

# be-side

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preposition

**1** NEXT TO next to or very close to the side of someone or something:

*Wendy came up and sat beside me.*

*the table beside the bed*

*I was standing **right beside** her at the time.*

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⚠ Do not confuse **beside** (=next to) and **besides** (=in addition to):  
*He sat down beside Mary.* |  
*Who was there besides you?*

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**2** COMPARE in comparison with something or someone:

*This year's sales figures don't look very good beside last year's results.*

*The children seemed tiny beside him.*

**3 be beside yourself** ANGRY

to be feeling so angry, excited etc that you find it difficult to control yourself:

*The poor girl was almost beside herself.*

**be beside yourself with anger/excitement/rage etc**

*Mom and Dad will be beside themselves with worry.*

**4 be beside the point** CONNECTED WITH

to not be directly connected with the main subject or problem that you are talking about:

*He's very charming, but that's beside the point.*

**Word origin**

**Language:** Old English

**Origin:** *be sidan* 'at or to the side'

