



Linguaspectrum Typescript

Minute

Minute is a small period of time.

Ask someone to wait:

- **hold on a minute**
- **just a minute**
- **hang on a minute**

Ask someone to help:

- Can you have a look at this **for a minute**?

Show that we will be quick:

- I'll be there **in a minute**.
- **I'll only be a minute**.

Say that something happened quickly:

- I only turned my back **for a minute**.

Say that something changed quickly:

- He was here one minute; gone the next.

Say that we don't have much time:

- You've got **one minute**!

Say that we don't have any time:

- Get in the house, **this minute**!

Almost too late:

- You always leave things till **the last minute**.

Say that you enjoyed or didn't enjoy something:

- I loved **every minute** of it.
- I hated **every minute** of it.

To say you do not believe something:

- I don't believe him **for a minute**.

The noun **minute** /'mɪnɪt/ is a heterophone with the adjective **minute** /maɪ'nju:t/

Minute and **minute** are spelt the same, but they sound different and have different meanings.

Minute means very small, or tiny.

This is a newt. Newts are very small. I call this newt *tiny* because he's **my newt**.

Get it?