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¹ **with·in** adverb \ wi-'thin , -'thin \

1a : on the inside or on the inner side : INTERNALLY, INSIDE <had plastered the walls and whitewashed them within and without — Ellen Glasgow>

b : inside the body : underneath the skin <a man whose blood is warm within — Shakespeare>

c : HEREIN <the person within named>

2 : inside the bounds of a place or region <but whom they fear'd without, they found within — John Dryden> <traitors within, as well as exiles without — George Grote>

3a : in or into a building : INDOORS <rooms for rent, inquire within>

b : in an inner room or enclosure <presenting action which must be shown within (as in a curtained study or bedroom) — Leslie Hotson>

c : behind the scenes —used in stage directions <one calls within — Shakespeare>

d : at home <not being within when he called — Jane Austen>

4 : in one's inner thought, disposition, or character : INWARDLY <an air of aloofness about him ... he lived within — H. A. McHugh> <outwardly calm but raging within>

Origin of WITHIN

Middle English *withinne*, *withinnen*, from Old English *withinnan*, from *with*, preposition + *innan*, adverb & preposition, in, inwardly, within, from *in*, preposition — more at with, in

First Known Use: before 12th century (sense 1a)

Pronunciation Symbols

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