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abide  (ə-bōd)

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v.

A past tense and a past participle of [abide](#).

n.

1. A dwelling place; a home.
2. The act of abiding; a sojourn.

[Middle English *abod*, home, from *abiden*, to wait; see [ABIDE](#).]

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