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in·tro·spect  (ĩn trə-spěkt', ĩn'trə-spěkt)

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intr.v. **in·tro·spect·ed, in·tro·spect·ing, in·tro·spects**

To engage in introspection.

[Latin *intrōspicere*, *intrōspect-*, to look into : *intrō-*, within; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *specere*, to look at; see **spek-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in'tro·spec tive *adj.*

in'tro·spec tive·ly *adv.*

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