

Need another word that means the same as “inferior”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “inferior” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Inferior” are: subscript, deficient, substandard, lesser, second-class, minor, subservient, lowly, humble, menial, not very important, under someone's heel, second-rate, low-grade, downmarket, indifferent, mediocre, unsatisfactory, shoddy, shabby, flawed, imperfect, unsound, subordinate, junior, underling, minion**

## Inferior as a Noun

### Definitions of "Inferior" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “inferior” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *One of lesser rank or station or quality.*
- *A character or symbol set or printed or written beneath or slightly below and to the side of another character.*
- *A person lower than another in rank, status, or ability.*
- *An inferior letter, figure, or symbol.*



## Synonyms of "Inferior" as a noun (6 Words)

- junior** A child attending a junior school.  
*Indoor tennis for **juniors**.*
- menial** A person with a menial job.
- minion** A follower or underling of a powerful person, especially a servile or unimportant one.  
*He gets oppressed **minions** like me to fob them off.*
- subordinate** An assistant subject to the authority or control of another.  
*He was mild mannered especially with his **subordinates**.*
- subscript** A symbol notionally written as a subscript but in practice usually not used in a program alone or with others to specify one of the elements of an array.
- underling** An assistant subject to the authority or control of another.  
*She was shouting orders at **underlings** between gulps of coffee.*



## Usage Examples of "Inferior" as a noun

- *Her social and intellectual inferiors.*



## Inferior as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Inferior" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "inferior" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Lower than a given reference point.*
- *(of a court or tribunal) susceptible to having its decisions overturned by a higher court.*
- *Of low standard or quality.*
- *(of the ovary of a flower) situated below the sepals and enclosed in the receptacle.*
- *Having an orbit between the sun and the Earth's orbit.*
- *Low or lower in position.*
- *Denoting goods or services which are in greater demand during a recession than in a*

*boom, for example second-hand clothes.*

- *(of a letter, figure, or symbol) written or printed below the line.*
- *Falling short of some prescribed norm.*
- *Of low or inferior quality.*
- *Of or characteristic of low rank or importance.*
- *Lower in rank, status, or quality.*
- *Written or printed below and to one side of another character.*



## Synonyms of "Inferior" as an adjective (23 Words)

### **deficient**

Not having enough of a specified quality or ingredient.  
A **deficient** education.

### **downmarket**

Relatively inexpensive or less prestigious.  
An interview for the **downmarket** tabloids.

### **flawed**

(of a person) having a weakness in character.  
A fatally **flawed** strategy.

<b>humble</b>	Marked by meekness or modesty; not arrogant or prideful. <i>My <b>humble</b> apologies.</i>
<b><u>imperfect</u></b>	(of a gift, title, etc.) transferred without all the necessary conditions or requirements being met. <i>An <b>imperfect</b> grasp of English.</i>
<b>indifferent</b>	Marked by a lack of interest. <i>In spite of very <b>indifferent</b> weather.</i>
<b><u>lesser</u></b>	Used in names of animals and plants which are smaller than similar kinds e g lesser spotted woodpecker lesser celandine. <i>He was convicted of a <b>lesser</b> assault charge.</i>
<b>low-grade</b>	Of inferior quality.
<b><u>lowly</u></b>	(of an organism) primitive or simple. <i>A <b>lowly</b> parish priest.</i>
<b>mediocre</b>	Lacking exceptional quality or ability. <i>The caliber of the students has gone from <b>mediocre</b> to above average.</i>
<b><u>menial</u></b>	(of work) not requiring much skill and lacking prestige. <i><b>Menial</b> factory jobs.</i>
<b><u>minor</u></b>	Of an interval characteristic of a minor scale and less by a semitone than the equivalent major interval. <i>Smith <b>minor</b>.</i>
<b>not very important</b>	Being the exact same one; not any other.
<b>second-class</b>	Of inferior status or quality.
<b>second-rate</b>	Moderate to inferior in quality.
<b><u>shabby</u></b>	Showing signs of wear and tear. <i>Snooping was he That s a <b>shabby</b> trick.</i>
<b><u>shoddy</u></b>	Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. <i>A <b>shoddy</b> misuse of the honours system.</i>
<b>subscript</b>	Written or printed below and to one side of another character.
<b><u>subservient</u></b>	Abjectly submissive; characteristic of a slave or servant. <i>The whole narration is <b>subservient</b> to the moral plan of exemplifying twelve virtues in twelve knights.</i>
<b>substandard</b>	Falling short of some prescribed norm. <i><b>Substandard</b> spellings.</i>
<b>under someone's heel</b>	Lower in rank, power, or authority.
<b><u>unsatisfactory</u></b>	Not satisfactory; not good enough. <i>Her performance proved to be <b>unsatisfactory</b>.</i>

**unsound** Physically unsound or diseased.  
*The tower is structurally **unsound**.*

## Usage Examples of "Inferior" as an adjective

- *Ulcers located in the inferior and posterior wall of the duodenum.*
- *Inferior alveolar artery.*
- *Inferior goods.*
- *Mercury and Venus are inferior planets.*
- *Schooling in inner-city areas was inferior to that in the rest of the country.*

## Associations of "Inferior" (30 Words)

**abject** Most unfortunate or miserable.  
*The most **abject** slaves joined in the revolt.*

**calibre** The quality of someone's character or the level of their ability.  
*They could ill afford to lose a man of his **calibre**.*

**deficient** Of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement.  
*A **deficient** education.*

**disadvantaged** (of a person or area) in unfavourable circumstances, especially with regard to financial or social opportunities.  
*We began to help the **disadvantaged**.*

**hapless** Deserving or inciting pity- Galsworthy.  
*A **hapless** victim.*

**inadequate** Not sufficient to meet a need.  
***Inadequate** training.*

**inauspicious** Contrary to your interests or welfare.  
*My words with **inauspicious** thunderings shook heaven.*

**indigent** Poor; needy.  
*A charity for the relief of **indigent** artists.*

**lacking** Deficient or inadequate.  
***Lacking** in stamina.*

**meager** Deficient in amount or quality or extent.  
***Meager** fare.*

**meagerly** To a meager degree or in a meager manner.  
*These voices are **meagerly** represented at the conference.*

<b>measly</b>	Ridiculously small or few. <i>Three <b>measly</b> votes.</i>
<b>minus</b>	On the negative side or lower end of a scale. <i><b>Minus</b> 5 degrees.</i>
<b>miserable</b>	Miserly. <i>The company donated a <b>miserable</b> 100 for flood relief.</i>
<b>needy</b>	Needy people collectively. <i>They try to help the <b>needy</b>.</i>
<b>paltry</b>	Petty; trivial. <i>A <b>paltry</b> wage.</i>
<b>pathetic</b>	Inspiring scornful pity. <i>His ball control was <b>pathetic</b>.</i>
<b>pauper</b>	A very poor person. <i>He died a <b>pauper</b>.</i>
<b>piteous</b>	Deserving or inciting pity. <i><b>Piteous</b> appeals for help.</i>
<b>pitiable</b>	Inspiring mixed contempt and pity. <i>A <b>pitiable</b> imitation of the real thing.</i>
<b>pitiful</b>	Deserving or arousing pity. <i>A <b>pitiful</b> attempt to impress her.</i>
<b>scanty</b>	Women's skimpy knickers or pants. <i>Her dress was <b>scanty</b> and revealing.</i>
<b>scarce</b>	Scarcely. <i>Had <b>scarcely</b> rung the bell when the door flew open.</i>
<b>substandard</b>	Falling short of some prescribed norm. <i><b>Substandard</b> housing.</i>
<b>undermanned</b>	Inadequate in number of workers or assistants etc.
<b>undersized</b>	Smaller than normal for its kind. <i>The <b>undersized</b> cubs may not survive the winter.</i>
<b>unfortunate</b>	A person who is considered immoral or lacking in religious faith or instruction, especially a prostitute. <i>The delay at the airport was an <b>unfortunate</b> start to our holiday.</i>
<b>unlucky</b>	Having, bringing, or resulting from bad luck. <i>Friday the 13th is an <b>unlucky</b> date.</i>
<b>wanting</b>	Deficient in intelligence. <i>The English batting technique has been found <b>wanting</b>.</i>



**wretched**

Morally reprehensible.

*I felt so **wretched** because I thought I might never see you again.*