

ad·ja·cent *adjective* \ə-ˈjā-sənt\

1 a : not distant or far off

<the city square and the *adjacent* streets>

<Chicago and *adjacent* suburbs>

: nearby but not touching

< ... only two species exist, and they occur on the South Island of New Zealand and on *adjacent* islands. — Benjamin B. Normark, *Natural History*, September 2004>

b : having a common border : **ABUTTING**, **TOUCHING**

<two *adjacent* properties>

< ... fishes only in the waters immediately *adjacent* to the island. — Michael Rothschild, *Bionomics*, 1990>

: living nearby or sitting or standing relatively near or close together

<hills ... composed of oyster shells ... the *adjacent* inhabitants burn them — Mark van Doren>

c : immediately preceding or following with nothing of the same kind intervening

< ... it was attempted by a would-be bank robber who mistook the entrance to an *adjacent* store for his objective. — William Murray, *The New Yorker*, 5 Oct. 1987>

2 of two angles : having the same vertex and one side in common

Origin of 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 ⁵**JET**

First Known Use: 15th century (sense 1a)

Related to ADJACENT

Synonyms: abutting, adjoining, bordering, conterminous, contiguous, flanking, flush, fringing, joining, juxtaposed, neighboring, skirting, touching, verging

Antonyms: nonadjacent, noncontiguous

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Related Words: approximate, close, closest, immediate, near, nearby, nearest, next-door, nigh; attached, communicating, connected, connecting, interconnecting, joined, linked, united; bounding, circumjacent, embracing, encircling, enclosing (*a/so* inclosing), fencing, rimming, surrounding; marginal, peripheral, tangent, tangential; ambient, encompassing

Near Antonyms: apart, detached, disconnected, discrete, free-standing, isolate, isolated, removed, separate, single, unattached, unconnected, unlinked; away, distant, far, faraway, far-off, farthest, remote; discontinuous, noncontinuous; broken up, disjointed, dissevered, dissociated, disunited, divided, divorced, parted, ramified, resolved, severed, split, sundered, uncoupled, unyoked

Synonym Discussion: *adjoining*, *abutting*, *contiguous*, *conterminous*, *coterminous*, *juxtaposed*: *adjacent* is sometimes merely a synonym for *near* or for *close to* <the heavy lands *adjacent* to Paris — Charles Dickens> <Indian Pass, Mount Marcy, and the *adjacent* mountains — John Burroughs> <the safety of the western hemisphere and of the seas *adjacent* thereto — F. D. Roosevelt> Applied to things of the same type, it indicates either side-by-side proximity or lack of anything of the same nature intervening <the doors of the *adjacent* apartment were opened, and Egmont saw himself surrounded — J. L. Motley> *adjoining* is quite similar to *adjacent* in meaning and suggestion but may more strongly indicate existence of common bounding lines or lines or points of junction <in upstate New York and the *adjoining* counties of Pennsylvania — Hans Kurath> <the grayish white stone building and the *adjoining* graveyard — *American Guide Series: Pennsylvania*> *abutting* most strongly predicates actual contact at a bounding or dividing line <*abutting* lots> <the state of Utah and the *abutting* state of Idaho — W. L. Sperry> <the north wall, to which *abutting* rooms were added — Christopher Hussey> *contiguous* shows variable usage but is likely to suggest touching along a dividing line; it may indicate an unbroken continuity <Marsh and McDunn were each alone in *contiguous* labs, and McDunn attests that Marsh was still at the telephone when he entered his lab — Edith C. Rivett> <Tompkinsville and Stapleton are *contiguous* localities, virtually indistinguishable from each other — *American Guide Series: New York City*> <adjacent events need not be *contiguous*; just as there may be stretches of a string which are not occupied by beads, so the child may experience uneventful periods of time — James Jeans> *conterminous* may apply to a boundary strip in common; often it and *coterminous* indicate that all boundaries for two areas are the same and consequently that the two are practically identical <*conterminous* with Philadelphia county, the Quaker City lies along the west bank of the Delaware river — *American Guide Series: Pennsylvania*> <the city and county of Philadelphia are *coterminous* — *American Year Book*> <the mythology of early man was not *conterminous* with the religion of early man — F. B. Gummere> <the history of Zionism, in fact, is *coterminous* with the history of Jewry — H. E. Wedeck> *juxtaposed* indicates placement face to face and may suggest likelihood of contrast or opposition <opulence wildly *juxtaposed* to unbelievable poverty — Virginia A. Oakes> <disputes about water rights were almost inevitable between closely *juxtaposed* communities with expanding populations — V. G. Childe>

Pronunciation Symbols

