

inferior**1.** [ɪnˈfɪ(ə)riə] *n*

1. лицо, стоящее ниже по положению, рангу, званию, способностям *и т. п.*

to be one's inferior - быть ниже кого-л.

his inferiors - его подчинённые

2. *полигр.* подстрочный знак

2. [ɪnˈfɪ(ə)riə] *a*

1. находящийся ниже

inferior strata - нижние слои

2. низкий, низший по положению, званию, рангу, степени, уровню

a lieutenant is inferior to a captain - лейтенант ниже капитана по званию

inferior court - *юр.* нижестоящий суд, низшая судебная инстанция

3. низкий *или* низший по значению, достоинству, ценности, сорту, качеству

garnets are regarded as inferior to rubies - гранаты считаются менее ценными, чем рубины

he always felt inferior to his brother - он всегда признавал превосходство брата

4. *редк.* не соответствующий (чему-л.)

he is inferior to this task - *разг.* это задание ему не по плечу

5. более поздний

the inferior limit of the year - конец года

6. *полигр.* подстрочный

inferior

in·fer·ior [**inferior** **inferiors**] **adjective, noun** *BrE* [ɪnˈfɪəriə(ɪ)] [ⓘ] *NAme* [ɪnˈfɪəriə] [ⓘ]

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adjective

1. not good or not as good as sb/sth else

- of inferior quality
- inferior goods
- to make sb **feel inferior**
- ~ **to sb/sth** Modern music is often considered inferior to that of the past.

2. **usually before noun** (formal) of lower rank; lower

- an inferior officer

Opp: ↑superior

Word Origin:

late Middle English (originally as an anatomical term meaning 'in a lower position'): from Latin, comparative of *inferus* 'low'.

Example Bank:

- Her obvious popularity made me feel inferior.
- His later work was vastly inferior to his early work.
- These later paintings are slightly inferior in value.
- Women are often regarded as inferior.
- The cracks in the structure were due to the poor-quality materials and inferior workmanship.

noun

a person who is not as good as sb else; a person who is lower in rank or status

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Example Bank:

- She considered everyone her intellectual inferior.

inferior

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1. **in·fe·ri·or**¹ /ɪnˈfɪəriə/ -ˈfɪəriə/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **adjective**

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: 'lower', from *inferus* 'below']

1. not good, or not as good as someone or something else **OPP superior:**

- I felt very inferior among all those academics.
- wine of inferior quality
- inferior goods

inferior to

- I always felt slightly inferior to her.
- Their performance was inferior to that of other teams.

2. **formal** lower in rank **OPP superior:**

- an inferior court of law
- He refused to accept a job of inferior status.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)■ **adverbs**

- **greatly inferior** Iron is greatly inferior to steel in many ways.
- **far inferior** (=greatly inferior) He easily defeated a far inferior opponent.
- **considerably inferior** (=by quite a large amount) They have the same number of points as the league leaders, but a considerably inferior goal difference.
- **vastly/grossly inferior** (=by a very great amount) The quality of service was vastly inferior in that other restaurant.
- **slightly inferior** (also **somewhat inferior formal**) I always felt slightly inferior to her.
- **markedly inferior** (=in a way that is easy to notice) Our equipment was markedly inferior to that of the enemy forces.
- **socially inferior** She felt socially inferior to her husband's wealthy friends.
- **morally inferior** Non-believers were considered morally inferior by people who adopted the new religion.
- **intellectually inferior** Students from working-class families were made to feel intellectually inferior.
- **intrinsically inferior** (=inferior as part of its nature or character) Recorded music is intrinsically inferior to the real thing.

verbs

- **feel inferior** Women are made to feel inferior by men's violence towards them.
- **consider somebody/something inferior** The poor are considered inferior by some people.

nouns

- **inferior quality** The poor soil produces wine of inferior quality.
- **an inferior position** He argued that capitalism requires some people to be kept in an inferior position in society.
- **inferior status formal** (=an inferior position) As a slave, he was aware of his inferior status.
- **inferior service** He wrote a letter to complain about inferior service at the hotel.
- **inferior goods/products** The public are being deceived into buying inferior goods.

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THESAURUS

- **worse** more unpleasant, bad, severe etc, or of a lower standard or quality: Recent reports indicate that the situation is getting worse. | Your French is even worse than mine!
- **inferior** of a lower standard or quality than something else, or less good than someone else: Their wines are of inferior quality. | an inferior product | Trying to do things on the cheap only results in an inferior service.
- **not compare with something** used to emphasize that someone or something is not nearly as good, big, or nice as someone or something else: This recording just doesn't compare with his early recordings. | Our sales this year do not compare with last year's outstanding results.
- **not be in the same league informal** used to emphasize that the standard of someone or something is not nearly as good as someone or something else: He's pretty good, but he's not in the same league as his brother.
- **not be a patch on something/somebody British English informal** use this to emphasize that something is not nearly as good as something else, especially something that came before it: The film wasn't a patch on the book. | He's not a patch on Tarantino as an director.

II. inferior² BrE^m AmE^m noun [countable]

someone who has a lower position or rank than you in an organization **OPP superior**

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