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within adverb

with·in | \ wi-'thin , -'thin  \

Definition of *within* (Entry 1 of 4)

- 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

// 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)

Synonyms & Antonyms for *within*

Synonyms: Noun

[innards](#), [inside](#), [interior](#)

Antonyms: Noun

[exterior](#), [outside](#)

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Examples of *within* in a Sentence

Adverb

// We could hear sounds coming from *within*.

// The sign on the door says "Help Wanted: Inquire *Within*."

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Recent Examples on the Web: Adverb

// By early September, internal numbers from McBath's campaign had her *within* 2 points of Handel.

— P.r. Lockhart, *Vox*, "6 years ago her son was murdered. Now Lucy McBath is heading to Congress.," 8 Nov. 2018

// Back-to-back bogeys by Frodigh in combination with a pair of pars by Parziale enabled the reigning MassAm champ to pull *within* two with three holes remaining.

— Mia Berry, *BostonGlobe.com*, "Defending MassAm champion Matt Parziale falls in quarters," 12 July 2018

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History and Etymology for *within*

Adverb

Middle English *withinne*, from Old English *withinnan*, from *with* + *innan* inwardly, within, from *in*

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English Language Learners Definition of *within* (Entry 1 of 2)

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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Kids Definition of *within* (Entry 1 of 2)

: [INSIDE entry 2](#)

// Sounds came from *within*.

within preposition

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.

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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