

Need another word that means the same as “lesser”? Find 19 synonyms for “lesser” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Lesser” are: less important, minor, secondary, subsidiary, marginal, ancillary, auxiliary, supplementary, supplemental, peripheral, subordinate, inferior, second-class, subservient, lowly, humble, servile, menial, mean**

## Lesser as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Lesser" as an adjective

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

- *Smaller in size or amount or value.*
- *Lower in rank or quality.*
- *Used in names of animals and plants which are smaller than similar kinds, e.g. lesser spotted woodpecker, lesser celandine.*
- *Of less size or importance.*
- *Not so great or important as the other or the rest.*



## Synonyms of "Lesser" as an adjective (19 Words)

- ancillary** Furnishing added support.  
*An **ancillary** pump.*
- auxiliary** (of troops) engaged in the service of a nation at war but not part of the regular army.  
*The main library and its **auxiliary** branches.*
- humble** (of a thing) of modest pretensions or dimensions.  
*A **humble** cottage.*
- inferior** Of low or inferior quality.  
*Schooling in inner city areas was **inferior** to that in the rest of the country.*
- less important** Lower in quality.

<b>lowly</b>	(of an organism) primitive or simple. <i>She'd been too good for her <b>lowly</b> position.</i>
<b>marginal</b>	Just barely adequate or within a lower limit. <i>The <b>marginal</b> tax rates on these incomes rise to as much as 80 per cent in some republics.</i>
<b>mean</b>	So small in amount as to deserve contempt. <i>Chok'd with ambition of the <b>meaner</b> sort.</i>
<b>menial</b>	(of work) not requiring much skill and lacking prestige. <i><b>Menial</b> factory jobs.</i>
<b>minor</b>	Of a key or mode based on a minor scale and tending to produce a sad or pensive effect. <i>A <b>minor</b> official.</i>
<b>peripheral</b>	(of a device) able to be attached to and used with a computer, though not an integral part of it. <i><b>Peripheral</b> issues.</i>
<b>second-class</b>	Of inferior status or quality.
<b>secondary</b>	Coming after, less important than, or resulting from someone or something else that is primary. <i>The plot is of <b>secondary</b> importance what matters most is the relationships between the characters.</i>
<b>servile</b>	Submissive or fawning in attitude or behavior. <i>The <b>servile</b> condition of the peasants.</i>
<b>subordinate</b>	Unable to stand alone syntactically as a complete sentence. <i>A <b>subordinate</b> kingdom.</i>
<b>subservient</b>	Serving or acting as a means or aid. <i>She was <b>subservient</b> to her parents.</i>
<b>subsidiary</b>	Less important than but related or supplementary to something. <i>A <b>subsidiary</b> flue of the main chimney.</i>
<b>supplemental</b>	Functioning in a supporting capacity. <i>Many premature infants need <b>supplemental</b> oxygen soon after birth.</i>
<b>supplementary</b>	Completing or enhancing something. <i>The development of databases <b>supplementary</b> to existing ones.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Lesser" as an adjective

- *The lesser anteater.*
- *They nest mostly in Alaska and to a lesser extent in Siberia.*
- *The lesser powers of Europe.*
- *He was convicted of a lesser assault charge.*
- *You're looking down your nose at us lesser mortals.*

