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## Definition of *adjacent*

1a : not distant : [nearby](#) the city and adjacent suburbs

b : having a common [endpoint](#) or border adjacent lots adjacent sides of a triangle

c : immediately preceding or following

2 of two angles : having the [vertex](#) and one side in common

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## Other Words from *adjacent*

adjacently adverb

## Synonyms & Antonyms for *adjacent*

Synonyms

- [abutting](#),
- [adjoining](#),
- [bordering](#),
- [conterminous](#),
- [contiguous](#),
- [flanking](#),
- [flush](#),
- [fringing](#),
- [joining](#),
- [juxtaposed](#),
- [neighboring](#),
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#### Antonyms

- [nonadjacent](#),
- [noncontiguous](#)

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## Choose the Right Synonym for *adjacent*

[adjacent](#), [adjoining](#), [contiguous](#), [juxtaposed](#) mean being in close proximity. [adjacent](#) may or may not imply contact but always implies absence of anything of the same kind in between. a house with an *adjacent* garage [adjoining](#) definitely implies meeting and touching at some point or line. had *adjoining* rooms at the hotel [contiguous](#) implies having contact on all or most of one side. offices in all 48 *contiguous* states [juxtaposed](#) means placed side by side especially so as to permit comparison and contrast. a skyscraper *juxtaposed* to a church

## Examples of *adjacent* in a Sentence

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## First Known Use of *adjacent*

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

## History and Etymology for *adjacent*

Middle English, borrowed from Anglo-French *agisaunt*, *adjesant*, borrowed from Latin *adjacent-*, *adjacens*, present participle of *adjacēre* "to lie near, border on," from *ad-* [ad-](#) + *jacēre* "to lie," stative derivative from the base of *jacere* "to throw" — more at [jet entry 3](#)

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: close or near : sharing a border, wall, or point

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: next to or near something My sister sleeps in the *adjacent* room.

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