## senior

- старший (по возрасту); пожилой человек the village seniors - сельские старейшины to have respect for one's seniors - уважать старших I was slightly his senior - я немного старше его 2. вышестоящий, старший (по положению, по званию) senior in office - старший по должности to be smb.'s senior by three years - быть на три курса старше кого-л. 3. 1) студент последнего курса 2) амер. ученик выпускного класса средней школы 4. спортсмен старшего возраста 2. ['si:niə] a 1. старший (об отце, старшем ученике-однофамильце в школе) John Brown Senior was a busy man - Джон Браун старший (отец - в отличие от сына) был занятым человеком 2. 1) старший (по возрасту, по положению) the senior members of the family - старшие члены семьи the senior branch of a family - старшая ветвь семьи the senior partner - глава фирмы, главный компаньон senior pupils - ученики старших классов senior student - студент старших курсов [см. тж. senior student] senior man - старшекурсник senior class - старший /выпускной/ класс to be several years senior to smb. - быть на несколько лет старше кого-л. старейший the senior member - старейший член (организации) senior members of a club - старейшие члены клуба 3. эвф. принадлежащий к старшему поколению; пожилой; пенсионного возраста senior Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. se-nior [senior seniors] adjective, noun BrE ['si nia()] NAmE ['si□niə]r adjective **OF HIGH RANK** 1. ~ (to sb) high in rank or status; higher in rank or status than others a senior officer/manager /lecturer · a senior partner in a law firm a senior post/position I have ten years' experience at senior management level.
  - (BrE) Junior nurses usually work alongside more senior nurses.
  - He is senior to me.
  - The meeting should be chaired by the most senior person present.
  - **Opp:** <sup>†</sup>junior

## **IN SPORT**

## 2. only before noun for adults or people at a more advanced level

- to take part in senior competitions
- He won the senior men's 400 metres.

## FOR OLDER PEOPLE

- 3. only before noun for \$ senior citizens (= older people, especially those who have retired from work)
  - Get one third off rail fares with a senior railcard.
- senior discounts/concessions

## FATHER

4. Senior (abbr. Snr., Sr) used after the name of a man who has the same name as his son, to avoid confusion compare <sup>1</sup>junior

## SCHOOL/COLLEGE

- 5. only before noun (BrE) (of a school or part of a school) for children over the age of 11 or 13
- 6. only before noun (NAmE) connected with the last year in  $\$  thigh school or college
- the senior prom

## Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Latin, literally older, older man, comparative of senex, sen- 'old man, old'.

#### Thesaurus: senior adj

• I'd like a more senior position.

## superior • high-ranking • high • top • chief • leading • Opp: junior

a senior/superior/high-ranking/top/chief/leading officer

a senior/top/chief/leading adviser/aide/economist/lawyer

#### a senior/high-ranking/leading figure/member

Senior or superior? Superior is used more than senior where there is a strong sense of status, for example in the army • I'll need to check with my superior officer.

In everyday situations it is more usual to talk about a senior colleague /adviser/teacher, etc.

#### Example Bank:

- She wasn't senior enough to take such a decision.
- · a meeting of all the very senior officers
- I have ten years' experience at senior management level.
- I'm looking for a more senior position.
- · She's a senior lecturer at the university.
- · The meeting should be chaired by the most senior person present.
- There have been large pay rises for the senior grades.

#### noun

#### **OLDER PERSON**

#### 1. a person who is older than sb else

- She was ten years his senior.
- My brother is my senior by two years.

compare †junior

2. (especially NAmE) = <sup>†</sup>senior citizen

#### **HIGHER RANK**

#### 3. a person who is higher in rank or status

• She felt unappreciated both by her colleagues and her seniors.

#### **IN SPORT**

#### 4. adults or people who have reached an advanced level

• tennis coaching for juniors and seniors

#### **IN SCHOOL/COLLEGE**

- 5. (BrE) a child at a senior school; an older child in a school
- 6. (in the US and some other countries) a student in the last year at a <sup>†</sup>high school or college
- high school seniors

### compare †sophomore

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#### senior

#### **I. senior**<sup>1</sup> W2 BrE AmE adjective

#### [Date: 1300-1400; Language: Latin; Origin: 'older', from senex 'old']

- **1**. having a higher position, level, or rank  $\Rightarrow$  **junior**:
  - the senior Democrat on the House committee
  - White men hold most of the jobs in senior management.
  - the senior partner in a law firm

#### senior to

He is also a diplomat, but senior to me.

- 2. [only before noun] British English a senior competition is for older people or for people at a more advanced level:
  - I won the 60-metre race, my first senior success.

# COLLOCATIONS

#### nouns

- senior management Within the week senior management approved her proposal.
- senior staff Some senior staff criticized the headteacher's behaviour.
- a senior manager She's now a senior manager for a large toy company.
- a senior executive (=in a company) All the company's senior executives get large bonuses.
- a senior official (=in an organization) a meeting of senior government officials
- a senior officer (=in the police or military) Inspector Wild is the senior officer in charge of the investigation.
- a senior partner (=in a law firm etc) He was a senior partner in a prestigious Canadian law firm.
- a senior member The President announced a reshuffle involvingseveral senior members of his Cabinet.

#### II. senior<sup>2</sup> BrE AmE noun [countable]

**1**. *American English* a student in their last year of <sup>†</sup>high school or university  $\Rightarrow$  freshman, junior, sophomore:

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- Jen will be a senior this year.
- 2. especially American English a <sup>†</sup>senior citizen:
- Seniors can get a 10% discount.
- 3. be two/five/ten etc years sb's senior to be two, five, ten etc years older than someone ⇒ junior: Her husband was nine years her senior.
- 4. British English an adult or a person who has reached an advanced level in a particular sport ⇒ junior: Juniors and seniors train together on Wednesdays.

## THESAURUS

#### describing someone's position in an organization

senior used about someone who has an important position in an organization. Senior can also be used about someone who has a higher position than you in an organization: a senior executive | She's a senior partner in a law firm. | She is senior to me.
chief [only before noun] used, especially in job titles, about someone who has the most important or one of the most important positions in an organization: Carole is the company's chief financial officer. | He's the chief economist at Hangseng Bank.
high-ranking [only before noun] used about someone who has a high position in an organization such as the government, the army, or the police: high-ranking government officials | a high-ranking police officer

• top [only before noun] used about someone who is very good, important, or successful in their job: a top lawyer | He's one of the President's top aides. | top diplomats

• junior used about someone who has a low position in an organization. Junior can also be used about someone who has a lower position than you in an organization: a junior clerk | a junior doctor | His role as naval officer was junior to Nelson.

• assistant [only before noun] an assistant manager, director, editor etc has a position just below a manager etc: He's an assistant professor of neurology at HarvardUniversity. | She became assistant director at the Belgrade Theatre.

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