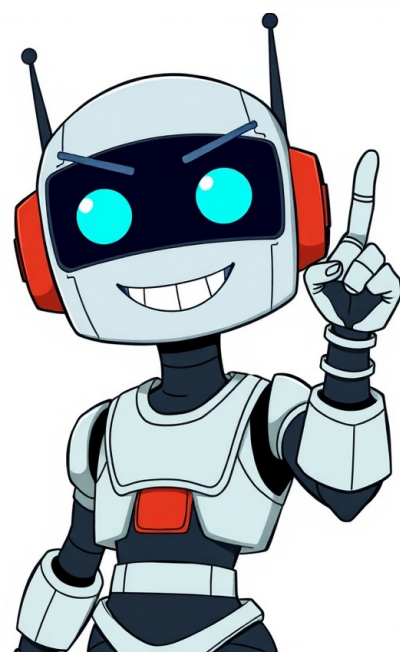


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Doublet of clause, close (third-person singular simple present closes, present participle closing, simple past and past participle closed) (physical) To remove or block an opening, gap or passage through. (ambitransitive) To move a thing, or part of a thing, nearer to another so that the gap or opening between the two is removed. Synonyms: close up, shut Antonym: open Close the door behind you when you leave. Many flowers close at night. Jim closed his eyes and reclined back in his chair. The runner in second place is closing the gap on the leader. to close the ranks of an army 1977, Agatha Christie, chapter 2, in An Autobiography, part II, London: Collins, —ISBN: If I close my eyes I can see Marie today as I saw her then. Round, rosy face, snub nose, dark hair piled up in a chignon. (transitive) To obstruct or block. Synonyms: close off, close up, shut, shut off Antonym: open They closed the road for the festival. Ice has closed the channel to shipping. (intransitive) To become denser or more crowded with objects. As we penetrated further, the forest closed around us. (figuratively, transitive, intransitive) To make or become unresponsive. He has closed his mind to new ideas. (transitive, intransitive, engineering, gas and liquid flow, of valve or damper) To move to a position preventing fluid from flowing. (transitive, intransitive, electricity, of a switch, fuse or circuit breaker) To move to a position allowing electricity to flow. To grapple; to engage in close combat. 1856-1858, William H. Prescott, History of the Reign of Phillip II: They boldly closed in a hand-to-hand contest. (transitive, intransitive, especially sports) To angle (a club, bat or other hitting implement) downwards and/or (for a right-handed) anticlockwise of straight. To finish. (transitive) To end or conclude. Synonyms: complete, end, finish, wind up, wrap up Antonyms: begin, commence, initiate, start The committee chairman made a few concluding remarks and then closed the session. to close a bargain; to close a course of instruction 1850, [Alfred, Lord Tennyson], “Canto XLVII”, in In Memoriam, London: Edward Moxon, [...] —OCLC, page 70:If these brief lays, of Sorrow born,Were taken to be such as closeGrave doubts and answers here proposed,Then these were such as men might scorn: [...] (intransitive) To finish; to come to an end. Synonyms: end, finish, wind up, wrap up Antonyms: begin, commence, start The debate closed at six o'clock. (ergative, marketing) To conclude (a sale). (transitive) To perform as the final act at (a show etc.). Nirvana closed the festival. (transitive, baseball, pitching) To make the final outs, usually three, of a game. He has closed the last two games for his team. (transitive, finance) To cancel or reverse (a trading position). To make or become non-operational or unavailable for use. (transitive) To put out of use or operation. Synonym: close down We are closing the phone lines at 9 pm. Your account has been closed because of non-payment. They closed the airport because of a bomb scare. (intransitive) To cease operation or cease to be available. Phone lines will close in ten minutes. Our options are closing fast. (intransitive, of a business, market etc.) To cease trading for the day, or permanently. Synonym: shut Antonym: open The supermarket closes at eight o'clock. Lots of shops in the town centre have closed because of the recession. The FTSE 100 closed up 1.2%. (intransitive) To do the tasks (putting things away, locking doors, etc.) required to prepare a store or other establishment to shut down for the night. Whoever closed last night forgot to turn off the closet light. (ergative, computing) To terminate an application, window, file or database connection, etc. Synonym: exit (an application) Antonyms: launch (an application), open, start (an application) Close the file when you have finished reading data. This app has a bug; when you try to sort a large spreadsheet, it closes. (Philippines, Quebec, Greece, Cyprus) To turn off; to switch off. Please close the lights, the (electric) fan, the TV. (chiefly figurative) To come or gather around; to enclose. Synonyms: encompass, confine 1633, George Herbert, The Church:But now Thou dost Thyself immerure and close / In some one corner of a feeble heart; / Where yet both Sinne and Satan, Thy old foes, / Do pinch and straiten Thee, and use much art / To gain Thy thrills' and triple part. (surveying) To have a vector sum of 0; that is, to form a closed polygon. Due to the near-opposite meanings relating to fluid flow and electrical components, these usages are deprecated in safety-critical instructions, with the words to “on” or “off” preferred, so instead of Close valve A; close switch B use Turn valve A to OFF; turn switch B to ON. close downclose inclose in enclose offclose out, closeoutclose up, close-up close (plural closes) An end or conclusion. We owe them our thanks for bringing the project to a successful close. 1878, Thomas Babington Macaulay, “Francis Atterbury”, in Encyclopædia Britannica, Ninth Edition[1]:His long and troubled life was drawing to a close. The manner of shutting; the union of parts; junction. 1614-1615, Homer, “(please specify the book number)”, in Geo[rge] Chapman, transl., Homer's Odyssees. 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Roth, Roy Alexander, Secrets of Closing Sales, page 110:Regardless of the situation, the metals, salts, &c., and subjected such mixtures to the action of heat in close vessels, their labours were occasionally repaid by the discovery of new substances. ... 1847 October 16, Currer Bell [pseudonym, Charlotte Brontë] chapter I, in Jane Eyre, An Autobiography, [...], volume (please specify volume—I to III), London: Smith, Elder, and Co., [...]. —OCLC:I mounted into the window-seat; gathering up my feet, I sat cross-legged, like a Turk; and, having drawn the red morden curtain nearly close, I was shrined in double retirement. (linguistics, phonetics, of a vowel) Articulated with the tongue body relatively close to the hard palate, (heraldry, of a bird) With its wings at its side, closed, held near to its body (typically also stantan); (of wings) in this posture. 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. (dated) Difficult to obtain. 1886, “Leases of Lands in the Indian Territory”, in United States Congressional Serial Set, volume 2362, page 184:Some of these parties have not paid their last payment, because money was close last fall. 1903, Gunton's Magazine of American Economics and Political Science, page 249:We are told out West that the reason money is so close now is because so large an amount has been invested in real estate. I cannot understand why that would make any difference if that money has been sent from one section of the country into another for the purpose of buying real estate. Why should it make any difference as to money being close? We are told in the country that money has 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. 1920, John Keats, “Isabella; or, The Pot of Basil. 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(archaic) Concise; to the point. 1690, John Dryden, Translations (Preface) Where the original is close no version can reach it in the same compass. Marked, evident.(Can we add an example for this sense?) 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 close, clòbhasa m – Irish; clòs – Welsh; clòs “John Bouvier (1839), “CLOSE”, in A Law Dictionary, [...], volumes I (A-K), Philadelphia, Pa.: T. & J. W. Johnson, [...]. successors to Nicklin & Johnson, [...]. —OCLC. Borrowed from English close. IPA(key): /kloʊs/ Hyphenation: close Rhythms: -s close (comparative closer, superlative nearest close or closest) close (intimate or immediate in personal relationship) close (almost resulting in disaster) IPA(key): /kloʊ/ Audio (Canada (Shawinigan)): close feminine singular of clos close first-third-person singular present subjunctive of close clos f sg feminine singular of close Unadapted borrowing from English close. (Portugal) IPA(key): /klo.ʒɐ/ close m (plural closes) 1. Close (adjective): Near in distance or time. 2. Close (adjective): Intimate or affectionate in a relationship. 3. Close (adjective): Having little or no space between things. 4. Close (adjective): Secretive or reserved in nature. 5. Close (adverb): In a way that is near in distance or time. 6. Close (verb): To shut something so that it is no longer open. 7. Close (verb): To end or bring something to a conclusion. 8. Close (verb): To stop or block access to a place or path. 9. Close (verb): To complete or finalize an agreement or deal. The word “close” is highly versatile, functioning as an adjective, adverb, and verb. It can describe proximity, relationships, or actions such as shutting or concluding something. Its rich variety of meanings makes it an essential term in everyday language. “Close” Definition: What Does “Close” Mean? The term “close” is a versatile word used to describe proximity, relationships, and actions. Below, we delve into its most common meanings and contexts. Definition of “Close”: Near in Distance or Time As an adjective, “close” describes something located or occurring nearby, either in terms of physical space or temporal proximity. Definition of “Close”: Intimate or Affectionate “Close” also refers to strong emotional bonds or intimate relationships between people. Definition of “Close”: Having Little Space When used as an adjective, “close” describes objects that are positioned very near to each other, often with little or no space between them. Definition of “Close”: Secretive or Reserved In certain contexts, “close” describes a person who is secretive, reserved, or not forthcoming. Definition of “Close”: To Shut As a verb, “close” refers to the act of shutting something, such as a door or window, to prevent it from being open. Definition of “Close”: To End or Conclude “Close” can also mean to bring something to an end, such as an event, meeting, or conversation. Definition of “Close”: To Block Access As a verb, it means to restrict or stop access to a place or path. Definition of “Close”: To Finalize In business or legal contexts, “close” refers to the completion or finalization of an agreement, deal, or contract. Parts of Speech The word “close” serves as an adjective, adverb, and verb. As an adjective, it describes proximity, intimacy, or a lack of space. As an adverb, it emphasizes nearness in time or space. As a verb, it denotes actions such as shutting, concluding, or finalizing. How to Pronounce “Close”? The pronunciation of “close” depends on its function as an adjective, adverb, or verb. When used as an adjective or adverb, it rhymes with “dose” (/kloʊs/). As a verb, it rhymes with “rose” (/kloʊz/). Pronounce the “cl” sound by pressing the tongue against the roof of the mouth, followed by the “oh” vowel and ending with the “s” or “z” sound. Phonetic Pronunciation: /kloʊs/ (adjective, adverb), /kloʊz/ (verb) Synonyms of “Close”: Other Ways to Say “Close” Understanding synonyms of “close” helps enhance language precision. Here are some examples: Adjective: Near Adjective: Tight Adjective: Intimate Adjective: Confidential Adverb: Nearby Adverb: Adjacent Verb: Shut Verb: Conclude Verb: Seal Verb: Finalize Antonyms of “Close”: Other Ways to Say “Close” Exploring antonyms helps us understand the opposite meanings of “close”. Some examples include: Adjective: Distant Adjective: Open Adjective: Detached Adverb: Far Adverb: Remotely Verb: Open Verb: Start Verb: Unseal Verb: Abort Verb: Disconnect Examples of “Close” in a Sentence Here are examples that showcase the flexibility of “close” in different contexts: The school is very close to my house, just a five-minute walk. The siblings have a close relationship and share everything with each other. The books were stacked so close together that it was hard to pull one out. She was a close-mouthed person, rarely sharing her thoughts. The child stood close to the edge of the table, almost knocking over the vase. Please close the door to keep the room warm. The meeting will discuss the final agenda item. They decided to close the negotiations during the winter. The company will close the deal tomorrow after the final review. We related to missing the train but made the final review. Frequency of Use The word “close” is highly common in both spoken and written English due to its versatility and broad range of meanings. It appears in daily conversations, literature, and professional contexts. Variants of “Close” “Close” has several grammatical and contextual variants. Closure (noun): The act or process of closing or being closed. Closely (adverb): In a manner that is near or intimate. Closeness (noun): The state of being close. Related Terms to “Close” These related terms provide additional insights into the concept of “close”: Nearby Adjacent Intimacy Confidential Seal Finalize Proximity Shut Closure End Etymology: History and Origins of “Close” The word “close” originates from the Latin term clausus, meaning “shut” or “enclosed.” It was later adopted into Old French as clos and subsequently into Middle English. Initially used to describe shutting or enclosing, its meanings expanded over time to include proximity, intimacy, and finality. Derivatives and Compounds of “Close” “Close” has given rise to various derivatives and compounds: Closure: The act of closing or ending something. Enclose: To surround or shut in. Reclose: To close again. Common Misspellings of “Close” Misspellings of “close” often result from typographical errors: 10 Idioms Similar to “Close” Idioms associated with “close” add creativity to language: Close at hand Close to the bone Close call Close quarters Close the book on Too close for comfort Close to home Close the door on Keep a close watch Close ranks 10 Common Questions About “Close” 1. What is the basic definition of “close”? “Close” means near in distance, time, or relationship, or the act of shutting or concluding something. 2. How can “close” be used as a verb? As a verb, “close” means to shut, end, or finalize something. 3. What is the adjective form of “close”? The adjective form describes proximity, intimacy, or a lack of space. 4. What does “close the deal” mean? It means to finalize an agreement, typically in business. 5. Is “close” used in idioms? Yes, idioms like “close call” and “too close for comfort” are common. 6. What is a synonym for “close” in distance? “Near” is a common synonym for “close” in this context. 7. Can “close” mean secretive? Yes, “close” can describe someone who is reserved or secretive. 8. What is the adverb form of “close”? As an adverb, it describes being near in distance or time. 9. Is “close” used in relationships? Yes, “close” can describe intimate or affectionate relationships. 10. What is the opposite of “close”? “Distant” or “open” are common antonyms for “close”. Conclusion “Close” is a multifaceted word that encompasses proximity, intimacy, and actions like shutting or finalizing. Its diverse meanings make it a vital term in communication. Exploring its usage and nuances enriches language skills and fosters clarity. To put (something) in a position to obstruct an entrance, opening, etc.; shut.Close the door, it's freezing in here.to stop or obstruct (a gap, entrance, aperture, etc.)If you close that hole in the foundation, you're less likely to get critters in the basement.Synonyms: choke, clog, barto block or hinder passage across or access to.Because people were littering, the Parks and Recreation department decided to close the woods to picnickers.to stop or obstruct the entrances, apertures, or gaps in.He closed the crate to prevent anything falling out and tied it up.to make (one's mind) unresponsive or inaccessible to.Don't close your mind to an opinion just because you don't like the person who expressed it.to bring together the parts of; join; unite (often followed byup )Close up those ranks!The surgeon closed the incision.Electricity... to complete (an electrical circuit) by joining the circuit elements.The circuit was closed so the current could be measured to bring to an end.The chair then closed the debate and announced that the decision would be given in writing.Synonyms: finish, terminate, conclude, end, completeto arrange the final details of; to conclude negotiations about; complete or settle.Your sales team also needs to understand their audience properly to be able to close a deal to everyone's satisfaction.We close the sale of the house next week to stop rendering the customary services of.We close the store at 7 on weeknights to terminate or suspend the operation of; to halt the activities of: The police closed the bar for selling liquor to minors.The epidemic forced authorities to close the schools.The police closed the bar for selling liquor to minors.Nautical... to come near to>We closed the cruiser to put our injured captain on board.Metalworking... to reduce the internal diameter of (a tube or the like).Archaic... to shut in or surround on all sides; enclose; cover in to close a bird in a cage to become closed; shut.This window is stuck and will not close tight.The door closed with a bang.This window is stuck and will not close tight to come together; unite to come near.His pursuers closed rapidly to grapple; engage in close encounter (often followed bywith )We closed with the invaders shortly before sundown.to come to an end; terminate.The service closed with a hymn to cease to offer the customary activities or services.The school closed for the summer to complete or reach an agreement, usually as a contract.The builder closed with the contractor after negotiations.They're closing on the lease for the office now, but we won't be ready to move for a few weeks.(of a theatrical production) to cease to be performed.The play closed in New York yesterday and will open in Dallas next week.(of a stock, group of stocks, etc.) to be priced or show a change in price as specified at the end of a trading period.The market closed here for the fourth straight day.having the parts or elements near to one another.The close formation of battleships made it impossible to pass.compact; dense.The bread's crumb has a close texture.A fabric with a close weave will be more waterproof.being in or having proximity in space or time.The barn is so close to the house that I can hear the animals from my bedroom.His birthday is in May, close to mine.Synonyms: nearby, proximate, immediatemarked by similarity in degree, action, feeling, etc..This dark pink is close to red.He left her close to tears near in kind or relationship.You should get screened regularly for breast cancer, especially if a close relative, such as a parent or sibling, has had it.emotionally intimate or strongly united; dear.It's a rare blessing to have such a close circle of friends.My sister and I have always been very close—I tell her everything.fitting tightly;She wore a close, clingy top paired with loose, flowing pants.(of a haircut or shave, the mowing of a lawn, etc.) so executed that the hair, grass, etc., is left flush with the surface or very short.The mower delivers a smooth, close cut to leave your lawn looking great every time.strict; searching; minute.The matter requires close investigation.Synonyms: concentrated, intentlynot deviating from a subject, a model, an original, etc.The first volume is a close translation, but the second volume strays farther from the source text.Synonyms, faithful, accurate, exactingnearly even or equal.It was a close contest, with both teams scoring goal after goal, but we won in the end.strictly logical.The book is remarkable for its close reasoning and excellent use of academic sources.shut tight; not open.A close hatch is needed to keep the water out.shut in; enclosed.I thought all the sheep were close, but my sister just saw one of the ewes on the hillside.completely enclosing or surrounding.It was a close siege, preventing all escape.without opening; with all openings covered or closed.For winter storage, make sure the entire boat is as close as it can possibly be.confined; narrow.lacking fresh or freely circulating air.heavy; oppressive.a spell of close, sultry weather.Synonyms: humid, sticky, muggypracticing or keeping secrecy; secretive; reticent.She is so close that you can tell her all your secrets.Synonyms: reserved, uncommunicative, tactumparsimonious; stingy;He is very close with his money.Synonyms: mean, tight, miserly, pennyuriouscarce, as money.Our funds are much too close right now to think about buying another car.not open to public or general admission, competition, etc..The entire parish participated in the close communication.(of a delimiting punctuation mark) occurring at the end of a group of words or characters that is set off, as from surrounding text, close quotes;close parentheses;close quotes;close brackets.Hunting, Angling... closed.Phonetics... (of a vowel) articulated with a relatively small opening between the tongue and the roof of the mouth.Heraldry... (of a bird) represented as having folded wings.Archaic... viscous; not volatile.in a close manner; closely;near; close up;by Heraldry... immediately behind the ears, so as to show no neck.a bear's head couped close.the act or fact of closing; the end or conclusion:He seemed distracted during the close of the speech, and ran off the stage as soon as it was finished.At the close of day, we like to wind down with a cup of tea and a book.He seemed distracted during the close of the speech, and ran off the stage as soon as it was finished.complimentary close.Music... cadence.Stock Exchange the closing price on a stock.The closing prices on an exchange market.Chiefly British... an enclosed place or enclosure, especially one beside or surrounding a cathedral or other building.Chiefly British... a courtyard(capital when part of a street name) a small quiet residential road the precincts of a cathedral or similar buildingthe entry from the street to a tenement buildingmusic another word for cadencearchaic, an encounter in battle; grapple"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012near in space or time; in proximityhaving the parts near together; densendown or near to the surface; shortnear in relationshipintimate or confidentialalmost equal or evennot deviating or varying greatly from a model or standarda close resemblancea close translationcareful, strict, or searching(of a style of play in football, hockey, etc) characterized by past passesconfined or enclosedshut or shut tightlyoppressive, heavy, or airlessstrictly guardednear or tight in fitsecretive or reticentmisery; not generous, esp with money(of money or credit) hard to obtain; scarcerestricted as to public admission or membershiphidden or secludedAlso: closed, restricted or prohibited as to the type of game or fish able to be takenAlso: closed, narrow, phonetics denoting a vowel pronounced with the lips relatively close together"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012closely; tightlynear or in proximitynautical sailing as nearly as possible towards the direction from which the wind is blowing See also wind 1"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. 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Close suggests blocking an opening or vacant place; to close a breach in a wall. The word shut refers especially to blocking or barring openings intended for entering and leaving; to shut a door, gate, etc., and close can be used in this sense, too; to close a door, gate, etc. See stingy 1. See end 1.Examples are provided to illustrate real-world usage of words in context. 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Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.close-at-handBrowse#aabbccddeeffghhijjklmmnnnooppqrrsstttvvvwwxyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day! © 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC 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 adjacent to 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. 1 : being near in time, space, effect, or degree close to the speed of sound 2 : intimate, familiar 3 : strict, rigorous 4 a : very precise and attentive to details b : marked by fidelity to an original a close copy of an old master c : terse, compact ... his exact, close, sober classical style ... —Edmund Wilson 5 : decided or won by a narrow margin 6 a : very short or near to the surface b : fitting tightly or exactly 7 : confined or carefully guarded 8 : having little space between items or units 9 : hot and stuffy a room with an uncomfortably close atmosphere 10 : difficult to obtain 11 : not generous in giving or spending : tight ... a close buyer and a good marketer.—W. A. White 12 : having no openings : closed 13 : restricted to a privileged class 14 b : secretive She could tell us something if she would. ... But she was as close as wax.—Arthur Conan Doyle 15 a of a vowel : high sense 13 b : formed with the tongue in a higher position than for the other vowel of a pair Italian has a close and an open e, a good of punctuation : characterized by liberal use especially of commas

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