

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)

Furnishing added support.

An **ancillary** pump.

(of troops) engaged in the service of a nation at war but not part of the

**auxiliary** regular army.

The main library and its **auxiliary** branches.

humble (of a thing) of modest pretensions or dimensions.

A humble cottage.

Of low or inferior quality.

**inferior** Schooling in inner city areas was **inferior** to that in the rest of the

country.

less important Lower in quality.



lowly (of an organism) primitive or simple.

She d been too good for her **lowly** position.

Just barely adequate or within a lower limit.

**marginal** The **marginal** tax rates on these incomes rise to as much as 80 per cent

in some republics.

**mean** So small in amount as to deserve contempt.

Chok d with ambition of the **mean**er sort.

menial (of work) not requiring much skill and lacking prestige.

**Menial** factory jobs.

Of a key or mode based on a minor scale and tending to produce a sad or

minor pensive effect.

A **minor** official.

(of a device) able to be attached to and used with a computer, though not

**peripheral** an integral part of it.

**Peripheral** issues.

**second-class** Of inferior status or quality.

Coming after, less important than, or resulting from someone or

something else that is primary.

**secondary**The plot is of **secondary** importance what matters most is the

relationships between the characters.

**Submissive** or fawning in attitude or behavior.

The **servile** condition of the peasants.

Unable to stand alone syntactically as a complete sentence.

subordinate

A subordinate kingdom.

**subservient** Serving or acting as a means or aid.

She was **subservient** to her parents.

**subsidiary** Less important than but related or supplementary to something.

A **subsidiary** flue of the main chimney.

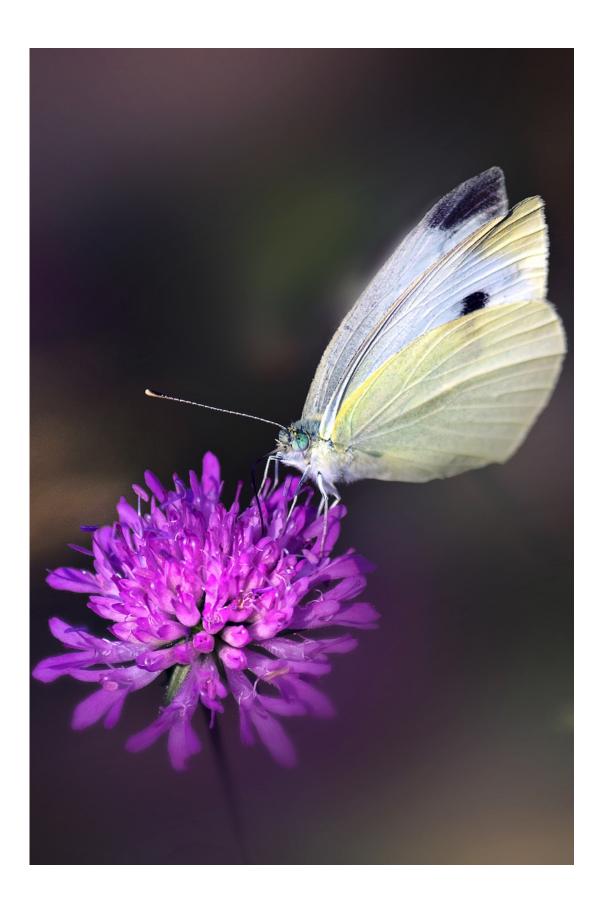
**supplemental** Functioning in a supporting capacity.

Many premature infants need **supplemental** oxygen soon after birth.

Completing or enhancing something.

supplementary The development of databases supplementary to existing ones.







# 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.

