

Be a cut above (someone/something)

To be superior to someone or something.

- This restaurant is a cut above the rest in the city.
- This car is a modern classic, a cut above other similar models.

Be head and shoulders above someone

If someone or something is head and shoulders above other people or things, he, she, or it is a lot better than them:

- There's no competition they're head and shoulders above the rest.
- Natasha is head and shoulders above the other dancers in her age group.

Be in a different league/class

to be much better than something or someone else:

- Our last hotel was good but this was in a different league.
- When it comes to mathematics, he's in a different class from his peers.

Be in a league/class of one's own

To be far superior to others in the same field or activity.

- When it comes to painting, she's in a league of her own.
- He's a bit lazy, but judged on ability, he's in a class of his own.

Be streets ahead of someone

To be much better/more advanced than others.

- In terms of technology, that company is streets ahead of its rivals.
- The latest sales figures show that we're streets ahead of the competition.

Be second to none

To be better than everyone else.

- Her customer service skills are second to none
- As a dancer, he is second to none.

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Blow someone/something out of the water

To defeat or surpass someone in an impressive way.

- His presentation blew everyone else out of the water.
- I like my old phone, but this new model blows it out of the water.

Leave someone in the dust

To move far ahead of someone or outperform them significantly.

- Our team left the competition in the dust during the final round.
- The electronics manufacturer has reaped record profits and left rivals in the dust.

Run rings around someone

US-Run circles around

To outperform someone easily or show superior skill.

- In the debate, Sarah ran rings around her opponent, countering every argument with ease.
- Our girls' hockey team have run rings around all their opponents this year.

Wipe the floor with someone

To defeat someone completely in a contest or competition.

- In the debate, she wiped the floor with her opponent.
- When it comes to sales numbers, Rachel wipes the floor with the rest of the team every quarter.

Touch (verb) : (usually used in negative sentences) to have or reach the same standard (= level of quality) as someone or something: can't touch

• Her novels can't touch those of her sister.

there's no one to touch someone as something

• There's no one to touch him as an illustrator of children's books.