

Need another word that means the same as “underdeveloped”? Find 18 synonyms and 30 related words for “underdeveloped” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Underdeveloped” are: developing, stunted, small, short, little, tiny, petite, slight, compact, minuscule, miniature, mini, diminutive, dwarfish, elfin, bantam, runtish, puny

Underdeveloped as an Adjective

Definitions of "Underdeveloped" as an adjective

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

- *(of a photographic film) not developed sufficiently to give a normal image.*
- *Not fully developed.*
- *Not yet fully developed.*
- *(of a country or region) not advanced economically.*
- *Relating to societies in which capital needed to industrialize is in short supply.*



Synonyms of "Underdeveloped" as an adjective (18 Words)

- bantam** Very small.
- compact** (of a person or animal) small, strong, and well proportioned.
Compact soil.
- developing** Relating to societies in which capital needed to industrialize is in short supply.
*This is a rapidly **developing** field.*
- diminutive** (of a word, name, or suffix) implying smallness, either actual or imputed to convey affection, scorn, etc. (e.g. teeny, -let, -kins).
*A **diminutive** figure dressed in black.*
- dwarfish** Atypically small.
- elfin** Small and delicate.
*She was an **elfin** creature graceful and delicate.*

little	Small and of little importance. <i>A little dining room.</i>
mini	Denoting a miniature version of something. <i>A mini camera.</i>
miniature	Being on a very small scale. <i>A miniature camera.</i>
minuscule	Extremely small; tiny. <i>A minuscule amount of rain fell.</i>
<u>petite</u>	Attractively small and dainty (used of a woman). <i>Her petite figure.</i>
puny	(used especially of persons) of inferior size. <i>A puny physique.</i>
runtish	Stunted in growth; undersized. <i>Most animals let their runtish or sickly offspring die.</i>
short	Of speech sounds or syllables of relatively short duration. <i>Shortsighted critics derided the plan.</i>
slight	Being of delicate or slender build. <i>A slight ankle injury.</i>
small	Relatively moderate limited or small. <i>The small hill that sheltered the house.</i>
<u>stunted</u>	Having been prevented from growing or developing properly. <i>I was emotionally stunted and didn't know how to interact with other people.</i>
tiny	Very small. <i>Tiny feet.</i>



Usage Examples of "Underdeveloped" as an adjective

- *A recurring issue in all underdeveloped countries is a lack of credit.*
- *The community services are underfunded and underdeveloped.*
- *Underdeveloped kidneys.*



Associations of "Underdeveloped" (30 Words)

boorish	Rough and bad-mannered; coarse. <i>Was boorish and insensitive.</i>
broke	Lacking funds. <i>He went broke owing two million pounds.</i>
churlish	Having a bad disposition; surly. <i>Churlish as a bear.</i>
<u>country</u>	The people who live in a nation or country. <i>A country lane.</i>
depopulate	Substantially reduce the population of (an area). <i>The disease could depopulate a town the size of Bournemouth.</i>
<u>deprived</u>	Suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic material and cultural benefits. <i>A childhood that was unhappy and deprived the family living off charity.</i>
desolate	Make (a place) appear bleakly empty. <i>I suddenly felt desolate and bereft.</i>
developing	Relating to societies in which capital needed to industrialize is in short supply. <i>The developing world.</i>
diaspora	The dispersion or spread of any people from their original homeland. <i>The diaspora of boat people from Asia.</i>
<u>disadvantaged</u>	Marked by deprivation especially of the necessities of life or healthful environmental influences. <i>Disadvantaged groups such as the unemployed.</i>
economically	With respect to the economic system. <i>A precis aims to express a passage more economically.</i>
financially	From a financial point of view. <i>He does not benefit financially from sales of the book.</i>
<u>frontier</u>	The extreme limit of understanding or achievement in a particular area. <i>His novel of the American frontier.</i>
idle	Cause an engine to idle. <i>Idle talk.</i>
<u>immature</u>	Not fully developed. <i>Immature behavior.</i>
modernization	Making modern in appearance or behavior. <i>The industry is undergoing modernization.</i>

<u>nomad</u>	A person who does not stay long in the same place; a wanderer. <i>The Magyars were a nomad people of the steppes.</i>
orphan	Make a child an orphan. <i>John was orphaned at 12.</i>
penury	The state of being very poor; extreme poverty. <i>He couldn't face another year of penury.</i>
piteous	Deserving or inciting pity. <i>A piteous cry.</i>
pitiable	Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy. <i>Pitiable homeless children.</i>
poor	(of a person) deserving of pity or sympathy. <i>The proverbial poor artist living in a garret.</i>
quarter	A quarter of a hundredweight 28 pounds. <i>Edward III quartered the French royal arms with his own.</i>
rover	A player who has a rover ball. <i>A lunar rover.</i>
settler	A person who moves with a group of others to live in a new country or area. <i>The early European settlers in America were often fleeing from religious persecution.</i>
state	The group of people comprising the government of a sovereign state. <i>A bold theme is stated at the beginning driving the entire ten minute allegro.</i>
<u>underprivileged</u>	(of a person) not enjoying the same standard of living or rights as the majority of people in a society. <i>Needy and underprivileged members of the community.</i>
<u>unemployed</u>	(of a person) without a paid job but available to work. <i>You have to put your left foot under the clutch when it is unemployed.</i>
urban	Denoting or relating to popular dance music associated with black performers. <i>Urban manners.</i>
wanderer	A computer program that prowls the internet looking for publicly accessible resources that can be added to a database; the database can then be searched with a search engine. <i>He is a longtime seaman a rootless wanderer.</i>