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n.

1. The land directly adjacent to and inland from a coast.
2.
 - a. A region remote from urban areas; backcountry.
 - b. A region situated beyond metropolitan centers of culture.

[German : *hinter*, behind (from Middle High German, from Old High German *hintar*; see **ko-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *Land*, land (from Middle High German *lant*, from Old High German; see **lendh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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