

**minimum****1.** ['mɪnɪ|məm] *n* (*pl* -*ma*, -*mums* [-{'mɪnɪ}məmz])

1. 1) минимум, минимальное количество

to reduce smth. to a minimum - довести что-л до минимума

with a minimum of interference - при самом незначительном вмешательстве

2) *спец.* наименьшее значение

2. наименьшая разрешённая скорость движения на автостраде

**2.** ['mɪnɪməm] *a*

минимальный

minimum speed - минимальная скорость

minimum requirements - минимальные требования

**minimum**

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▪ **I.** **min·imum** **AW** [minimum minima minimums] **adjective, noun** *BrE*['mɪnɪməm] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* ['mɪnɪməm] <sup>u</sup>**adjective usually before noun** (abbr. **min.**)

the smallest that is possible or allowed; extremely small

- a **minimum charge/price**
- the minimum age for retirement
- What are your minimum requirements for the job?
- The work was done with the minimum amount of effort

**Opp:** ↑**maximum**Word Origin:mid 17th cent.: from Latin, neuter of **minimus** 'least'.**noun** (*pl.* **min·ima** *BrE* ['mɪnɪməmə] <sup>u</sup> ; *NAmE* ['mɪnɪməmə] <sup>u</sup> ) **countable, usually singular****1.** (abbr. **min.**) the smallest or lowest amount that is possible, required or recorded

- Costs should **be kept to a minimum** .
- The class needs a minimum of six students to continue.
- As an **absolute minimum** , you should spend two hours in the evening studying.
- Temperatures will fall to a minimum of 10 degrees.

**2. singular** an extremely small amount

- He passed the exams with the minimum of effort
- The room had a minimum of furniture.

**Opp:** ↑**maximum**Word Origin:mid 17th cent.: from Latin, neuter of **minimus** 'least'.Example Bank:

- Candidates must have a degree at a minimum.
- He's always done the minimum possible to pass his exams.
- Many people pay the minimum on their credit cards.
- Many states impose an age minimum of eighteen for the death penalty.
- The sun's temperature reached a minimum in the summer of 1981.
- The tent can be put up with the minimum of effort
- Two fire crews managed to keep damage to a minimum.
- We tried to keep costs down to a minimum.
- a minimum of \$20

▪ **II.** **min·imum** **adverb**

• You'll need £200 minimum for your holiday expenses.

Main entry: ↑**minimum** <sup>derived</sup>**minimum**

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**I.** **min·imum** <sup>1</sup> **S2 W3 AC** /'mɪnɪməm, 'mɪnɪməm/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **adjective** [only before noun][**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑**minimum**, ↑**minimalism**, ↑**minimalist**; **adjective:** ↑**minimal**, ↑**minimum**, ↑**minimalist**; **adverb:** ↑**minimally**, ↑**minimum**; **verb:** ↑**minimize**]the minimum number, degree, or amount of something is the smallest or least that is possible, allowed, or needed **OPP maximum** :

• The minimum number of students we need to run the course is fifteen.

• The minimum age for retirement is 55.

—**minimum** **adverb:**

• You'll need two tons of cement, minimum.

**II.** **minimum** <sup>2</sup> **AC** *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **noun** [singular][**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑**minimum**, ↑**minimalism**, ↑**minimalist**; **adjective:** ↑**minimal**, ↑**minimum**, ↑**minimalist**; **adverb:** ↑**minimally**, ↑**minimum**; **verb:** ↑**minimize**]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: minimus 'smallest']

1. the smallest amount of something or number of things that is possible or necessary **OPP maximum**

a minimum of two hours/£1,000 etc

" The judge recommended that he should serve a minimum of 12 years.

minimum of

" He achieved enviable results with the minimum of effort.

absolute/bare minimum (=the very least amount or number)

" Prison inmates are kept in tiny cells, with the bare minimum of furniture.

keep/reduce something to a minimum

" She had reduced her consumption of fat and sugar to an absolute minimum.

2. at a/the minimum used to say that if nothing else is done, this one thing should be done:

" At a minimum, we must recruit two new teachers.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ verbs

- **have a minimum of something** Candidates should have a minimum of five years' work experience.
- **keep something to a minimum** (=to keep something at a low level) Keep the noise to a minimum, will you?
- **reduce something to a minimum** (=make something less, so it is at a low level) We want to reduce the environmental impact to a minimum.
- **need a minimum of something** (also **require a minimum of something formal**) We'll need a minimum of two days to get this ready.

### ■ adjectives

- **an absolute/bare minimum** (=the very least amount) He paid in five pounds, the bare minimum needed to keep the bank account open.
- **the legal/statutory minimum** (=the least amount the law says you must have) The wage was often well below the legal minimum.
- **the required/necessary minimum** (=the least amount that you must have) He received 35 votes, two more than the required minimum.

### ■ phrases

- **with a minimum of fuss** (=with very little anxious behaviour or activity) They checked our passports with the minimum of fuss.
- **with a minimum of effort** (=with very little effort) The house could be restored with a minimum of effort.

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## THESAURUS

- **limit** the highest number, speed, temperature etc that is allowed by a law or rule: He borrowed money up to the limit that the bank allowed. | The speed limit is 65 m.p.h. | There's no limit on the amount of money that may be brought into the US. | Pollution levels are over the official limit. | Some families set limits on how much they spend on each other's Christmas present.
- **restrictions** rules or laws that strictly control what you are allowed to do: Travel restrictions might reduce the spread of the disease. | Unions are pressing for restrictions on steel imports from Japan. | Because of restrictions on reporting, newspapers were not allowed to cover the story. | New restrictions have been imposed on immigration.
- **limitations** limits on what a person or thing is able to do – used especially when you would like to be able to do more: The president was unwilling to accept limitations on his power. | the limitations of the computer system | Hikers should know their physical limitations and not take unnecessary risks.
- **constraints** facts or conditions that limit what you can do, for example not having enough time, money etc: Financial constraints are forcing many people in their twenties to live with their parents. | The last part of the show had to be cut because of time constraints. | The constraints of prison life are sometimes too much for people to bear.
- **maximum** the largest number or amount that is possible, normal, or allowed: Classes have a maximum of twenty students. | What's the maximum you can earn before you have to pay tax?
- **minimum** the smallest number or amount that is possible or allowed: He was sentenced to a minimum of 25 years in prison. | Our aim is to reduce the number of accidents to an absolute minimum.
- **ceiling** the largest number or amount of something that is officially allowed: There is a ceiling on the amount of foreign investment. | Import quotas may rise from the present ceiling of 18.5 million to 20 million. | Congress was once again considering raising the federal debt ceiling.

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