

**small****1. [smɔːl] n****1. узкая тонкая часть (чего-л.)**

the small of the leg - ≅ чуть выше щиколотки

the small of the back - поясница

**2. (the small) собир.**

1) невысокие люди

2) дети

3) низкорослые животные

3. простой люд; неимущие слои

the great and the small - великие и малые мира сего

4. *pl* = smallclothes

5. *pl* **разг.** мелочь (*мелкие вещи, отданные в стирку*)

6. = small coal

◇ in small - в миниатюре; в небольших размерах

small and early - рано заканчивающаяся вечеринка с небольшим числом приглашённых

**2. [smɔːl] a****1. 1) маленький, небольшой**

small room [territory, difference, sum of money] - небольшая /маленькая/ комната [территория разница, сумма денег]

small man - человек небольшого /маленького/ роста

small boy - малыш, маленький мальчик

small child - маленький ребёнок

small birds - птенцы

small people - а) дети; б) **разг.** мелюзга; в) **фольк.** эльфы, феи, гномы

small dose - малая доза

small group - небольшая группа

on a small scale - в небольшом масштабе

her large small family - её многочисленные детишки /малыши/, её многодетная семья

to break into small pieces - разбить на мелкие куски

the trees are in small leaf - деревья только-только зазеленели

**2) малый, маленький (о размере одежды, обуви)**

small sizes - маленькие размеры

on the small side - маловатый

the gloves are on the small side - перчатки маловаты

this coat is small for me - это пальто мне мало

**2. 1) мелкий**

small farmer [business] - мелкий фермер [-ое предприятие]

small holder - мелкий арендатор

small industries - мелкие отрасли промышленности

small coin - мелкая монета

**2) некрупный, небольшого размера, мелкий**

small grapes - мелкий виноград

small rain - мелкий дождь

small hand - мелкий /убористый/ почерк

**3) тонкий, мелкий**

small grinding - тонкий помол

small net - тонкая /мелкая/ сетка

small sieve - частое сито

**3. 1) малый, незначительный**

small detail - мелкая /несущественная/ деталь /подробности/

small error - мелкая ошибка

small worries of life - мелочи жизни

a small matter! - неважно!, несущественно!, пустяки!

a matter of small consequence - нечто несущественное

a matter of no small consequence - нечто немаловажное /имеющее немалое значение/

to smb.'s no small surprise - к немалому /к превеликому/ изумлению кого-л.

to waste no small time - потерять немало времени

to have small love for smth. - не слишком любить что-л

to have small knowledge of smth. - плохо знать что-л

to have small need to do smth. - не испытывать особой необходимости делать что-л

it is small wonder that ... - не удивительно, что ...

small blame to him - он в этом не очень-то виноват

he failed, and small wonder - он провалился, и удивляться тут не приходится

**2) второстепенный**

small author [poet] - второстепенный писатель [поэт]

to play a small part - играть незначительную /второстепенную/ роль

**4. ограниченный**

small mind - ограниченный ум [*см. тж.* 5]

a man of small abilities - малоспособный человек

to use a small vocabulary - иметь ограниченный запас слов /словарный запас/

5. мелкий, низменный, подлый

small men - мелочные люди; мелкие людишки  
small mind - мелкая /подлая/ душонка [см. тж. 4]  
small passions - низменные страсти  
small trickery - низкое /подлое/ надувательство  
to enjoy a small triumph - низко /подло/ торжествовать, злорадствовать  
I call it small of him - это низко /некрасиво/ с его стороны

6. униженный; пристыжённый

to feel small - чувствовать себя подавленным /пристыжённым, униженным/  
to look small - а) попасть в глупое положение; б) чувствовать себя не на месте  
to make smb. look small - а) унижить кого-л.; б) сбить с кого-л. спесь, поставить кого-л. на место; в) игнорировать кого-л.; they made me look small - они смотрели на меня как на пустое место  
I felt very small - я не знал, куда деваться от смущения

7. 1) недолгий, кратковременный, непродолжительный

of small duration - короткий, непродолжительный  
for a small moment - в один миг  
a small time - короткое /непродолжительное/ время

2) короткий, недлинный

small distance - небольшое /короткое/ расстояние

3) немногочисленный

small audience - небольшая /немногочисленная/ аудитория  
in small numbers - в небольшом количестве

8. половинный, имеющий неполную меру

small bottle of soda - полбутылки содовой  
a small whisky - полпорции виски

9. 1) слабый

small cold - небольшая /лёгкая/ простуда  
small current [pulse] - слабый ток [пульс]  
small wind - слабый /лёгкий/ ветерок

2) тихий, негромкий (о звуке, голосе)

in a small voice - тихим голосом, вполголоса

10. 1) скромный

small income - скромный доход  
to live in a small way - жить скромно  
he has contributed to scientific progress in a small way - он внёс свой скромный вклад в науку

2) скудный

small diet - скудная пища  
small crop /harvest/ - плохой урожай  
small resources - небольшие /скудные/ ресурсы

11. плохой, неважный

small appetite [attendance] - плохой аппетит [-ая посещаемость]  
he is a small eater on - мало /плохо/ ест

12. тонкий (о талии)

13. узкий

14. редк. лёгкий, некрепкий, слабый (о вине, пиве и т. п.)

small ale - слабоалкогольное пиво

15. карт. младший

small trumps - младшие козыри  
◇ the still small voice (of conscience) - голос совести  
not in the smallest - редк. ни в малейшей степени

3. [smɔ:l] adv

1. мелко, на мелкие кусочки

2. тихо (о манере говорить)

3. в небольшом объёме, в небольшом масштабе

◇ to sing small - сбавить тон; помалкивать

**small**

**small** [small smaller smallest] adjective, adverb noun BrE [smɔ:l] <sup>1</sup>

NAmE [smɔ:l] <sup>1</sup>

adjective (small-er, small-est)

**NOT LARGE**

**1.** not large in size, number, degree, amount, etc

- a small house/town/car/man
- A much smaller number of students passed than I had expected.
- They're having a relatively small wedding.
- That dress is too small for you.
- 'I don't agree,' he said in a small (= quiet) voice.

2. (abbr. **S**) used to describe one size in a range of sizes of clothes, food, products used in the house, etc.

- small, medium, large
- This is too big— have you got a small one?

3. not as big as sth else of the same kind

- the small intestine

## YOUNG

4. young

- They have three small children.
- We travelled around a lot when I was small.
- As a small boy he had spent most of his time with his grandparents.

## NOT IMPORTANT

5. slight; not important

- I made only a few small changes to the report.
- She noticed several small errors in his work.
- Everything had been planned down to the smallest detail.
- It was **no small** achievement getting her to agree to the deal.
- Don't worry. It's only a small problem.

## BUSINESS

6. usually before noun not doing business on a very large scale

- a small farmer
- The government is planning to give more help to small businesses.

## LETTERS

7. usually before noun not written or printed as capitals

- Should I write 'god' **with a small** 'g' or a capital?
- She's a socialist **with a small** 's' (= she has ↑socialist ideas but is not a member of a ↑socialist party).

## NOT MUCH

8. only before noun (used with uncountable nouns) little; not much

- The government has small cause for optimism.
- They have small hope of succeeding.

**more at** a big fish (in a small pond) **at** ↑big<sub>adj.</sub>, great and small **at** ↑great<sub>adj.</sub>, the small/early hours the wee small hours **at** ↑hour,

a/the still small voice **at** ↑still<sub>adj.</sub>, don't sweat the small stuff **at** ↑sweat<sub>v.</sub>, in a big/small way **at** ↑way<sub>n.</sub>, (it's) no/little/small wonder (that)... **at** ↑wonder<sub>n.</sub>

### Word Origin:

Old English smæl, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **smal** and German **schmal**.

### Thesaurus:

**small** *adj.*

1.

- That dress is too small for you.

**little** • • **tiny** • • **miniature** • • **compact** • • **minute** • • **microscopic** •

**Opp:** large, **Opp:** big

a small/little/tiny/miniature **house/town/room**

a small/little/tiny/minute/microscopic **detail**

a small/little/tiny **baby/child**

**Small or little?** **Small** is the most usual opposite of **big** or **large**. **Little** is often used to show how you feel about sb/sth, especially after other adjectives such as **ugly**, **nice** or **cute**.

2. usually before noun

- I've made a few small changes to the report.

**slight** • • **minor** • • **modest** • • **minimal** • • **marginal** • |especially spoken **little** • |especially written **negligible** • • **unimportant** •

**Opp:** big, **Opp:** major

a small/slight/minor/modest/minimal/marginal/little **change/difference/improvement**

a small/modest/minimal/negligible **amount**

a small/slight/minor/little **error/mistake/defect/accident/problem**

**Small or slight?** Use either word to talk about changes or problems. Use **slight** but not **small** to talk about medical problems, feelings or things that affect the senses; use **small** but not **slight** to talk about amounts

- a slight cold/headache/movement/touch
- a small amount/number/quantity, etc.

### Example Bank:

- Choose plants that will stay small.
- Employers, large and small, face massive fines.
- My coat was rather small for Bob.

- Technology has made the world smaller.
- The gap seemed to be getting smaller.
- The kite grew smaller and smaller and finally disappeared altogether.
- The phones are getting smaller and smaller.
- Add a small amount of liquid to the mixture.
- Can I ask you a small favour?
- Don't worry. It's only a small problem.
- He has incredibly small handwriting.
- He would try anything to make her even the smallest degree happier.
- She comes from a small town in the Mid-West.
- The T-shirts come in small, medium and large.
- The candidate with the smallest number of votes has to stand down.
- Their apartment's pretty small.
- These shoes are too big. Do you have some in a smaller size?
- They're having a relatively small wedding.
- You can grow a stunning display of flowers even in the smallest garden.
- a slight/small adjustment/alteration/amendment/change/improvement/reduction/rise/variation
- a slight/small mistake/error/defect/flaw/blemish/discrepancy/problem/snag/accident
- a small amount/number/quantity/degree/proportion/minority

Idioms: ↑grateful for small mercies ▪ ↑it's a small world ▪ ↑look small

Derived Word ↑smallness

**adverb** (small-er, small-est)

**1. into small pieces**

- Chop the cabbage up small.

**2. in a small size**

- You can fit it all in if you write very small.

Word Origin:

Old English smæl, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **smal** and German **schmal**.

**noun**

**1. the ~ of the/sb's back** singular the lower part of the back where it curves in

- He felt a sharp pain in the small of his back.



**2. smalls** plural (old-fashioned, BrE, informal) small items of clothing, especially underwear

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**small**

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I. **small**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /smɔ:/\$ smɒ/\$ **BrE** <sup>m</sup> **AmE** <sup>m</sup> **adjective** (comparative **smaller**, superlative **smallest**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: smæl]

**1. SIZE** not large in size or amount:

- " a small piece of paper
- " a small car
- " a small town
- " a small dark woman
- " The T-shirt was too small for him.
- " The sweater comes in three sizes – small, medium, and large.
- " Only a relatively small number of people were affected.
- " a small amount of money
- " A much smaller proportion of women are employed in senior positions.

**2. NOT IMPORTANT** a small problem, job, mistake etc is not important or does not have a large effect **SYN minor**:

- " We may have to make a few small changes.
- " There's been a small problem.
- " There's only a small difference between them.
- " It was good to feel we had helped in some small way.

**3. no small degree /achievement /task etc** a large degree, achievement etc:

- " The success of the project is due in no small measure to the work of Dr Peterson.

That is no small achievement in the circumstances.

4. **YOUNG** a small child is young:

- " She has three small children.
- " I've known him since he was a small boy.

5. **small business/firm/farmer etc** a business that does not involve large amounts of money or does not employ a large number of people:

- " grants for small businesses

6. **LETTER** small letters are letters in the form a, b, c etc rather than A, B, C etc **SYN lower case OPP capital**

7. **conservative with a small 'c'/democrat with a small 'd' etc informal** someone who believes in the principles you have mentioned, but does not belong to an organized group or political party

8. **VOICE** a small voice is quiet and soft:

- " 'What about me?' she asked in a small voice.

9. **look/feel small** to seem or feel stupid, unimportant, or ashamed:

- " She jumped at any opportunity to make me look small.

10. **(it's a) small world especially spoken** used to express surprise when you unexpectedly meet someone you know or find out that someone has an unexpected connection to you:

- " Did you know David went to school with my brother? It's a small world, isn't it?

11. **a small fortune** a large amount of money

**cost/spend/pay a small fortune**

- " It must have cost him a small fortune.

12. **small change** coins of low value:

- " I didn't have any small change for the parking meter.

13. **be thankful/grateful for small mercies/favours** to be pleased that a bad situation is not even worse:

- " She wasn't too badly hurt, so we should be thankful for small mercies.

14. **the small hours (also the wee small hours British English)** the early morning hours, between about one and four o'clock

**in/into the small hours**

- " He finally fell exhausted into bed in the small hours.
- " The party continued into the wee small hours.

15. **small arms** guns that you hold with one or both hands when firing them

16. **something is small potatoes (also something is small beer British English) informal** used to say that someone or something is not important, especially when compared to other people or things:

- " Even with £10,000 to invest, you are still small beer for most investment managers.

—**small** *adverb*:

- " He writes so small I can't read it.

—**smallness** *noun* [uncountable]

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## THESAURUS

- **small** not large in size, amount, or effect: a small boat | small businesses | a small amount of money | small changes
- **little** [usually before noun] small – used about objects, places, and living things. Used especially with other adjectives to show how you feel about someone or something: It's a very pretty little town. | The poor little dog has hurt its leg. | The cake was decorated with little flowers.
- **low** used about prices, rents, levels, or standards: People on low incomes are finding it difficult to pay fuel bills. | The crime rate in the area is relatively low.
- **slight** [usually before noun] small and not very important or not very noticeable: a slight problem | There's been a slight improvement in his health. | a slight increase in sales
- **minor** small and not important or not serious: minor injuries | We've made some minor changes to the program.
- **compact** small – used about places, buildings etc in which space is used effectively, or about phones, cameras, cars etc which are designed to be much smaller than usual: The apartments are very compact. | a compact camera | It is a pleasant and compact city.
- **poky** especially British English used about a room, house etc that is too small: a poky bedroom | a poky flat
- **cramped** used about a space, room, or vehicle that is too small because people do not have enough room to move around: They all lived together in a cramped apartment. | The car feels cramped with four adults in it.

### ■ very small

- **tiny** very small – used about objects, numbers, or amounts: a tiny island | Dairy foods provide your body with a tiny amount of vitamin D.
- **teeny** informal very small - used for emphasis: I'll just have a teeny bit of cream. | There's just one teeny little problem. | a teeny little house
- **minute** extremely small and extremely difficult to see or notice: They found minute traces of poison in his body. | The differences are minute. | minute creatures
- **miniature** a miniature camera, watch, railway etc is made in a very small size. A miniature horse, dog etc is bred to be a very small size: The spy used a miniature camera. | the fashion for miniature pets
- **microscopic** extremely small and impossible to see without special equipment: microscopic organisms | microscopic particles of dust
- **minuscule** /'mɪnəskjuːl, 'mɪnɪskjuːl/ extremely small in a surprising way: She was wearing a minuscule bikini. | The threat from terrorism is minuscule compared to other risks in our lives.
- **itty-bitty/itsy-bitsy** [only before noun] American English informal very small: An itty-bitty little bug crawled across his forehead. | We stayed at some itty-bitty hotel in a back street.

ii. **small**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *noun*

1. **the small of your back** the lower part of your back where it curves

2. **smalls** [plural] *British English old-fashioned informal* underwear

## small

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