

minimize

[ˈmɪnɪmaɪz] v

1. доводить до минимума
it will help to minimize the damage - это поможет свести ущерб до минимума
2. преуменьшать
to minimize the accident - преуменьшать серьёзность катастрофы

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

min-im-ize **AW** (BrE also -ise) [minimize minimizes minimized minimizing]

BrE [ˈmɪnɪmaɪz] ^u NAmE [ˈmɪnɪmaɪz] ^u verb

1. ~ sth to reduce sth, especially sth bad, to the lowest possible level
 - Good hygiene helps to minimize the risk of infection.
 - Costs were minimized by using plastic instead of leather.

Opp: ↑maximize

2. ~ sth to try to make sth seem less important than it really is

Syn: play down

- He always tried to minimize his own faults, while exaggerating those of others.

3. ~ sth to make sth small, especially on a computer screen

- Minimize any windows you have open.

Opp: ↑maximize

Derived Word ↑minimization

Verb forms: verb forms

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| present simple | |
| I / you / we /they | minimize |
| | BrE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪz/ |
| | NAmE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪz/ |
| he / she /it | minimizes |
| | BrE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪzɪz/ |
| | NAmE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪzɪz/ |
| past simple, past participle | minimized |
| | BrE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪzd/ |
| | NAmE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪzd/ |
| -ing form | minimizing |
| | BrE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪzɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE /ˈmɪnɪmaɪzɪŋ/ |

Example Bank:

- The proposals are designed to minimize waste and encourage recycling.
- measures to help minimize the effects of the recession
- to pay the cheapest possible rent in order to minimize costs
- They worked at night in order to minimize the disruption.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

min **imize** **AC** **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u (also **minimise** *British English*) /ˈmɪnɪmaɪz, ˈmɪnɪmaɪz/ verb

[transitive]

[Word Family: noun: ↑minimum, ↑minimalism, ↑minimalist; adjective: ↑minimal, ↑minimum, ↑minimalist; adverb: ↑minimally, ↑minimum; verb: ↑minimize]

1. to reduce something that is difficult, dangerous, or unpleasant to the smallest possible amount or degree **OPP maximize** :

- Every effort is being made to minimize civilian casualties.
- The rail company is bringing in more trains in an effort to minimize disruption to travellers.

2. to make something seem less serious or important than it really is **SYN play down** :

- We must not minimize the problem of racial discrimination.

3. to make a document or program on your computer very small when you are not using it but still want to keep it open **OPP maximize** :

- Click on the top of the window to minimize it.

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RANGE: **5k** **MINIMISE** ⁷⁷⁶⁷

- minimise 34
- minimises 5
- minimised 5
- minimising 10
- minimize 4825
- minimizes 567
- minimized 986
- minimizing 1121
- minimization 214
- minimisation 0

