

a·mong

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(also **a·mongst** /ə'mʌŋst/)

preposition

1 MIDDLE in or through the middle of a group of people or things:

The girl quickly disappeared among the crowd.

I could hear voices coming from somewhere among the bushes.

We walked among the chestnut woods on the mountain slopes.

She began rummaging among the books on her desk.

→ BETWEEN

2 WITH with a particular group of people:

*Jim relaxed, knowing he was **among** friends.*

3 EFFECT/INFLUENCE used to say that many people in a group have the same feeling or opinion, or that something affects many people in a group:

The problem is causing widespread concern among scientists.

The general opinion among police officers was that the law should be tightened.

The changes will mean 7,000 job losses among railway workers.

4 INCLUDE used to talk about a particular person, thing, or group as belonging to a larger group:

She was the eldest among them.

Innocent civilians were among the casualties.

My grandfather had among his possessions a portrait by Matisse.

Representatives were chosen by the students from among

themselves.

5 among other things/places/factors etc INCLUDE

used to say that you are only mentioning one or two people or things out of a much larger group:

At the meeting they discussed, among other things, recent events in Japan.

6 SHARE if something is divided or shared among a group of people, each person is given a part of it:

A father's property was divided among his heirs.

7 among yourselves/ourselves/themselves TALK TO SOMEBODY

with each other:

The allies found it hard to agree among themselves.

Grammar

among, between

When you are talking about position, use **among** if there are more than two people or things around someone or something, and **between** if there is just one person or thing on each side:

They hid among the reeds.

I put my bag on the ground between my feet.

⚠ **Among** is not commonly used after words such as 'relationship' and 'difference', even when more than two people or things are involved. Use **between**:

the relationship between these three sectors of the economy

Word origin

Language: Old English

Origin: *on gemonge*, from *on* + *gemong* 'crowd'