a-long-side wa

/əˌlɒŋ¹saɪd \$ əˌlɒːŋ-/adverb, preposition

1 NEXT TO NEXT to the side of something:

A car drew up alongside.

Children's prices are shown alongside adult prices.

2 with used to say that people or things do something or exist together at the same time:

Charles spent a week working alongside the miners.

Organized crime continued to flourish alongside the mainstream economy.

3 in comparison with something:

His achievement may seem small alongside the great triumphs of 20th-century technology.

Athletics should **rank alongside** (= be equal to) **soccer and** cricket as a major sport.

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