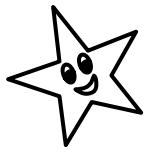




Prefix Origins “inter-” meaning “among”, “between”



The prefix “inter-” can be added to a base word to add the meaning to “between” or “among”.
The prefix originates in Latin.



Did You Know?

When the Latin prefix “inter-” passed into the Old French language, the spelling changed to “entre”. By the 16th century, most words borrowed from French were re-spelled to conform with Latin. Some words retained the French influence on the spelling of the prefix. For example, entertain and enterprise.

Add the prefix “inter” and write the dictionary meaning for each word:

- _____ lude _____
- _____ act _____
- _____ vene _____
- _____ val _____
- _____ national _____
- _____ connect _____
- _____ ject _____
- _____ mission _____
- _____ intersect _____

Write the “inter” words in alphabetical order and write the number of syllables:

- 1) _____ () 2) _____ () 3) _____ ()
- 4) _____ () 5) _____ () 6) _____ ()
- 7) _____ () 8) _____ () 9) _____ ()



The spelling of words (and their meanings) change over time. Here is an example: The word “interval”.

Late Latin (c.300-c.700) Originally, the word was spelled “intervallum”
Old French (c.900-c.1400.) In the 13th Century, the spelling had changed to “entreval”
Middle English (c.1100-c.1500.) In the 14th Century, the spelling changed again to “intervalle” or “intervall”.
Modern English (mid-16c-today) The form we use today; “interval”!