within  [with-in, with-]  

**adverb**

1. In or into the interior or inner part; inside.
   - In or into a house, building, etc.; indoors: *The fire was burning on the hearth within.*
   - On, or as regards, the inside; internally.
   - Inside an enclosed place, area, room, etc.: *He was startled by a cry from within.*
   - In the mind, heart, or soul; inwardly.

**preposition**

- In or into the interior of or the parts or space enclosed by: *within city walls.*
- Inside of; in.
- In the compass or limits of; not beyond: *within view; to live within one's income.*
- At or to some point not beyond, as in length or distance; not farther than: *within a radius of a mile.*
- At or to some amount or degree not exceeding: *within two degrees of freezing.*
- In the course or period of, as in time: *within one's memory; within three minutes.*
- Inside of the limits fixed or required by; not transgressing: *within the law.*
- In the field, sphere, or scope of: *within the family; within one's power.*

**noun**

The inside of a place, space, or building.
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inner, interior, inward, in, indoors

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

Examples from the Web for within
• Without it, they say, the disease would surely kill her within two years.

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• Within a few swipes, I was already feeling that burst of romantic optimism you need the first day of the (Christian) new year.

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• Her travel clique has been known to arrive at an airport, bags packed, passport-in-hand, within hours of spotting a deal.

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• Within minutes, it seems, of the disclosures of these tragic events, large numbers of people chose a side and stuck to it.

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• And as he did so the sound of something heavy falling reached him from within.

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• Within was found another case, which was pried open with the point of the general's bowie-knife.

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• Yet, after many attempts, the Spaniards managed to get within two miles of the town.

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British Dictionary definitions for within

**within**

*preposition*

1 in; inside; enclosed or encased by

before (a period of time) has elapsed *within a week*

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*

formal inside; internally


Word Origin and History for within

adv.

Old English wiðinnan , literally "against the inside," see with + in.

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In addition to the idioms beginning with within

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within bounds
within call
within reach
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in (within) reason
spitting distance, within
wheels within wheels