

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)

<b>euphemism</b>	An inoffensive or indirect expression that is substituted for one that is considered offensive or too harsh. <i>The jargon has given us downsizing as a <b>euphemism</b> for cuts.</i>
<b>minimization</b>	The representation or estimation of something at less than its true value or importance. <i>Despite his <b>minimization</b> of the situation this is not a small outbreak.</i>

### 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)

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

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