

Prepositions indicating position close to a point

To talk about position close to a point, we use the following prepositions: near, by, next to, between, among and opposite.

Near

Near means close to someone or something

There is a temple near my house.

Some students were standing near the gate.

Most shops near the station remained closed throughout the day.

'Is the railway station far from here?' 'No, it is quite near.'

Who is that girl sitting near the door?

By

By means beside or close to someone or something

She was sitting by the window.

There is a coffee house by the store.

Come and sit by me.

Next to

Next to means besides or very near to someone or something.

Who is that girl sitting next to your brother?

She has bought an apartment next to the lake. (There is nothing between her apartment and the lake.)

The baby was sleeping next to his parents.

A large mango tree grows next to my house.

Between and among

They both show position between / among objects.

She sat between her two kids. (There was a child on each side of her.)

I found the keys lying among the books.

Opposite

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Opposite means 'on the other side of a room, road, river etc.'

The bedroom is opposite the living room.

There is a library opposite the school. (= The library is on the other side of the road from the school.)