

a·side¹

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adverb

1 kept to be used later:

*I've been **setting aside** a few pounds each week.*

*One of the rooms was **set aside** for a yoga class.*

*Try to **set aside** a few hours a week for exercise.*

*Could you **put** this cake **aside** for me?*

2 moved to one side or away from you:

*He **pushed** his half-eaten salad **aside** and left.*

*He **stepped aside** to let Katherine go in first.*

*Mark **drew** me **aside** and explained the problem.*

*She swept her thick hair **aside**.*

3 left to be considered or dealt with later, or not considered and dealt with at all:

*He **brushed aside** criticisms of his performance.*

***Leaving aside** the heat, we really enjoyed our holiday.*

*You must **put aside** your pride and call her.*

4 EXCEPT[only after noun] used to show that something you have just said is not as important as what you are going to say next:

***These problems aside**, we think the plan should go ahead.*

5 **aside from somebody/something** (especially AmE)

a) EXCEPT

except for

SYN apart from

***Aside from** Durang's performance, the actors are ordinary.*

b) AND/ALSO

in addition to:

In the poetry competition, aside from Hass, are four other entrants.

aside²

noun

[countable]

- 1** words spoken by an actor to the people watching a play, that the other characters in the play do not hear
- 2** SAY/STATE a remark made in a low voice that you only intend particular people to hear
- 3** SAY/STATE a remark or story that is not part of the main subject of a speech:

I should add, as an aside, that the younger the child, the faster they learn.

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