

Need another word that means the same as “understated”? Find 5 synonyms and 30 related words for “understated” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Understated” are: unostentatious, unpretentious, low-key, muted, subdued

Understated as an Adjective

Definitions of "Understated" as an adjective

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

- *Exhibiting restrained good taste.*
- *Presented or expressed in a subtle and effective way.*

Synonyms of "Understated" as an adjective (5 Words)

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| low-key | Restrained in style or quality. |
| muted | (of colour or lighting) not bright; subdued. <i>Muted anger.</i> |
| subdued | Restrained in style or quality. <i>Children were subdued and silent.</i> |
| unostentatious | Exhibiting restrained good taste. <i>Unostentatious elegance.</i> |
| unpretentious | Not attempting to impress others with an appearance of greater importance, talent, or culture than is actually possessed. <i>In spite of his fame he was thoroughly unpretentious.</i> |

Usage Examples of "Understated" as an adjective

- *Understated elegance.*
- *The room is pleasant and understated.*

Associations of "Understated" (30 Words)

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| <u>abate</u> | Reduce or remove (a nuisance). <i>The storm abated.</i> |
| <u>curtail</u> | Reduce in extent or quantity; impose a restriction on. <i>Civil liberties were further curtailed.</i> |
| decrease | The amount by which something decreases. <i>The rate of decrease became greater.</i> |
| decrement | A reduction or diminution. <i>The dose was reduced by 10 mg weekly decrements.</i> |
| <u>demote</u> | Move (someone) to a lower position or rank, usually as a punishment. <i>She was demoted because she always speaks up.</i> |
| <u>depletion</u> | The act of decreasing something markedly. <i>The depletion of the ozone layer.</i> |
| diminish | Make or become less. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i> |
| diminished | Diminished in size or strength as a result of disease or injury or lack of use. <i>A diminished role for local government.</i> |
| <u>diminution</u> | The statement of a theme in notes of lesser duration (usually half the length of the original). <i>The disease shows no signs of diminution.</i> |
| downgrade | Rate lower; lower in value or esteem. <i>Some jobs had gradually been downgraded from skilled to semi skilled.</i> |
| <u>downplay</u> | Understate the importance or quality of. <i>This report downplays the seriousness of global warming.</i> |
| <u>dwindle</u> | Become smaller or lose substance. <i>Her savings dwindled down.</i> |
| extenuate | Lessen or to try to lessen the seriousness or extent of. <i>Even the fact that you once helped to save my life could not extenuate your offence.</i> |

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| lessen | Make smaller. <i>The years have lessened the gap in age between us.</i> |
| <u>lower</u> | The lower of two berths. <i>The lower levels of the building.</i> |
| <u>minimize</u> | Reduce (something, especially something undesirable) to the smallest possible amount or degree. <i>They may minimize or even overlook the importance of such beliefs.</i> |
| palliate | Provide physical relief, as from pain. <i>There is no way to excuse or palliate his dirty deed.</i> |
| reduce | Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>The sauce should reduce to one cup.</i> |
| reducible | (of a polynomial) able to be factorized into two or more polynomials of lower degree. <i>Shakespeare's major soliloquies are not reducible to categories.</i> |
| reduction | An arrangement of an orchestral score for piano or for a smaller group of performers. <i>We must see if the fracture requires reduction.</i> |
| retrench | (of an organization or individual) reduce costs or spending in response to economic difficulty. <i>The company had to retrench.</i> |
| <u>rundown</u> | A concluding summary (as in presenting a case before a law court). <i>A rundown in the business would be a devastating blow to the local economy.</i> |
| <u>shorten</u> | Make or become shorter. <i>As skirts shortened so heels rose.</i> |
| <u>shrink</u> | Move back or away, especially because of fear or disgust. <i>Hot water will shrink the sweater.</i> |
| shrinkage | The act of stealing goods that are on display in a store. <i>The material lost 2 inches per yard in shrinkage.</i> |
| shrinking | Becoming smaller in size or amount. <i>The shrinking market has provoked a massive price war.</i> |
| <u>understatement</u> | A statement that is restrained in ironic contrast to what might have been said. <i>A master of English understatement.</i> |
| undervalue | Underestimate the financial value of (something). <i>The company's assets were undervalued in its balance sheet.</i> |
| <u>weaken</u> | Destroy property or hinder normal operations. <i>His resistance had weakened.</i> |

wince

Make a face indicating disgust or dislike.
*He **winc**ed at the disgust in her voice.*