

NEAR vs NEARBY



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NEAR

Preposition, Adverb, Adjective

Indicates proximity; something close in space, time, or relationship.

As a Preposition:

- She lives near the park.
- The deadline is near the end of the month.

As an Adverb:

- Don't come too near me - you might catch my cold.
- He moved near to hear her better.

As an adjective (less common)

- The near future looks promising.

C2 - almost in a particular state, or condition:

- The runners looked near exhaustion.

C1 - Nowhere near - phrase

not close in distance, time, amount, or quality:

- The house was nowhere near the beach.

NEARBY

Adjective, Adverb

Also indicates proximity, but is generally used to describe something as close by without needing further specifics.

As an Adjective:

- We found a nearby restaurant.
- We stopped at some nearby shops to buy some food.

As an Adverb:

- There is a pharmacy nearby.
- She works nearby and often comes home for lunch.
- Do you live nearby?
I see you in this area often.

IMPORTANT

We don't use nearby as a preposition. We use near:

- ✓ He worked in a restaurant near the station.

Not: He worked in a restaurant ~~nearby~~ the station.