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n.

An interval of time between one event, process, or period and another.

adj.

Belonging to, serving during, or taking place during an intermediate interval of time; temporary: *an interim agreement*. See Synonyms at [temporary](#).

[From Latin, in the meantime; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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