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enclosure noun

en·clo·sure in-'klō-zhər en-**variants** or less commonly **inclosure** in-'klō-zhər[Synonyms of enclosure >](#)

- 1 : the act or action of [enclosing](#) : the quality or state of being [enclosed](#)
- 2 : something that [encloses](#)
- 3 : something enclosed
a letter with two *enclosures*

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During the day the horses are kept in an **enclosure**.

a letter with two **enclosures**

One of the **enclosures** was a photograph.

the **enclosure** of a photograph with a letter

the **enclosure** of the garden

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Police officers found a woman dead with multiple stab wounds in a dumpster **enclosure** in the 9000 block of West Sahara Avenue at 7:35 a.m. April 29, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department said in a news release.

— Sally Krutzig, *Idaho Statesman*, 29 May 2024

The young bears were kept in an outdoor **enclosure** that mimicked their natural environment, according to the Humane Society.

Nicholas Ricci, *Deenhamer*, 26 May 2024



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As part of the new offering, the castle's northern defenses will be open to the public, including its medieval and Georgian (as in George III) underground tunnels, as well as its Georgian casemates (a type of armored **enclosure**).

— Sarah Kuta, *Smithsonian Magazine*, 24 May 2024

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15th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

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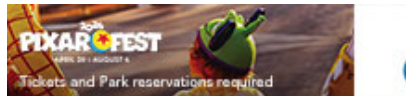
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2 : an enclosed space

3 : something (as a fence) that encloses

4 : something enclosed
a letter with two *enclosures*



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