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adj.

1. Located or occurring farther inside: *an inner room; an inner layer of warm clothing.*
2. Less apparent; deeper: *the inner meaning of a poem.*
3. Of or relating to the mind or spirit: *"Beethoven's manuscript looks like a bloody record of a tremendous inner battle" (Leonard Bernstein).*
4. More exclusive, influential, or important: *the inner circles of government.*

[Middle English, from Old English *innera*; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in ner *n.*

in ner·ly *adv. & adj.*

in ner·ness *n.*

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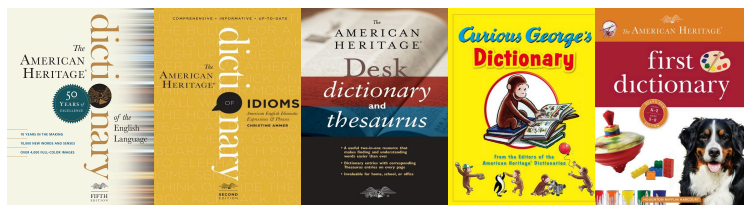
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