

## A NOTE TO REMEMBER

Further and farther are two words that look and sound very similar and which have almost identical meanings. For that reason, it's easy to get them mixed up in both speech and writing. In short, further and farther both mean to a greater distance or extent.

However, farther means a greater distance in a literal, physical sense i.e. it can be measured, whereas further is a greater figurative or metaphorical distance. Both words can be used as adverbs or adjectives. Frankly, mixing them up is probably not the biggest mistake you can make, as the rules around further and farther have become something of a gray area in modern language. But knowing the difference and using the words correctly is nevertheless important.

## Definitions

The simple definitions of further and farther are both terms that mean more far, which is a grammatically incorrect phrase (that's why we use further/farther) but does offer a succinct explanation of the definitions. Anyway, let's look at the common dictionary definitions:

- Farther = (adverb/adjective) at or to a greater distance or more advanced point.
- Further = (adverb/adjective) to a greater degree or extent.

Reference:

Ginger Software (s.f.). Further vs Farther.

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