Inside or Across?

Use prefixes to unlock word meanings.

7.4.R.3 "Students will use word parts (e.g., affixes, Greek roots, stems) to define and determine the meaning of increasingly complex words."

NAME _____ DATE _____

BETWEEN

The prefix **inter-** means between or among. It links separate people, places, or things.

Intercity travel goes between cities.

WITHIN

The prefix **intra-** means within. It points to something inside one group, place, or thing.

Intramural sports are played within one school.

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle BETWEEN or WITHIN, then in Part 2 choose two words and explain how each prefix helped you understand the word.

1. **Inter**personal — BETWEEN / WITHIN
2. **Intra**cellular — BETWEEN / WITHIN
3. **Intra**state — BETWEEN / WITHIN
4. **Inter**generational — BETWEEN / WITHIN
5. **Inter**continental — BETWEEN / WITHIN
6. **Inter**agency — BETWEEN / WITHIN
7. **Intra**personal — BETWEEN / WITHIN
8. **Inter**dependent — BETWEEN / WITHIN

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new inter- word and one new intra- word that do not appear on this page, and tell what each means.

BETWEEN _____

WITHIN _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word you wrote in Part 3, and use it in a sentence that makes its meaning clear without using the words between or within.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	**Inter**personal	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; interpersonal describes relationships between people.
2	**Intra**cellular	**WITHIN**	Intra- means within; intracellular means within a cell.
3	**Intra**state	**WITHIN**	Intra- means within; intrastate means within one state.
4	**Inter**generational	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; intergenerational involves different generations.
5	**Inter**continental	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; intercontinental involves more than one continent.
6	**Inter**agency	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; interagency involves separate agencies.
7	**Intra**personal	**WITHIN**	Intra- means within; intrapersonal describes thoughts or feelings within one person.
8	**Inter**dependent	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; interdependent people or things rely on one another.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **BETWEEN**: Interdepartmental means involving different departments.
- **WITHIN**: Intramuscular means within a muscle.

Challenge: The interdepartmental team included workers from the science and art departments.

For Part 2, accept explanations that connect the prefix to the word's meaning. For example, intracellular means inside a cell because intra- means within.