

beneath**1. [bɪˈniːθ] adv**

1) внизу

the valley lay beneath - долина лежала внизу

2) ниже

3) на нижней стороне

leaves dark above and light beneath - листья сверху тёмные, а снизу светлые

4) ниже по званию

the officers heard grumbling in the ranks beneath - офицеры ощущали недовольство нижних чинов

2. [bɪˈniːθ] prep

указывает на

1. 1) *положение непосредственно под чем-л.* под

he sat beneath a tree - он сидел под деревом

beneath the same roof - под одной крышей

to slip beneath the water - нырнуть

2) *положение ниже чего-л.* ниже

the town is beneath the castle - город расположен ниже замка

3) у подножия

a house beneath a tall cliff - дом у подножия скалы

2. *подчинённость или подвластность* под, при

beneath the yoke of the conqueror - под игом завоевателя

to live beneath tyranny - жить под игом тирании

3. *нахождение под тяжестью, бременем и т. п.* под

to bend beneath a burden - согнуться под тяжестью (чего-л.)

the ground gave way beneath the foot - почва подалась под тяжестью ноги

she dropped her eyes beneath his gaze - она опустила глаза под его взглядом

4. *несовместимость с достоинством, честью и т. п.* ниже

beneath smb.'s dignity - ниже чьего-л. достоинства

beneath criticism - ниже всякой критики

that conduct is beneath you - это поведение недостойно вас

5. 1) *более низкий моральный или умственный уровень* ниже

don't look on them as beneath you - не смотрите на них свысока

he is far beneath her in intelligence - она гораздо умнее его

2) *более низкий ранг, положение и т. п.*

to marry beneath oneself - вступить в неравный брак, сделать мезальянс

6. *в сочетаниях:*

beneath one's breath - тихо, шёпотом

she hummed a tune beneath her breath - она тихонько напевала

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I. **be·neath** BrE [bɪˈniːθ] NAmE [bɪˈniːθ] preposition (formal)

1. in or to a lower position than sb/sth; under sb/sth

• They found the body buried beneath a pile of leaves.

• The boat sank beneath the waves.

2. not good enough for sb

• He considers such jobs beneath him.

• They thought she had married beneath her (= married a man of lower social status) .

Word Origin:

[beneath] Old English binithan, bineoþan, from bi (be, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch bij and German bei) + nithan, neoþan 'below', of Germanic origin; related to †nether.

II. **be·neath** adverb

• Her careful make-up hid the signs of age beneath.

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be·neath W2 /bɪˈniːθ BrE AmE adverb, preposition formal

[Language: Old English; Origin: beneoþan, from neoþan 'below']

1. in or to a lower position than something, or directly under something **SYN underneath** :

" The dolphins disappeared beneath the waves.

" Jo enjoyed feeling the warm sand beneath her feet.

" He was standing on the bridge looking at the river beneath.

" Some roofs collapsed beneath the weight of (=unable to support the weight of) so much snow.**REGISTER**In everyday English, people usually use **underneath** (as an adverb or preposition) or **under** (as a preposition) when talking about position:• They hid under the table.• a picture with a caption underneath

2. covered by something:

" Shiona shivered beneath the bedclothes.

3. used to say that someone's real character or feelings are not shown because their appearance or behaviour is different **SYN underneath** :

" Dave sensed that something more sinister lay beneath the woman's cheerful exterior.

" Beneath the surface she was angry.

4. not good enough or suitable for someone:

" She acts as if even speaking to us is beneath her.

" He felt it would be beneath his dignity to comment.

" His mother felt he was marrying beneath him (=marrying someone who was not good enough).

" I consider such behaviour to be beneath contempt (=so bad that you have no respect for the person involved).

5. in a lower, less important rank or job than someone else **SYN below**

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- **under** something that is under something else has that thing directly above it or covering it: The pen was under the desk. | She had a T-shirt on under her sweater.
- **below** in a lower position than something else, though not always directly under it: From the cliffs we could barely see the people on the beach below us. | His apartment is below ours on the left.
- **underneath** under – used especially to emphasize that something covers, touches, or hides something: The girls wear shorts underneath their cheerleading skirts. | I found the book underneath the sofa.
- **beneath** *formal* under or at a lower level: They strolled hand in hand beneath the summer moon. | The water lies just beneath the surface of the earth.

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