

Need another word that means the same as “subordinate”? Find 43 synonyms and 30 related words for “subordinate” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Subordinate” are: dependent, low-level, lower-ranking, junior, lower, lesser, inferior, lowly, minor, supporting, secondary, subsidiary, subservient, ancillary, auxiliary, attendant, peripheral, marginal, of little account, of little importance, hyponym, subordinate word, foot soldier, underling, assistant, second, second in command, number two, right-hand man, right-hand woman, deputy, aide, adjutant, subaltern, apprentice, flunkey, minion, lackey, mate, subdue

Subordinate as a Noun

Definitions of "Subordinate" as a noun

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

- *A person under the authority or control of another within an organization.*
- *An assistant subject to the authority or control of another.*
- *A word that is more specific than a given word.*



Synonyms of "Subordinate" as a noun (22 Words)

adjutant	A military officer who acts as an administrative assistant to a senior officer. <i>He eventually became adjutant to the commander of the tactical air force.</i>
aide	An assistant to an important person, especially a political leader. <i>A presidential aide.</i>
apprentice	Works for an expert to learn a trade. <i>An apprentice barman.</i>
assistant	A person who contributes to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose. <i>A care assistant.</i>
deputy	A coal mine official responsible for safety. <i>The deputy prime minister.</i>
flunkey	A liveried manservant or footman.

foot soldier	Travel by walking.
hyponym	A word of more specific meaning than a general or superordinate term applicable to it For example spoon is a hyponym of cutlery.
<u>inferior</u>	An inferior letter figure or symbol. <i>Her social and intellectual inferiors.</i>
junior	A child attending a junior school. <i>Look here junior it s none of your business.</i>
lackey	A brownish European moth of woods and hedgerows, the caterpillars of which live communally in a silken tent on the food tree. <i>Lackeys were waiting to help them from the carriage.</i>
mate	South American tea like drink made from leaves of a South American holly called mate. <i>See you then mate.</i>
<u>minion</u>	A follower or underling of a powerful person, especially a servile or unimportant one. <i>He gets oppressed minions like me to fob them off.</i>
number two	A symbol used to represent a number.
right-hand man	Game equipment consisting of an object used in playing certain board games.
right-hand woman	A female person who plays a significant role (wife or mistress or girlfriend) in the life of a particular man.
<u>second</u>	A speech seconding a motion. <i>The treasure is 2 minutes and 45 seconds south of here.</i>
second in command	A particular point in time.
subaltern	A British commissioned army officer below the rank of captain.
subordinate word	A word that is more specific than a given word.
subsidiary	A company that is completely controlled by another company. <i>A subsidiary of Cable and Wireless.</i>
underling	A person lower in status or rank. <i>She was shouting orders at underlings between gulps of coffee.</i>

Usage Examples of "Subordinate" as a noun

- *He was mild-mannered, especially with his subordinates.*

Subordinate as a Verb

Definitions of "Subordinate" as a verb

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

- *Make subordinate, dependent, or subservient.*
- *Treat or regard as of lesser importance than something else.*
- *Make subservient to or dependent on something else.*
- *Rank or order as less important or consider of less value.*

Synonyms of "Subordinate" as a verb (1 Word)

subdue Get on top of; deal with successfully.
*She managed to **subdue** an instinct to applaud.*

Usage Examples of "Subordinate" as a verb

- *Our wishes have to be subordinated to that of our ruler.*
- *Art is sometimes subordinated to Science in these schools.*
- *Practical considerations were subordinated to political expediency.*
- *To define life would be to subordinate it to reason.*

Subordinate as an Adjective

Definitions of "Subordinate" as an adjective

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

- *(of a clause) unable to stand alone syntactically as a complete sentence.*
- *Subject or submissive to authority or the control of another.*
- *Lower in rank or importance.*
- *Lower in rank or position.*
- *Unable to stand alone syntactically as a complete sentence.*
- *Of less or secondary importance.*

Synonyms of "Subordinate" as an adjective (20 Words)

ancillary	Furnishing added support. <i>Paragraph 19 was merely ancillary to paragraph 16.</i>
attendant	(of a person) accompanying another as a companion or assistant. <i>Attendant circumstances.</i>
auxiliary	(of troops) engaged in the service of a nation at war but not part of the regular army. <i>The mind and emotions are auxiliary to each other.</i>
dependent	Contingent on or determined by. <i>People dependent on drugs.</i>
inferior	Of low or inferior quality. <i>Ulcers located in the inferior and posterior wall of the duodenum.</i>
junior	Including or intended for youthful persons. <i>A junior minister.</i>
lesser	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 lesser assault charge.</i>
low-level	At a low level in rank or importance.
lower	(of an animal or plant) showing relatively primitive or simple characteristics. <i>The lower levels of the building.</i>
lower-ranking	Inferior in rank or status.
lowly	Of low birth or station (‘base’ is archaic in this sense). <i>A lowly parish priest.</i>
marginal	Relating to water adjacent to the land’s edge or coast. <i>It seems likely to make only a marginal difference.</i>
minor	Of an interval characteristic of a minor scale and less by a semitone than the equivalent major interval. <i>Minor children.</i>
of little account	Lowercase.
of little importance	Small and of little importance.
peripheral	Of secondary or minor importance; marginal. <i>She will see their problems as peripheral to her own.</i>
secondary	(chiefly of amines) derived from ammonia by replacement of two hydrogen atoms by organic groups. <i>Played a secondary role in world events.</i>

subservient	Compliant and obedient to authority. <i>She was subservient to her parents.</i>
subsidiary	(of a company) controlled by a holding or parent company. <i>Many argue that the cause of animal rights is subsidiary to that of protecting the environment.</i>
supporting	Bearing all or part of the weight of something. <i>A supporting wall.</i>

Usage Examples of "Subordinate" as an adjective

- *His subordinate officers.*
- *A subordinate kingdom.*
- *A subordinate (or dependent) clause functions as a noun or adjective or adverb within a sentence.*
- *In adventure stories, character must be subordinate to action.*

Associations of "Subordinate" (30 Words)

annihilation	Complete destruction or obliteration. <i>A show of independence is its only hope of avoiding annihilation in next year s elections.</i>
clause	An expression including a subject and predicate but not constituting a complete sentence.
conquest	The act of conquering. <i>She was someone he could display before his friends as his latest conquest.</i>
defeat	An instance of defeating or being defeated. <i>Defeat your enemies.</i>
double	A double measure of spirits. <i>Manchester United won the double twice.</i>
enslave	Cause (someone) to lose their freedom of choice or action. <i>They were enslaved by their need to take drugs.</i>
insignificant	Devoid of importance, meaning, or force. <i>An insignificant sum of money.</i>
junior	A child attending a junior school. <i>He s five years her junior.</i>
mini	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A mini dress.</i>

miniature	A very small and highly detailed portrait or other painting. <i>He drank miniatures of brandy on the flight.</i>
minor	Of an interval characteristic of a minor scale and less by a semitone than the equivalent major interval. <i>A bid of two no trumps shows strength in the minors.</i>
mutation	A distinct form resulting from genetic mutation. <i>The mutation of punk s angry energy into something more mindless.</i>
nominally	In name only. <i>The Republicans nominally controlled both houses of Congress but by slim margins.</i>
offshoot	A thing that develops from something else. <i>Commercial offshoots of universities.</i>
peccadillo	A relatively minor fault or sin. <i>The sexual peccadilloes of celebrities aren t necessarily news.</i>
pettiness	The quality of being unimportant and petty or frivolous. <i>Try to overlook insults and pettinesses.</i>
recessive	A recessive trait or gene. <i>This variant was a low status and recessive feature.</i>
repress	Suppress in order to conceal or hide. <i>The uprisings were repressed.</i>
secondary	A secondary feather. <i>Played a secondary role in world events.</i>
sovereign	(of political bodies) not controlled by outside forces. <i>In modern democracies the people s will is in theory sovereign.</i>
subjection	Forced submission to control by others. <i>The country s subjection to European colonialism.</i>
subjugation	Forced submission to control by others. <i>The colonial subjugation of a country by means of brute military force.</i>
subsidiary	Functioning in a supporting capacity. <i>A subsidiary of Cable and Wireless.</i>
trifling	Unimportant or trivial. <i>A trifling sum.</i>
underling	A person lower in status or rank. <i>She was shouting orders at underlings between gulps of coffee.</i>
unessential	Not basic or fundamental. <i>A train has broken down resulting in a call to postpone all unessential travel.</i>

- unimportant** Lacking in importance or significance.
*A relatively **unimportant** feature of the system.*
- vassal** A person or country in a subordinate position to another.
*A **vassal** state of the Ottoman Empire.*
- verb** Use a word that is not conventionally used as a verb typically a noun as a verb.
*Any English noun can be **verbed** but some are more resistant than others.*
- vicarious** Occurring in an abnormal part of the body instead of the usual site involved in that function.
***Vicarious** atonement.*