

# word of the week subordinate

(adj)

**Adj:** lower in rank or position.

**Etymology:** late Middle English: from medieval Latin *subordinatus* 'placed in an inferior rank', from Latin *sub-* 'below' + *ordinare* 'ordain'

Sentences containing the word 'subordinate' in different forms:

- He was unused to being challenged by his subordinate.
- Those who were subordinates looked to those in charge for guidance.
- The camp comprised a battalion and its subordinate units.



French translation:  
subalterne.



## Synonyms

- Minor
- Lower
- Inferior

## Antonyms

- Above
- Superior
- Senior