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ex·te·ri·or  (ĭk-stîr ē-ər)

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adj.

1. Outer; external: *the exterior door.*
2. Originating or acting from the outside: *exterior influences on the negotiations.*
3. Suitable for use outside: *an exterior paint.*

n.

1. A part or a surface that is outside: *the exterior of the house.*
2. An external or outward appearance: *a friendly exterior.*
3.
 - a. A representation of the outdoors for use on a soundstage or in a theater: *The artist painted exteriors for the film.*
 - b. A scene for a movie or television program that is filmed outdoors: *The exteriors for the film were shot in the mountains of New Zealand.*

[Latin, comparative of *exter*, outward; see **eghs** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

ex·te ri·or·ly *adv.*

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