

minute

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1. ['mɪnɪt] n**1. минута**

it is ten minutes to three - (сейчас) без десяти три

it is ten minutes past three - (сейчас) десять минут четвёртого

to wait ten minutes - ждать десять минут

to be ten minutes late - опаздывать на десять минут

to take ten minutes - длиться /занимать/ десять минут

to live ten minutes from the station - жить в десяти минутах (ходьбы *или* езды) от вокзала

on /to/ the minute - пунктуально

they left at 2 o'clock to the minute - они ушли точно в два часа /в два часа минута в минуту/

2. *асгр., мат.* минута (одна шестидесятая градуса)**3. короткий промежуток времени, мгновение; момент**

a minute's rest - минута покоя, короткая передышка

for a minute - на минут(к)у, на мгновение

wait a minute! - обожди минут(к)у!, погоди!, сейчас!

I shan't be a minute - я сейчас, я недолго, я сию минуту

do it this minute! - сделай это сейчас же!

not to have a free minute - не иметь ни минуты свободного времени

to expect smb. any /every/ minute - ждать кого-л. с минуты на минуту

he was here a minute ago - он только что /сию минуту/ был здесь

the minute (that) he gets here - как только он придёт сюда

minutes before the plane went down - за несколько минут до того, как самолёт разбился

◇ up to the minute - а) ультрасовременный, по последней моде; up to the minute equipment - самое современное /последнее/ оборудование; б) хорошо осведомлённый

he is always up to the minute with his news - он всегда в курсе последних новостей

2. ['mɪnɪt] v

рассчитывать время по минутам; хронометрировать

II

[maɪ'nju:t] a**1. мелкий, мельчайший**

minute quantity - ничтожное /незначительное/ количество

minute particles of dust - мельчайшие частицы пыли

his writing's so minute that it's difficult to read - у него такой мелкий почерк, что его трудно разбирать

2. подробный, детальный

minute account - подробный отчёт

minute description - подробное /детальное/ описание

minute examination - тщательный осмотр

the minutest details /particulars/ - мельчайшие подробности

3. 1) незначительный, несущественный; мелкий

minute improvement - незначительное улучшение

2) мелочный

minute criticism - мелочная критика /-ые придирики/

4. *тех.* (высоко)точный, прецизионный

II

1. ['mɪnɪt] n**1. заметка, набросок, короткая запись**

to make a minute of smth. - записать /отметить/ (себе) что-л. для памяти; сделать заметку относительно чего-л.

2. *pl* протокол (собрания, заседания)

to keep /to draw up, to write/ (the) minutes - вести протокол

who will take the minutes of our meeting? - кто будет вести протокол собрания?

to record in the minutes - занести в протокол

3. *уст.* официальный документ, санкционирующий *или* рекомендуемый какое-л. действие**2. ['mɪnɪt] v**1. набрасывать начерно; делать заметки, записывать (*тж.* minute down)

2. вести протокол, протоколировать

minute

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- **ˌ** **min**·**ute** 1 [minute minutes minuted minuting] noun, verb BrE ['mɪnɪt] ¹NAme ['mɪnɪt] ²see also ↑minute ²

noun

PART OF HOUR**1. countable** (abbr. **min.**) each of the 60 parts of an hour, that are equal to 60 seconds

• It's four minutes to six.

• I'll be back in a few minutes.

• Boil the rice for 20 minutes.

- a ten-minute bus ride
- I enjoyed every minute of the party.
- Just minutes into the second half of the game Robinson scored his second goal.

VERY SHORT TIME

2. singular (informal) a very short time

- It only takes a minute to make a salad.
- **Hang on a minute** — I'll just get my coat.
- I just have to finish this— I won't be a minute.
- Could I see you for a minute?
- I'll be with you **in a minute**, Jo.
- Typical English weather— one minute it's raining and the next minute the sun is shining.

EXACT MOMENT

3. singular an exact moment in time

- At that very minute, Tom walked in.

ANGLES

4. countable each of the 60 equal parts of a degree, used in measuring angles

- 37 degrees 30 minutes (37° 30')

RECORD OF MEETING

5. the minutes plural a summary or record of what is said or decided at a formal meeting

- We read through the minutes of the last meeting.
- Who is going to **take the minutes** (= write them) ?

SHORT NOTE

6. countable a short note on a subject, especially one that recommends a course of action

more at there's one born every minute **at** ↑born, just a minute/moment/second **at** ↑just adv., the last minute/moment **at** ↑last det.,
wait a minute/moment/second **at** ↑wait v.

Word Origin:

late Middle English Old French late Latin **minuta minutus** 'made small' 'period of sixty seconds' 'sixtieth of a degree' medieval Latin **pars minuta prima** 'first minute part' record of a meeting late Middle English 'note or memorandum' French **minute** Latin **scriptura minuta**

Thesaurus:

minute noun C

- Could I see you for a minute?

moment • • **second** • • **instant** • • **split second** • |especially BrE, especially spoken **bit** • |informal, spoken **sec** •

in/for a/an minute/moment/second/split second/bit/sec/instant

at/from that minute/moment/second/instant

hang on/hold on/wait a/an minute/moment/second/sec

Minute, moment or second? In many cases you can use any of these words

- Wait/Hang on/Just a minute/moment/second.

Minute is the most frequent in spoken English; it is more usual to use **moment** in written English, especially when telling a story.

Example Bank:

- After twenty minutes I started to get worried.
- Can you spare a minute?
- Come here this minute!
- Could you wait a minute, please?
- Do you have a minute, Miss Brown?
- Don't leave everything till the last minute.
- Fifteen minutes turned into thirty, and still no one called.
- For ten agonizing minutes she couldn't find her son.
- Gina wasted ten precious minutes on her final test question.
- He scored in the final minutes of the game.
- I never thought for a minute he'd refuse.
- I spent ten minutes dealing with emails.
- I'll be with you in a minute.
- If you have a few spare minutes, you could clean the kitchen.
- One minute he was fine and the next minute he collapsed on the floor.
- Tell him I want to see him the minute he arrives.
- Ten long minutes later, he finally had the results.
- The film starts in ten minutes.
- The minutes ticked by and still nothing happened.
- The noise lasted almost a full minute.
- The ship sank within minutes.

- They spend every waking minute together.
- This will only take a minute.
- Tracey was already counting the minutes until the weekend.
- We waited for ten minutes and then left.
- With each passing minute, the tension mounts.
- four minutes after/past two
- ten minutes to three
- the minute hand on the clock
- Hang on a minute— I'll just get my coat.
- I just have to finish this— I won't be a minute.
- I'll be back in a few minutes.
- It's four minutes to six.
- It's only a ten-minute bus ride into town.
- Just minutes into the second half of the game Robinson scored his second goal.
- Typical English weather— one minute it's raining and the next minute the sun is shining.
- Who's going to take minutes?
- I wrote up the minutes of the meeting and circulated them by email.

Idioms: ↑any minute ▪ ↑minute ... ▪ ↑not for a minute ▪ ↑the minute ▪ ↑this minute ▪ ↑up to the minute

verb ~ sth | ~ that...

to write down sth that is said at a meeting in the official record (= ↑minutes)

- I'd like that last remark to be minuted.

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	minute
	BrE / 'mɪnɪt/
	NAme / 'mɪnɪt/
he / she /it	minutes
	BrE / 'mɪnɪts/
	NAme / 'mɪnɪts/
past simple, past participle	minuted
	BrE / 'mɪnɪtɪd/
	NAme / 'mɪnɪtɪd/
-ing form	minuting
	BrE / 'mɪnɪtɪŋ/
	NAme / 'mɪnɪtɪŋ/

Example Bank:

- I'd like that remark to be minuted.
- Meetings must be minuted and the minutes approved at the following meeting.

• **II. mi-nute 2** [minute minutes minuted minuting] BrE [maɪ'njuːt] NAme [maɪ'njuːt] NAme [maɪ'nuːt] adjective
 see also ↑minute 1 (superlative minutest, no comparative)

1. extremely small

Syn: ↑tiny

- minute amounts of chemicals in the water
- The kitchen on the boat is minute.

2. very detailed, careful and thorough

- a **minute examination /inspection**
- She remembered everything **in minute detail /in the minutest detail(s)** .

Derived Word ↑minutely

Word Origin:

late Middle English 'lesser' Latin minutus 'lessened' minuere

Example Bank:

- Even minute amounts of bacteria in the water supply can cause disease.
- She remembered everything in minute detail/in the minutest detail(s).
- There were minute traces of the drug present in his blood.

minute

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I. **min** ʊte 1 **S1 W1** /'mɪnɪt, 'mɪnɪt/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Medieval Latin minuta, from pars minuta prima 'first small part, one sixtieth of a unit', from Latin minutus; ⇒ ↑minute²]

1. **TIME** a unit for measuring time. There are 60 minutes in one hour:

- It takes me ten minutes to walk to work.
- The train arrived at four minutes past eight.
- He returned a few minutes later.
- I'll meet you at the car in five minutes.

a one/two/three etc minute something

" a ten minute bus ride

2. **the last minute** the last possible time, just before it is too late

at the last minute

" He cancelled his trip to England at the last minute.

until the last minute

" If you leave your essay until the last minute, you'll almost certainly panic. ⇨ ↑last-minute

3. **by the minute** (also **every minute, minute by minute**) used to say that something continues quickly becoming greater, stronger etc:

" She was getting angrier by the minute.

" His voice was getting stronger every minute.

4. **love/enjoy/hate etc every minute (of something)** *informal* if you love, enjoy etc every minute of an activity or experience, you love, enjoy etc all of it:

" I went camping for a week and enjoyed every minute of it.

5. **within minutes** very soon after something has happened:

" The ambulance was there within minutes.

within minutes of doing something

" He had his car stolen within minutes of arriving at the office.

6. **a minute** a very short period of time **SYN moment**:

" Sam thought for a minute, then smiled at his brother.

" Can I have a word? It will only take a minute.

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SPOKEN PHRASES

7. **in a minute** very soon:

" Wait here. I'll be back in a minute.

" Mr Gregson will be with you in a minute.

8. **wait a minute/just a minute/hold on a minute/hang on a minute**

a) used to tell someone you want them to wait for a short time while you do or say something else:

" Just a minute, Margaret, I want to introduce you to Betty.

" Wait a minute, let me see if I understand this correctly.

b) used to tell someone to stop speaking or doing something for a short time because they have said or done something wrong:

" Hold on a minute! That can't be right.

9. **(at) any minute (now)** used to say that something will or may happen extremely soon:

" We're expecting them any minute now.

10. **have you got a minute?** *British English*, **do you have a minute?** *American English* used to ask someone if you may talk to them for a short time:

" Have you got a minute? I need to ask you some questions.

11. **the minute (that) somebody does something** as soon as someone does something:

" Tell him I need to see him the minute he arrives.

12. **not think/believe etc for one minute** used to say that you certainly do not think something, believe something etc:

" I don't think for one minute that he'll do it but I have to ask.

13. **this minute** immediately:

" Johnny! Get inside, this minute!

" You don't have to tell me right this minute.

14. **the next minute** immediately afterwards:

" I put down the phone and the next minute it rang again.

15. **one minute ... the next (minute) ...** used to say that a situation suddenly changes:

" One minute they're madly in love and the next they've split up again.

16. **MEETING minutes** [plural] an official written record of what is said and decided at a meeting:

" Will you take the minutes (=write them down)?

minutes of

" Has everyone seen the minutes of last month's meeting?

17. **MATHEMATICS technical** one of the sixty parts into which a degree of an angle is divided. It can be shown as a symbol after a number. For example, 78° 52' means 78 degrees 52 minutes. ⇨ ↑up-to-the-minute

II. **minute** ² /maɪ'njuːt/ \$ -'nuːt *BrE* ² *AmE* ² **adjective**

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: minutus, from minuere 'to make smaller']

1. extremely small:

" You only need a minute amount.

" Her handwriting is minute.

2. paying careful attention to the smallest details **SYN meticulous**:

" a minute examination of the rock

" He explained the plan in minute detail.

—**minutely** *adverb*:

" She studied the letter minutely.

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THESAURUS

■ **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.

III. **min** ʊte³ /'mɪnət, 'mɪnɪt/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u verb [transitive]

especially British English to make an official note of something in the record of a meeting:

This discussion is off the record and should not be minuted.

minute

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