

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

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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)

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

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

