

**innermost**  
 ['ɪnəməʊst] = *inmost* 1 u 2

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**in·ner·most** [**innermost**] *BrE* ['ɪnəməʊst] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* ['ɪnərməʊst] <sup>u</sup> **adjective only**

**before noun**

1. (*also less frequent in·most*) most private, personal and secret

- I could not express my innermost feelings to anyone.
- The book reveals his innermost secrets.

2. nearest to the centre or inside of sth

- the innermost shrine of the temple

**Opp:** ↑*outermost*

See also: ↑*inmost*

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**in·ner·most** /'ɪnəməʊst \$ -nərməʊst/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> **adjective [only before noun]**

1. your innermost feelings, desires etc are your most personal and secret ones:

a man who would never share his innermost thoughts with anyone

2. **formal** furthest inside or nearest to the centre **OPP outermost:**

the innermost depths of the cave

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**THESAURUS**

- **private** if something is private, you do not want most people to know about it because it concerns your feelings, your relationships etc: He didn't want to discuss his private life. | What happens in the bedroom is strictly private.
- **personal** relating to your private life – used especially about problems, feelings, and questions: They asked a lot of personal questions. | She talked about her own personal feelings. | I'd rather not talk about it – it's personal. | The singer has had a lot of problems in her personal life.
- **secret** [**only before noun**] used about feelings and thoughts that you do not tell anyone about: Barclay had a secret desire to become an actor. | His secret fear was that Jenny would leave him.
- **intimate** very private – used about things relating to your relationships and sexual feelings: an intimate conversation | Many people share intimate details of their lives on the Internet. | their intimate moments together
- **innermost** [**only before noun**] your innermost feelings, thoughts etc are your most private ones: Counselling often encourages you to reveal your innermost thoughts.
- **be none of sb's business** if something is none of your business, it is private and you should not ask about it: It's none of your business how much I earn. | 'Are you married?' 'That's none of your business.'

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