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[en-kloh-z]

☒ Phonetic (Standard) ☐ IPA**verb (used with object), en-closed, en-clos-ing.**

- 1 to shut or hem in; close in on all sides:

a valley enclosed by tall mountains.

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- 2 to surround, as with a fence or wall:

to enclose land.

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- 3 to insert in the same envelope, package, or the like:

He enclosed a check.

A book was sent with the bill enclosed.

- 4 to hold or contain:

His letter enclosed a check.

- 5 *Roman Catholic Church.*

a to restrict to the [enclosure](#) of a monastery or convent.

b (of a monastery, convent, church, etc.) to establish or fix the boundary of an [enclosure](#).

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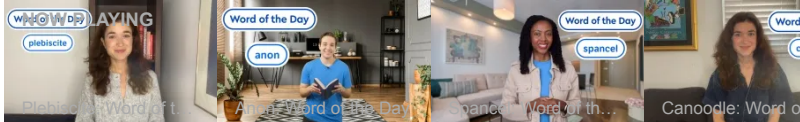
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Word History and Origins

Origin of [enclose](#)¹

First recorded in 1275–1325, *enclose* is from the *Middle English* word *enclosen*, *inclosen*. See [in-](#)¹, [close](#)

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Example Sentences

She told ProPublica and the Tribune in a telephone interview that officers encouraged detainees to sign up for anti-anxiety pills because they oversee the dispensing of medication at night and have access to an enclosed off-camera area.

From [ProPublica](#)

Human bones were found buried beneath these platforms and in the walls, including a stillborn foetus enclosed in a brick.

From [Nautilus](#)

You wanted to figure out the shape that enclosed the largest area possible.

From [FiveThirtyEight](#)

Both Perry and Mynchenberg stress that enclosed areas, like a dog park or fenced-in yard, are most ideal for off-leash sessions.

From [Popular-Science](#)

In a Tuesday statement, the labor ministry said masks would need to become de rigueur in companies' enclosed and shared spaces, except where there is just one person working alone.

From [Fortune](#)

The foundational concepts of philosophy enclose the logos, and reason, within a sort of 'closure.'

From [The Daily Beast](#)

This might have inspired Wright to enclose part of his Anna Karenina inside a theater, as if a Chekhov play is being mounted.

From [The Daily Beast](#)

Tall iron gates between the arches enclose the graves, which are marked with massive sarcophagi of Scotch granite.

From [Project Gutenberg](#)

If the enquiry refers to matters interesting only to yourself, enclose a postage-stamp for the reply.

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Enclose the invitation in a white envelope, and tie it with white satin ribbon.

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How shall we enclose the power of such majesty in one dwelling-place?

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The tire on its steel core is taken to the mold room and placed in a steel box or mold, shaped to exactly enclose it.

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The girls put their shoes, backpacks, and gym bags by the door.

I ate lasagna, and mango ice cream for dinner last night.

Simon delivered the letters by hand to his neighbors, Emily, and Keisha.

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