mediocre Apresyan (En-Ru)

- **1.** [/mi:dɪ'əvkə] *n*
 - 1. pl редк. серые личности
 - 2. = mediocrity 1

to rise above the mediocre - подняться над посредственностью; быть выше среднего качества, уровня $u\ m.\ \pi.$

2. [,mi:dι'əνkə] *a*

посредственный; среднего качества; заурядный; бездарный

mediocre people - посредственности, заурядные /бездарные/ люди mediocre play - посредственная /заурядная/ пьеса

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

me·di·ocre BrE [,mi□di□ə□k)](r NAmE [,mi□di□o□k]er adjective (disapproving)

not very good; of only averagestandard

- a mediocre musician/talent/performance
- I thought the play was only mediocre.

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from French médiocre, from Latin mediocris 'of middle height or degree', literally 'somewhat mountainous', from medius 'middle' + ocris 'rugged mountain'.

Thesaurus:

mediocre [mediocre] adj. (disapproving)

• His performance was only mediocre.

indifferent · · middling · · not much of a... · · undistinguished · |informal so-so ·

Opp: excellent

a/an mediocre/indifferent/so-so performance/result/start

a mediocre/not much of a/a so-so player

mediocre/indifferent/middling/so-so quality

Example Bank:

- The player was under some pressure after some mediocre performances.
- The use of crampons can make the difference between a mediocre climber and a good one.
- They have replaced a great leader with a mediocre one.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: Latin mediocris 'halfway up a mountain', from medius 'middle' + ocris 'stony mountain'] not very good SYN second rate:

- I thought the book was pretty mediocre.
- a mediocre student

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