

along

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[uh-lawng, uh-long]

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preposition

through, on, beside, over, or parallel to the length or direction of; from one end to the other of: to walk along a highway; to run a border along a shelf.

during; in the course of: Somewhere along the way I lost my hat.

adverb

by the length; lengthwise; parallel to or in a line with the length or direction: He ran along beside me.

with a progressive motion; onward: The police ordered the line to move along.

(of time) some way on: along toward evening.

Verb Phrases

get along. [get¹\(def 36\)](#).

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Idioms

all along, all the time; throughout: I knew all along that it was a lie.

be along, Informal. to arrive at a place; come: They should be along soon.

Origin of along

before 900; Middle English; Old English andlang, equivalent to and- (cognate with Old Saxon, Old Norse and-, Gothic and(a)-, Old High German ant-, prefix with orig. sense "facing"; cf. [answer](#)) + lang [long](#)¹

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preposition

over or for the length of, esp in a more or less horizontal plane along the road

adverb

continuing over the length of some specified thing

in accompaniment; together with some specified person or people he says he'd like to come along

forward the horse trotted along at a steady pace

to a more advanced state he got the work moving along

along with accompanying; together with consider the advantages along with the disadvantages

Word Origin for along

Old English andlang, from and- against + lang long 1; compare Old Frisian andlinga, Old Saxon antlang

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Idioms and Phrases with along

In addition to the idioms beginning with along

- along for the ride
- along in years
- alongside of
- along the lines of
- along with

also see:

- all along
- all along the line
- be along
- come along
- follow along
- get along

go along play along run along string along.

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