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a·bide  (ə-ˈbīd)

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v. **a·bode** (ə-ˈbōd) or **a·bid·ed**, **a·bid·ing**, **a·bides**

v.tr.

1. To put up with; tolerate: *can't abide such incompetence*. See Synonyms at [endure](#).

2. To wait patiently for: *"I will abide the coming of my lord" (Tennyson)*.

v.intr.

1. To remain in a place: *"I'll call upon you straight. Abide within" (Shakespeare)*.

2. To continue in existence; endure: *"I have decided my life can't be about absence, what I don't have, what does not abide, and the rich grief it brings" (Amy Benson)*.

3. To dwell or reside.

Idiom:

abide by

To conform to; comply with: *abide by the rules*.

[Middle English *abiden*, from Old English *ābīdan* : *ā-*, intensive pref. + *bīdan*, to remain; see **bheidh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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