

minor

1. ['maɪnə] *n*
 1. несовершеннолетний не достигший 18 лет
 2. младший из двух братьев *или* однофамильцев (*учащихся в одной школе*)
 3. *амер.* второстепенный не основной предмет (*в школе, колледже*)
 4. *муз.* минорный ключ; минор
 5. *мат.* минор
 6. *сокр. от minor term* [*см. minor II 5*]
 7. (Minor) *рел. уст.* минорит, францисканец
2. ['maɪnə] *a*
 1. незначительный второстепенный
minor injury - лёгкое ранение, небольшой ушиб
minor repair(s) - мелкая починка, мелкий ремонт
minor part - второстепенная роль
minor differences - незначительные разногласия
minor worry /problem/ - мелкое беспокойство
minor poet [critic] - второстепенный поэт [критик]
of minor interest - не представляющий большого интереса
minor operation - *мед.* местная операция
minor action - *воен.* действия мелких подразделений, столкновение
minor warfare - *воен.* локальная война
minor court - *юр.* суд низшей инстанции
minor offence - *юр.* мелкое правонарушение, проступок
minor larceny - *юр.* мелкое хищение имущества
minor suit - *карт.* младшая масть (*трефы, бубны - в бридже*)
I have one minor criticism - у меня есть одно небольшое замечание
 2. меньший из двух; младший из двух братьев *или* однофамильцев (*учащихся в одной школе*)
 3. *амер. студ.* второстепенный
chemistry is my minor subject - химия - моя вторая специальность
 4. 1) *муз.* минорный
2) грустный, минорный
the conversation was pitched in a minor key - разговор был очень грустный
 - 3) *муз.* малый (*об интервале*)
 5. *спец.* малый
minor term - малая посылка (*силлогизма*)
minor axis - малая ось
 6. *редк.* несовершеннолетний
3. ['maɪnə] *v амер. студ.*
изучать в качестве второй специальности
to minor in chemistry - заниматься химией как вторым предметом

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minor **AW** [**minor minors minored minoring**] **adjective, noun, verb** **BrE** ['maɪnə(r)]" **NAmE** ['maɪnə]"**adjective**

1. **usually before noun** not very large, important or serious

- a minor road
- minor injuries
- to undergo minor surgery
- youths imprisoned for minor offences
- There may be some minor changes to the schedule.
- Women played a relatively minor role in the organization.

Opp: ↑major

2. (**music**) based on a ↑scale in which the third note is a **semitone/half tone** higher than the second note

- the key of C minor

compare ↑majorWord Origin:

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Thesaurus:**minor** **adj.** **usually before noun**

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slight • • **small** • • **modest** • |especially spoken **little** • |especially written **insignificant** • • **unimportant** • • **marginal** • |often disapproving **trivial** • • **petty** • |formal, **especially business peripheral** •

Opp: major, **Opp:** serious, **Opp:** severeminor/small/little/unimportant/trivial/petty/peripheral **things**minor/small/little/insignificant/unimportant/trivial **details**

a minor/slight/small/little/trivial/petty **problem**
 minor/petty **crime/theft/criminals**

Example Bank:

- That's a relatively minor matter. We can leave it till later.
- This is a very minor operation and there is very little risk involved
- A minor snag is that it's expensive.
- Both the driver and the passenger suffered minor injuries.
- His only injuries were some minor scratches above his eye.
- Minor skirmishes broke out all along the border.
- Most of these youths are in prison for minor offences.
- The CD contains a number of delightful short pieces by minor composers.
- The letter's survival is something of a minor miracle.
- The new plan involves widening a minor road through the valley.
- The novel is now regarded as a minor classic.
- You may need to undergo minor surgery.

Derived ↑minor in something

noun

1. (**law**) a person who is under the age at which you legally become an adult and are responsible for your actions
 - It is an offence to serve alcohol to minors.
 - He was jailed for having sex with a minor.
2. (**especially NAmE**) a subject that you study at university in addition to your ↑major

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verb

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Verb forms:

| verb forms | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | minor |
| | BrE / 'maɪnə(r) / |
| | NAmE / 'maɪnər / |
| he / she / it | minors |
| | BrE / 'maɪnəz / |
| | NAmE / 'maɪnərz / |
| past simple, past participle | minored |
| | BrE / 'maɪnəd / |
| | NAmE / 'maɪnəd / |
| -ing form | minoring |
| | BrE / 'maɪnərɪŋ / |
| | NAmE / 'maɪnərɪŋ / |

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I. **mi**nor¹ **S2 W2 AC** /'maɪnə \$ -ər/ **BrE** " **AmE** " **adjective**

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Latin; Origin: 'smaller']

1. small and not very important or serious, especially when compared with other things **OPP major** :

- " We have made some minor changes to the program.
- " a relatively minor error
- " a minor road
- " They played only a minor role in local government.

minor injury/illness/operation etc (=one that is not very serious or dangerous)

- " He escaped with only minor injuries.

2. based on a particular type of musical ↑scale:

- " Mahler's Symphony No. 3 in D minor
- " a minor key

II. **minor**² **BrE** " **AmE** " **noun** [countable]

1. **law** someone who is below the age at which they become legally responsible for their actions:

- " This film contains material unsuitable for minors.

2. **American English** the second main subject that you study at university for your degree **OPP major** :

- " I'm taking history as my minor.

3. **the minors** the ↑Minor Leagues

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THESAURUS

- **child** someone who is not yet an adult. You don't usually use **child** to talk about babies or teenagers: Many children are scared of the dark. | He's just a child.
- **kid** *informal* a child. **Kid** is the usual word to use in everyday spoken English: We left the kids in the car.
- **little boy/little girl** a young male or female child: I lived there when I was a little girl. | Little boys love dinosaurs.
- **teenager** someone between the ages of 13 and 19: There's not much for teenagers to do around here.
- **adolescent** a young person who is developing into an adult – used especially when talking about the problems these people have: He changed from a cheerful child to a confused adolescent.
- **youth** *especially disapproving* a teenage boy – especially one who is violent and commits crimes: He was attacked by a gang of youths. | a youth court
- **youngster** a child or young person – used especially by old people: You youngsters have got your whole life ahead of you. | He's a bright youngster with a good sense of humour.
- **minor** *law* someone who is not yet legally an adult: It is illegal to sell alcohol to a minor.

III. **minor**³ *BrE* ² *AmE* ² *verb*

minor in something *phrasal verb*

American English to study a second main subject as part of your university degree **OPP major**:

* Sid majored in sociology and minored in political science.

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