

superior**1. [s(j)u:ˈpɪ(ə)riə] n****1. начальник, старший**

one's social superiors - люди, стоящие выше по общественному положению

he is your superior - он ваш начальник

he is deferential to his superiors - он почтительно относится к начальству

to salute one's superiors - приветствовать старших по званию

2. превосходящий другого

you are my superior in ability - ты способнее меня

he has no superior in wit [in courage] - ему нет равных в остроумии [в храбрости]

3. (Superior) глава религиозной общины

Father Superior - настоятель (*монастыря*); игумен

Mother Superior - настоятельница (*монастыря*); игуменья

4. *полигр.* надстрочный знак**2. [s(j)u:ˈpɪ(ə)riə] a****1. 1) лучший; больший; превосходящий**

they had superior qualities - их качества превосходили наши [*см. тж.* 2]

he achieved it by superior cunning - он добился этого благодаря тому, что он хитрее

to be superior to smth. (in smth.) - быть лучше /больше/ чего-л., превосходить что-л. (в чём-л.) [*ср. тж.* 3]

this machine is superior to that one - эта машина лучше той

it is superior in speed to any other machine - она быстрее любой другой машины

2) *воен.* (численно) превосходящий

superior forces - превосходящие силы

(quantitatively) superior enemy - (численно) превосходящий противник

superior manpower - превосходство в живой силе

the enemy attacked with superior numbers - враг атаковал превосходящими силами

2. лучший, превосходный, высшего качества, исключительный

they had superior qualities - они обладали превосходными качествами [*см. тж.* 1, 1)]

this is superior cloth - это превосходное сукно

shoes made of superior leather - туфли из кожи высшего качества

a very superior man - незаурядный *или* высокообразованный человек [*ср. тж.* 4]

superior goods - товар высшего качества

superior grades of coffee - высшие сорта кофе

her superior memory - её великолепная память

superior intelligence - большой ум

3. (to) недостижимый, стоящий выше

to be superior to smth. - быть выше чего-л. [*ср. тж.* 1, 1)]

he is superior to prejudice - он выше предрассудков

he is superior to flattery - его лестью не проймёшь, он не поддаётся на лесть

he is superior to bribery - он неподкупен

he is superior to revenge - он не опустится до мести

4. гордый, надменный, высокомерный

he is a very superior man - он очень высокомерный человек [*ср. тж.* 2]

with a superior smile - с надменной улыбкой

with a superior air - с гордым видом; с видом превосходства

to get superior - заноситься, проявлять высокомерие; смотреть свысока

you needn't get so superior - вам нечего так заноситься

5. 1) высший (по должности *или* званию)

superior body - высший орган; вышестоящая организация

superior officer - *воен.* (старший) начальник; старший по званию

2) более общий; всеобъемлющий

a genus is superior to a species - род более широкое понятие, чем вид

6. *редк.* сверхъестественный**7. *поэт.* неподдающийся; непобедимый****8. *полигр.* надстрочный****9. 1) *слец.* верхний, расположенный выше****2) *зоол.* расположенный над другим органом**

superior wings - надкрылья

10. *астр.* отстоящий от Солнца дальше, чем Земля

superior planets - верхние планеты

◇ to rise superior to - успешно преодолеть, побороть

to rise superior to temptation - не поддаваться искушению

superior

su·per·ior [**superior superiors**] adjective, noun BrE [suːpɪəriə] BrE

[sjuːpɪəriə] (r) NAmE [suːpɪjər]

adjective

1. ~ (to sb/sth) better in quality than sb/sth else; greater than sb/sth else

• **vastly superior**

- superior intelligence
- This model is technically superior to its competitors.
- Liverpool were clearly the superior team.
- The enemy won because of their superior numbers (= there were more of them) .

Opp: ↑inferior

2. ~ (to sb) higher in rank, importance or position

- my superior officer
- superior status
- a superior court of law

Opp: ↑inferior

3. (disapproving) showing by your behaviour that you think you are better than others

Syn: ↑arrogant

- a superior manner
- He always looks so superior.

4. (used especially in advertisements) of very good quality; better than other similar things

- superior apartments

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **superiour**, from Latin **superior**, comparative of **superus** 'that is above', from **super** 'above' .

Example Bank:

- Plainly, you possess an altogether superior intellect.
- She felt (herself) superior to the other children.
- She felt socially superior to most of her neighbours.
- She felt socially superior to the rest of the group.
- The house was altogether superior to the kind of thing most men of Adam's age could aspire to.
- The new products are far superior to the old ones.
- They defeated a greatly superior Roman army.
- What is it that makes this technique superior?
- a microwave that is vastly superior in design to all other models
- the numerically superior British forces
- the numerically superior= larger in numbers British forces
- All their wines are of a superior quality.
- Her superior intellect makes her the ideal candidate for the position.
- I'll need to check with my superior officer.
- In feudal society, a superior status was accorded to the land-owning aristocrats.
- Michael's superior air had begun to annoy her.
- Simon behaved in a rather superior way.
- The hotel offers superior accommodation and leisure facilities.
- They see themselves as being morally superior to people of other faiths.
- They won the battle because of their superior numbers.
- This computer is technically superior to the others, but it's not as user-friendly.
- This model is far superior to its competitors.
- a selection of superior downtown apartments

noun

1. a person of higher rank, status or position

- your social superiors
- He's my **immediate superior** (= the person directly above me) .
- I'm going to complain to your superiors.

Opp: ↑inferior

2. used in titles for the head of a religious community

- Mother Superior

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- She threatened to report the assistant to his superiors.
- The form has to be signed by your immediate superior.

superior

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1. superior ¹ /suːpɪərɪəl/ ¹ BrE " AmE " adjective [no comparative]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: superieur, from Latin superior 'further above', from superus 'upper', from super; ⇒ ↑super-]

1. better, more powerful, more effective etc than a similar person or thing, especially one that you are competing against **OPP**

inferior:

Fletcher's superior technique brought him victory.

superior to

- " Your computer is far superior to mine.
- " He loves making fun of women. It makes him feel superior.
- " a vastly superior (=very much better, stronger etc) army

2. thinking that you are better than other people – used to show disapproval:

- " She had that superior tone of voice.

3. [only before noun] having a higher position or rank than someone else **OPP inferior**:

- " Don't you usually salute a superior officer?
- " a superior court

4. [only before noun] of very good quality – used especially in advertising:

- " a superior wine

⇒ ↑Mother Superior

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adverbs

- **far/vastly/greatly superior** They soon realized that the opposing team's players were far superior to their own.
- **infinitely superior** (=very much better) You'd be better off visiting the infinitely superior Imperial War Museum.
- **inherently superior** (=better because of its nature) He believed that some races were inherently superior to others.
- **morally superior** They also accuse Christians of pretending to be morally superior.
- **technically superior** Our job is to convince consumers that our product is technically superior to its competitors.

■ nouns

- **superior quality** Digital radios offer a superior quality of sound.
- **superior performance** This boat meets the needs of serious yachtsmen who demand superior performance.
- **superior knowledge/intelligence** She was always showing off her superior knowledge.
- **superior strength/power** He used his superior strength to wrestle Ben to the ground.

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- **better** the ↑comparative of good: She wants a better job. | The sales figures were far better than expected. | Lucy's better at French than I am.
- **superior** better, especially in quality: German cars are far superior. | a superior product | He thinks men are superior to women.
- **preferable** *formal* more suitable or useful – used when saying which one you prefer: Cash would be preferable. | Anything would be preferable to the system we have now.
- **be an improvement on something** to be better than something that existed before: The engine is a huge improvement on previous diesel engines.
- **have the edge** to be slightly better than another person or thing – used especially when saying which one will win in a game or competition: Federer is likely to have the edge in Sunday's game. | For me, this film has the edge over the others.
- **be miles ahead (of somebody/something)** (also **be streets ahead (of somebody/something)** *British English*) *informal* to be very much better than someone or something that you are competing against: The company is streets ahead of its rivals.
- **there's no comparison** *spoken* used to emphasize that one person or thing is clearly much better than someone or something else: There's no comparison between the two teams. | 'Which apartment do you prefer?' 'Well, there's no comparison. The first one we saw is bigger, quieter, and has much nicer furniture.'

II. **superior**² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun* [countable]

someone who has a higher rank or position than you, especially in a job:

- " He had a good working relationship with his immediate superior (=the person directly above him).

superior

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