

Need another word that means the same as “understatement”? Find 2 synonyms and 30 related words for “understatement” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Understatement” are: minimization, euphemism

Understatement as a Noun

Definitions of "Understatement" as a noun

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

- *A statement that is restrained in ironic contrast to what might have been said.*
- *The presentation of something as being smaller or less good or important than it really is.*

Synonyms of "Understatement" as a noun (2 Words)

euphemism An inoffensive or indirect expression that is substituted for one that is considered offensive or too harsh.

*The jargon has given us downsizing as a **euphemism** for cuts.*

minimization The representation or estimation of something at less than its true value or importance.

*Despite his **minimization** of the situation this is not a small outbreak.*

Usage Examples of "Understatement" as a noun

- *To say I am delighted is an understatement.*
- *A master of English understatement.*

Associations of "Understatement" (30 Words)

abstemious	Sparing in consumption of especially food and drink. <i>Abstemious with the use of adverbs.</i>
anodyne	A painkilling drug or medicine. <i>Anodyne music.</i>
appertain	Relate to; concern. <i>The institutional arrangements which appertain under the system.</i>
approach	The final path followed by an aircraft as it is landing. <i>The approach of winter.</i>
ascetic	Pertaining to or characteristic of an ascetic or the practice of rigorous self discipline. <i>Ascetic practices.</i>
clarity	The quality of being certain or definite. <i>For the sake of clarity each of these strategies is dealt with separately.</i>
contained	Gotten under control. <i>The oil spill is contained.</i>
controlled	Not showing emotion; having one's feelings under control. <i>Controlled emotions.</i>
cool	Make cool or cooler. <i>Keep cool.</i>
directness	Trueness of course toward a goal. <i>He was renowned for the clarity and directness of his sermons.</i>
disciplined	Trained mentally or physically by instruction or exercise. <i>A disciplined mind.</i>
dominated	Harassed by persistent nagging.
downgrade	A downward gradient on a railway or road. <i>Downgrades by debt rating agencies outnumber upgrades by five to one.</i>
downplay	Make (something) appear less important than it really is. <i>This report downplays the seriousness of global warming.</i>
ease	Of share prices interest rates etc decrease in value or amount. <i>He rose through the ranks with apparent ease.</i>
easiness	Freedom from difficulty or hardship or effort. <i>The easiness we feel when sleeping.</i>
generality	The majority. <i>His service was better than that offered by the generality of doctors.</i>

<u>minimize</u>	Represent as less significant or important. <i>They may minimize or even overlook the importance of such beliefs.</i>
mitigate	Make less severe or harsh. <i>Drainage schemes have helped to mitigate this problem.</i>
<u>moderation</u>	A change for the better. <i>Coursework may need to be filed separately for the purposes of moderation.</i>
reduce	Reduce in scope while retaining essential elements. <i>The cook reduced the sauce by boiling it for a long time.</i>
<u>refrain</u>	Stop oneself from doing something. <i>She refrained from comment.</i>
relaxation	The restoration of equilibrium following disturbance. <i>The relaxation of requirements.</i>
remotely	In a remote manner. <i>New electronic meters can be read remotely.</i>
restrained	Under restraint. <i>The head and chest injuries that even restrained drivers can suffer through impact with the steering wheel.</i>
simplicity	The quality or condition of being plain or uncomplicated in form or design. <i>The grandeur and simplicity of Roman architecture.</i>
subdued	(of a person or their manner) quiet and rather reflective or depressed. <i>A subdued glow came through the curtains.</i>
<u>temperance</u>	Abstinence from alcoholic drink. <i>The temperance movement.</i>
understate	Represent as less significant or important. <i>The press have understated the extent of the problem.</i>
undervalue	A price below the real value. <i>Through overfamiliarity it is easy to undervalue this concerto.</i>