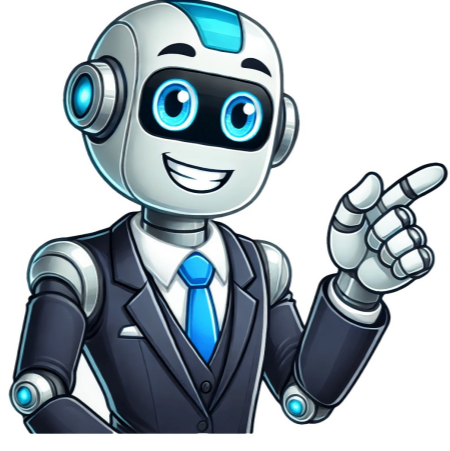


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(antonyms) of "end"): beginning, start Borrowed from French *clos*, from Latin *clausum*, participle of *claudō*, *close* (comparative *closer*, superlative *closest*) Having little difference or distance in place, position, or abstractly; see also *close to*. At little distance; near in space or time. Christmas is getting close. 1918, W[illiam] B[abington] Maxwell, chapter VII, in *The Mirror and the Lamp*, Indianapolis, Ind.: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. —OCLC:[...] St. Bede's at this period of its history was perhaps the poorest and most miserable parish in the East End of London. Close-packed, crushed by the buttressed height of the railway viaduct, rendered airless by huge walls of factories, it at once banished lively interest from a stranger's mind and left only a dull oppression of the spirit. Almost, but not quite (getting to an answer, goal, or other state): near. We were so close to winning! She wasn't quite in tears but she was close. 2013 June 1, "End of the peer show", in *The Economist*, volume 407, number 8838, page 71:Finance is seldom romantic. But the idea of peer-to-peer lending comes close. This is an industry that brings together individual savers and lenders on online platforms. Those that want to borrow are matched with those that want to lend. (in particular) Almost resulting in disaster. Nearly equal; almost evenly balanced; almost exactly matching. Their ages are quite close. His face is a close fit with the artist's impression. Adhering strictly to a standard or original; exact or nearly so. a close translation; a close copy Intimate or immediate in personal relationship. My brother and I were close when we were younger, but not so much now. For Christmas we just had a few close relatives round. a close colleague; a close ally Involving a tight connection; involving frequent communication, shared or cooperative activity, etc. We have a close affiliation with the college. I keep in close contact with my former colleagues. Compressed, restricted, constrained, etc. (archaic outside certain phrases) Physically narrow or confined. a close alley; close quarters; close confines Tight, with little space separating components or elements. For this job it's best to use wood with a close grain. These trousers are a close fit. Strictly confined; carefully guarded. He was captured and kept a close prisoner. Tightly restricted in availability. The pregnancy was a close secret. His lawyers have so far kept this information close. (law) Of a corporation or other business entity, closely held. 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An eagle close. 1780, Joseph Edmondson, *A Complete Body of Heraldry*:Crest, a cockatrice, wings close, vert, combed and wattled gu. 1894, Henry Gough, James Parker, *A Glossary of Terms Used in Heraldry*, page 215:Sable, an eagle close or - ROPER, Derby. / Sable, a chevron ermine between three eagles close argent - GAMES, Leicester, granted 1614. / Sable a chevron between three eagles close argent - JERVOISE. 1902, Lincoln's Inn (London, England), *The Records of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn*, page 458:Arms : Azure, a chevron ermine between three cross - crosslets fitchy argent. Crest : An eagle close argent, ducally gorged. 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We are told in the East large amounts have been invested in the large manufacturing plants, such as the steel plants, etc. but if the money has been invested there it has simply changed hands, and why should that make any difference? 1965, *Country Life - Volume 137*, page 326:But there is reason underlying this confusion: time as well as money is close these days and a small wardrobe of hats can be very boring. (dated) Parsimonious; stingy. 1820, John Keats, "Isabella; or, The Pot of Basil. A Story from Boccaccio", in *Lamia, Isabella, the Eve of St. Agnes, and Other Poems*. London: [...]. 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This close, thisclose ultra-close close (comparative closer, superlative closest) In a close manner (limited contexts; more often closely). So as to leave or create little distance or space between objects. The car behind was following too close and could not brake in time. Please stay close together. Carefully, in detail. Look close at the pictures. In combination (sometimes potentially ambiguous between adverb and adjective). close-packed, close-knit, close-fitting close (plural closes) (now rare, chiefly Yorkshire) An enclosed field, especially a field enclosed around a (usually religious) building. (chiefly British) A street that ends in a dead end. (Scotland) A very narrow alley between two buildings, often overhung by one of the buildings above the ground floor. (Scotland) The common staircase in a tenement. 2022, Liam McIlvanney, *The Heretic*, page 279:The woman nodded at a nearby flight of steps. This is my close. We can talk in here. Come on. . A cathedral close. (law) The interest which one may have in a piece of ground, even though it is not enclosed[1] (street): cul-de-sac (narrow alley): See Thesaurus:alley Scottish Gaelic: clobhasa m → Irish: clós → Welsh: clos close feminine singular of close close first/third-person singular subjunctive of close close f sg feminine singular of clo close Unadapted borrowing from English close. (Portugal) IPA(key): /klo.zi/ close m (plural closes) Verb: close klowAdjective: close (close; closest) klowzAI or within a short distance in space or time or having elements near each other"a close formation of ships"; "close to noon"; "how close are we to town?" Not far distant in time, space, degree or circumstances"she was close to tears"; "had a close call"; - near, nigh Close in relevance or relationship"close kin"; "a close resemblance"; "a close family"; "we are all ... in close sympathy with ...". In close proximity; crowded"close quarters"; - confining Fitting closely but comfortably"a close fit"; "She wore a close-fitting dress to the gala"; - snug, close-fitting (of textiles) having little space between threads; dense"a close weave"; - tight Lacking fresh air"the dreadfully close atmosphere"; - airless, stuffy, unaired Rigorously attentive; strict and thorough"a close study"; "kept a close watch on expenditures"; "close supervision"; "paid close attention" Strictly confined or guarded"kept under close custody" Confined to specific persons"a close secret" Used of hair or haircuts "a close military haircut" Marked by fidelity to an original"a close translation"; - faithful (of a contest or contestant) evenly matched"a close contest"; - tight Giving or spending with reluctance"very close with his money"; - cheeseparing, near, penny-pinching, skinny Inclined to secrecy or reticence about divulging information"although they knew her whereabouts her friends kept close about it"; - closelipped, closemouthed, secretive, tightlippedAdverb: close klowzNoun: close klowzThe temporal end; the concluding time"they were playing better at the close of the season"; - stopping point, finale, finis, finish, last, conclusion "He summarized his main points at the close of his speech"; - conclusion, end, closing, ending "The concluding part of any performance"The close brought the audience to their feet"; - finale, closing curtain, finisSounds like: clozeDerived forms: closes, closest, closing, closer; closedSee also: accurate, adjacent, addressed, ambient, appressed, approach, approaching, approximate, at hand, boon, bosom, buddy-buddy [informal], careful, chummy [informal], circumferent, close at hand, close by, close set, close together, close-hauled, close-knit, closely knit, close-set, coming, confidential, confined, contiguous, cosy [Brit, Cdn], cozy [N, Amer], dear, distance, encompassing, enveloping, equal, familiar, fine, good, hand-to-hand, hot [informal], immediate, imminent, impending, incommunicative, intimate, juxtaposed, near, nearby, nestled, next, private, proximate, restrained, scalelike, short, side by side, snuggled, stingy [informal], surrounding, thick [informal], tight, uncommunicative, ungenerous, unventilated, walking, walk-to, warm [informal]Type of: approach, bar, barricade, block, block off, block up, blockade, break, break off, casse, change state, come near, come on, complete, discontinue, displace, draw close, draw near, end, ending, engage, fill, finish, finishing, give up, join, lay off, move, near, proscate, pursue, quit, section, stop, subdivision, surcease [archaic], terminate, trade, turnAntonym: distant, far, openPart of: address, narration, recital, speech, yarnEncyclopedia: Close, Nicholas Are you confused by the difference between "close" and "close"? Don't worry - you're certainly not alone! As non-native English speakers, it can be difficult to remember all of the subtle nuances that differentiate seemingly similar words. In this guide, I will demystify the differences between these two terms so that you can feel confident in your understanding of when to use each word properly.Close is an adjective with multiple meanings depending on the context in which it's used. At its most basic level, close can define something near or adjacento another object or person.The word can also imply that an object or person is tightly bound and intertwined with another object or person - emotionally, financially, and spiritually.It can define a connection between two people that is strong and difficult to break apart. It can define a period that has either elapsed or will soon come to pass.The word "close" can be used in various ways in English. To begin, it can be used as an adjective to describe items near one another. For instance, if two chairs are close together, they are positioned so that their edges nearly touch.Another use for the word "close" is as an adverb meaning almost or nearly; suggesting that something is not quite the same but similar. For example, two restaurants could serve the same food, but one may be close to the original recipe while the other is vastly different.Lastly, "close" can also be used as a verb to signify the act of shutting or locking something like a door or window, thus making it inaccessible to anyone without access.The versatility of this versatile word allows it to have numerous applications and meanings in the English language.The term "close" can mean many different things. The two most common definitions for the word refer to proximity and the state of something not being open.It can mean a near space or time and often refers to a time when something will happen. For instance, the "closing date" is typically used when referencing an application deadline that needs to be sent by that day and time.On the other hand, it can sometimes refer to an emotional connection between people or things that are far away from each other.In this sense, one may feel close to someone even if they live on opposite sides of the world. This type of closeness lies in the relationship between two people and not necessarily in physical proximity.The verb "close" is used in various contexts and has multiple applications. Used literally, one might use the word to describe something that has been shut or joined together in some way, such as closing a door or completing a circuit.In finance, it can also refer to finalizing a transaction where an investor buys or sells shares at the closing price. Additionally, one might use close in reference to an end result being reached—as in coming close to achieving some goal.Here are examples showing how to use the verb "close" in a sentence:Close the door, please I'm going to close my eyes for a few minutes.The company is closing its manufacturing plant in Mexico.We need to close the deal by the end of the week.They close the store on Sundays.The past tense of the verb "close" is "closed."Close is both a homonym and a homograph, so it might be confusing to know how to use it properly. Here are some sentence examples:The door was close to being shut.I am close friends with her.He is a close relative of mine.The two countries are close allies.We live close to the school.Please come close so I can see you better.He always sits in the back row to get a good view of the board without having to sit too close to it.I don't like to be too close to other people when I'm on an airplane.She was standing so close to me that I felt her breath on my cheek.We should try to get there as soon as possible, so we don't have to park too close to the entrance.While "close" may seem like a simple word, it is pronounced and spelled in two different ways. It can be used as both a verb and an adjective, often confusing many people.The word's meaning also changes depending on how it is used in a sentence. If you're unsure whether you're using the word correctly, consult a dictionary or grammar guide.

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