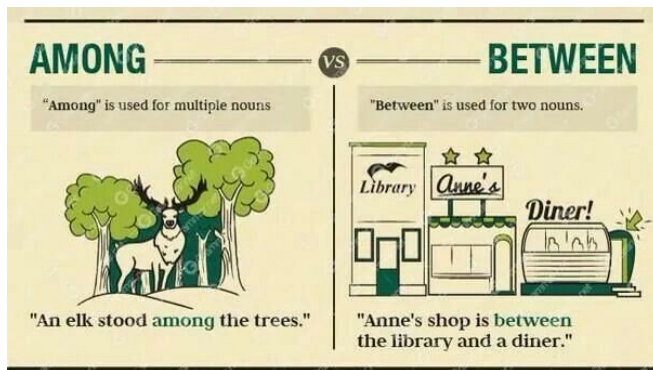


# Between vs. Among - Know the difference

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- English can be quite tricky at times, especially, when you need to decide the right preposition to use – between or among. Even the greatest writers get confused on the right word to use. So, is there a difference between their meanings or can they be used interchangeably. Let us find out the answer today.



## Learning the real difference

English writers often make use of between to refer to two things and among for three or more.

*The fight is now between Billy and Tom.*

*The dividends were divided among Billy, Tom and Steve.*

It is quite clear that 'between' is used when we refer two things that have separate identity and among to talk about stuff that is not clearly separated or belongs to a part of a group or crowd. However, for English learners this may not sound as the most accurate method to decide which the right word is.

## Between – learn the usage with examples

1. It is used to separate two things or people.

Ex: He was dancing in between Billy and Tom

I need to catch the metro running between Andheri and Versova.

2. It is used to describe time that is separated by dates or events.

Ex: We were living in America between 1984 and 1988.

3. It is used to bring out intervals that separate two points on a scale.

Ex: My sons, aged between 4 and 7, play guitar.

4. It is used to bring out relationship, difference, etc.

Ex: Can you choose between the two or three colors available?

5. It is used to keep people or things separately.

Ex: Let's keep this information between you and me.

### **Among – learn the usage with examples**

1. Among is mainly used to describe undefined relationship or collective relationship. It is used to show that something is a part of something or is surrounded by something.

Ex: She was walking among the biggest stars.

We were walking among thousands of flowers.

2. We also use 'among' in phrases, such as, among others and among other things,

Ex: Among other things, I like her dressing sense.

### **In conclusion**

The bottom-line is to use between for two items and among for a lot of items. This will help you get the right judgment on most occasions. For more English learning lessons, keep reading our blogs. You can join our [online spoken English](#) class and learn more about English grammar.

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