



The Prefix Inter-



Definition

The prefix inter- is used in verbs, nouns, adjectives, and adverbs to mean: between; from one to another

- interface
- interaction
- International

Word Origin

from Old French entre- or Latin inter 'between, among'.

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Examples

Interact verb to communicate with somebody, especially while you work, play, or spend time with them

- She loves to **interact** with her fans on social media, it makes her feel more connected to them.
- The new software allowed users to **interact** with each other in real time, making communication faster and more efficient.

Intercept verb to stop somebody/something that is going from one place to another from arriving

- Customs agents **intercepted** the stolen artwork before it left the country.

Interception noun the act of stopping somebody/something that is going from one place to another from arriving

- The defensive lineman made an incredible **interception** and ran the ball down the field for a touchdown.

Interchange noun the act of sharing or exchanging something, especially ideas or information

- My boss encourages open dialogue so there is always a continuous **interchange** of ideas at company meetings.

Interchange verb to share or exchange ideas, information, etc.

- The data is **interchanged** between the browser and server, with no alterations to the display.

Intercom noun a system of communication by phone or radio inside an office, plane, etc.; the device you press or switch on to start using this system

- The pilot came on the **intercom** and told us the current weather at our destination.

Interconnect **verb** to connect similar things; to be connected to or with similar things

- The company's various departments need to **interconnect** their project management systems to improve efficiency and productivity.

Interest **noun** the feeling that you have when you want to know or learn more about somebody/something

- His **interest** in photography led him to pursue a career in photojournalism.
- I did archery when I was younger but I lost **interest** when I started Jr. high school.

Interest **verb** to attract your attention and make you feel interested; to make yourself give your attention to something

- Local politics don't **interest** me.

Interested The past participle form of a verb is often used as an adjective. It's common to hear interested used as an adjective in English conversation.

- I'm not **interested** in local politics.

Interface **noun** (computing) the way a computer program presents information to a user or receives information from a user, in particular, the layout of the screen and the menus

- The **interface** of the new app was easy to use and navigate.
- The two computers needed an **interface** to communicate with each other.

Interface **verb** **interface A and B** to be connected with something using an interface; to connect something in this way

- The software is designed to **interface** seamlessly with other applications.

Interject **verb** to interrupt what somebody is saying with your opinion or a remark

- Tammy couldn't help but **interject** when she overheard someone talking about the latest fashion trends. Fashion is her passion.
- The speaker asked the audience not to **interject** until the end of the presentation.

Interjection **noun** a short sound, word or phrase spoken suddenly to express an emotion.

- Words like "Oh!" and "Wow!" are **interjections** that are commonly used to express surprise or admiration.

Interlace **verb** to twist things together over and under each other; to be twisted together in this way

- Her hair was **interlaced** with ribbons and flowers.

Interlock **verb** to fit or be fastened together securely

- After the walls of the prefab house are **interlocked**, the building becomes very stable.
- The police ordered the suspect to get on his knees and **interlock** his fingers behind his head.

Interlude **noun** a period of time between two events during which something different happens

- The orchestra took an **interlude** between songs, allowing the audience to stretch their legs, get a drink and use the restroom.

- The couple enjoyed an **interlude** in their busy schedule by taking a weekend trip to the mountains.

Intermingle *verb* to mix people, ideas, colors, etc. together; to be mixed in this way

- The different cultures in the city **intermingled**, creating a unique and diverse community.
- The paint colors began to **intermingle**, creating a beautiful and unexpected effect.

Intermission *noun* (especially North American English) a short period of time between the parts of a play, film, etc.

- Coffee was served during the **intermission**.

International *adjective* connected with or involving two or more countries

- The United Nations is an **international** organization that promotes peace and cooperation among nations.

Internet *noun* an international computer network connecting other networks and computers that allows people to share information around the world

- The **Internet** has revolutionized the way we communicate and access information.

Interoffice *adjective* connected with or between two offices or departments in the same company

- The **interoffice** memo contained important updates about the company's new policies.

Interpersonal *adjective* connected with relationships between people

- Alice struggled with **interpersonal** communication, often feeling awkward and uncomfortable when her coworkers engaged her in small talk.
- The therapist suggested that Harold works on his **interpersonal** skills to improve his work and private relationships.

Interpretation *noun* the particular way in which something is understood or explained

- The **interpretation** of this ancient text is still a subject of debate among scholars.
- His words are open to **interpretation**.

Interpret *verb* to translate one language into another as it is spoken

- He took me with him to **interpret** in case no one spoke English.

Interpreter *noun* a person whose job is to translate what somebody is saying into another language

- The **interpreter** helped the tour group navigate Tokyo.
- **through an interpreter** Speaking **through an interpreter**, the President told the members of the United Nations that the peace talks were moving forward.

Interrelated *adjective* closely connected and affecting each other

- The different parts of the ecosystem are **interrelated**, each playing a vital role in maintaining balance.
- The historian explained how the various events of history were **interrelated**, leading up to the present-day conflict.

Interrogate *verb* to ask somebody a lot of questions over a long period of time, especially in an aggressive way

- The detective had to **interrogate** the suspect to get to the bottom of the crime.
- The customs officer began to **interrogate** the traveler to make sure he wasn't carrying any illegal goods.

Interrogation *noun* the act of asking somebody a lot of questions over a long period of time, especially in an aggressive way

- The **interrogation** was intense and lasted for over 7 hours.

Interrogative *adjective* (grammar) used in questions

- The word "Who" is an **interrogative** pronoun.

Interrupt *verb* to say or do something that makes somebody stop what they are saying or doing

- Please do not **interrupt** me while I'm speaking.
- My mother always told me that it's rude to **interrupt**.

Interruption *noun* something that temporarily stops an activity or a situation; a time when an activity is stopped

- The sudden **interruption** caused the speaker to lose his train of thought.

A strong electrical storm caused an **interruption** of power throughout the city.

Intersect *verb* (of lines, roads, etc.) to meet or cross each other

- The interests of the two groups **intersected** when they discovered a shared passion for the environment.
- The two lines **intersect** at a single point on the graph.

Intersection *noun* a place where two or more roads, lines, etc. meet or cross each other

- The **intersection** of Main Street and First Avenue is a busy spot in the city.

Intersex *adjective* describing or relating to a person or animal that has both male and female sex organs or other sexual characteristics; born with sexual characteristics that do not fit the categories of either 'male' or 'female'

- **Intersex** individuals face unique challenges related to their gender identity.

Interstate *noun* (in the US) a wide road, with at least two lanes in each direction, where traffic can travel fast for long distances across many states.

- The **interstate** highway system makes it easy for people and goods to travel across the country.

Interstellar *adjective* between the stars in the sky

- The science fiction movie took place in an **interstellar** world, full of aliens and space battles.
- The astronomer discovered an **interstellar** object passing through the solar system.

Intertwine *verb* if two or more things intertwine or are intertwined, they are twisted together so that they are very difficult to separate

- The two stories **intertwined**, creating a complex and intriguing plot.
- The vines in the garden were **intertwined** to create a beautiful and natural archway.

Interview **noun** a formal meeting at which somebody is asked questions to see if they are suitable for a particular job, or for a course of study at a college, university, etc.

- She prepared thoroughly for her job **interview** and felt confident going into it.

Interview **verb** to talk to somebody and ask them questions at a formal meeting to find out if they are suitable for a job, course of study, etc.

- After the accident police **interviewed** several witnesses to get an idea of what happened.



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