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adverb

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Definition of within

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1 : in or into the interior : inside
2 : in one's inner thought, disposition, or character : inwardly search within for a creative impulse— Kingman Brewster †1988

within

preposition

Definition of within (Entry 2 of 4)

1 —used as a function word to indicate enclosure or containment
2 —used as a function word to indicate situation or circumstance in the limits or compass of: such as a : before the end of gone within a week
b(1) : not beyond the quantity, degree, or limitations of live within your income
(2) : in or into the scope or sphere of within the jurisdiction of the state
(3) : in or into the range of within reach within sight
(4) —used as a function word to indicate a specified difference or margin came within two points of a perfect mark within a mile of the town
3 : to the inside of : into sunk the sea within the earth— William Shakespeare

within

noun

Definition of within (Entry 3 of 4)

: an inner place or area revolt from within

within

adjective

Definition of within (Entry 4 of 4)

: being inside : enclosed the within indictment

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Synonyms: Noun
innards, inside, interior
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Adverb
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English Language Learners Definition of within

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formal
: inside something
: in someone's inner thoughts, feelings, etc.

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English Language Learners Definition of within (Entry 2 of 2)

: inside (a certain area or space)
: inside (a group, company, society, etc.)
: before the end of (a particular period of time)

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within

adverb

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Kids Definition of within

(Entry 1 of 2)

: inside entry 2 Sounds came from within.

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Kids Definition of within (Entry 2 of 2)

1: inside entry 4 sense 1  Stay within the house.
2: not beyond the limits of You should live within your income.
3: before the end of I'll be there within a week.

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