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in, prep.1

Pronunciation: ² Brit. /ɪn/, U.S. /ɪn/

Forms: α. Old English— **in**; also Middle English *Orm.* **inn**, Middle English **yn(e)**, **ynne** ...

Etymology: Common Germanic = Old Frisian, Old Saxon, Old High German, Gothic *in*, Old Norse *í*...

General Sense:— The preposition expressing the relation of inclusion, situation, position, existence, or action, within limits of space, time, condition, circumstances, etc. In ancient times, expressing also (like Latin *in*) motion or direction from a point outside to one within limits; the two senses being determined by the case of the word expressing the limits, the former taking the *dative* (originally locative), the latter the *accusative* or case of direction. These cases being subsequently levelled, this distinction ceased to be practicable, and the latter relation is now ordinarily expressed by the compound *in-to*, **into** *prep.* and *adj.*; but there are various locutions in which (either because the accompanying verb conveys the sense of motion, or through the preservation of an ancient phrase without analysis) *in* still expresses motion from without to within.

In Old English (as in Old Saxon and to some extent in Old Frisian) the prep. *in* was displaced by the prep. *on* (West Germanic *an*, Gothic *ana*), so that in classical and late West Saxon and to some extent in other Old English dialects, *on* was used for both *on* and *in*, an emphatic or distinctive sense of 'in' being however expressed by *innan*. (See full details in Dr. T. Miller, *Old English Version of Bede*, Introd. xxxiii–xliv.) In Anglian, esp. in the north and west, *in* remained (though, under West Saxon influence, often displaced by *on* in documents); and in Middle English the distinction of *in* and *on* was gradually restored, though many traces of their former blending still remain. (See sense 2)

The formal coincidence of *in* with the Latin prep. *in* (with which it is originally cognate) led to its being employed, in translating from Latin, in senses or uses which were idiomatic in Latin, but not originally English. These also have affected the current contextual use of the preposition.

I. Of position or location.

Primarily *in* (of position) is opposed to *out of*: anything which is *in* a given space is not *out of* it, and *vice versa*. The compound *with-in*, is mainly an equivalent of *in* emphasizing the relation to limits. The simple relation-words nearest in sense to *in* are *at* and *on*, with which *in* sometimes has common ground, e.g. 'in or at Oxford', 'in or on a street', 'in or on behalf of a man'. *In* may also have common ground with *with*, as 'to travel *in* or *with* a caravan, a railway train, etc.'

1.

a. Of place or position in space or anything having material extension:

Within the limits or bounds of, within (any place or thing).

May relate to a space of any size, however large or small: e.g. *in* the universe, *in* the world, *in* heaven, *in* hell, *in* the earth, *in* the sea (otherwise *on* the earth, *on* the sea, *at* sea), *in* a ship, vessel, *in* a field, wood, forest, desert, wilderness (but *on* a heath, moor, or common), *in* (U.S. *on*) a street, *in* a house, carriage, box, drawer, nut-shell, drop of water, etc.

Also (U.S.) *in* school, attending a school, receiving education at a school = (U.K.) *at school* (cf. *SCHOOL* *n.*¹ 5b). In former times *in school* was also used in Britain in the sense 'attending a school': see quot. c1275 at *SCHOOL* *n.*¹ 5b. Also c900 *Bæda's Eccl. Hist.* (1890) 190/12 Sum leornungmon in scole Scotta cynnes; a1350 *Harley Lyrics* (1948) 63 Whil y wer a clerc in scole.

- a700 *Epinal Gloss.* 549 *In curia*, in maethlae.
- c825 *Vesp. Psalter* viii. 2 Hu wundurlic is noma ðin in alre eorðan.
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 7 Ða children pleȝeden in þere strete.
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 23 Ða men þe beoð in þe castel.
- c1275 (þ?a1200) *LAȝAMON Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 8730 In þan brade uelde.
- c1325 (þ?c1300) *Chron. Robert of Gloucester* (Calig.) l. 2 Engeland his. Iset in þe on ende of þe worlde as al in þe west.
- c1330 R. MANNYNG *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 8253 Þey are now saylynge in þe se.
- 1362 *LANGLAND Piers Plowman* A. i. 114 Summe in þe Eir, and summe in þe Eorþe, and summe in helle deope.
- 1426 in F. J. Furnivall *Fifty Earliest Eng. Wills* (1882) 73 My bachous in Wodestrete.
- 1470–85 *MALORY Morte d'Arthur* x. i, In euery place he asked..after sir Launcelot, but in no place he coude not here of hym.
- 1551 R. RECORD *Pathway to Knowl.* l. xxvii, The circle is not named to be drawn in a triangle, because it doth not touche the sides of the triangle.
- 1608 E. TOPSELL *Hist. Serpents* 209 Dried in a furnace.
- 1653 H. HOLCROFT tr. Procopius *Gothick Warre* l. 20 in tr. Procopius *Hist. Warres Justinian* The brazen Statue of Minerva in the open ayre.
- 1660 A. WOOD *Life & Times* (1891) l. 350 His chamber in Merton Coll.
- 1683 T. TRYON *Way to Health* 287 Moderate Exercises in open Airs, which is profitable for all People.
- a1707 S. PATRICK *Auto-biogr.* (1839) 105, I never saw greater devotion in any countenance.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 10. ¶4 Spectators who live in the World without having any thing to do in it.
- 1757 E. BURKE *Philos. Enq. Sublime & Beautiful* II. §27. 63 A greater light than you had in the open air.
- 1817 *SHELLEY Laon & Cythna* x. xv. 219 The fish were poisoned in the streams; the birds In the green woods perished.
- 1828 *SCOTT Fair Maid of Perth* ii, in *Chron. Canongate* 2nd Ser. I. 35 Adjacent to Couvrefew Street in which they lived.
- 1848 J. F. COOPER *Jack Tier* l. iii. 80 *In* a vessel is as correct as *in* a coach, and *on* a vessel, as wrong as can be; but you can say *on board* a vessel, though not 'on the boards of a vessel'.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* l. i. 150 The restored wanderer reposed safe in the palace of his ancestors.
- 1853 *DICKENS Bleak House* vi. 45 The wind's in the east.
- 1855 C. KINGSLEY *Persius in Heroes* l. 4 They are..in the open sea.
- 1873 H. B. TRISTRAM *Land of Moab* viii. 157 An orderly in the doorway.
- 1898 F. MONTGOMERY *Tony* 9 In a somewhat crowded train.
- 1916 'TAFFRAIL' *Pincher Martin* xiv. 248 'When I was in the old *Somerset*, in nineteen-nine,' somebody would start the ball rolling, 'we had a fellow who'—.
- 1942 *Short Guide Great Brit.* (U.S. War Dept.) 8 The tales of Scott and Robert Louis Stevenson which many of you read in school.
- 1972 R. QUIRK et al. *Gram. Contemp. Eng.* 310 He's ☐ at school (BrE) / in school (AmE) ☐ (= 'He attends/is attending school'). He's in school (= (in BrE) 'He's actually inside the building—not, *eg* on the playing fields').

b. After *in*, the article is often omitted, esp. when the function of the place is the prominent notion; as in *bed*, in *chancery*, in *chapel*, in *church*, in *court*, in *hall*, in *prison*, in *school*, in *town*: see the ns.

in earth, *in sea*, follow *in heaven*, *in hell*, which are treated like geographical proper names: see 1c.

- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 59 In eorðe, in heuene is his mahte.
 1389 in J. T. Smith & L. T. Smith *Eng. Gilds* (1870) 5 Be he in toun oþer out of toun.
 1398 J. TREVISA tr. Bartholomew de Glanville *De Proprietatibus Rerum* (1495) vi. xii. 196, I suffre not a woman to teche in chyrche.
 a1400 (þa1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Gött.) l. 11793 Alle þai drowned in see.
 1595 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 3* III. ii. 70, I had rather lie in prison.
 1675 H. NEVILLE tr. Machiavelli *State Germany* in *Wks.* 265 Strasburgh..has a Million of Florins..in Bank.
 1744 G. BERKELEY *Siris* §77 A large glass every hour..taken in bed.
 1853 DICKENS *Bleak House* ii. 9 In Chancery. Between John Jarndyce [etc.].
 1899 *N.E.D.* at *In*, *Mod.* Hundreds lay languishing in prison.

c. *In* is used with the proper names of continents, seas, countries, regions, provinces, and other divisions, usually also of large cities, esp. the capital of a country, and of the city or town in which the speaker lives. Cf. *AT prep.*

2.

- c900 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 894 Ða gegaderedon þa þe in Norphymbrum bugeað & on East Englum.
 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 211 Wæs he..in Italia afeded, in Ticinan þære byrig.
 c1275 (þa1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1963) l. 5343 Wes Allec þe king. in are temple in Lundenne.
 a1300 *Cursor Mundi* 24765 Willam basterd, þat warraid in jngland ful hard.
 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) Matt. iv. f. iiij^v, Iesus..went and dwelte in Capernaum.
 1686 F. SPENCE tr. A. Varillas *Ανεκδοτα Έρεπωνιακα* 176 The worthiest man in Europe.
 1841 THACKERAY *Great Hoggarty Diamond* ix, We wished her at—Bath; certainly not in London.
 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. ii. 158 The Presbyterian system was fully established nowhere but in Middlesex and Lancashire.

†2.

a. = ON *prep.* (of position). *Obs.*

Partly a reaction from the blending of *in* with *on* in Old English; but partly also transl. Latin *in*, and partly due to a different notion in reference to the n.

- OE *Riddle 40* 98 Ne hafu ic in heafde hwite loccas.
 OE *Beowulf* 1952 Hio syððan well in gumstole, gode mære..breac.
 a1000 *Cædmon's Dan.* (Gr.) 723 Engel drihtnes..wrat þa in wage worda gerynu.
 c1250 *Meid. Maregr.* xlvii, Ho..Sette ir fot in is necke.
 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 6179 Me slou is folc aboute in eche syde.
 a1300 etc., In a chair [see *CHAIR n.* 1].
 c1305 *St. Andrew* 42 in *Early Eng. Poems & Lives Saints* (1862) 99 In þe Rode as þi louerd deide: ic wole sette þe.
 c1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 457 Þe pope sittip in his troone.
 a1400 (þa1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 11819 In his heued he has þe scall.
 a1400 (þa1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 8136 An heremite þar þai fand at ham, In þat montan.
 c1430 *Pilgr. Lyf Manhode* (1869) II. xcvi. 111 Þat oon bar þat oþer in hire nekke.
 ▶ c1449 R. PECOCK *Repressor* (1860) 138 Forto sette him up an hiȝe in the eend of a long pole.
 ▶ c1449 R. PECOCK *Repressor* (1860) 166 That he write sum..carect with cole..in the wal.

- c1500 *Lyfe Roberte Deuyll* 643 in W. C. Hazlitt *Remains Early Pop. Poetry Eng.* (1864) I. 244 He kneled downe in the floore.
- 1568 *Christis Kirk on Grene* in W. T. Ritchie *Bannatyne MS* (1928) II. 266 His wyfe hang in his waist.
- 1607 E. TOPSELL *Hist. Foure-footed Beastes* 308 The Rider must lay the raines in his necke.
- 1669 G. MIEGE *Relation of Three Embassies* 318 Farr from making any favourable impressions in the Tzar.
- 1692 S. PATRICK *Answer to Touchstone* 89 Antichrist is long ago in the Throne of the Roman Church.
- 1701 *Acct. Life* in T. Stanley *Hist. Philos.* (ed. 3) sig. c^v, He..spent his Time in the Solitary Top of a Mountain.
- 1730 A. GORDON tr. F. S. Maffei *Compl. Hist. Anc. Amphitheatres* 42 Flattering Fame is..generally in the magnifying Side.

†b. = AT *conj. Obs.*

- 1653 H. HOLCROFT tr. Procopius *War with Vandals* I. 20 in tr. Procopius *Hist. Warres Justinian* The Barbarians came up close, with Gelimer in the head of them.
- 1671 MILTON *Paradise Regain'd* I. 98 E're in the head of Nations he appear.
- 1703 *Clarendon's Hist. Rebellion* II. VI. 37 Then was the General..in the head of his Regiment..shot in the thigh.

3. *In* is now regular with collectives thought of as singular (*in an army, a crowd*); *among* with plurals, or collectives thought of as plural (*among the people*); but through Latin influence *in* was formerly used also with plurals.

- c825 *Vesp. Psalter* lxvi. 3 Ðæt we oncnawen..in allum ðiodum hælu ðin.
- c950 *Lindisf. Gosp.* Luke i. 28 gebloedsad ðu in wifum.
- OE *Crist I* 195 Gen strengre is þæt ic morþor hele; seyle manswara, laþ leode gehwam lifgan siþþan, fracoð in folcum.
- c1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 445 Freris wold not here þis publischt in þe pepul.
- 1388 WYCLIF *Psalms* lxvi. 3 [lxvii. 2] That we knowe thi weie on erthe, thin heelthe in alle folkis.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Judith viii. 21 Seinge ye are the honorable and elders in the people of God.

4. With numerals, nouns of quantity, and the like, expressing ratio or rate. Esp. of a gradient.

- 1598 W. PHILIP tr. J. H. van Linschoten *Disc. Voy. E. & W. Indies* I. xxix. 54/2 Commonly worth 25 or 30 in the hundred profite.
- a1613 T. OVERBURY *Characters* in *Wks.* (1856) Creditour 161 He takes ten groats i' th' pound.
- 1700 *Moxon's Mech. Exercises: Bricklayers-wks.* 3 Dearer..by about Six Shillings in a Thousand.
- 1726 G. LEONI tr. L. B. Alberti *Archit.* I. 74/1 A very good Rise for a slope is half an inch in every three foot.
- 1732 D. NEAL *Hist. Puritans* I. Pref. 7 Not one beneficed clergyman in six was capable of composing a sermon.
- 1761 J. WESLEY *Jrnl.* 23 June (1827) III. 62 Ninety-nine in a hundred were attentive.
- 1830 M. EDGEWORTH *Let.* 18 Oct. (1971) 419 The inclined plane the rise of which was one in 36.
- 1840 H. S. TANNER *Canals & Rail Roads U.S.* 78 The grades vary from a level to an inclination of 1 in 330.
- 1861 S. SMILES *Lives Engineers* II. 429 One in thirty being about the severest gradient at any part of the road.

- 1868 W. PEARD *Pract. Water-farming* xi. 111 Wherever they have been constructed on a gradient of 1 in 9..they have answered admirably.
- 1869 *Bradshaw's Railway Man.* XXI. 318 The gradients and curves are generally favourable, the steepest gradient being 1 in 82 ½.
- 1892 *Law Times* 92 147/1 A debtor..offered 6s. 8d. in the pound.
- 1923 *Michelin Guide Great Brit.* (ed. 7) facing p. 277, Gradients on roads are shown thus:..1 in 20 to 1 in 14. 1 in 14 to 1 in 10. 1 in 10 and over.
- 1973 E. COURSE *Railways S. Eng.: Main Lines* i. 29 Over the nineteen and a half miles from Redhill to Tonbridge the maximum gradient was 1 in 250.

5.

a. Defining the particular part of anything in which it is affected.

- ?c1225 (▷?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 88 A lutel hurt in þe echȝe. derueð mare þen amuchel iþe hele.
- a1400 (▷a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 12184 Leui was wrath..And gaf him in þe heued a dint.
- a1400 (▷a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 7224 Man aght to dred þe brand þat brint him forwit in his hand.
- a1533 LD. BERNERS tr. *Bk. Duke Huon of Burdeux* (1882-7) cxlviii. 558 Huon..kyst her in the mouth.
- a1618 W. RALEIGH *Prerogatiue Parl.* (1628) 45 He was knock't in the head by Parliament.
- a1627 T. MIDDLETON *More Dissemblers besides Women* v. i, in *2 New Playes* (1657) 67 There's many..Whom I have nipt i' th' ear.
- 1678 J. MOXON *Mech. Exercises* I. II. 33 You must mend it in that place.
- 1795 *Hist. in Ann. Reg.* 70 A masked battery took them in flank.
- 1858 T. CARLYLE *Hist. Friedrich II of Prussia* II. IX. ix. 491 'King of the Two Sicilies'..whom Naples, in all ranks of it, willingly homages as such.
- 1898 *Tit-Bits* 17 Sept. 484/1 The horse..is blind in one eye.

b. In phrases implying incidental distribution, e.g. *in parts*, *in places*.

- 1905 *Minister's Gazette of Fashion* Aug. 141/1 The past spring and summer season has seen much fluctuation. Like the curate's egg, it has been excellent in parts.
- 1922 D. H. LAWRENCE *England, my England* 132 And I sensed I was a prisoner, for the snow was everywhere deep, and drifted in places.
- 1924 A. D. SEDGWICK *Little French Girl* II. v. 139 The long iron staircase down the face of the cliff was almost as steep as a fire escape in places.
- 1973 *Listener* 8 Feb. 167/2 The Appeal Court..found the [Warhol] film dull, dreary, and offensive in parts.

6. Expressing relation to that which covers, clothes, or envelopes, its material, its colour, etc., = clothed in, wearing, enveloped in, bound in, etc.: as a lady *in a court dress*, *in a Gainsborough hat*, *in muslin*, *in mourning*, *in white*, *in curl-papers*, a man *in armour*, *in slippers*, *in a wig*, a parcel *in brown paper*, etc. (*in arms*, and other idiomatic uses: see the substantives.) Cf. also 13b.

- OE *Exodus* 212 Sæton æfter beorgum in blacum reafum.
- a1240 *Wohunge in Cott. Hom.* 277 Poure þu wunden was irattes and i clutes.
- ▷ c1300 *Havelok* (Laud) (1868) 1767 Comes a ladde in a ioupe.

- a1400 *Coer de L.* 5616 Our Crystene men ben armyd weel Both in yren and in steel.
- c1405 (►c1385) CHAUCER *Knight's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 1261 Som wol ben armed in an haubergeoun And in Brestplate and in a light gypoun.
- c1430 *Life St. Kath.* (1884) 17 Þe company of martirs clothed alle in purpul.
- 1581 J. BELL tr. W. Haddon & J. Foxe *Against Jerome Osorius* 28 b, The same was gaynsayd by some men in armes.
- 1710 J. ADDISON *Tatler* No. 221. ¶1 A little Boy in a black Coat.
- 1843 *Blackwood's Edinb. Mag.* 54 195 A lovely girl in mourning is sitting.
- 1843 *Fraser's Mag.* 28 324 A lady in black velvet is seated.
- 1863 DICKENS *Uncommenc. Traveller* in *All Year Round* 4 July 446/1 A compactly-made handsome man in black.

7. The physical sense of location often passes into one more immaterial; e.g. *in a book*, *in an author*, come to mean 'in the course of the narrative or subject' of the book, or the writings of the author; *in a company*, *college*, *association*, or *party*, *in the army*, *the navy*, and the like, become = 'belonging to, or in the membership of the company, party, the army', etc. *in company*, *league*, etc.: see the ns.

- c890 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 878 Þara monna þe in þam here weorþuste wæron.
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 7 Þis witeþede dauid..in þe saltere.
- ?c1225 (►?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 294 As he seið purch seint Iohan inþe apocalipse.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 56 We ssulleþ her after in þise boc telle of al þis wo.
- a1400 (►a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Fairf. 14) l. 15563 We salþe ga in company & suffre baþe a sare.
- a1500 (►a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) l. xvi. 191 Syrs, I pray you inquire In all wrytyng, In Vyrgyll, in Homere, And all other thyng Bot legende.
- 1548 H. LATIMER *Notable Serm.* sig. A.ii. All things that are written in Goddes boke.
- 1657 BP. H. KING *Elegies* 13 in *Poems* Let it no more in History be told.
- 1662 E. STILLINGFLEET *Origines Sacrae* III. ii. §5 So true is that of Balbus in Tully when he comes to discourse of the Nature of God.
- 1709 J. ADDISON *Tatler* No. 131. ¶11 A Friend of mine in the Army.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* l. iii. 325 The place of the clergyman in society had been completely changed by the Reformation.
- 1887 A. GILCHRIST in *Century Guild Hobby Horse* 13 Eblis in the Koran, Cain in the Bible are scarce so black as this royal phantom in his Escorial.
- 1890 *Law Times Rep.* 63 685/2 The plaintiff applied for shares in this company.

8. With non-physical realms, regions of thought, departments or faculties of the mind, spheres of action, etc., treated as having extension or content.

- c888 ÆLFRED tr. Boethius *De Consol. Philos.* i, Se wæs in boccræftum & on woruldþeawum se rihtwisesta.
- a1000 *Cædmon's Dan.* (Gr.) 732 Sohton þa swiðe in sefan gehydum.
- a1225 *Leg. Kath.* 607 In hire mod inwið.
- c1300 *Havelok* (Laud) (1868) 122 Sho is mikel in mi þouht.
- c1400 *Three Kings Cologne* xiv. 50 3if þe werkis of god myzt be comprehendit in mannys wit or reson.

- 1488 (▷c1478) *HARY Actis & Deidis Schir William Wallace* (Adv.) (1968–9) I. l. 2 Hald in mynde, thar nobile worthi deid.
- 1601 W. CORNWALLIS *Ess.* II. xlv. sig. Ii, In no course is it more behooeufull then in the life of a souldiour.
- 1645 T. FULLER *Good Thoughts in Bad Times* II. xx. 113, I Discover an arrant Laziness in my Soul.
- 1670 SIR S. CROW in *12th Rep. Royal Comm. Hist. MSS* (1890) App. v. 16 In my opinion a better designe.
- a1770 J. JORTIN *Serm.* (1771) IV. vi. 114 A faith which dwells in the memory hath no influence on the heart.
- 1826 J. WILSON *Noctes Ambrosianae* xxix, in *Blackwood's Edinb. Mag.* Nov. 772 How canst thou thus in fancy burn with fruitless fires?
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* II. vi. 39 All the thirty were in politics vehemently opposed to the prisoner.

II. Of situation, condition, state, occupation, action, manner, form, material, and other circumstances and attributes.

9.

a. Of situation, i.e. kind or nature of position: e.g. *in the dust*, *in the mud*, *in snow*, *in clover*, *in hot water*. Often idiomatic: see the ns.

- OE CYNEWULF *Crist II* 561 Nusind forcumene ond in cwicsusle gehynde ond gehæfte.
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 47 Ieremie þe prophete stod..in þe uenne up to his muðe.
- 12.. *Relig. Songs* in Wright *Owl & Night.* (Percy Soc.) 75 Ich schal bernen in fur and chiverin in ise.
- ▷ a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(1)) (1850) Job xlii. 6 Therfore I myself repreue me, and do penaunce in dead cole and askis.
- 1481 CAXTON tr. *Siege & Conqueste Jerusalem* (1893) cci. 293 Habandouned in ordure and fylthe.
- 1593 SHAKESPEARE *Venus & Adonis* sig. Biiij, She bathes in water.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* III, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 112 A hilly heap, sev'n Cubits deep in Snow.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* IV, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 138 The sacred Altars are involv'd in Smoak.
- 1765 MRS. HARRIS in *Priv. Lett. Ld. Malmesbury* (1870) I. 125 We are kept, to use the modern phrase, in *hot water*.
- 1850 TENNYSON *In Memoriam* Prol. p. v, Thou wilt not leave us in the dust.
- 1886 *Law Times* 80 166/2 Hall..found his working about eighteen inches deep in water.

b. Situation expressed by material instruments: e.g. *in bonds*, *chains*, *fetters*, *leading-strings*, *in a cord*, *a leash*, *a rope*, *a string*, etc.

- a1200 *Moral Ode* 289 In þo lope biende.
- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 19976 Inn hiss cwarrrerne i bandess.
- c1300 *Beket* 15 Al in feteres and in other bende.
- ▷ a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(1)) (1850) Isa. xlv. 14 Bounde in manycles thei shul wende.
- 1590 SPENSER *Faerie Queene* I. i. sig. A3v, And by her in a line a milkewhite lambe she lad.
- 1611 *Bible* (King James) Job xxxvi. 8 If they bee bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction.
- 1712 R. STEELE *Spectator* No. 504. ¶5, I am to be hang'd in chains.
- 1862 C. HUDSON in *Peaks, Passes & Glaciers* 2nd Ser. I. 209 During the descent..Melchior, Tuckett, and I, who were in the same cord with them, were..obliged to stop until they got down some of the more difficult rocks.

c. Situation as to light, darkness, and atmospherical environment.

- OE *Beowulf* 87 Se ellengæst..se þe in þystrum bad.
- a1225 *Juliana* 31 As ha þrinne wes i þeosternesne.
- a1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(1)) (1850) Isa. ii. 5 Go wee in the liȝt of the Lord oure God.
- a1400 (►a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Gött.) l. 17881 Þe folk in dedeli mirknes stadd.
- 1553 T. WILSON *Arte Rhetorique* (1580) 160 Gropyng in the dark.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Macbeth* (1623) I. i. 2 When shall we three meet again? In Thunder, Lightning, or in Raine?
- 1648 BP. J. HALL *Breathings Devout Soul* xxix. 46 An inheritance in light: In light incomprehensible, in light inaccessible.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* III, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 100 His thick Mane..dances in the Wind.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* III, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 110 Where basking in the Sun-shine they may lye.
- 1855 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* IV. xxi. 593 Privateers and smugglers who put to sea in all weathers.
- 1887 *Spectator* 27 Aug. 1148 Planting his potatoes in the rain.

d. Situation within the range of sensuous observation or the sphere of action of another. *in the eyes of*: see *EYE* *n.*¹ Phrases 1d(a)(i).

- a1425 (►c1395) *Bible* (Wycliffite, L.V.) (Royal) (1850) Ezek. ix. 5 He seide to hem in myn heryng.
- a1425 in T. Wright & J. O. Halliwell *Reliquiæ Antiquæ* (1845) I. 230 He is God, that all thinge made, and all thinge hath in his power.
- a1500 (►a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. i. 3 All is in my sight.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* III. 655 Those seav'n Spirits that stand In sight of God's high Throne.
- 1780 W. COWPER *Table Talk* 97 There..the group is full in view.
- 1861 TROLLOPE *Framley Parsonage* I. i. 4 The living of Framley was in the gift of the Lufton family.

10.

a. Of condition or state, physical, mental, or moral: e.g. *in a blaze*, *in debt*, *in doubt*, *in comfort*, *in health*, *in hope*, *in life*, *in love*, *in pain*, *in sickness*, *in solitude*, *in sorrow*. Also **in-work** (nonce-wd.), one who has work.

- c825 *Vesp. Psalter* ii. 11 Deowiað dryhtne in ege [L. *in timore*].
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 59 He makede mon i rihtwisnesse.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 328 Him þoȝte, þe ymage in is slep tolde him is chance.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 250 Þer he him restep, þer he is in pais.
- a1375 *William of Palerne* (1867) l. 841 He semes bi semblant in sekenes ful harde.
- a1500 (►?c1450) *Merlin* (1899) iv. 71, I am in certeyn of oon thyng, that he farith well and is in hele.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) 2 Chron. xxi. 19 He dyed in euell diseases.
- 1602 *2nd Pt. Returne from Pernassus* (Arb.) III. iii. 43 [He] throwes the booke away in a rage.
- 1666 S. PEPYS *Diary* 6 June (1972) VII. 151 All the Court was in a hubbub.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 15. ¶6 Her Husband..has been in Love with her ever since he knew her.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 98. ¶1, I am highly pleased with the Coiffure now in Fashion.
- 1732 T. LEDIARD tr. J. Terrasson *Life Sethos* II. IX. 273 You are absolutely forbidden speaking to him in private.

- 1791 A. RADCLIFFE *Romance of Forest* I. ii. 70 Egad, Master, you're in the right.
- 1793 T. BEDDOES *Observ. Nature & Cure Calculus* 214 Supposing that the carbon is in a very attenuated state in the blood.
- 1846 C. G. F. GORE *Sketches Eng. Char.* 13 No sooner in print, than out of print. The reviews revere him.
- 1855 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* III. xiv. 482 The sea was in a blaze for many miles.
- 1924 J. GALSWORTHY *White Monkey* I. xii, The out-of-works and the in-works.

b. The condition may be expressed by a concrete n.: e.g. *in calf*, *in kid*, *in cash*, *in drink*, *in liquor*, *in wine*, *in tears*, etc.: see the ns. Cf. also BUD *n.*¹ 4, FLOWER *n.* 10, FOAL *n.* 1b, IN-CALF *adj.*, IN-FOAL *adj.*, IN-PIG *adj.*, LEAF *n.*¹ 3.

- a1500 (►a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. xii. 110 What, art thou in ayll?
- ?a1562 G. CAVENDISH *Life Wolsey* (1959) 144 Hauyng a great multitude of artifcyers and laborers..dayly in wages.
- 1593 T. NASHE *Christs Teares* f. 12^v, Sore am I impassioned for the storme thy tranquillity is in child with.
- 1598 SHAKESPEARE *Henry IV, Pt. 1* II. v. 419, I do not speake to thee in drinke.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Pastorals* x, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 45 For him the lofty Laurel stands in Tears.
- 1703 *London Gaz.* No. 3971/4 Calve-Skins in the Hair.
- 1704 *London Gaz.* No. 4034/4 John Jackson..aged near 40..in his own Hair.
- 1754–64 W. SMELLIE *Treat. Midwifery* I. 400 Women in the first child seldom have after-pains.
- 1799 J. ROBERTSON *Gen. View Agric. Perth* 196 Where the land has not lain for some time in grass.
- 1813 M. EDGEWORTH *Let.* 6 Apr. (1971) 10 The coffee tree in *red berry*... The palm tree in *fruit and flower*... The banana in *fruit*.
- 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* Prol. 7 Sweet girl-graduates in their golden hair.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. i. 123 Leaving their castles in ruins.
- 1866 J. E. T. ROGERS *Hist. Agric. & Prices* I. xxvi. 642 Goats in kid.
- 1881 J. P. SHELDON *Dairy Farming* 8/1 If the cow is in milk.
- 1882 C. E. L. RIDDELL *Daisies & Buttercups* I. 114 Where the broad-beans are now in pod.
- 1972 *Hilliers' Man. Trees & Shrubs* 83 *Corylus avellana* 'Contorta'... A winter feature when in catkin.

11.

a. Of occupation or engagement: chiefly with nouns of action and vbl. ns.

- c1275 (►?a1200) LA3AMON *Brut* (Calig.) (1978) l. 13859 Per he heom funde i fihte.
- a1300 *Cursor Mundi* 49 In riot and in rigolage Of all þere liif spend þai þe stage.
- 1340 *Agenbite* (1866) 7 Þe ilke þet dispendeþ þane zonday and þe festes ine zenne and ine hordom.
- 1502 in N. H. Nicolas *Privy Purse Expenses Elizabeth of York* (1830) 52 A servaunt..that cam in message to the Quenes grace.
- 1628 T. HOBBS tr. Thucydides *Peloponnesian War* (1822) 19 The Lacedemonians..are already in labour of the war.
- 1701 *Acct. Life* in T. Stanley *Hist. Philos.* (ed. 3) sig. c^v, He..spent his Time., in seriously bemoaning the Follies and Vanity of the World.
- 1754 D. HUME *Hist. Eng.* (1812) I. iii. 163 The King, in pursuance of his engagements, had indeed married Editha.
- 1838 DICKENS *Mem. Grimaldi* I. iv. 93 In search of plunder.

1884 *Good Words* June 400/1 They have..been 'in' almost every variety of crime, from petty larceny down to downright murder.

b. In the process of, in the act of; in case of: often equivalent in sense to a temporal clause introduced by *when*, *while*, *if*, *in the event of*.

c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) iii. 19 Wee synne dedly, in schauynge oure berdes.

c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) iii. 19 Wee synne dedly, in etynge of bestes.

1477 EARL RIVERS tr. *Dictes or Sayengis Philosophhres* (Caxton) (1877) lf. 34, Gladdenesse, whiche encesses daily in me in lernynge wysdom.

?1553–77 *Life Fisher* (Harl. 6382) (1921) 53, I am not affraid in gevinge you this counsell to take vpon my owne soul all the damage.

1600 SHAKESPEARE *Merchant of Venice* III. ii. 315 In paying it, it is impossible I should liue.

1607 *Statutes in M. H. Peacock Hist. Free Gram. School Wakefield* (1892) 58 Leaves word thereof att their howses in theire beinge abroad.

a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 1* (1623) v. iv. 12 And may ye both be sodainly surpriz'd By bloody hands, in sleeping on your beds.

1847 J. R. McCULLOCH *Descr. & Statist. Acct. Brit. Empire* (ed. 3) II. iv. vi. 217 In estimating the chances which any candidate has of succeeding..no one ever thinks of inquiring into the politics of the tenants.

1864 'HOLME LEE' *Silver Age* (1866) 408 Kindness is not a quality that perishes in the using.

1899 *N.E.D.* at *In*, *Mod.* He was drowned in crossing the river.

†c. After the verb *be*, and some other verbs, *in* was formerly used to express the relation of occupation before a verbal n. where it varied with *a* (*A prep.*¹ 11), and is now omitted, the vbl. n. functioning as a present participle active. *Obs.*

1509 S. HAWES *Pastime of Pleasure* (1845) 79 Of many floures..A goodly chaplet she was in makynge.

1535 W. STEWART tr. H. Boethius *Bk. Cron. Scotl.* I. 528 Richt quyetlie in hunting he is gone.

1580 J. LYLY *Euphues & his Eng.* (new ed.) f. 74^v, Camilla, whome hee founde in gathering of flowers.

1675 T. BROOKS *Word in Season* 192 in *Paradice Opened* A griping Usurer, who was alwayes best when he was most in talking of the world.

1737 W. WHISTON tr. Josephus *Jewish Antiq.* v. ii. §2, in tr. Josephus *Genuine Wks.* They went on still in taking the cities.

1737 W. WHISTON tr. Josephus *Jewish Antiq.* ix. xii. §3, in tr. Josephus *Genuine Wks.* He went on in worshipping them.

1808 R. SOUTHEY in C. C. Southey *Life & Corr. R. Southey* (1850) III. 137 You saw me in London everlastingly at work in packing my books.

†d. *In* (varying with *A prep.*¹ 12) was formerly used with a vbl. n. expressing the action or process to which a thing or person was subjected. (The prep. is now usually omitted, and the vbl. n. functions as a present pple., passive in meaning: e.g. *while the ark was (in or a) building* (= in the process of building, being built). *Obs.* or *arch.*

c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Roxb.) vi. 21 When þe toure of Babilon was in makynge.

- 1465 M. PASTON in *Paston Lett. & Papers* (2004) I. 324 Whill þe logge at Heylesdon was in þe betyng down.
- a1535 J. FISHER *Serm. Good Friday in Spirituall Consol.* (?1578) sig. J.iv^v, So the grasse is euer in eatyng, and neuer full eaten.
- 1620 *Hist. Frier Rush* sig. E4, I haue a new Church in building.
- 1699 in J. A. Picton *City of Liverpool: Select. Munic. Rec.* (1883) I. 326 New streets are built and still in building.
- 1869 E. A. FREEMAN *Hist. Norman Conquest* III. xi. 45 While the symbolic act was in doing.

12.

a. Of manner (way, mode, style, fashion).

- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 1473 In þis manere þe brutons þis lond wuste þo.
- c1305 *Pilate* 56 in *Early Eng. Poems & Lives Saints* (1862) 112 Þer ne miȝte so neuere non beo in none wise.
- 1490 CAXTON tr. *Fourre Sonnes of Aymon* (1885) xvi. 380 In lyke wyse dyde Alarde.
- 1559 BP. SCOT *Speech Parl.* in J. Strype *Ann. Reformation* (1824) I. App. vii. 408 Every man sholde..at large speke his mind in conscience in the contents of all the bills.
- a1627 W. SCLATER *Brief Comm. Malachy* (1650) 196 The things there spoken of cannot in any hand agree to Elias.
- 1654–5 O. CROMWELL *Let.* 20 Jan. in *Writings & Speeches* (1945) III. 578 What can be made out..in this kind.
- 1691 T. HALE *Acct. New Inventions* 62 In the manner anciently used.
- 1706 tr. L. E. Du Pin *New Eccl. Hist. 16th Cent.* II. III. iv. 81 Begging him to take this their Remonstrance in good part.
- 1737 W. WHISTON tr. Josephus *Jewish Antiq.* II. i. §1, in tr. Josephus *Genuine Wks.* He was, in way of jest, called Adom.
- 1833 H. MARTINEAU *Berkeley the Banker* I. IV. 92 He told several people in confidence.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. v. 619 He begged in piteous terms that he might be admitted to the royal presence.
- 1859 J. M. JEPHSON & L. REEVE *Narr. Walking Tour Brittany* v. 54 The baptistery has been restored in Renaissance.

b. Of form, shape, conformation, arrangement, order. [The Old English example has the *accusative*.]

- OE CYNEWULF *Crist II* 725 He..wæs in cildes hiw clapum bewunden.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Roxb.) iv. 12 In likness of a dragoun.
- 1572 J. BOSSEWELL *Wks. Armorie* III. 7 Fiue Plates in crosse.
- 1604 SHAKESPEARE *Hamlet* III. iv. 185 + 9 When in one line two crafts directly meete.
- 1605 J. SYLVESTER tr. G. de S. Du Bartas *Deuine Weekes & Wks.* II. ii. 450 That vast Extent, where now fell Tartars hant, In wandring troopes.
- 1608 SHAKESPEARE *King Lear* xiii. 25 The foul fiend haunts poore Tom in the voyce of a nightingale.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* III. 641 Under a Coronet his flowing haire In curls on either cheek plaid.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* VII. 459 Among the Trees in Pairs they rose.
- 1694 N. LUTTRELL *Diary* in *Brief Hist. Relation State Affairs* (1857) III. 292 The agent..is gone aside, and hath carried with him 2000£ in money belonging to the troop.

- 1710 J. ADDISON *Tatler* No. 221. ¶2 Whether I had best sell my Beetles in a Lump or by Retail.
- 1776 W. J. MICKLE tr. L. de Camoens *Lusiad* 339 He gives the prelude in a dreary sound.
- 1807 R. SOUTHEY *Lett. from Eng.* II. 395 Did he, contrary to the ordinary process, begin in rogue, and end in enthusiast?
- c1820 S. ROGERS *Advent in Italy* A hawk Flew in a circle, screaming.
- 1843 *Fraser's Mag.* 28 695 A cloak falls in easy folds down his back.
- 1855 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* III. xvi. 684 Within a few hours and a few acres had been exhibited in miniature the devastation of the Palatinate.
- 1891 *Law Rep.: Weekly Notes* 2 May 82/2 A land company, who afterwards sold the adjoining land in building plots.
- 1895 *Sc. Antiquary* 10 79 In singles or in pairs men began to put in an appearance.

c. Of manner of speech or writing.

- c900 tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (1890) iv. xxiv. [xxiii.] 332 Heo..gewat to þære ceastre, þe in Englisc is gehaten kwelcaceaster.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 2430 Þe heye god þat in vre tonge woden icluped is.
- c1315 SHOREHAM 122 Hy makede joye in hare manere And eke in hare langage.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Roxb.) ii. 5 Þe table..on þe whilk þe tytle was writen in Hebrew, in Grew and in Latyne.
- 1542 N. UDALL tr. Erasmus *Apophthegmes* f. 106, An herbe called..in latin, Beta.
- a1684 J. EVELYN *Diary* anno 1680 (1955) IV. 215 The Discourse is in high-Dut<c>h.
- 1776 *Trial Maha Rajah Nundocomar for Forgery* 22/2 Sometimes he wrote the bonds..in Nagree, sometimes in Bengal.
- 1833 H. MARTINEAU *Messrs. Vanderput & Snoek* i. 3. He..spoke in a strong French accent.
- 1845 M. PATTISON in *Christian Remembrancer* Jan. 74 Bede is writing in a dead language, Gregory in a living.

d. Often dependent upon a superlative or a commendatory epithet: within the sphere of (a particular class or order of things). *colloq.*

- 1866 J. RUSKIN *Crown Wild Olive* ii. §53 The newest and sweetest thing in pinnacles.
- 1879 'G. ELIOT' *Theophrastus Such* xiii. 226 The latest thing in tattooing.
- 1911 W. J. LOCKE *Glory of Clementina Wing* ii, I may not be the latest thing in dandyism.
- 1966 G. N. LEECH *Eng. in Advertising* ix. 92 ABC: the first name in entertainment.
- 1974 *Radio Times* 3 Jan. 58/1 The most dazzling cruises in holiday history.

13. Of means or instrumentality: now usually expressed by *with*.

†a. Illustration of earlier uses. (Often a literalism of translation.) *Obs.*

- c825 *Vesp. Psalter* ii. 9 Ðu reces hie in gerde iserre [L. *in virga ferrea*].
- a1300 *E.E. Psalter* ii. 9 In yherde irened salt þou stere þa.
- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) 1 Cor. iv. 21 Shal I come to 3ou in a 3erd: or in charite?
- c1450 tr. Thomas à Kempis *De Imitatione Christi* iii. xlviii. 119 Þan shal Iherusalem be serched in lanternes.
- 1503 *Act 19 Hen. VII* c. 4 §3 No persone..shall occupie or shote in eny Crosebowe.

- 1580 J. LYL *Euphues & his Eng.* (new ed.) f. 115, It more delygtheth them to talke of Robin-hoode, than to shoot in his bowe.
- 1693 DRYDEN in tr. Juvenal *Satires* XIV. 296 Penelope knew which of her Suitors cou'd shoot best in her Husband's Bow.
- 1751 LD. CHESTERFIELD *Let.* 27 May (1932) (modernized text) V. 2026 Getting drunk in port.
- 1804 *Naval Chron.* 13 147 A French Ship..ballasted in mahogany.

b. Uses in which the senses of *in* (*on*) and *with* (*by*) are both present: e.g. to cover *in* or *with* any envelope.

- c900 tr. Bede *Ecccl. Hist.* (1890) IV. xxiv. [xxv.] 346 He eal þa he in gehyrnesse geleornian meahte, mid hine gemyndgade.
- a1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1035 In þis an þing he schawde..þet he wes soð godd.
- a1340 R. ROLLE *Psalter* xvii. 48 In herynge of ere he boghed til me.
- c1450 *Jacob's Well* (1900) 137 Þou wylt wretthe god in brekyng þe halyday.
- 1609 *Bible* (Douay) I. 1 Sam. xviii. 6 The wemen came..singing and dancing..in timbrels of joy, and in cornettes.
- 1632 R. BURTON *Anat. Melancholy* (ed. 4) III. II. II. iv. 499 Whom Iuno for pittie couered in her Aperne.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* IV, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 123 Progne, with her Bosom stain'd in Blood.
- 1880 R. W. CHURCH *Spenser* v. 137 He drowns us in words.

c. Here may be added the use of *in* after *eat*, *drink*, *pledge*, etc. Also = (eat or drink) out of.

- 1594 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 2* II. iii. 60, I drink to you in a cup of Sacke.
- 1621 R. BURTON *Anat. Melancholy* II. III. III. 399 A poore man drinkes in a wooden dish, and eates his meat in wooden spoones.
- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 15. ¶4 Whether they keep their coach and six, or eat in Plate.
- 1742 H. FIELDING *Joseph Andrews* II. IV. ii. 178 He was drinking her Ladyship's Health below in a Cup of her Ale.

14. Of material, constituents, and the like.

- 1663 B. GERBIER *Counsel to Builders* 94 They paint them also in strong oyle colour thrice over.
- 1686 tr. J. Chardin *Trav. Persia* 75 Our Ships Lading consisted in Salt, Fish, Caveare, Oyle, Biscuite.
- 1710 J. ADDISON *Tatler* No. 243. ¶1 The Statue of an Horse in Brass.
- 1723 D. DEFOE *Hist. Col. Jack* (ed. 2) 27 It was in Gold all but 14s.
- 1853 DICKENS *Bleak House* vi. 47 Half-length portraits, in crayons.
- 1891 *Truth* 10 Dec. 1240/2 The long coat was also in green velvet, with sleeves and revers in green cloth.

15. Of degree, extent, measure.

- c1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 510 Cristene men..shulde have discerved most þank of God in degre possible to hem.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Twelfth Night* (1623) I. v. 51 Misprision in the highest degree.

- 1649 O. CROMWELL *Let.* 14 Nov. in *Writings & Speeches* (1939) II. 165 Only, in the general, give me leave humbly to offer [etc.].
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* v. 490 Differing but in degree, of kind the same.
- 1693 W. WOTTON tr. L. E. Du Pin *New Hist. Eccl. Writers* (ed. 2) I. 54 In the main they agree with ours.
- 1737 L. CLARKE *Compl. Hist. Bible* I. ix. 585 Without being in the least discouraged.
- 1843 *Fraser's Mag.* 28 647 Tears fell in profusion.
- 1853 H. J. STEPHEN *New Comm. Laws Eng.* (ed. 3) I. 79 Where any act repealing in whole or in part any former act is itself repealed.
- 1875 F. HALL in *Lippincott's Monthly Mag.* 16 750/1 Drift-wood was lying about in large quantities.

16. Expressing object, aim, or purpose: with an abstract noun, as *in affirmation, answer, denial, memory, honour, proof, quest, recompense, reply, return, reward, scorn, search, testimony, token, witness, worship*, etc. See farther under the ns.

It is possible that the object here was orig. accusative, and that these expressions came under sense 30.

- ?c1225 (þ? a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 26 Inheore wurchipe segged ma oðer lees.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 466 Brut..let vair tabernacle in honour of him rere.
- c1315 SHOREHAM 131 In tokne that pays scholde be.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) iv. 31 In the worschipe of hem there is a fair chirche.
- 1526 W. BONDE *Pylgrimage of Perfection* Pref. sig. Ai, Diuyded into thre bokes, in the honour of the trinite.
- 1667 MILTON *Paradise Lost* ix. 552 She thus in answer spake.
- 1713 J. ADDISON *Cato* i. ii, I claim in my reward his captive daughter.
- 1806 SCOTT *Lay of Last Minstrel* (ed. 5) iv. xii. 112 Loudly the Beattison laughed in scorn.
- 1821 J. F. COOPER *Spy* I. viii. 126 He went in quest of this new applicant for his notice.
- 1899 *N.E.D.* at *In, Mod.* A holiday in honour of the event. He has written to the newspaper in reply to his assailant.

17. Expressing reference or relation to something: In reference or regard to; in the case of, in the matter, affair, or province of.

Used especially with the sphere or department in relation or reference to which an attribute or quality is predicated: see 32b, 32c, 33 – 35.

III. Of time.

18.

a. Within the limits of a period or space of time.

With *in the day*, *in the night*: cf. *by day*, *by night* at BY prep. 19b.

- a900 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 709 In foreweardum Danieles dagum.
- OE *Beowulf* 1 We Gar-Dena in geardagum, þeodcyniga þrym gefrunon.
- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 9129 In þe sixe & þritte þer of his kinedom.
- 13.. *K. Alis.* 85 By cler candel, in the nyght.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) Prol. 4, I..passed the see, in the þeer of oure lord Jhesu crist MCCCXXII.
- a1425 (þ? c1395) *Bible* (Wycliffite, L.V.) (Royal) (1850) Gen. i. 1 In the bigynnyng God made of nouȝt heuene and erthe.
- c1500 *Melusine* (1895) lxii. 369 He was neuer in his dayes so aferd.

- 1598 SHAKESPEARE *Love's Labour's Lost* I. i. 39 One day in a weeke to touch no foode.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Two Gentlemen of Verona* (1623) III. i. 178 Except I be by Siluia in the night..Vnlesse I looke on Siluia in the day.
- 1650 J. TRAPP *Clavis to Bible* (Lev. xxvi. 26) 169 Common in times of famine.
- 1655 T. STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* I. i. 73 Pittacus was., born in the thirtie two Olympiad.
- 1710 R. STEELE *Tatler* No. 222. ¶1 Between the Hours of Twelve and Four in the Morning.
- 1812 T. JEFFERSON *Writings* (1830) IV. 176, I think our acquaintance commenced in 1764.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. iv. 490 In the days of the Commonwealth.

b. With other ns. implying time.

- 871–889 *Charter* in *Old Eng. Texts* 452 In þissum life onwardum.
- OE *Seafarer* 40 Forþon nis þæs modwlanc mon ofer eorþan, ne his gifena þæs god, ne in geogupe to þæs hwæt..þæt he a his sæfore sorge næbbe, to hwon hine dryhten gedon wille.
- a1240 *Wohunge* in *Cott. Hom.* 277, I þi burð tid.
- a1240 *Wohunge* in *Cott. Hom.* 277, I þi cildhad.
- a1400 *Coer de L.* 4049 A spie, That hadde be Crystene in hys youthe.
- c1450 *Jacob's Well* (1900) 277 To styen vp to heuen in 3oure ende.
- 1555 R. EDEN tr. Peter Martyr of Angleria *Decades of Newe Worlde* f. 245. They are neyther bytten with coulde in wynter, nor molested with heate in summer.
- 1732 G. BERKELEY *Alciphron* I. i. xi. 38, I never saw a first-rate Picture in my Life.
- 1826 T. H. LISTER *Granby* (ed. 2) I. vii. 98 You must be an archeress in the summer, and a skater in the winter.
- 1839 C. THIRLWALL *Hist. Greece* VI. 89 The education of the prince in his childhood.

c. With processes occupying time.

- 1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 126. ¶8 In all our Journey from London to his House we did not so much as bait at a Whig Inn.
- 1721 *London Gaz.* No. 5954/1 In the Passage we had bad Weather.
- 1802 H. MARTIN *Helen of Glenross* IV. 73 In our descent down life.
- 1859 J. WHITE *Hist. France* (1860) 90 All the gentlemen's houses you see in a railway excursion.

19. Of the length of time occupied; in the course of.

- 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 1818 Þer were in a moneþ [so most MSS.; A has wiþinne one monþe] seuentene þousend & mo Ymartred.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Roxb.) xxxiii. 148 Men may saile it in seuen days.
- a1425 (c1395) *Bible* (Wycliffite, L.V.) (Royal) (1850) Exod. xxxi. 17 In sixe daies God made heuene and erthe.
- 1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) 1 Cor. xv. 52 We shall all be chaunged..in a moment and in the twincklynge of an eye.
- 1611 M. SMITH in *Bible* (King James) Transl. Pref. 11 The worke hath not bene hudled vp in 72 dayes.
- 1702 *Eng. Theophrastus* 163 Presumption leads people to infidelity in a trice.
- 1885 *Manch. Examiner* 15 May 5/6 From the Gatling Gun..a trail of 1,000 bullets can be discharged in a single minute.

1899 *N.E.D.* at *In, Mod.* The voyage to America can now be done in less than 7 days. By working hard he could make one in a week.

20. Of a limit of time: before or at the expiration of; within the space of.

- a1300 *Treat. Science* (1841) 138 Ther nis non..That evereft i-heled beo, ac deyeth in a stounde.
 a1400 *Seuyn Sag.* (W.) 115 In time of seuen yere He sal be wise withowten were.
 1548 *Hall's Vnion: Richard III* 210 He dyed in three moneths.
 1706 tr. L. E. Du Pin *New Eccl. Hist. 16th Cent.* II. vii. xviii. 261 In Process of Time they might be corrupted.
 1782 JOHNSON *Let.* 8 July (1994) IV. 60, I came back from Oxford in ten days.
 1843 *Blackwood's Edinb. Mag.* 54 305, I rallied in a day or two.
 1884 *Law Times Rep.* 50 231/2 Anything put into the defendants' well was certain in time to affect the supply.

21. Formerly (and still sometimes) used, where *at*, *on*, *during*, *for* are now in use, or where the preposition is omitted.

At is now ordinarily used with a point of time, e.g. *at this time*, *at the moment*, *at day-break*, *at sunset*; *on* in stating the date of an event, e.g. *on the first of May*, *on Monday next*, *on a summer morning*; *during* for the course or continuance of a period, for which *for* is also used, esp. in negative statements, e.g. *he has stayed for a week*, *I have not seen him for a long time*. For all these *in* occurs in earlier or dialectal use.

a. = AT prep.

- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 121 Pas pine..ure drihten þolede..in þisse timan.
 a1225 *St. Marher.* 2 Wes in þe ilke time liuiende..þet eadi meiden.
 13.. *K. Alis.* 403 In the dawenyng He made efte his charmyng.
 c1440 *Gesta Romanorum* (Add. MS.) xci. 417 He made this Eyre to sitte with hym..in mete tyme.
 1525 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* II. cxix. [cxv.] 340 They departed..in the brekyng of the daye.
 a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Othello* (1622) I. ii. 94 The Duke in Councell? In this time of the night?
 a1715 BP. G. BURNET *Hist. Own Time* (1724) I. 184 But he..got his offices to be published..in a time when [etc..].
 1807 G. CRABBE *Parish Reg.* III, in *Poems* 113 No Sunday-Shower, Kept him at home, in that important Hour.
 1873 P. G. HAMERTON *Intellect. Life* VI. ii. 205 When an architect in the present day has to restore some venerable church.

b. = ON prep. [The Old English example has the *accusative*.]

- a900 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 626 Her Eanfled..wæs gefulwad in þone halgan æfen Pentecosten.
 c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 81 Pet me sculde in þe ehtuþe dei þet knaue child embsniþen.
 1297 *R. Gloucester's Chron.* (Rolls) 8668 In a þores-dai it was.
 c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) Prol. 4, I..passed the see..in the day of Seynt Michelle.
 1428 in J. Raine *Vol. Eng. Misc. N. Counties Eng.* (1890) 7 In þe Vigil of þe Assumpcion of our Lady.
 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Henry IV, Pt. 2* I. ii. 209 Looke you..that our armies ioyne not in a hote day.
 1806 J. BERESFORD *Miseries Human Life* I. x. 246 In a severe evening—just after you have carefully stirred a very ticklish fire.

c. = DURING adj.²

- 1713 E. LEWIS *Let. to Swift* 2 June in Swift *Wks.* (1766) X. 185 In all the time I have been conversant in business, I never before observed [etc.].
- 1748 B. ROBINS & R. WALTER *Voy. round World by Anson* II. vii. 209 Captain Mitchel, in the whole time of his cruise, had only taken two prizes.
- 1748 B. ROBINS & R. WALTER *Voy. round World by Anson* II. viii. 220 The succeeding four months in which we continued at sea.

d. = FOR *prep.* and *conj.* (Formerly only in negative sentences.)

- 1470–85 MALORY *Morte d'Arthur* x. xxxvi, He made them to swere to were none harneis in a twelue monethe and a day.
- 1525 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Chron.* (1812) II. xlv. [lxix.] 422 If they dranke moche..they coude not helpe themselfe in two dayes after.
- 1601 P. HOLLAND tr. Pliny *Hist. World* (1634) II. 379 Wash it not off in three daies.
- 1669 S. PEPYS *Diary* 1 Mar. (1976) IX. 462 To Westminster hall, where I have not been..in some months.
- 1765 W. BLACKSTONE *Comm. Laws Eng.* I. v. 228 It had not been practiced in some hundreds of years.
- 1793 J. SMEATON *Narr. Edystone Lighthouse* (ed. 2) §265 They did not come back in some days.
- 1889 E. SALTUS *Tristrem Varick* xiv. 152 He was hungry as he had not been in months.
- 1924 C. MACKENZIE *Heavenly Ladder* xvi. 223 Mark had never been near his house in a year.
- 1957 R. A. HEINLEIN *Door into Summer* (1960) ix. 143 The place smelled like a vault that has not been opened in years.
- 1971 *Daily Tel.* 1 June 4/8 The first bridge across the Bosphorus in 2,300 years..is now being built.
- 1972 'E. MCBAIN' *Sadie when she Died* xiii. 42 Arlene said that she had not played tennis in three years.
- 1973 *Sci. Amer.* Jan. 53/1 When Mariner 9 reached Mars on November 13, 1971, the greatest dust storm in more than a century was raging.

e. Where no preposition is now expressed.

- 1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Luke i. 75 In hoolynesse and ri3tfulnesse bifore him in alle oure dayes.
- 1523 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* I. ccxxxv. 332 In the same euennyng the two marshals..commaunded euery man to drawe to their logynge, and in the next mornyng to be redy at sownyng of the trumpettes.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Measure for Measure* (1623) IV. iv. 7 Why should wee proclaime it in an howre before his entring?
- 1726 SWIFT *Gulliver* I. i. i. 19 This Engine..set out in four hours after my Landing.

IV. Pregnant uses: sometimes due to ellipsis.

22. With reflexive pronouns: *in himself*, *in itself*, etc.: in his or its own person, essence, or nature; apart from any connection with or relation to others; absolutely.

- ?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 3041 Iesu crist Iss..soþ godd inn himm sellfenn.
- 1340 *Ayenbite* (1866) 237 Þe sacrement þet is ymad..be þe hand of þe kueade ministre ne is na3t lesse worþ ine himzelue.
- 1531 TYNDALE *Expos. 1 John* (1537) 7 The scripture abydeþ pure in herselfe.

- 1656 *Disc. Auxiliary Beauty* (1662) 178 Suppose Artificial beautifying of the face be not in it self absolutely unlawful.
- 1843 J. S. MILL *Syst. Logic* I. I. iii. §7 Of things absolutely or in themselves.
- 1849 J. RUSKIN *Seven Lamps Archit.* vii. 189 Neither originality, therefore, nor change..are ever to be sought in themselves.
- 1870 E. A. FREEMAN *Hist. Norman Conquest* (ed. 2) I. App. 739 The story may be true in itself.

23. In spiritual or mystical union with.

- c1315 SHOREHAM 2 Ydemyd we bethe In Adam and ine Eve.
- 1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Rev. xiv. 13 Blessed the deede men, that dien in the Lord.
- c1384 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) (Douce 369(2)) (1850) 1 Cor. xv. 22 As in Adam alle men dyen, so and in Crist alle men schulen be quykenyd.
- 1549 *Bk. Common Prayer* (STC 16267) Svpper of the Lorde f. cxxxii^v, Al our woorkes begonne, continued and ended in thee.
- 1756 A. BUTLER *Lives Saints* I. 31 It was their desire that he might follow his vocation in God.

24. In the person or case of.

- c1380 WYCLIF *Sel. Wks.* III. 341 Þe fend..moved þe emperour of Rome to dowe þis Chirche in þis preest.
- 1470–85 MALORY *Morte d'Arthur* IX. xxv, Fy for shame..that euer suche fals treason shold be wrought or vsed in a quene and a kynges syster.
- 1590 SPENSER *Let. to Sir W. Raleigh* in *Faerie Queene* sig. Pp2, Sir Guyon, in whome I sette forth Temperaunce.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Measure for Measure* (1623) II. ii. 134 That in the Captaine's but a chollericke word, Which in the Souldier is flat blasphemie.
- 1653 H. MORE *Antidote Atheism* (1712) III. viii. 111 Which also happen'd in a Maid of his.
- 1707 *Glossographia Anglicana Nova* *Asa foetida*,...good against fits in women.
- 1712 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 333. ¶ It was..a..bold Thought in our Author, to ascribe the first use of Artillery to the Rebel Angels.
- 1821 J. CLARE *Village Minstrel* I. 20 Dread no thief in me!
- 1854 J. SCOFFERN in *Orr's Circ. Sc., Chem.* 102 This instrument was found in the thermomultiplier of Nobili.
- 1868 E. A. FREEMAN *Hist. Norman Conquest* II. x. 470 How great a captain England possessed in her future King.
- 1878 J. MORLEY *Carlyle* in *Crit. Misc.* 201 Those who..found in the rules and discipline and aims of that system an acceptable expression for their own disinterested social aspirations.

25.

a. Belonging to, as an internal quality, attribute, faculty, or capacity, inherent in; hence, within the ability, capacity, thought, etc. of.

- ?c1225 (▸ ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Cleo. C.vi) (1972) 128 Þer 3e schule beon inþrung. Achreste & pes is inne.
- 1377 LANGLAND *Piers Plowman* B. XIX. 78 Al þe witte of þe worlde was in þo þre kynges.
- 1388 *Bible* (Wycliffite, L.V.) John i. 4 In hym was lijf.
- c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Roxb.) xxxiv. 156 And I, in þat in me es, makez þam parceres of þam.

- c1600 G. HARVEY in C. M. Ingleby & L. T. Smith *Shakespeare's Cent. Prayse* (1879) 30
Shakespeare's..Lucrece, and his tragedy of Hamlet..have it in them to please the wiser sort.
- 1608 SHAKESPEARE *King Lear* vii. 331 'Tis not in thee to grudge my pleasures.
- a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Two Gentlemen of Verona* (1623) III. i. 179 There is no musicke in the
Nightingale.
- 1619 F. BEAUMONT & J. FLETCHER *Maides Trag.* III. sig. E4^v, It is in me To punish thee.
- 1678 N. WANLEY *Wonders Little World* v. ii. §16. 469/2 A covetous Pelagian, and one that had nothing of
worth in him.
- 1740 H. BRACKEN *Farriery Improv'd* (ed. 2) II. vi. 129 As to the Notions..I think there is not much in it.
- 1775 R. B. SHERIDAN *St. Patrick's Day* I. ii, You did not mean any rudeness, did you, Humphrey? Oh No, in
deed, miss; his worship knows it is not in me.
- 1810 *Q. Rev.* Feb. 193 If a man has it in him, he can do anything any where.
- 1841 E. BULWER-LYTTON *Night & Morning* (ed. 2) I. i. v. 103, I will work for you day and night. I have it in
me.
- 1846 G. E. JEWSEBURY *Sel. Lett. to J. W. Carlyle* (1892) 224, I did care for him once, long and well—better
than I have it in me to care for any man now.
- 1871 B. JOWETT tr. Plato *Dialogues* I. 167 To prefer evil to good is not in human nature.
- 1871 B. JOWETT tr. Plato *Dialogues* I. 317 An enquiry which I shall never be weary of pursuing as far as in me
lies.
- 1889 *Nature* 11 Apr. 500 Anyone who has it in him to do heroic deeds.
- 1892 I. ZANGWILL *Children of Ghetto* III. 52 That girl's got it in her, I can tell you. She'll take the shine out of
some of our West-Enders.
- 1895 H. JAMES *Notebks.* (1947) 408, I didn't know I had it in me.
- 1919 M. BEERBOHM *Seven Men* 119 He looked to me to 'do something big, one of these days', and that he was
sure I had it 'in' me.
- 1924 *Isis* (Oxford) 30 Jan. 16/2 He may become a fine actor—he has it in him.
- 1928 E. FOY & A. F. HARLOW *Clowning through Life* 297, I didn't believe he had it in him.
- 1938 R. FINLAYSON *Brown Man's Burden* 79 They didn't think Kay had it in him to do it.
- 1958 *Listener* 13 Nov. 786/2 As between draughts and chess this is outweighed by the fact that there is more
'in' chess.
- 1960 M. SPARK *Bachelors* i. 2 'You must have it in you,' said Ronald, 'going all the way to Piccadilly for herbs.'
- 1973 'E. MCBAIN' *Hail to Chief* ii. 30 If you could find it in yourself to go over to the hospital and identify your
brother.

b. nothing, not much, little, etc., in it: little or no difference between competitors or any persons or things that are compared. orig. *Horse Racing slang*.

- 1914 in *Concise Oxf. Dict.*
- 1927 *Observer* 18 Dec. 19/3 The first round there was nothing much in it. In the second round
Angus..punched Mansfield round the ring.
- 1929 S. E. THOMAS *Elem. Econ.* (ed. 4) xxix. 523 While in the course of a year Britain imports considerable
quantities of gold, she also exports almost equally large quantities, and on balance there is usually very
little in it.
- 1933 *O.E.D. Suppl.* at *In, Mod.* Is it nearer to go by Broad Street or High Street? There is not much in it.

c. in it: an advantage (to be received from something). Usu. in phr. **what was (or is, etc.) in it for (someone).**

- 1963 T. PARKER *Unknown Citizen* v. 140 He seemed to have an inbred suspicion of any kind of offered help, he wanted to know why people were giving it, what was in it for them.
- 1968 *Guardian* 2 Apr. 11/1 The 'Washingtonologists' in Moscow must be getting their files out to see what is in it for the Soviet Union—and for the world.
- 1971 'A. GILBERT' *Tenant for Tomb* ii. 39, I can't see what there was in it for Mrs Plum.

26. In the hands of; in the control or power of; legally vested in.

- a1500 (►a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. xvi. 187 In me standys lyfe and dede.
- ?a1500 *Cov. Myst.* (1841) 311 Alle the poer lyth now in the.
- a1532 LD. BERNERS tr. *Huon* lxxxi. 250 You knowe well it is in me to cause Huon to dye.
- 1607 *Statutes* in M. H. Peacock *Hist. Free Gram. School Wakefield* (1892) 65 The election..shall be in the Maister and Fellowes of Emanuel Colledge.
- 1629 *Vse of Law* 29 in J. Doddridge *Lawyers Light* Lands possessed without any such title, are in the Crowne and not in him that first entreth.
- 1708 E. HATTON *New View London* II. 484/1 The Living is a Rectory, the Advowson in the Bp. of London.
- 1837 W. WHEWELL *Hist. Inductive Sci.* I. 38 The government of Greece is in the king.
- 1884 LD. COLERIDGE in *Law Times Rep.* 50 45/2 The minerals, therefore, are in the trustees.

27. Partaking, sharing, associated, or actually engaged in. to be in it, to be one of those actually engaged as partners, competitors, etc.; to be in the running, to be a serious competitor, to count for something.

- 1728 W. CLELAND *Let. on Dunciad* in A. Pope *Wks.* (Globe) 359 None, it is plain, was so little in their friendships, or so much in that of those whom they had most abused.
- 1792 *Hist.* in *Ann. Reg.* 13 Neither the Count d'Artois..nor Mr. de Calonne were in the secret.
- 1819 J. H. VAUX *New Vocab. Flash Lang.* in *Mem.* (at cited word), To let another partake of any benefit or acquisition you have acquired by robbery or otherwise, is called putting him in it: a family-man who is accidentally witness to a robbery, &c., effected by one or more others, will say to the latter, Mind I'm in it.
- 1888 *Lady* 25 Oct. 374/1, I thought I really was in it at last, and knew what she meant.
- 1888 *Longman's Mag.* July 256 To those 'in it' every sound conveys a meaning.
- 1889 *Spectator* 21 Sept. 'Flying Childers' and 'Eclipse' would not be 'in it' with our modern cracks.
- 1902 H. JAMES *Wings of Dove* VI. xx. 298 'You scarcely call him, I suppose, one of the dukes.' 'Mercy, no—far from it. He's not, compared with other possibilities, "in" it.'
- 1907 F. H. BURNETT *Shuttle* xxxviii. 381 'Hope you had a fine time, Mr. Selden?' 'Fine! I should smile. Fine wasn't in it.'
- 1912 A. BENNETT *Matador of Five Towns* 272 We were completely outshone. I tell you, we were not *in it*, not anywhere near being in it!
- 1913 F. L. BARCLAY *Broken Halo* vi. 69 In fact, the Egyptian dynasties weren't in it! She was positively antediluvian!
- 1915 A. HUXLEY *Let.* Oct. (1969) 82 At present I share Balliol with one..man..who rather repels me at meals by his..habit of shewing satisfaction with the food: Sir Toby Belch was not in it.

- 1960 L. COOPER *Accomplices* iv. ii. 224, I thought the Party knew all the technique there is about handling people, but they're not in it with the Church.
- 1964 H. E. F. DONOHUE *Conversations with Nelson Algren* ii. 74 All people are killers, potentially. Tigers aren't in it with people.
- 1966 'J. HACKSTON' *Father clears Out* 140 A fight in the snow is a tame affair and not in it with a hot summer contest.
- 1968 *Globe & Mail* (Toronto) 15 Jan. 9/4 We just weren't in this one... Nobody was going to beat them today.

28. Of representative character or capacity, as *in* NAME *n.* and *adj. of, in* RIGHT *n. of*: see the ns.

29. Elliptical for (a) in the name of; (b) in the character of.

- 1744 R. NORTH & M. NORTH *Life Sir D. North & Rev. J. North* 195 'Ay, I God, is it', said the Lord.
- 1831 F. A. KEMBLE *Let. in Rec. Girlhood* II. viii. 229, I am to come out in Bianca, in Milman's 'Fazio'.

V. Of motion or direction. See also 16.

30. Expressing motion or direction from without to a point within, or transition from one thing to another: = INTO *prep.* and *adj.*

In Old English this was the proper sense of *in* with the accusative: see above. The sense of 'into' is still retained after some verbs, as *put*, *cast*, *split*, *part*, where the sense implies motion, and in some idiomatic phrases which are no longer analysed.

†a. Illustrations of earlier usage, now *obs.* or *dial.*

- c825 *Vesp. Psalter* v. 8 Ic inga, dryhten, in hus ðin.
- 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 121 Ða hie..in þone heofon locodan æfter him.
- a1000 *Hymns* (Gr.) vi. 27 Ne læd þu us..in costunge.
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 3 Goð in þane castel þet is on-3ein eou.
- c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 45 Mune3ing of þam hali gast þe he sende in his apostles.
- c1220 *Bestiary* 230 Do we ðe bodi in ðe bale.
- a1300 *E.E. Psalter* xxix. 12 [xxx. 11] Þou torned mi weping..In blisse.
- c1405 (►c1385) CHAUCER *Knight's Tale* (Hengwrt) (2003) l. 11 And broghte hire hom with hym in his contree.
- 1488 (►c1478) HARY *Actis & Deidis Schir William Wallace* (Adv.) (1968–9) i. l. 147 His fadyr Malcom in the Lennox fled.
- c1500 *Melusine* (1895) 369 Soone after [she] tourned herself in the figure of a serpent and so vanysshed away.
- 1509 in S. Tymms *Wills & Inventories Bury St. Edmunds* (1850) 111 Yff ony off my childern happyn to cumme in pouerte.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) 2 Esdras iii. 4 And hast brethed in him the breth of life.
- 1570 *Tragedie* 127 in J. Cranstoun *Satirical Poems Reformation* (1891) I. x, Turnit day in nycht and nycht in day.
- 1596 J. DALRYMPLE tr. J. Leslie *Hist. Scotl.* (1888) I. 8 Dorpes and wynes..now growne in fair townes.
- 1680 in *12th Rep. Royal Comm. Hist. MSS* (1890) App. vii. 394 My daughter was brought in bed of another boy.
- 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* III, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 115 [The snake] retires..And in some secret cranny slowly glides.
- 1787 R. BURNS *Death & Dr. Hornbook* xiv, in *Poems* (new ed.) 59 Deil mak his king's-hood in a spleuchan!

b. Illustrations of current usage after the verbs *cast*, *fall*, *lay*, *put*, *throw*, *thrust*, etc., *divide*, *split*, *break*, etc.

- a900 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 709 Wæs todæled..in tua biscopscira West Seaxna lond.
 971 *Blickl. Hom.* 191 His lic..in þa stowe asetton þe Uaticanus hatte.
 1154 *Anglo-Saxon Chron.* ann. 1137 ¶2, & dide ælle in prisun, til hi iafen up here castles.
 c1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 21 And was his holie lichame leid in burieles, in þe holie sepulcre.
 c1330 R. MANNYNG *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 3618 Iþe barel of gold þey leid ilkon.
 1390 J. GOWER *Confessio Amantis* I. 106 Full ofte he heweth up so highe That chippes fallen in his eye.
 c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (Roxb.) xxxiv. 153 Þe prestez..hewez þe body all in smale pecez.
 1491 *Act 7 Hen. VII* c. 22 Preamble, The seid John..caste the seid writing in the fire.
 a1500 (→a1460) *Towneley Plays* (1994) I. xxvi. 348 My catyf hart wyll breke in thre.
 1600 SHAKESPEARE *Midsummer Night's Dream* II. i. 108 Hoary headed frosts Fall in the fresh lappe of the Crymson rose.
 a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 1* (1623) I. vi. 30 They suppos'd I could..spurne in pieces Posts of Adamant.
 1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* IV, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 145 He..in the Billows plung'd his hoary Head.
 1836 A. W. FONBLANQUE *Eng. under Seven Admin.* (1837) III. 336 Is he put on the shelf, or cast in the lumber-room?
 a1868 M. J. HIGGINS *Ess.* (1875) 118 The most judicious mode of putting a kicker in harness.
 1876 J. B. MOZLEY *Univ. Sermon.* (1877) vi. 142 This dreadful schism..which splits them, as it were, in two beings.

c. See also *in (the) face of* at FACE *n.* Phrases 5d.

†**31.** The sense of motion or direction formerly gave rise to various modifications. [Compare Latin *in* with accusative.] *Obs.*

†**a.** = *upon, on.*

- a1225 *Leg. Kath.* 102 Ha..spende al þet oðer in neodfulle & in nakede.
 c1305 *St. Lucy* 7 in *Early Eng. Poems & Lives Saints* (1862) 101 In fisciciens heo hadde ispend moche del of hire gode.
 c1430 *Hymns Virg.* 97 Pan schal neuere myscheef in þee falle.
 1490 CAXTON tr. *Eneydos* vi. 26 Ye grete..cryme, perpetrated and commysed in the persone of sychee.
 1535 W. STEWART tr. H. Boethius *Bk. Cron. Scotl.* II. 528 To put handis in ane crownit king.
 1557 T. NORTH tr. A. de Guevara *Diall Princes* 127 b/2 To caste their eyes onelye in that that is presente.

†**b.** = AGAINST *prep., conj., adv., and n., TOWARDS prep. and adv.*

- a1300 *E.E. Psalter* xliii. 6 [xliv. 5] In þi name for-how in us risand.
 a1340 R. ROLLE *Psalter* vi. 1 Forgifynge til him þat synnes in vs.
 c1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 198 To oure dettouris þat is to men þat han synned in vs.

†**c.** = OVER *prep.*

c1430 LYDGATE *Minor Poems* (Percy Soc.) 16 That noon enmyes have in him powere.

†**d.** = *unto, to*.

1523 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* I. xxxvi. 50 Sir Water of Manny..dyd set fyre in the strete
ioyninge to the castell.

1523 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* I. cclxxix. 417 Parte of them that had set the fyre in the towne.

1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) 2 Esdras iii. 7 Thou appoyntedest death in him, and in his generacions.

VI. Constructional uses.

32. Expressing the relation which the action of a verb has to some indirect object: forming with the latter an adverbial adjunct to the verb, and often entering with it into an indirect passive: e.g. *to be believed in, to be dealt in, to be engaged in*. (See the verbs individually.)

a. To *believe, trust, hope in*, and the like. In Old English, *believe* took *in* with the accus., = *into, unto, towards* (cf. Latin *credere in Deum*, etc.).

c825 *Vesp. Psalter* ii. 13 Eadge alle ða ðe getreowað in hine [L. *confidunt in eum*].

a1000 *Juliana* 434 in *Exeter Bk.* Ðu in ecne god..þinne getreowdes.

c1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 19 He þe bileueð in god.

13.. *K. Alis.* 7348 Alisaunder him gan affye In his owne chivalrie.

c1400 *Mandeville's Trav.* (1839) xv. 166 In theise thinges..ther ben many folk that beleeven.

1553 QUEEN MARY I in J. Strype *Eccl. Mem.* (1721) III. App. i. 3 For the special trust and affiance we have in you.

1753 LD. CHESTERFIELD *Let.* 1 Jan. (1932) (modernized text) V. 1991, I hope in God she will give you the will of exerting them.

b. To *partake, share, concur, engage, join, deal in; to consist in; to succeed, fail, increase in; to delight, exult, glory, joy, rejoice, triumph in; etc.*

c1230 (þ?a1200) *Ancrene Riwe* (Corpus Cambr.) (1962) 23 3ef me..dealen in his pinen.

a1300 *E.E. Psalter* ix. 3, I sal fayne and glade in þe.

1487 (þa1380) J. BARBOUR *Bruce* (St. John's Cambr.) iv. 718 Thai men, that will study In the craft of astrology.

c1585 R. BROWNE *Answer to Cartwright* 68, I partake in another mans offering.

1594 SHAKESPEARE *Lucrece* sig. B2^v, To those two Armies that would let him goe, Rather then triumph in so false a foe.

1697 DRYDEN tr. Virgil *Georgics* I, in tr. Virgil *Wks.* 49 Join in my Work.

1776 *Trial Maha Rajah Nundocomar for Forgery* 68/1, I used, a long time ago, to trade in salt.

1795 *Hist. in Ann. Reg.* 5 All classes..concurred in this determination.

1845 S. AUSTIN tr. L. von Ranke *Hist. Reformation in Germany* (ed. 2) I. 185 A regular war with France was not to be engaged in without negotiations.

c. With trans. vb.: To *instruct* (a person) in; to *convict, condemn, mulct* in; to *baffle, disappoint, limit* in; to *spend* (money, time, etc.) in. To *hold* in (honour, etc.): see **HOLD** *v.* 12f.

a1300 *Cursor Mundi* 2610 In despit sco haldes me.

1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) 2 Chron. xxxvi. 3 The king of Egipt..condempnede the lond in an hundrith talentis of syluer.

1490 CAXTON tr. *Eneydos* vii. 33 To haue some prynce..for tenstrute hym in doctrynes and good maners.

1598 SHAKESPEARE *Love's Labour's Lost* II. i. 19 Spending your Wit in the prayse of mine.

a1715 BP. G. BURNET *Hist. Own Time* (1724) I. 459 The Crown had been..limited in the power of raising money.

1838 C. THIRLWALL *Hist. Greece* (new ed.) II. xi. 24 The Athenians, who had been repeatedly baffled in their attempts.

1893 W. P. COURTNEY in *Academy* 13 May 413/1 The money expended in the improvement of the site.

33. Expressing the relation of an *adjective* (often ppl.) to some sphere or department to which its qualification is limited: *in* and its object forming an adverbial adjunct of the adjective; e.g. *accomplished, adroit, at home, complete, diligent, eager, eloquent, great, learned, skilled, strong, weak* in; *attacked, grieved, hurt, marked, wounded* in; etc.

c900 tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (1890) iv. xxiii[i.]. 332 Wæs heo..ædele in woruld gebyrdum.

c900 tr. Bede *Eccl. Hist.* (1890) iv. xxiii[i.]. 334 In regollices lifes lare swiðe geornful.

a1225 *Leg. Kath.* 525 In alle wittes of worldliche wisdomes wiseste o worlde.

1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Acts vii. 22 Moyses..was myȝty in his wordis and werkis.

1477 EARL RIVERS tr. *Dictes or Sayengis Philosophhres* (Caxton) (1877) lf. 38^v, Right connyng in fisike and a good fisicien.

1526 *Bible* (Tyndale) Matt. v. f. v, Blessed are the povre in sprete.

1557 T. NORTH tr. A. de Guevara *Diall Princes* (1582) 174 a, Pirrus..was stout and hardy, valiant in armes, liberall in benefices, pacient in aduersities.

a1616 SHAKESPEARE *Macbeth* (1623) iv. ii. 67 Though in your state of Honor I am perfect.

1665 R. BOYLE *Occas. Refl.* Transition sig. li5^v, To admire and thank him, that is infinite in Beauty, and in goodness.

1711 J. ADDISON *Spectator* No. 81. ¶2 If Rosalinda is unfortunate in her Mole, Nigranilla is as unhappy in a Pimple.

1833 I. TAYLOR *Fanaticism* i. 2 Ignorant in the chief article of the case.

1845 M. PATTISON in *Christian Remembrancer* Jan. 67 Rich in works of the historical class.

1884 *Law Times* 77 27/2 A railway company was held liable in damages.

1895 *Bookman* Oct. 22/2 Louis [XIV] was..wanting in all the elements of true greatness.

34. Expressing the relation of a *substantive* (esp. one that involves an attribute) to a certain sphere.

?c1200 *Ormulum* (Burchfield transcript) l. 5483 Þe firrste ȝife iss witt. & skill Inn hefennlike þingess.

1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) Dan. i. 17 God ȝaue to these children science and discipline in ech boke.

- 1513 G. DOUGLAS in tr. Virgil *Aeneid* i. Prol. 56 Nane is, nor was..ne zit sal haue sic crafte in poetrie.
- c1571 E. CAMPION *Two Bks. Hist. Ireland* (1963) i. ix. 33 The Barbarians hyghlie honored him for his cunninge in all languages.
- 1699 BP. G. BURNET *Expos. 39 Articles* (1700) xxv. 266 In all this Diversity there is no real difference.
- 1749 H. FIELDING *Tom Jones* I. i. x. 52 He was himself a very competent Judge in most Kinds of Literature.
- a1770 J. JORTIN *Serm.* (1771) I. iii. 46 Those who have skill in arts..in war..in politics.
- 1830 T. TAYLOR tr. Celsus *Arguments* 63 Alacrity in the performance of things.
- 1849 T. B. MACAULAY *Hist. Eng.* I. i. 111 The Houses..would have made no formal change in the constitution.
- 1859 C. BARKER *Devel. Associative Princ.* ii. 56 Young beginners in business.
- 1884 W. C. SMITH *Kildrostan* 48 Let nothing shake your trust in her.

35. Expressing the relation of *number* or *quantity* to the dimension or amount in question: e.g. *length*, *breadth*, *depth*, or the like.

- c1275 LA3AMON *Brut* 21995 Hit his imete in brede fif and twenti fote.
- 1382 *Bible* (Wycliffite, E.V.) 1 Kings vi. 2 The hows..hadde sexti cubitis in length and twenti in brede.
- 1512 *Act 4 Hen. VIII* c. 1 §1 The said Countie is thre score and ten myle in lenght.
- 1548 N. UDALL et al. tr. Erasmus *Mark* in *Paraphr. New Test.* (1552) i. 120 Fewe in numbere.
- 1710 G. BERKELEY *Treat. Princ. Human Knowl.* Introd. §12 A black line of an inch in length.
- 1871 B. JOWETT tr. Plato *Dialogues* II. 255 The virtues, which are also four in number.
- 1882 W. SHARP *D. G. Rossetti* ii. 86 A man six feet two inches in height.

36. With a substantive (or adj.), forming an *adv.phr.*, e.g. *in charity*, *in duty*, *in honour*; *in right*; *in common*, *in general*, *in especial*; *in fact*, *in (all) probability*, *in truth*, *in faith*; *in conclusion*, *in fine*; *in haste*; *in any case*, *in every way*; *in (all) the world*. See the *ns.*; also *INDEED* *adv.*

- c1386 CHAUCER *Pardoner's Prol.* 126 But herkneth lordynges in conclusioun Youre likyng is that I schal telle a tale.
- a1400 (►a1325) *Cursor Mundi* (Vesp.) l. 13402 Pai fild a cupp þan son in hast.
- 1530 *St. German's Secunde Dyaloge Doctour & Student* xliv. f. cxv, If a man bye a horse..of hym that in ryght hath noo propertye in hym.
- a1535 T. MORE *Hist. Richard III* in *Wks.* (1557) 55/2 In faith man..I was neuer so sory.
- 1647 N. BACON *Hist. Disc. Govt.* 8 In charity therefore the English Church in those daies must be of mean repute for outward pompe.
- ?1677 S. PRIMATT *City & Cowntry Purchaser & Builder* 2 Consider..what casualties it may in probability be subject unto.
- 1801 M. EDGEWORTH *Forester* in *Moral Tales* I. 123 Debts, that he could not in honour delay to discharge.
- 1871 S. SMILES *Character* i. 11 Every one is..bound in duty, to aim at reaching the highest standard of character.
- 1881 L. B. WALFORD *Dick Netherby* xiv. 162 Not a shilling in the world.

37. In many *prepositional phrases*, as in *CASE n.¹ of*, in *FACE n. of*, in *FAVOUR n. of*, in *FRONT n. of*, in *HONOUR n. of*, in *LIEU n. of*, in *PRESENCE n. of*, in *RESPECT n. of*, in *SPITE n. of*, *INSTEAD adv. of*; in *REGARD n. of*, to, in *RESPECT n. of*, to; in *ORDER n. to*, in *PROPORTION n. to*, in *RELATION n. to*; in *COMMON n.¹ with*, in *COMPANY n. with*, in *COMPARISON n. with*, etc. See these words.

PHRASES

P1. With a following *n.* forming attrib. phrases. Cf. *IN-COLLEGE adj.* (Cf. analogous uses mentioned near end of *IN- prefix¹*).

in-car adj. within a car.

- 1968 *N.Y. Times* 7 Apr. 1/4 The sound problem was eventually solved with in-car speakers.
- 1971 *Daily Tel.* 4 June (Colour Suppl.) 39/1 These damp cloths are part of something the manufacturers..don't seem to have heard of; in-car luggage. They seem to think you can put everything in the boot.
- 1973 *Times* 13 Feb. 24/1 A Lucas spokesman said yesterday: 'I can confirm that we shall be entering the in-car entertainment market this year.'

in-career adj. of training, etc., received while in employment.

- 1968 *New Scientist* 3 Oct. 31/2 Whether in-career re-education will be best inside or outside universities is a matter for debate.
- 1970 *Physics Bull.* June 242/2 The engineers' survey..includes unemployment and in-career training as well as remuneration figures.
- 1970 *Nature* 28 Nov. 814/2 In-career retraining may become very important in the future.

in-churn adj. of a method of machine-milking direct into a churn.

- 1955 J. G. DAVIS *Dict. Dairying* (ed. 2) 745 Probably the most important development has been the introduction of the 'In-Churn System'. In-churn milking passes the milk direct from the cow to the churn.
- 1955 J. G. DAVIS *Dict. Dairying* (ed. 2) 745 In-churn recording..is carried out by means of weighing scales.
- 1955 J. G. DAVIS *Dict. Dairying* (ed. 2) 745 In-churn cooling.
- 1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 16 Feb. 39/3 This new..unit..provides you with modern in-churn milking.

in-company adj. of training, etc., received while in the employment of a company.

- 1966 *Ann. Rep. Travelers Insurance Co. (Hartford, Conn.)* 1966 26/2 Our in-company training programs.
- 1969 *Timber Trades Jrnl.* 13 Dec. 35/2 There were twin pillars to training—in-company training and, for young people in particular, further education.
- 1970 *Times* 28 Apr. 26/7 Having already completed most of the in-company training for the introduction of decimalization.

in-depth *adj.* (see DEPTH *n.* 3c).

in-person *adj.* (cf. PERSON *n.* Phrases 4).

- 1955 L. FEATHER *Encycl. Jazz* i. 21 Although the white jazzmen rarely found opportunities for expressing themselves freely on 'in-person' jobs, the work..on..recording sessions compensated.
- 1957 S. DANCE in S. Traill *Concerning Jazz* 37 No experience of jazz can be so exciting or so illuminating as the in-person performance.
- 1959 *Spectator* 9 Oct. 469/1 On any one TV appearance Macmillan and Gaitskell must have been seen by more people than the sum total audience of their in-person tours.
- 1972 *Jazz & Blues* Nov. 18/1 Her recordings and in-person work illustrate that she is an artist who is always willing to experiment.

in-pile *adj.* within a nuclear reactor.

- 1960 *Times Rev. Industry* Dec. 16/2 Zirconium..is useful for 'in-pile' equipment, such as fuel element supports, tubes for control equipment, flexible hose and packing pieces.
- 1961 *Times* 10 May 2 The work includes:—out-of-pile and in-pile testing.
- 1963 B. FOZARD *Instrumentation Nucl. Reactors* iii. 33 The second type of measurement is made with in-pile detectors.

in-plant *adj.* within a 'plant' or factory.

- 1943 *Atlantic* Sept. 55 Few of them participate in in-plant training and upgrading programs.
- 1958 *Technology* Feb. 414/2 The proportion of in-plant to total training is..low.
- 1959 *Times* 5 Feb. 2/5 They involve an application of this industry in in-plant technical scale studies.
- 1967 *Jane's Surface Skimmer Syst. 1967–8* 62/2 The power source can be an in-plant air supply system or [etc.].
- 1971 *Timber Trades Jrnl.* 21 Aug. 26/3 In-plant treatment will now be extended to other '1800' components.

in-process *adj.* (cf. PROCESS *n.* 2), of any activity, etc., that is in process.

- 1925 *Nat. Assoc. Cost Accountants Yearbk.* 24 Divide the average 'in process' inventories into the amount of transfers to finished stores.
- 1967 *New Scientist* 20 Apr. 140/1 In-process gauging, on the machine tool itself, could halt..appalling waste.
- 1971 *Computers & Humanities* 6 41 In-process corrections, however, are very difficult to make since holes cannot be erased.
- 1971 *Gloss. Terms Quality Assurance* (B.S.I.) 6 In-process inspection, product inspection carried out at various discrete stages in manufacture.

in-process gauging *n.* (see quot.).

- 1968 *Gloss. Terms Air Gauging* (B.S.I.) 13 In-process gauging, gauging carried out during processing, e.g. measurement of a workpiece whilst it is being machined.

in-sack *adj.* within a sack.

1958 *Times* 24 Nov. 15/4 For drying grass seed., the in-sack drier had many advantages.

1960 *Farmer & Stockbreeder* 23 Feb. 100/1 (*adv.*) Heat for in-sack grain drying.

in-service *adj.* (cf. *SERVICE* *n.*¹ 1), of training, etc.: received by a person while engaged on some activity; of an object: relating to its reliability, maintenance, etc., while in use.

1928 *Rep. Comm. Educ., U.S. Dept. Interior* 30 June 6 The movement for improving preservice and inservice training of teachers for rural schools.

1960 *Guardian* 13 July 5/4 Development of in-service training..for staff nurses.

1963 F. F. LAIDLER *Gloss. Terms Home Econ. Educ.* 48 In-service training, the continuing education and training given to a person after he/she has begun to work in a particular occupation.

1964 M. A. K. HALLIDAY et al. *Ling. Sci.* 264 He [sc. the primary school teacher] needs an appropriate training in his new task, either during his initial period of training as a teacher or by means of in-service training.

1967 *Technol. Week* 23 Jan. 43/2 (*adv.*) Such data may well reveal overdesign or design deficiencies, thus providing opportunities for improvement of safety characteristics, in-service reliability.

1972 *Lebende Sprachen* 17 72/2 The in-service performance of the trio is likely to dictate the specification for production models which are due to appear before the end of 1971.

P2. See also *INASMUCH* *adv.*, *INSOMUCH* *adv.*, etc.

a. in so far: in such measure or degree (as); to such extent (that). Still conventionally written thus (*Hart's Rules for Compositors*, ed. 37, 1967, p. 75) but also freq. as a single word or with hyphens.

1596 J. DALRYMPLE tr. J. Leslie *Hist. Scotl.* (1888) I. 269 Britannie was..in sevin Regimentis, deuydet be the Saxonis, Jnsafar, that a certane and sure ordour of kingis coulde not weil be collected.

1836 H. TAYLOR *Statesman* xxxi. 232 A man's manners have much real and intrinsic significancy, in so far forth as they are the result of his individual nature and taste.

1849 G. GROTE *Hist. Greece* VI. II. xlvii. 61 Insofar the latter had good reason to complain.

1896 *Act 59 & 60 Vict.* c. 39 §1 (3) In so far as they are temporary in their duration.

1940 *Economist* 6 July 13/2 Insofar as it ensures that trade between the two participating countries shall be reciprocal, it is an extension of compensation trade.

1948 J. STEINBECK *Russ. Jrnl.* (1949) 10 The C-47's are a little run down insofar as upholstery and carpeting go.

1959 B. WOOTTON *Social Sci. & Social Pathol.* viii. 267 Differentiation between the one and the other will be called for only insofar as it affects the kind of treatment that is likely to be helpful.

1969 *Times* 31 Oct. 29/5 Enforcement, insofar as salaries are concerned, is costing nothing.

1971 *Watsonia* 8 205 The results of it will be used here in-so-far as they affect the classification of the group.

b. in that: in the fact that; in its being the case that; in presence, view, or consequence of the fact that; seeing that; as, because.

c1440 *Gesta Romanorum* (Add. MS.) II. xxi. 399 The child is not apte to serve god, in that he is inparfite.

- 1523 LD. BERNERS tr. J. Froissart *Cronycles* I. cliv. 186 The kyng of Nauerr..excused hymselfe honorably, in that he departed out of the realme of France.
- 1535 *Bible* (Coverdale) Josh. xxii. G, We knowe, that y^e Lorde is amonge vs, in that ye haue not trespased agaynst the Lorde.
- 1594 SHAKESPEARE *Henry VI, Pt. 2* III. i. 257 Let him die, in that he is a Foxe.
- c1680 W. BEVERIDGE *Serm.* (1729) II. 302 In that they think they get good by such hearing..they are really the worse for it.
- 1883 A. DOBSON *Fielding* i. 18 This is the more likely, in that Arne the musician..was Fielding's contemporary at Eton.

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in-ground *adj.* orig. *U.S.* of an outdoor swimming-pool: built into the ground (as distinct from one placed above ground), esp. at a private residence.

- 1973 *Washington Post* 13 Jan. F16/5 (*advt.*) Five bedrooms, two baths, 2 fireplaces and in-ground pool.
- 1977 *Lancashire Life* Mar. 114/2 (*advt.*) 'Pool Services'..Distributors of Above and Inground Do-It-Yourself Pool Kits.
- 1988 J. FRAME *Carpathians* ix. 62 We've in mind for later an in-ground swimming-pool.

in-hand *adj.* (see *in hand* at *HAND* *n.* Phrases 1f(a)), (*a*) held in the hand; also *fig.*; (*b*) *spec.* in *Equestrianism*: used in or involving the leading of a horse by hand.

- 1960 *Encounter* Feb. 36/1 The in-hand attractions of salary, security, and perks.
- 1963 E. H. EDWARDS *Saddlery* xxiv. 188 There is..an increasing tendency for pony mares..to wear what used to be termed a 'stallion bridle'. As it is now used on everything, I prefer to call it an 'in-hand' bridle.
- 1974 *Daily Tel.* 3 Apr. 8/8 Take-home ice-cream products..had been subject to 10 p.c. VAT. But of the in-hand products—wrapped ice-creams and ices and lollies on sticks—half have gone up in price.
- 1978 *Country Life* 18 May 1376/2 Mr and Mrs J. B. Grobbelaar..came from South Africa to Windsor expressly to judge the in-hand classes.
- 1985 *Catal. Sale Horse-Drawn Vehicles* (Thimbleby & Shorland) 6 Mar. 1 Set of brown in-hand harness without crupper.

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in-home *adj.* taking place in the home; intended for, available for, or relating to use in the home.

- 1956 in W. Y. Elliott *Television's Impact on Amer. Culture* 347 Movies are the only major TV competitor fighting it strictly on the entertainment level, and outside the home. Radio and publications are challenged both on an advertising and an in-home basis.

- 1969 *Times* 8 Oct. 24/3 The in-home sales situation will quickly conquer the tawdry image of doorstep selling currently too common for household utensils, encyclopaedias and insurance, by the introduction..of appointments systems.
- 1988 *Mod. Painters* Autumn 64/3 He restaged an in-home William Tell act and missed.
- 1996 R. MISTRY *Fine Balance* i. 58 Her friend Zenobia had a brainwave about in-home haircuts for children.
- 2001 *Working from Home* Mar. 26/3 Each PC includes two years of free in-home servicing.

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