

**diminutive**1. [dɪ'mɪnjətɪv] *n*

1. *грам.* уменьшительное существительное
2. 1) небольшая вещь, вещица
- 2) щедушный человек
3. *геральд.* небольшая фигура на щите, по положению и форме соответствующая большой

2. [dɪ'mɪnjətɪv] *a*

1. *грам.* уменьшительный; диминутивный
2. маленький, крохотный
3. слабый

diminutive attempts - слабые попытки

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**di-minu-tive** [diminutive diminutives] adjective, noun BrE [dɪ'mɪnjətɪv] <sup>u</sup> NAmE

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adjective (formal)

very small

- She was a diminutive figure beside her husband.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (as a grammatical term): from Old French *diminutif*, *-ive*, from late Latin *diminutivus*, from Latin *deminut-* 'diminished', from the verb *deminuere*, from *minuere* 'make small'.

Example Bank:

- He exercised frequently, trying to add strength to his diminutive body.

**noun**

1. a word or an ending of a word that shows that sb/sth is small, for example piglet (= a young pig), kitchenette (= a small kitchen)
2. a short informal form of a word, especially a name

- 'Nick' is a common diminutive of 'Nicholas'.

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I. **di-min-u-tive** <sup>1</sup> /de'mɪnjətɪv, dɪ'mɪnjətɪv/ BrE <sup>u</sup> AmE <sup>u</sup> adjective

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: diminutif, from Latin minuere 'to make less']

small:

- a shy diminutive man

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- **short** someone who is short is not as tall as most people: He was a short fat man.
- **not very tall** quite short. This phrase sounds more gentle than saying that someone is **short** She wasn't very tall – maybe about 1.60 m.
- **small** short and with a small body: My mother was a small woman. | The girl was quite small for her age (=smaller than other girls of the same age).
- **petite** used about a woman who is attractively short and thin: She was a petite woman with blonde hair.
- **stocky** used about a boy or man who is short, heavy, and strong: Harry was stocky and middle-aged.
- **dumpy** short and fat: a dumpy girl with red hair
- **diminutive** *formal literary* very short or small – used especially in descriptions in novels: a diminutive figure dressed in black
- **stubby** stubby fingers or toes are short and thick: the baby's stubby little fingers

II. **diminutive** <sup>2</sup> BrE <sup>u</sup> AmE <sup>u</sup> noun [countable]

a word formed by adding a diminutive suffix

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