

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



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>

nomad	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>
underprivileged	(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>
unemployed	(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>