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around ^{1 of 3} adverb

ə-ˈraʊnd [Synonyms of around >](#)**1 a** : in a circle or in circumferenceThe wheel goes *around*.a tree five feet *around***b** : in, along, or through a circuitThe road goes *around* by the lake.**2 a** : on all or various sides : in every or any directionpapers lying *around*There was nothing for miles *around*.**b** : in close from all sides so as to surroundPeople crowded *around*.**c** : in or near one's present place or situationWe had to wait *around* awhile.**3 a** : here and there : from one place to anotherShe travels *around* on business.**b** : to a particular placeYou should come *around* for dinner.**c** → used with some verbs to indicate repeated or continued actionHe's always joking *around* when he should be serious.Don't play *around* with your food.

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The weather is mild the year *around*.

c : in order

the other way *around*

5 : in or to an opposite direction or position

turn *around*

6 : with some approach to exactness : **APPROXIMATELY**

It costs *around* \$5.

around 2 of 3 preposition

1 a : on all sides of

a yard with a fence *around* it

b : so as to encircle or enclose

seated *around* the table

c : so as to avoid or get past : on or to another side of
trying to find a way *around* their objections

We went *around* the lake.

around the corner

d : **NEAR**

lives *around* Chicago

around the turn of the century

2 : in all directions outward from

Look *around* you.



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a society organized around kinship ties

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adjective

1 : ABOUT sense 1

He has been up and *around* for two days.

2 : being in existence, evidence, or circulation

... the most intelligent of the artists *around* today.

— R. M. Coates

Phrases

been around

: gone through many varied experiences : become worldly-wise

He knows what he's talking about; he's *been around*.

Adverb

about

round

everywhere

Preposition



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existing

extant

existent

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Adverb

Don't take the long way **around**: I know a shortcut.

He entered the room and looked **around**.

This is a very interesting town: let me show you **around**.

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Specifically on the cost of usage, U.K. industrial electricity prices are deemed to be 46% higher than the International Energy Agency's median price, **around** 50% higher than in France and Germany, and four times higher than the U.S. and Canada.

— Gaurav Sharma, *Forbes.com*, 20 Aug. 2025

The Padres knocked right-hander Kei-Wei Teng **around** for seven runs — six earned — in 1⅔ innings in last week's start in San Francisco.

— Jeff Sanders, *San Diego Union-Tribune*, 20 Aug. 2025



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Marble, who pastors Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, and other pastors from **around** the state, gathered at a workshop for the African American Clergy Collective of Tennessee.

— Vivian Jones, *The Tennessean*, 21 Aug. 2025

Adjective

The **around** 240-mile drive from the South Rim would take about 4 hours, Apple Maps said.

— Alexandra Hardle, *AZCentral.com*, 15 July 2025

For vehicles lacking that capability, as well as those impacted by the **around** view mirror system, dealers will update vehicle software for the affected systems free of charge.

— Max Hauptman, *USA TODAY*, 11 Oct. 2024

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Etymology

Adverb

Middle English *arounde*, *a round* "along the margin, on all sides," from *a-* [A- entry 1](#) + *round*, *rounde* [ROUND entry 3](#)

Preposition

Middle English, derivative of *around* [AROUND entry 1](#)

Adjective



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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Preposition

15th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1a](#)

Adjective

1849, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *around* was in the 14th century

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- campground

clothbound
- confound

earthbound
- eastbound

expound
- fairground

foreground

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Arouet

around

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- 1** : in circumference
a tree five feet *around*
- 2** : in or along a curving path
- 3** : on all sides
papers lying *around*
- 4** : **NEARBY**
stick *around* a while
- 5** : here and there in various places
travel *around*



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mid the year *around*

8 : in or to an opposite direction or position
turn *around*

9 : close to : **APPROXIMATELY**
costs *around* \$20

around 2 of 2 preposition

- 1 a** : on all sides of
were fields *around* the village
- b** : so as to encircle or enclose
people seated *around* the table
- c** : on or to another side of
voyage *around* Cape Horn
- d** : near to
lives *around* Chicago

2 : here and there in or throughout
travel *around* the country

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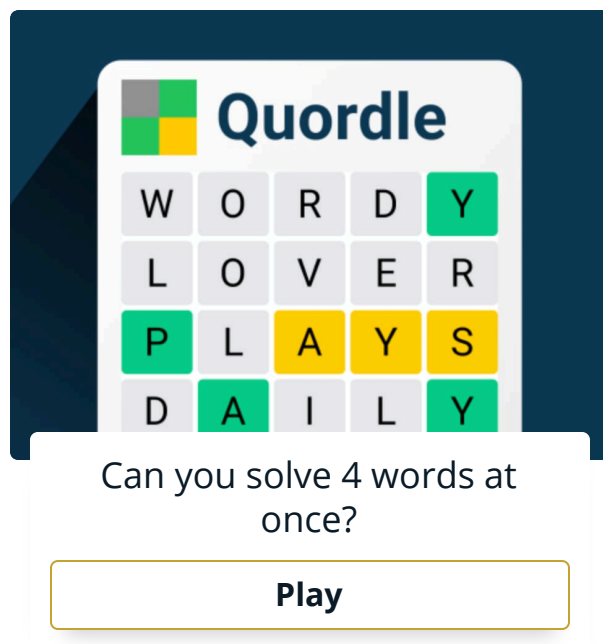
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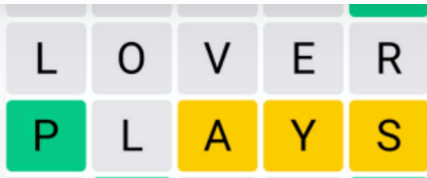
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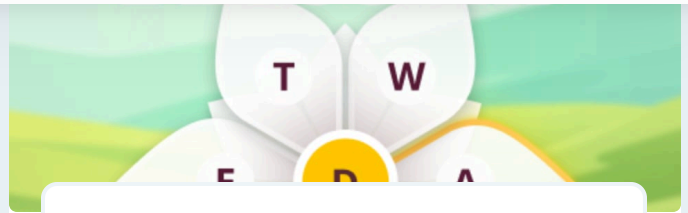
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Pick the best words!

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A daily crossword with a twist

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