

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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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. <i>Indoor tennis for juniors.</i>
menial	A person with a menial job.
minion	A follower or underling of a powerful person, especially a servile or unimportant one. <i>He gets oppressed minions like me to fob them off.</i>
subordinate	An assistant subject to the authority or control of another. <i>He was mild mannered especially with his subordinates.</i>
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. <i>She was shouting orders at underlings between gulps of coffee.</i>



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.

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

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

wretched

Morally reprehensible.

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