

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)

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

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

## 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)

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

<b>subservient</b>	Compliant and obedient to authority. <i>She was <b>subservient</b> to her parents.</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>
<b>supporting</b>	Bearing all or part of the weight of something. <i>A <b>supporting</b> 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)

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

<b>miniature</b>	A very small and highly detailed portrait or other painting. <i>He drank <b>miniatures</b> of brandy on the flight.</i>
<b>minor</b>	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 <b>minors</b>.</i>
<b>mutation</b>	A distinct form resulting from genetic mutation. <i>The <b>mutation</b> of punk s angry energy into something more mindless.</i>
<b>nominally</b>	In name only. <i>The Republicans <b>nominally</b> controlled both houses of Congress but by slim margins.</i>
<b>offshoot</b>	A thing that develops from something else. <i>Commercial <b>offshoots</b> of universities.</i>
<b>peccadillo</b>	A relatively minor fault or sin. <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>Try to overlook insults and <b>pettinesses</b>.</i>
<b>recessive</b>	A recessive trait or gene. <i>This variant was a low status and <b>recessive</b> feature.</i>
<b>repress</b>	Suppress in order to conceal or hide. <i>The uprisings were <b>repressed</b>.</i>
<b>secondary</b>	A secondary feather. <i>Played a <b>secondary</b> role in world events.</i>
<b>sovereign</b>	(of political bodies) not controlled by outside forces. <i>In modern democracies the people s will is in theory <b>sovereign</b>.</i>
<b>subjection</b>	Forced submission to control by others. <i>The country s <b>subjection</b> to European colonialism.</i>
<b>subjugation</b>	Forced submission to control by others. <i>The colonial <b>subjugation</b> of a country by means of brute military force.</i>
<b>subsidiary</b>	Functioning in a supporting capacity. <i>A <b>subsidiary</b> of Cable and Wireless.</i>
<b>trifling</b>	Unimportant or trivial. <i>A <b>trifling</b> sum.</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>unessential</b>	Not basic or fundamental. <i>A train has broken down resulting in a call to postpone all <b>unessential</b> 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.*