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



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Full Definition of ADJACENT

- a** : 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

- of two angles* : having the **vertex** and one side in common

— ad·ja·cent·ly | *adverb*

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Hearing unexpected chords was linked to magnetic activity in a left-brain region known as Broca's area and in adjacent right-brain tissue. —Bruce Bower, *Science News*, 5 May 2001

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Origin of ADJACENT

Middle English, from Anglo-French or Latin; Anglo-French, *ajesaut*, from Latin *adjacent-*, *adjacens*, present participle of *adjacere* to lie near, from *ad-* + *jacere* to lie; akin to Latin *jacere* to throw — more at [JET](#)

First Known Use: 15th century

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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Synonym Discussion of 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>.

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Definition of ADJACENT for Kids

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

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