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micro



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adjective

- 1 extremely small.
- 2 minute in scope or capability.
- 3 of or relating to microcomputers.
- 4 of or relating to [microeconomics](#).

noun, plural mi·cros.

- 5 anything extremely small in scope or capability.
- 6 a microcomputer.

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ORIGIN OF MICRO

independent use of [micro-](#), or shortening of words with this initial element

DEFINITION FOR MICRO (2 OF 2)

micro-

- 1 a combining form with the meanings “small” (*microcosm*; *microgamete*), “very small in comparison with others of its kind” (*microcassette*; *microlith*), “too small to be seen by the unaided eye” (*microfossil*; *microorganism*), “dealing with extremely minute organisms, organic structures, or quantities of a substance” (*microdissection*; *microscope*), “localized, restricted in scope or area” (*microburst*; *microhabitat*), “(of a discipline) focusing on a restricted area” (*microeconomics*), “containing or dealing with texts that require enlargement to be read” (*microfilm*; *microreader*), “one millionth” (*microgram*).

Also especially before a vowel, **micr-**.

ORIGIN OF MICRO-

< Greek: combining form representing *mīkrós* small

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BRITISH DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS FOR MICRO (1 OF 2)

micro / ('maɪkrəʊ) /

adjective

- 1 very small

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BRITISH DICTIONARY DEFINITIONS FOR MICRO (2 OF 2)

micro- micr-

combining form

- 1 small or minute: *microspore*
- 2 involving the use of a microscope: *micrography*
- 3 indicating a method or instrument for dealing with small quantities: *micrometer*
- 4 (in pathology) indicating abnormal smallness or underdevelopment: *microcephaly*; *microcyte* Compare [macro- \(def. 2\)](#)
- 5 denoting 10^{-6} : *microsecond* Symbol: μ

WORD ORIGIN FOR MICRO-

from Greek *mikros* small

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MEDICAL DEFINITIONS FOR MICRO

micro-

pref.

Small: *microblast*.

Abnormally small: *microcephaly*.

Requiring or involving microscopy: *microsurgery*.

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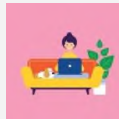
micro-

A prefix that means: **small** (as in *microorganism*) or **one millionth** (as in *microsecond*).

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