

OPPOSITE vs IN FRONT OF



- A is sitting in front of B
- A is sitting opposite C
- C is sitting opposite A

Opposite as a preposition means 'in a position facing someone or something but on the other side':

- Jake sat opposite Claire in the restaurant.
(Jake and Claire are facing each other on different sides of the table.)
Not: Jake sat in front of Claire ...
- I sat opposite him during the meal (= on the other side of the table)

In front of as a preposition means 'close to the front of something or someone':

- There was a woman in front of me in the bus queue who was crying.
(I was standing behind the woman.)

↔ Compare

