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1. ['ləʊə] **a**
- сmpar* от low1 II
 - низший**
lower animals - низшие животные
(the) lower classes - низкие классы
lower orders - низшие сословия
the lower ranks of life, the lower walks of life - *разг.* низшие слои общества
lower boy - ученик одного из первых классов
on a lower floor - этажом ниже
 - нижний**
lower jaw /jawbone/ - нижняя челюсть
lower lid - нижнее веко
lower tooth - нижний зуб
lower reaches of a river - низовье реки
lower storey - подлесок, нижний ярус леса
lower regions - а) ад, преисподняя; б) *шутл.* подвальный этаж; кухня, помещение для слуг
the lower end of the table - нижний конец стола (*для менее почётных гостей*)
 - 1) **недавний**
it belongs to a lower date - это относится к более позднему /недавнему/ времени
 - (*часто Lower*) **геол.** нижний, более ранний
Lower Devonian - нижний девон
Lower Cretaceous - нижний мел, нижнемеловой период
◇ Lower Empire - *уст.* Восточная Римская империя, Византия
2. ['ləʊə] **v**
- 1) **спускать; опускать**
to lower a boat [a flag, the sails] - спустить шлюпку [флаг, паруса] [*ср. тж.* ◇]
to lower one's eyes - опустить глаза
to lower the bar - опустить планку (*лёгкая атлетика*)
to lower the weight at the press - *спорт.* опустить вес при жиме
lower the boat! - шлюпку к спуску! (*команда*)
lower the flag! - флаг спустить! (*команда*)
lower sails! - паруса долой! (*команда*)
 - 2) **опускаться, падать**
 - 1) **снижать; уменьшать**
to lower prices - снижать цены
to lower the rent of a house - снизить квартирную плату
 - 2) **снижаться, уменьшаться**
oil will lower in price - нефть подешевеет, нефть снизится в цене
the stocks lowered in value - ценность акций снизилась
 - 3) **понижать**
to lower one's voice to a whisper - понизить голос до шёпота
to lower one's tone - снизить тон
 - 4) **уменьшать высоту, делать ниже**
to lower the ceilings [the roof] - сделать потолки [крышу] ниже
to lower the freezing point - понизить точку замерзания
 - 5) **ослаблять**
poor diet lowers resistance to illness - плохое питание ослабляет/уменьшает/сопротивляемость организма
 - 6) **унижать**
to lower smb.'s pride - унижать чью-л. гордость
to lower oneself - унижаться
to lower oneself to ask a favour - унизиться до просьбы об одолжении
 - 7) *разг.* **проглотить съест**
to lower a mug of beer - пропустить/выпить кружку пива
◇ to lower one's flag /one's sails/ - сдаться; прекратить борьбу [*ср. тж.* 1, 1])
to lower the boom on smb. - а) послать в нокаут; б) подвергнуть нападкам; наваливаться, наскокивать (*на кого-л.*); в) сорвать чьи-л. надежды, планы; перейти кому-л. дорогу

II

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• **lower** 1 [**lower lowers lowered lowering**] **adjective, verb** BrE ['ləʊə(r)] ¹
 NAmE ['loʊə] ²
see also ↑lower ²

adjective only before noun

1. located below sth else, especially sth of the same type, or the other of a pair
 - the lower deck of a ship

- His lower lip trembled.
- 2. **at or near the bottom of sth**
 - the mountain's lower slopes
 - I have problems with my lower back.
- 3. **(of a place) located towards the coast, on low ground or towards the south of an area**
 - the lower reaches of the Nile

Opp: ↑upper

Idioms: ↓lower the bar ▪ ↓lower yourself

verb

1. **transitive** to let or make sth/sb go down
 - ~ **sth** He had to lower his head to get through the door.
 - She lowered her newspaper and looked around.
 - ~ **sth/sb + adv./prep.** They lowered him down the cliff on a rope.

Opp: ↑raise

2. **transitive, intransitive ~ (sth)** to reduce sth or to become less in value, quality, etc
 - He lowered his voice to a whisper.
 - This drug is used to lower blood pressure.
 - Her voice lowered as she spoke.

Opp: ↑raise

more at raise/lower your sights **at** ↑sight _{n.}, raise/lower the temperature **at** ↑temperature

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	lower
	BrE / 'ləʊə(r) /
	NAme / 'ləʊər /
he / she /it	lowers
	BrE / 'ləʊəz /
	NAme / 'ləʊərz /
past simple, past participle	lowered
	BrE / 'ləʊəd /
	NAme / 'ləʊəd /
-ing form	lowering
	BrE / 'ləʊərɪŋ /
	NAme / 'ləʊərɪŋ /

Example Bank:

- Cristina blushed and quickly lowered her eyes.
- He carefully lowered the sleeping child onto the bed.
- She lowered herself down to the floor.
- She lowered herself into the driver's seat.
- The company may be forced to lower prices in order to stay competitive.
- to lower blood pressure/cholesterol levels
- to lower prices/interest rates

• **II. lower 2** [**lower lowers lowered lowering**] (also **lour**) BrE ['ləʊə(r)]^m NAme ['ləʊər]^m **verb intransitive** (literary) (of the sky or clouds) to be dark and threatening

- Huge clouds lowered over the bay.

see also ↑lower 1

See also: ↑lour

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I. **low** **er** 1 **W3** /'ləʊə \$ 'ləʊər/ BrE^m AmE^m **adjective**

[**Word Family:** adjective: ↑low, ↑lower, ↑lowly; verb: lower; noun: ↑low; advert: ↑low]

1. [**only before noun**] below something else, especially below something of the same type **OPP** upper:
 - Nina chewed her lower lip anxiously.

Ruth went down to the lower deck (=lower level on a ship).

your lower limbs (=your legs)

2. [only before noun] at or near the bottom of something **OPP upper**:

" the lower slopes of the mountain

" She suffers with pain in her lower back.

3. smaller in number or amount **OPP higher**:

" Temperatures will be lower over the weekend.

4. [only before noun] less important than something else of the same type **OPP higher**:

" the lower levels of management

II. lower ² S3 W3 BrE ² AmE ² verb

1. **REDUCE** [intransitive and transitive] to reduce something in amount, degree, strength etc, or to become less:

" Do you think we should lower the price?

" After 20 minutes lower the temperature to 325°.

" drugs to lower blood pressure

" Helen lowered her voice (=made it quieter) as they approached.

" His voice lowered (=became quieter).

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say that someone **turns down** the temperature or volume rather than **lowers** it:

▪ Can you turn the heating down?

2. **MOVE DOWN** [transitive] to move something down from higher up **OPP raise**:

" Very gently, he lowered the dog onto the rug by the fire.

" The flags were lowered to half-mast.

" Greg watched as the coffin was lowered.

lower yourself

" He lowered himself carefully down from the top of the wall.

3. **lower your eyes/head** to look down **OPP raise**:

" Christina blushed and lowered her eyes.

4. **lower yourself** [usually in negatives] to behave in a way that makes people respect you less:

" I wouldn't lower myself to speak to her after what she's done.

5. **lower the tone (of something)** to make something not as nice as it was:

" They thought an influx of students would lower the tone of the neighborhood.

" Trust you to lower the tone of the conversation (=include rude jokes etc in what you say)!

—lowered adjective:

" He leaned forward and spoke in a lowered voice.

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THESAURUS

■ to reduce prices, numbers, or amounts

▪ **reduce** to make the price, amount, or size of something less or smaller: The price was reduced by 50%. | We need to reduce the amount of salt in our diet.

▪ **cut** to reduce something, especially by a large amount – used about prices, costs, jobs, or the time needed to do something: Companies are always looking for ways to cut costs. | The journey time will be cut to under 2 hours. | Staff numbers have been cut by half to about 150.

▪ **lower** to reduce the level, limit, or amount of something. **Lower** sounds rather formal: The voting age was lowered to 18. | The government decided to lower interest rates by 0.5%. | After twenty minutes, lower the temperature to 150 degrees.

▪ **bring something down** to reduce something such as prices or costs, or reduce the level of something. **Bring something down** is less formal than **lower**: The government wants to bring down the level of inflation. | The company is trying to bring its costs down.

▪ **slash informal** to reduce an amount or price by a very large amount – used especially in newspapers and advertisements: Public spending has been slashed over the past two years. | Prices slashed for one week only!

▪ **cut something back** to reduce the amount of something – used especially about people deciding to spend less, do less, or use less of something: The education budget has been cut back again. | I need to cut back on my workload.

▪ **downsize** to reduce the number of people employed in order to reduce costs – used about a company or organization: The company is planning to downsize its European operations.

▪ **scale something down/back** to reduce the size or the amount of money that is being spent on something: The research programme has been scaled down. | The navy is being scaled down.

▪ **relieve/ease** to make pain or feelings less unpleasant: The drug is used to relieve pain. | A joke can help to ease the tension.

▪ **alleviate formal** to reduce pain or suffering, or make a problem less serious: You can buy various medicines to alleviate the symptoms of flu. | The new road was supposed to alleviate the congestion problem.

III. low ^{er} ³ BrE ² AmE ² (also low British English) /'ləʊə \$ -ə/ verb [intransitive] literary

1. when the sky or the weather lowers, it becomes dark because there is going to be a storm **SYN darken**:

" lowering clouds

2. to look threatening or annoyed **SYN frown**:

" The other driver lowered at us as we passed him.

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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1801 **12354**²²⁸⁵ *vv0*
1561 **14167**¹⁸⁶¹ *rrr*
59 **98043**⁶¹ *nn1*
8 **293979**⁸ *nnu*
