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# within

[*with-in*, with-]

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## adverb

- 1 in or into the interior or inner part; inside.
- 2 in or into a house, building, etc.; indoors:  
*The fire was burning on the hearth within.*

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## preposition

- 6 in or into the interior of or the parts or space enclosed by:  
*within city walls.*
- 7 inside of; in.
- 8 in the compass or limits of; not beyond:  
*within view; to live within one's income.*

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## noun

- 14 the inside of a place, space, or building.

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ORIGIN OF WITHIN

before 1000; Middle English *withinne* (preposition and adv.), Old English *withinnan* (adv.), equivalent to *with* [with-](#) + *innan* from within, equivalent to *in* [in](#) + *-an* suffix of motion from

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# within

*preposition*

- 1 in; inside; enclosed or encased by
- 2 before (a period of time) has elapsed : *within a week*
- 3 not beyond the limits of; not differing by more than (a specified amount) from : *live within your means* ; *within seconds of the world record*

*adverb*

- 4 *formal* inside; internally

WORD ORIGIN AND HISTORY FOR WITHIN

adv.

Old English *widdinnan* , literally "against the inside," see [with](#) + [in](#).

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IDIOMS AND PHRASES WITH WITHIN

# within

In addition to the idioms beginning with within

within an ace of

within bounds

within call

within reach

within reason

also see:

in (within) reason

spitting distance, within

wheels within wheels

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