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be·yond  (bē-ōnd , bī-yōnd)

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prep.

1. On the far side of; past: *Just beyond the fence.*
2. Later than; after: *beyond midnight.*
3. To a degree that is past the understanding, reach, or scope of: *an evil beyond remedy.*
4. To a degree or amount greater than: *rich beyond his wildest dreams.*
5. In addition to: *asked for nothing beyond peace and quiet.*

adv.

1. Farther along or away.
2. In addition; more: *wanted her share but nothing beyond.*

n.

1. That which is past or to a degree greater than knowledge or experience; the unknown: *"Sputnik, the first satellite to enter the great beyond of space" (Dale Russakoff).*
2. The world beyond death; the hereafter.

Idiom:

back of beyond

A place that is remote or unsophisticated.

[Middle English *biyonde*, from Old English *begeondan* : *be*, *by*; see [BY](#)¹ + *geondan*, on the far side of; see *i-* [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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