

1. [пнэ] **a**

1. близкий; тесно связанный

near relation - ближайший родственник, член семьи (*о детях и родителях*)

near friends - закадычные друзья

near to suicide - близкий к самоубийству

near to smb.'s heart - заветный, близкий сердцу

a matter of near consequence to me - вопрос, в котором я тесным образом заинтересован

2. 1) близлежащий, ближний, близкий, находящийся рядом

near point - *мед.* ближайшая точка ясного зрения

near sight = near-sightedness

the post-office is quite near - почта совсем близко

2) этот, свой, наш, ближний

near shore - *воен.* берег, занимаемый своими войсками, исходный берег

on the near bank - на этом /на нашем/ берегу

on the near side - по сю /по эту/ сторону

3. ближайший (*о времени*)

the near future - ближайшее будущее

4. короткий, прямой (*о пути*)

the nearest way to the station - кратчайший путь к станции

to show smb. a nearer cut - *разг.* показать кому-л., как пройти напрямик

5. близкий, сходный

near resemblance - близкое сходство

the nearest translation of an idiom - наиболее точный /близкий к оригиналу/ перевод идиомы

6. 1) напоминающий (*по виду и т. п.*); имитирующий

near silk - искусственный шёлк

near seal - кролик, выделанный под котик (*мех*)

2) *амер.* почти полный

near blindness - почти полная слепота

a near saint - святой человек

7. доставшийся с трудом; трудный

near victory - дорогая победа

near work - кропотливая работа, *особ.* требующая напряжения зрения

a near escape - а) побег, чуть не кончившийся неудачей; б) еле-еле предотвращённая гибель

8. *разг.* скупой, прижимистый; мелочный

he is near with his money - он с трудом расстаётся с деньгами

9. левый (*о колесе экипажа, лошади в упряжке и т. п.*)

near side - левая сторона (*по ходу*)

near horse - левая лошадь пары, подседельная лошадь

10. (near-) как компонент сложных слов со значением приближающийся к чему-л., полу-, около-, при-:

near-nude - полуголый

near-bottom - придонный

the near-break of a marriage - супружество на грани развода, разлад в семье

◇ near and dear - родной, любимый

my nearest and dearest friend - мой закадычный друг

our nearest and dearest - *преим. шутл.* наши семьи, наши жёны и дети

a near go /shave, squeak, thing, touch/ - опасное /рискованное/ положение, опасность, которую едва удалось избежать; ≅ на волосок от гибели

we won the race but it was a near thing - мы победили в гонке, но с большим трудом

2. [пнэ] **adv**

1. указывает на

1) нахождение поблизости или на приближение близко, недалеко, поблизости, подле

to stand [to be] near - стоять [быть] недалеко

don't go away, stay somewhere near - не уходите (далеко), будьте поблизости

nearer and nearer - ближе и ближе

to come /to draw/ near - приближаться

as soon as he came near - как только он приблизился

do not approach too near - не подходите слишком близко

2) близость, приближение во времени близко, недалеко; передаётся также глагольными приставками

the harvest season is drawing near - приближается время уборки урожая

3) тесное родство, непосредственную связь и т. п. близко, непосредственно

we are near related - мы близкие родственники

tribes near allied - родственные племена

they are near acquainted with the people of the country - они хорошо знают народ этой страны

to be near akin /of a kin/ - быть очень близкими родственниками

news that concerns you very near - новость, которая близко касается вас

2. указывает на приближение к какому-л. качеству, состоянию и т. п. почти, чуть не, едва не

near a century ago - почти сто лет назад

you are near right - вы почти правы

the results are pretty near equal - результаты почти совпадают
it is done or near so - это сделано или почти сделано
it is the same thing or near so - это то же самое или почти то же самое
he is not near as popular as before - он далеко не так популярен, как раньше

3. бережливо, скуп

to live near - жить скуп /расчётливо/

4. в сочетаниях:

as near as - почти; чуть не

as near as a touch /as ninerence, as dammit/ - **сл.** почти ничем не отличаясь от (чего-л.)

as near as no matter, as near as makes no difference - практически то же самое

they're the same height or as near as make no difference - они практически одного роста

he was as near as could be to being knocked down by the bus - его чуть не сшиб автобус

as near as I can guess - насколько я могу догадываться; как я могу предположить

near upon - почти (о времени)

near upon six o'clock - почти шесть часов

he is near upon eighty years of age - ему почти восемьдесят лет

nowhere near, not near, not anywhere near - далеко не; отнюдь; нисколько

the concert hall was nowhere near full - концертный зал был далеко /отнюдь/ не полон

the bus is not anywhere near as expensive as the train - ехать автобусом гораздо дешевле чем поездом

◇ near at hand - а) под рукой; близко, рядом; the papers are all near at hand - все документы под рукой; б) скоро; на носу; the

exams are near at hand - экзамены на носу

the holiday is near at hand - праздник не за горами

the time is near at hand - близится час

the time to act is near at hand - приближается время действовать

far and near - везде, повсюду

we searched far and near for the missing child - мы повсюду искали пропавшего ребёнка; в поисках пропавшего ребёнка мы обшарили всю местность

3. [nɪə] v

1. приближаться к (чему-л.); подходить

the ship was nearing land - корабль приближался к берегу

they are nearing the end of their exile - их изгнание подходит к концу

the road is nearing completion - строительство дороги близится к завершению

to be nearing one's end - **образн.** быть на краю могилы

2. **мор.** идти в крутой бейдевинд

4. [nɪə] prep

1. указывает на

1) нахождение вблизи от чего-л. близ, возле, у, около

near the station - близ /около/ станции

near the river - у реки

regions near the equator - области, расположенные у экватора

he was standing near the table - он стоял у стола

we live near them - мы живём близко /недалеко/ от них

near the ground - **метеор.** приземный

Plessis near Tours - **геогр.** Плесси под Туром /близ Тура/

2) приближение к чему-л. к

bring your chair near the fire - подвиньте свой стул к камину /к огню/

don't come near me - не подходи(те) ко мне (близко)

he drew /came/ near us - он подошёл к нам

to be near the end /the goal, the mark/ - быть близким к цели

3) приближение во времени почти

it is near midnight - почти двенадцать часов ночи, скоро полночь

it is near dinner-time - скоро обед

he is near fifty years of age - ему скоро будет /исполнится/ пятьдесят лет

4) приближение к какому-л. качеству, состоянию и т. п. к; почти, чуть не

his hopes were near fulfilment - его надежды были близки к осуществлению

the plan came near being realized - план был почти осуществлён

I came near forgetting how to get there - я чуть не забыл, как туда идти

this act came near spoiling his chances - этот поступок чуть не испортил ему всё /все шансы/

2. указывает на сходство ближе к; почти

nobody can come anywhere near him - с ним никто не может сравниться

the copy does not come near the original - копия мало похожа на оригинал

◇ to lie /to come, to go/ near smb. /smb.'s heart/ - близко затрагивать /непосредственно касаться/ кого-л.

to sail near the wind - а) **мор.** идти в крутой бейдевинд; б) действовать крайне рискованно

near

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

near [near nears neared nearing nearer nearest] adjective, adverb preposition,

verb BrE [nɪə(r)] * NAmE [nɪr]

adjective (near-er, near-est) In senses 1 to 4 **near** and **nearer** do not usually go before a noun; **nearest** can go either before or after a noun.

1. a short distance away

Syn: †close

- His house is very near.
- Where's the nearest bank?

2. a short time away in the future

- The conflict is unlikely to be resolved **in the near future** (= very soon) .

3. coming next after sb/sth

- She has a 12-point lead over her nearest rival.

4. (usually **nearest**) similar; most similar

- He was **the nearest thing to** (= the person most like) a father she had ever had.

see also †o.n.o.

5. **only before noun** (no comparative or superlative) close to being sb/sth

- The election proved to be a near disaster for the party.
- a near impossibility

6. **~ relative /relation** used to describe a close family connection

- Only the nearest relatives were present at the funeral.

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Norse **nær** 'nearer', comparative of **ná**, corresponding to Old English **nēah** 'nigh'.

Which Word?:

near / close

The adjectives **near** and **close** are often the same in meaning, but in some phrases only one of them may be used: ▪ the near future ◊▪ a near neighbour ◊▪ a near miss ◊▪ a close contest ◊▪ a close encounter ◊▪ a close call . **Close** is more often used to describe a relationship between people: ▪ a close friend ◊▪ close family ◊▪ close links . You do not usually use **near** in this way.

Which Word?:

next / nearest

(The) **next** means 'after this/that one' in time or in a series of events, places or people: ▪ When is your next appointment? ◊▪ Turn left at the next traffic lights. ◊▪ Who's next? (The) **nearest** means 'closest' in space: ▪ Where's the nearest supermarket?

Notice the difference between the prepositions **nearest to** and **next to**: ▪ Janet's sitting **nearest to** the window ▪ (= of all the people in the room) ▪ ◊▪ Sarah's sitting **next to** the window ▪ (= right beside it) . In informal **BrE** **nearest** can be used instead of **nearest to**: ▪ Who's sitting **nearest** the door?

Example Bank:

- She spoke in a near whisper.
- The climbers had already had one near miss on the summit.

Idioms: †as near as ▪ †as near as damn it ▪ †near enough ▪ †near thing ▪ †not anywhere near near ▪ †so near and yet so far ▪

†the nearest ... ▪ †your nearest and dearest

Derived Word †nearness

adverb (near-er , near-est)

1. at a short distance away

- A bomb exploded somewhere near.
- She took a step nearer.
- Visitors came from **near and far** .

2. a short time away in the future

- The exams are **drawing near** .

3. (especially in compounds) almost

- a near-perfect performance
- I'm as near certain as can be.

more at pretty near **at** †pretty adv.

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preposition (also **near to**, **near-er (to)**, **near-est (to)**) **Near to** is not usually used before the name of a place, person, festival, etc.

1. at a short distance away from sb/sth

- Do you live near here?
- Go and sit nearer (to) the fire.

2. a short period of time from sth

- My birthday is very near Christmas.
- I'll think about it **nearer (to) the time** (= when it is just going to happen) .

3. used before a number to mean 'approximately', 'just below or above'

- Share prices are near their record high of last year.
- Profits fell from \$11 million to nearer \$8 million.

4. similar to sb/sth in quality, size, etc

- Nobody else comes near her in intellect.

- He's nearer 70 than 60.
 - This colour is nearest (to) the original.
- 5. ~ (doing) sth close to a particular state**
- a state near (to) death
 - She was **near to tears** (= almost crying) .
 - We **came near to** being killed.

see (close/near) at hand **at** ↑**hand** _{n.}, close/dear/near to sb's heart **at** ↑**heart** _{n.}, be close to/near the mark **at** ↑**mark** _{n.}

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verb transitive, intransitive ~ (sth) (rather formal)

to come close to sth in time or space

Syn: ↑**approach**

- The project is **nearing completion** .
- She was **nearing the end** of her life.
- He must be nearing 40.
- We neared the top of the hill.
- As Christmas neared, the children became more and more excited.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	near
	BrE /nɜː(r)/
	NAmE /nɜːr/
he / she / it	nears
	BrE /nɜːz/
	NAmE /nɜːz/
past simple, past participle	neared
	BrE /nɜːd/
	NAmE /nɜːd/
-ing form	nearing
	BrE /nɜːrɪŋ/
	NAmE /nɜːrɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- As she neared the door she slipped and fell.
- As the bus neared we could see someone waving.
- As we neared the island the cloud became thicker.
- He began to worry as the day of their visit neared.
- Her stay in New York was nearing its end.
- It was nearing midnight.
- Many of the teachers were nearing retirement.
- More troops were nearing the besieged city .
- She smiled as she neared the little group.
- The project is nearing completion.
- We were obviously nearing the airport.

See also: ↑**near to** ▪ ↑**nearer**

near

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

1. near ¹ **S1 W1** /nɪə \$ nɪr/ **BrE** ² **AmE** ² *adverb, preposition*

1. SHORT DISTANCE AWAY only a short distance from a person or thing ⇒ **close, nearby**:

- They live near London.
- I'm sure they live somewhere near here.
- They moved house to be nearer the school.

near to especially British English:

- a hotel near to the beach
- She told the children not to go near the canal.
- I'm warning you – don't come any nearer!

We heard voices as we drew near the village.

GRAMMAR

The form **near** is not often used as an adverb without **to**, except in the phrase **quite near**:

- The school is quite near.

However, the comparative **nearer** is often used as an adverb:

- The sound got nearer and nearer.

▶ Do not say 'near from something'. Use **to** after **near**.

2. SHORT TIME BEFORE soon before a particular time or event:

- I didn't remember to phone until near the end of the week.

near to especially British English:

- I'll give you a ring a bit nearer to Christmas.

- They should send us more details nearer the time of the concert.

3. ALMOST DOING SOMETHING almost doing something or almost in a particular state:

- The work is now near completion.

- A lot of the women were near tears.

- We are no nearer an agreement than we were six months ago.

near to

- He was near to panic as he scrambled out of the building.

- She was near to crying.

- He seemed to know that he was near to death.

4. AMOUNT OR LEVEL almost at a particular amount or level:

- Inflation is now near 10%.

- He looked nearer fifty than forty.

near to

- Unemployment is now near to its all-time low.

- Strawberries are near the top of the list.

5. SIMILAR if something is near something else, it is similar to it:

- His story was near enough the truth for people to believe it.

near to

- They say that love is very near to hate.

- It may not be an exact replica but it's pretty damn near.

6. near perfect/impossible etc almost perfect, impossible etc:

- a near impossible task

7. draw near if an event is drawing near, it is nearly time for it to happen:

- The day of his interview was drawing near.

8. (as) near as damn it British English spoken used to say that something is very nearly true or correct:

- The repairs will cost us £1000, as near as damn it.

9. near enough British English used to say that something is nearly true or correct:

- It's eleven o'clock, near enough.

- All three car parks were full, near enough.

10. nowhere near/not anywhere near used before an adjective or adverb to say that something is definitely not true:

- That's nowhere near enough money!

- The job wasn't anywhere near finished.

11. not come near somebody/something if one person or thing does not come near another one, it is not at all as good as the other one:

- None of the other word processing programs comes near this one.

12. somebody will not go near somebody/something if someone will not go near a person or thing, they dislike or are frightened of them and will not speak to the person or use the thing:

- He refused to go near a doctor.

- He made up his mind never to go near a motorcycle again.

13. so near and yet so far used to emphasize that someone very nearly achieved or got something

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▪ **near** only a short distance from something or someone: I live near Salzburg in Austria. | If we moved to Dallas, we'd be near my parents.

▪ **close** very near something or someone, or almost touching them: The hotel is close to the beach. | Nancy came and sat close beside me on the bed.

▪ **not far (away)** not a long distance away – used when saying that a place is near enough to be easy to get to: The station's not far away from here.

▪ **nearby** near here or near a particular place: Is there a post office nearby? | A group of reporters were waiting nearby.

▪ **within walking distance (of something)** easy to walk to from somewhere, or near enough to something for you to walk there: There's a good school within walking distance. | The house is within walking distance of shopping facilities.

▪ **be convenient for something British English, be convenient to something American English** to be near a place that people want to get to, so that the place is easy to reach: The area is very convenient for Gatwick airport. | I want a hotel that's convenient for the city centre.

▪ **locally** in or near the area where you are or the area you are talking about: I prefer to buy fruit and vegetables that are grown locally.

▪ **around here (also round here British English) spoken** in the general area near here: Parking is impossible around here. | Is there a garage round here?

▪ **in the neighbourhood British English, in the neighborhood American English** living or existing in the area where you are or

the area you are talking about. We grew up knowing all the other kids in the neighbourhood. | There's very little crime in the neighborhood.

▪ **in the vicinity** *formal* in the area around and near a particular place – used especially in news reports: A white van was seen in the vicinity at the time the murder took place.

▪ **neighbouring** *British English*, **neighboring** *American English* used about towns, countries etc that are very near a particular place: discussions between Egypt and neighbouring states | The rioting quickly spread to neighbouring areas.

II. **near**² *S2 W3 BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

1. only a short distance away from someone or something ⇒ **close, nearby**:

▪ It's a beautiful house but it's 20 miles away from the nearest town.

▪ We can meet at the pub or in the restaurant, whichever's nearer for you.

GRAMMAR

The form **near** is not used with this meaning before a noun. Use **nearby** instead:

▪ a nearby park

However, the superlative **nearest** is often used before a noun:

▪ They headed for the nearest beach.

2. **a near disaster/collapse etc** almost a ↑disaster, ↑collapse etc:

▪ The election was a near disaster for the Conservative party.

3. **the nearest thing/equivalent to something** the thing you have that is most like a particular type of thing:

▪ He's the nearest thing to a father I've got.

4. **in the near future** soon:

▪ They promised to contact us again in the near future.

5. **be a near thing** *British English*

a) if something you succeed in doing is a near thing, you manage to succeed but you nearly failed:

▪ They won the championship, but it was a near thing.

b) used to say that you just managed to avoid a dangerous or unpleasant situation:

▪ That was a near thing – that truck was heading straight for us.

6. **near miss**

a) when a bomb, plane, car etc nearly hits something but does not:

▪ a near miss between two passenger aircraft over the airport

b) a situation in which something almost happens, or someone almost achieves something

7. **to the nearest £10/hundred etc** an amount to the nearest £10, hundred etc is the number nearest to it that can be divided by £10, a hundred etc:

▪ Give me the car mileage to the nearest thousand.

8.

a) **near relative /relation** a relative who is very closely related to you such as a parent:

▪ The death of a near relative is a terrible trauma for a child.

b) **sb's nearest and dearest** someone's family – used humorously

9. **[only before noun, no comparative]**

a) used to describe the side of something that is closest to where you are:

▪ the near bank of the river

b) *British English* used when talking about the parts of a vehicle to mean the one that is closest to the side of the road when you drive **OPP off**:

▪ The headlight on the near side isn't working.

⇒ ↑nearly

—**nearness** *noun* [uncountable]

III. **near**³ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* *written*

1. **[transitive]** to come closer to a place **SYN approach**:

▪ She began to feel nervous as she neared the house.

▪ The ship was nearing the harbour.

2. **[transitive]** to come closer to being in a particular state:

▪ The work is nearing completion.

▪ He's 55 now, and nearing retirement.

3. **[transitive]** to come closer to a particular time:

▪ He was nearing the end of his stay in India.

4. **[intransitive]** if a time nears, it gets closer and will come soon:

▪ He got more and more nervous as the day of his departure neared.

near

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