

Meaning of **between** in English



between

preposition, adverb

UK /bi'twi:n/ US /bi'twi:n/

between preposition, adverb (SPACE)



A1

in or into the space that separates two places, people, or objects:

- The town lies halfway *between* Rome and Florence.
- Standing *between* the two adults was a small child.
- She squeezed *between* the parked cars and ran out into the road.
- There were two houses with a narrow path **in between**.

More examples

- On the train I was sitting *between* two very large men.
- The plants have seeded themselves in the cracks *between* the paving stones.
- There was a revolting green slime *in between* the bathroom tiles.
- We watched a spider spin a web *between* three tall grass stems.
- Our neighbours have no claim to that strip of land *between* our houses.

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between preposition, adverb (AMOUNT)



A2

If something is between two amounts, it is greater than the first amount but smaller than the second:

- She weighs *between* 55 and 60 kilograms.
- The competition is open to children *between* six and twelve years of age.
- The room was either extremely cold or hot, never anything **in between** (= in the middle).

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between preposition, adverb (TIME)



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WORD OF THE DAY

A1

(also **in between**)

in the period of time that separates two different times or events:

- *You shouldn't eat **between** meals.*
- *There is a break of ten minutes **between** classes.*
- *The office is closed for lunch **between** 12.30 and 1.30.*
- *In **between** sobs, he managed to tell them what had happened.*
- *He visits his parents every month and sometimes **in between**.*

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Grammar

Between or among?

Between and among are prepositions. ...

Between, among: meaning and use

*We use **between** to refer to two things which are clearly separated. We use **among** to talk about things which are not clearly separated because they are part of a group or crowd or mass of objects: ...*

Between and prepositional phrases

Between is most often used to introduce a prepositional phrase which contains two singular or plural noun phrases: ...

Nouns and verbs followed by between

*The most common nouns often followed by **between** are: connection, difference, distinction, link, relationship: ...*

Among meaning 'surrounding, part of or included in'

*We use **among** to suggest a sense of being a part of or surrounded by or included in something else. It is typically followed by a plural noun phrase: ...*

Among others and among other things

*In the phrases **among others** and **among other things**, **among** means 'as well as': ...*

Idiom

(in) between times



between

preposition

UK /bi'twi:n/ US /bi'twi:n/

between *preposition* (SHARED)



B1

among two or more people or things:

- *The money was divided equally **between** several worthy causes.*
- *We drank two bottles of wine **between** the four of us.*
- *Trade **between** the two countries (= their trade with each other) has increased sharply in the past year.*
- *There is a great deal of similarity **between** Caroline and her mother (= they are very similar).*

tall oaks from little acorns grow

said about organizations or plans that start off very small or simple and become extremely large or successful

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mother (they are very similar).

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between *preposition* (OPPOSING)



A1

A discussion, argument, or game between two or more people or groups of people involves both people or groups:

- *The negotiations between the union and management have broken down.*
- *There has always been a fierce rivalry between the two schools.*
- *Tonight's game is between the New Orleans Saints and the St. Louis Rams.*

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between *preposition* (CHOICE)



If you choose between two things, you choose one thing or the other:

- *You'll have to **choose** between a holiday or a new washing machine.*
- *She was **torn** between loyalty to her father and love for her husband (= she could not decide which one to support).*

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between *preposition* (CONNECTING)



A2

connecting two or more places, things, or people:

- *There is a regular train service between Glasgow and Edinburgh.*
- *The survey shows a link between asthma and air pollution.*



from one place to another:

- *He commutes daily between Baltimore and Washington, D.C.*

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between *preposition* (SEPARATING)



A2

separating two places or things:

- *The wall between East and West Berlin came down in 1989.*
- *The report states that the gap between the rich and the poor has increased dramatically over the past decade.*

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Grammar

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Idiom

(just) between you and me

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(also **in between**, **US** /ˌɪn biˈtwin/)

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[not gradable]

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- *You should arrive between 8 and 8:30.*

- *In between sobs, he managed to tell them what had happened.*



between

preposition

US /biˈtwin/

between preposition (AMONG)



shared by or involving two or more people or things:

- *The money was divided equally between her three children.*
- *Trade between the two countries has increased sharply.*
- *There is a great deal of similarity between Caroline and her mother.*
- *Between the three of us, we were able to afford a nice graduation gift.*
- *You'll have to choose between dinner and a movie.*
- *Next week's game will be between the two finalists.*

between preposition (CONNECTING)



connecting two or more places, things, or people:

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between preposition (SEPARATING)



separating two places or things:

- *The wall between East and West Berlin came down in 1989.*
- *What's the difference between this \$100 watch and the \$500 one (= In what way are they different)?*

Idiom

between you and me

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EXAMPLES of between

between

The existence and activities of 'go-betweens' are intrinsic to any process of colonisation, however defined.

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They can sometimes defuse a situation and sometimes act as unofficial go-betweens with the commanders of the potential rivals.

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Instead, we have had to rely on journalists to act as go-betweens, and on many an occasion they have been rather inadequate go-betweens.

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The passengers are the unfortunate go-betweens in this usually politically-inspired action.

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They are the go-betweens of the officers and the men, and they are the finest lot of people we have in the ships.

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However, one does not want to see this legislation tip the scales against the interests of the in-betweens, or marginals.

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The provision is also likely to catch negotiators, mediators and go-betweens of one kind or another who probably genuinely seek to resolve a conflict or defuse a situation.

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The correlation *between* the two sets of country-level means is strong though not perfect ($r = 0.69$, $p = 0.001$).

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Convergence *between* the ideologies of elites should reduce (w z) and such convergence is known to be one factor promoting stability.

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First, it is not a dichotomous variable and it allows for a great degree of variation *between* countries.

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Differences *between* neighbourhoods are both significant and substantial.

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We also examine the interaction *between* electoral rules and presidentialism.

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We focus on the party leader because there is a well-attested relationship *between* electoral evaluation of leaders and election outcomes.

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One might suspect a curvilinear pattern *between* campaign funds and duration of candidacies.

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One difference *between* parliamentarism and presidentialism is obvious; indeed, definitional.

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Translations of **between**

in Chinese (Traditional)

空間, (空間上) 在...中間, 在...之間, 數量...

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in Chinese (Simplified)

空间, (空间上) 在...中间, 在...之间, 数量...

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in Spanish

entre, entremedias, en medio...

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