

A Formal Upgrade Answer Key

1. My desk is right **beside** the window in my room.
2. **Besides** helping me with homework, my brother plays video games all night.
3. Can you sit **beside** me while I set up the presentation?
4. **Besides** soccer, I enjoy basketball and running as well.
5. There is a coffee shop **beside** the library on Main Street.
6. **Besides** earning good grades, she also volunteers at the shelter.
7. I stood **beside** my best friend when we received our awards.
8. **Besides** studying hard, I joined two clubs this year.
9. The bike rack is right **beside** the gym entrance.
10. **Besides** my cousin, no one wanted to try the spicy noodles.

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Encourages precise use of **beside** (next to) and **besides** (in addition to) while improving tone from informal to formal.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Offer struggling learners the rule: if it means "*next to*," use **beside**; if it means "*in addition to*," use **besides**.
 - Challenge advanced learners to replace words like *also* or *too* with more formal transitions such as *furthermore* or *in addition*.
- **Engagement Idea:**
 - Conduct a "Tone Ladder" activity where students read both their informal and formal versions aloud to hear the tone shift.
- **Extension Activity:**
 - Ask students to write a short paragraph about teamwork using both **beside** and **besides** in sentences with formal tone.