


Definition of along

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along

preposition

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1 : in a line matching the length or direction of walking along the road also : at a point or points on a house along the river

2 : in the course of made stops along the way

3 : in accordance with : IN a new agreement along the lines of the first

along

adverb

1 : FORWARD, ON move along

2 : from one to another word was passed along

3a : in company : as a companion brought his wife along —often used with *with* walked to school along with her friends

b : in association —used with *with* work along with colleagues

4a : sometime within a specified or implied extent of time —usually used with *about* along about July 17

b : at or to an advanced point plans are far along

5 : in addition : ALSO —usually used with *with* a bill came along with the package

6 : at hand : as a necessary or useful item brought an extra one along had his gun along

7 : on hand : THERE tell him I'll be along to see him

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Examples of *along* in a Sentence

Preposition

We walked *along* the beach. The chairs were lined up *along* the wall. The ship sailed *along* the coast. We drove to Boston and we stopped *along the way* for lunch.

Adverb

We walked *along* beside the road. I was just walking *along*, minding my own business. The police told the people in the crowd to move *along*. We looked at the houses as we drove *along*. Plans for a new stadium are already pretty far *along*.

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The Cavaliers nearly scored first, early in the second half, when a crossing shot from senior Sydni Carroll went just wide *along* the goal line. — [Pat Stoetzer, *baltimoresun.com/maryland/carroll*, "Field Hockey: Goetz, Liberty start county slate with win over South Carroll," 17 Sep. 2019](#) Perhaps no place is as dependent on tax sharing as Landfall Village, a community of 735 people, two motorcycle dealerships and a commercial billboard *along* Interstate 94. — [Peter Krouse, *cleveland.com*, "Twin Cities tax sharing creates winners and losers - or maybe everybody wins: Cleveland 2030, A Way Forward," 17 Sep. 2019](#) Browns defensive backs Denzel Ward and Damarious Randall also appeared in the remake, *along* with offensive lineman Joel Bitonio. — [Michael Shapiro, *SI.com*, "Browns Perfectly Recreate 'Friends' Intro, Release Video After Win Over Jets," 16 Sep. 2019](#) Here, Hale takes *Vogue* *along* for the journey, sharing an insiders view of fashion week. — [Vogue, "Inside Lucy Hale's Non-Stop Front Row Experience," 16 Sep. 2019](#) Levin pointed out former Vice President Joe Biden's penchant for gaffes, then went through the list of candidates who appeared *along* with Biden at Thursday's democratic debate in Houston. — [Fox News, "Mark Levin rips 2020 Dem field as 'weakest candidates I've ever seen': 'So immature -- all of them'," 15 Sep. 2019](#) Other retailers *along* changed their open-carry policies, including Kroger, CVS, and Walgreens. — [BostonGlobe.com, "The chief executives of 145 US companies pressed Senate leaders to expand background checks to all firearms sales and implement stronger "red flag" laws, marking the latest push by corporate America to pressure Congress to take meaningful action on gun violence.," 13 Sep. 2019](#) Other retailers *along* changed their open-carry policies, including Kroger, CVS and Walgreens. — [Rachel Siegel, *Anchorage Daily News*, "145 business leaders implore US Senate to act on gun violence," 12 Sep. 2019](#) Other retailers *along* changed their open-carry policies, including Kroger, CVS and Walgreens. — [Rachel Siegel, *Washington Post*, "145 business leaders implore Senate to act on gun violence, saying doing nothing is 'simply unacceptable'," 12 Sep. 2019](#)

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Yang ready for prime time?," 11 Sep. 2019 Even though Amy Robach also appeared to be chuckling *along* with Lara during the controversial segment, George can be heard laughing the loudest. — [Kayla Keegan, *Good Housekeeping*, "'GMA' Fans React to Lara Spencer's Apology and George Stephanopoulos' Silence," 26 Aug. 2019](#) The patches for this vulnerability—*along* with several other serious issues—went out in this week's Patch Tuesday update. — [Jim Salter, *Ars Technica*, "A look at the Windows 10 exploit Google Zero disclosed this week," 15 Aug. 2019](#) People are sitting at their desk doing work and others are following *along* on the internet. — [Jon Hurdle, *New York Times*, "Philadelphia Police Shootings Suspect Surrenders After Nightlong Standoff," 14 Aug. 2019](#) While Moore did have to leave on Thursday, all campers are invited back *along* with their parents or guardians for a farewell on Aug. 8. — [Zekriah Chaudhry, *Twin Cities*, "Kids get sun, fun, and freedom at annual YMCA day camps," 5 Aug. 2019](#) But the kitchen dialed back on a patty melt with a little pink showing, helped further *along* with sweet grilled onions and cheddar on rye bread. — [Mike Sutter, *ExpressNews.com*, "52 Weeks of Burgers: Good Time Charlie's," 2 Aug. 2019](#) Jermaine's got to get in shape still more, and those guys are competing *along* with James Hurst. — [Jonas Shaffer, *baltimoresun.com*, "Ravens tight end Hurst flashes potential in big way; Harbaugh still waiting for breakthrough at guard," 1 Aug. 2019](#) These example sentences are selected automatically from various online news sources to reflect current usage of the word 'along.' Views expressed in the examples do not represent the opinion of Merriam-Webster or its editors. [Send us feedback.](#)

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before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

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Preposition

Middle English, from Old English *andlang*, from *and-* against + *lang* long — more at [ante-](#)

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English Language Learners Definition of *along*

(Entry 1 of 2)

: in a line matching the length or direction of (something)

: at a point on (something)

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English Language Learners Definition of *along* (Entry 2 of 2)

: in a forward direction


—used to say that someone or something is brought or taken with you when you go somewhere —often + *with*

: at or to an advanced point

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preposition

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1 : on or near in a lengthwise direction Walk *along* the trail.

2 : at a point on He stopped *along* the way.

along

adverb

1 : farther forward or on Move *along*.

2 : as a companion, associate, or useful item I brought a friend *along*.

3 : at an advanced point The project is pretty well *along*.

all along

: all the time I knew it was you *all along*.

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