b>	Unimportant or trivial. <i>A <b>trifling</b> sum.</i>
<b><u>trivial</u></b>	Concerned with trivialities. <i>A <b>trivial</b> mind.</i>
<b>underling</b>	A person lower in status or rank. <i>She was shouting orders at <b>underlings</b> between gulps of coffee.</i>
<b>undistinguished</b>	Lacking distinction; unexceptional. <i>An <b>undistinguished</b> career.</i>
<b>unessential</b>	Not absolutely necessary; inessential. <i>A train has broken down resulting in a call to postpone all <b>unessential</b> travel.</i>
<b><u>unimportant</u></b>	Devoid of importance, meaning, or force. <i>A relatively <b>unimportant</b> feature of the system.</i>

