Between or Within?

Use Latin prefixes to unlock complex words.

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

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BETWEEN

The prefix inter- means between or among separate things. Intercontinental means between continents.

intercontinental

WITHIN

The prefix intra- means within one thing or group. Intracellular means within a cell.

intracellular

1 SORT

8 items

Circle BETWEEN or WITHIN for each word, then choose one word from each group and explain how its prefix helps you define it.

1.	intergovernmental	BETWEEN	WITHIN
2.	intramolecular	BETWEEN	WITHIN
3.	intrapersonal	BETWEEN	WITHIN
4.	intergenerational	BETWEEN	WITHIN
5.	interstellar	BETWEEN	WITHIN
6.	intramural	BETWEEN	WITHIN
7.	interpersonal	BETWEEN	WITHIN
8.	interdepartmental	BETWEEN	WITHIN

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose one word from each group and explain how its prefix helps you define it.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new inter- word and one new intra- word, then define each using its prefix.

BETWEEN _____

WITHIN _____

CHALLENGE

Choose a base not used on this page, add inter- and intra- to make two real words, and define both.

ANSWER KEY

Between or Within?

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	intergovernmental	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; the word describes relations between governments.
2	intramolecular	**WITHIN**	Intra- means within; the word refers to what occurs within a molecule.
3	intrapersonal	**WITHIN**	Intra- means within; the word describes what occurs within one person.
4	intergenerational	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; the word describes relations between generations.
5	interstellar	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; the word means between stars.
6	intramural	**WITHIN**	Intra- means within; the word describes activities within one institution, such as a school.
7	interpersonal	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; the word describes relations between people.
8	interdepartmental	**BETWEEN**	Inter- means between; the word describes relations between departments.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose one word from each group and explain how its prefix helps you define 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**: Interregional: between regions.
- **WITHIN**: Intracranial: within the skull.

Challenge: Interstate: between states. Intrastate: within one state.

For Part 2, explanations should connect each prefix to the word's meaning. For example, interstellar means between stars, while intrapersonal describes what occurs within one person.