below Apresyan (En-Ru)

1. [bɪ'ləν] *adv*

1. 1) внизу; ниже

the court below - нижестоящая судебная инстанция

to remain below - оставаться внизу

to be below - находиться внизу

we could hear the noise below - мы слышали шум внизу

his apartment is just below - его квартира прямо под нами

to go below - спускаться вниз

3) ниже по течению

there is good fishing below - ниже по течению хорошо ловится рыба

4) ниже нуля

the temperature is five below today - сегодня пять градусов мороза

2. ниже, дальше

see below - смотри ниже (на странице, в статье и т. п.)

the passage quoted below - отрывок, приводимый ниже /дальше/

3. в сочетаниях:

here below - на земле (в отличие от неба)

the place below - ад

down below - a) в преисподней; б) в могиле; в) на дне моря

all hands below! - мор. все вниз! (команда)

under below! - *мор.* берегись!, полундра! (коман∂а)

4. театр. на авансцене

2. [bɪ'ləv] prep

указывает на

1. местоположение ниже чего-л., под чем-л. ниже, под

below sea level - ниже уровня моря

below the third floor - ниже четвёртого/амер. третьего этажа

below the surface - a) под водой; б) под землёй; в) под поверхностью

below the bridge - ниже моста (по течению реки)

the sun set below the horizon - солнце закатилось

2. положение ниже по уровню, по рангу и т. п. ниже

below zero - ниже нуля

below (the) average[normal] - ниже среднего [нормального]

he is below his schoolfellows in class - он отстаётот других учеников в классе

a captain is below a general in rank - капитан ниже генерала по званию /рангу/

3. ниже (достоинства)

it is below you - это недостойно вас

it would be below me to answer him - отвечать ему было бы ниже моего достоинства

it is below his dignity - это ниже его достоинства

4. в сочетаниях:

below ground - в земле, в могиле

below stairs - в помещении для прислуги

below criticism - ниже всякой критики

below one's breath - тихо, шёпотом

below the mark - a) плохого качества; б) чувствующий себя плохо, слабо

below par - a) фин. ниже номинала или паритета б) неважно

I feel below par - я плохо себя чувствую

below

below preposition, adverb BrE [bɪˈləʊ] NAmE [bɪˈloʊ] preposition

1. at or to a lower level or position than sb/sth

- He dived below the surface of the water.
- Please do not write below this line.
- Skirts will be worn below (= long enough to cover) the knee.

2. of a lower amount or standard than sb/sth

- The temperatures remained below freezing all day.
- · Her work was well below average for the class.

3. of a lower rank or of less importance than sb/sth

A police sergeant is below an inspector.

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adverb

1. at or to a lower level, position or place

- · They live on the floor below.
- I could still see the airport buildings far below.
- See below (= at the bottom of the page) for references.
- The passengers who felt seasick stayed below (= on a lower \deck).
- 2. (of a temperature) lower than zero
 - The thermometer had dropped to a record 40 below (= −40 degrees).
- 3. at a lower rank
 - This ruling applies to the ranks of Inspector and below.

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be low S2 W2 /bɪˈləʊ \$ -ˈloʊ/ BrE ໍ AmE adverb, preposition [Date: 1300-1400; Origin: ⇒ ↑low¹]

- 1. in a lower place or position, or on a lower level **OPP above**:
 - an animal that lives below ground
 - Water was dripping onto the floor below.
 - I could hear voices in the courtyard below my window.
 - They camped a few hundred feet below the summit.
 - Down below, people were talking and laughing.
 - Somewhere far below, a door slammed.
 - The kitchen is directly below her bedroom.
 - Captain Parker went below (=to the lower level of the ship), leaving Clooney in charge.
- 2. of a lower rank or having a less important job than someone else **OPP above**:
 - No one below the level of senior manager was present at the meeting.

and/or below

officers of the rank of captain and below

- 3. less than a particular number, amount, level etc **OPP above**:
 - Test scores below 50 were classed as 'unsatisfactory'.
 - In June the rate of inflation fell below 3%.
 - Tom's spelling is well below average (=much worse than the normal standard).

below freezing/zero (=lower than the temperature at which water freezes)

In winter, temperatures dip to 40 degrees below freezing.

and/or below

- free travel for children four years old and below
- 4. lower on the same page, or on a later page OPP above:
 - Details of courses are listed below.
 - For more information, see below.
- \Rightarrow below par at \uparrow par(2), \Rightarrow below the belt at \uparrow belt¹(4)

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- under something that is under something else has that thing directly above it or covering it: The pen was under the desk. | She had a T-shirt on under her sweater.
- below in a lower position than something else, though not always directly under it: From the cliffs we could barely see the people on the beach below us. | His apartment is below ours on the left.
- underneath under used especially to emphasize that something covers, touches, or hides something: The girls wear shorts underneath their cheerleading skirts. I I found the book underneath the sofa.
- beneath formal under or at a lower level: They strolled hand in hand beneath the summer moon. | The water lies just beneath the surface of the earth.

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