

small

Instead of using the word **small**, choose a word that tells your reader exactly what you mean.

To describe a small human, creature, or house, you could use the words

little
short
petite
mini
pocket-sized

To describe something very small, you could use the words

tiny
minute
miniature

These words suggest that something is small and not strong:

puny
slight

You could use these words to describe a small amount that is not enough:

scanty
meagre
paltry
limited
inadequate
insufficient
trifling

You could use these words to describe a small problem that is not important:

unimportant
petty
insignificant
minor
negligible

Over to you

Could you use some of these words in the sentences that follow?

- 1 The _____ creature walked across the table.
- 2 Tinkerbell's _____ figure appeared at the window.
- 3 Tom Thumb was a _____ boy.
- 4 She was _____ and _____ but her voice was powerful and filled the hall!
- 5 She thought that £5 was a _____ amount to pay for chocolates.
- 6 Children used to work in coalmines for a _____ amount of money.