

Speech Fixers Answer Key

1. Sit **beside** me so we can both see the screen.
2. **Besides** my brother, nobody wants to go on the roller coaster.
3. I put my phone **beside** my backpack, but now I can't find it.
4. **Besides** having a cold, I feel pretty good today.
5. There's a pizza shop **beside** the movie theater on Main Street.
6. **Besides** studying, I also work part-time after school.
7. My cat sleeps **beside** the heater during winter.
8. **Besides** ice cream, we should get some cookies too.
9. I sat **beside** my friend during the concert last night.
10. **Besides** soccer practice, I have to go to piano lessons.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Clarifies the difference between **beside** (meaning *next to*) and **besides** (meaning *in addition to* or *except for*) through correction of casual speech.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Allow struggling learners to act out **beside** by standing next to an object, then contrast with **besides** by naming something extra.
 - Challenge advanced learners to find real-world examples of these mix-ups in media, advertisements, or conversations.
- **Engagement Idea:**
 - Host a "Grammar Rescue Squad" game where students take turns correcting each other's spoken sentences using the right preposition.
- **Extension Activity:**
 - Have students write a short dialogue between two friends using **beside** and **besides** correctly in at least four total sentences.