

Closer Than It Seems

What is distance? It seems simple: distance is a numerical value of how far one point is from another. We know everything about distance. We can measure it in many different ways, we can calculate it and even cover it. Distances of thousands of kilometers, which were earlier considered unbridgeable, are now just one click away.

But how to measure the distance between human hearts?

How to calculate the distance between yourself five years ago and yourself now?

How to cover the distance between the point *I* and the point *home* if all the routes between you are mined?

Sometimes people thousands of kilometers away from us become closer than those who live with us under the same roof. Complete strangers show more understanding and care than relatives. A great-aunt turns out to be more interesting than peers. At such moments, distance — both spatial and temporal — turns into closeness. And it is almost impossible to measure it. It can only be felt.

We invite you to reflect on the subtle feeling of closeness — to people, to places, to events. About the moments of its recognition and manifestation. Its birth and disappearance. Write in what forms it comes to you. Or draw. As always, we do not limit your creative freedom to any formats.

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