



English Grammar Worksheet: Farther vs. Further

Name _____ Date _____

Topic: Distinguishing Physical Distance (Farther) from Abstract Extent (Further)

Introduction

The words farther and further are often confused, but they have distinct primary uses in English. Understanding this difference will help you speak and write more precisely.

Word	Primary Meaning	Usage	Example
Farther	Physical Distance	Use when referring to a measurable, literal distance.	My house is farther from the school than yours.
Further	Figurative Extent	Use when referring to <i>additional</i> progress, time, degree, or information (abstract distance).	We need to discuss this further at the next meeting.

Part A: Choose the Correct Word

Instructions: In each sentence, circle or highlight the word that correctly completes the sentence. Choose farther for physical distance and further for abstract extent, additional information, or degree.

1. The library is only a little bit (farther / further) down this street.
2. I need to do (farther / further) research before I can write the report.
3. How much (farther / further) do we have to hike before we reach the summit?
4. She refused to elaborate (farther / further) on her mysterious comments.
5. If you push the door open (farther / further), it will hit the wall.
6. The company decided to take (farther / further) action to reduce waste.
7. New Zealand is (farther / further) away from London than Rome is.
8. I will not tolerate any (farther / further) interruptions during my speech.
9. To improve your score, you must practice (farther / further) and more regularly.
10. Can you drive us a little bit (farther / further) so we can see the view?
11. The team has made great progress, but they still have a long way to go (farther / further).
12. I was surprised by how much (farther / further) my brother's golf ball traveled.
13. If you have any (farther / further) questions, please ask the receptionist.
14. The detective decided to look (farther / further) into the suspicious timeline.
15. I can't swim any (farther / further); I'm too exhausted.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Instructions: Use either farther or further to complete each sentence.

16. Please explain your reasoning _____ so I can understand your proposal.
17. The moon is much _____ from Earth than any of our satellites.
18. The discussion drifted _____ and off topic.
19. We searched no _____ once we found the missing keys.
20. I pushed the swing _____ for the child to get more height.
21. After the accident, the police took no _____ notice of the driver's excuses.
22. We had to move our tents _____ away from the rising river.
23. The scientist published a paper offering _____ evidence to support the theory.
24. I don't want to walk any _____ today; my feet hurt.
25. The company will announce _____ details next week regarding the merger.

Answer Key

Part A: Choose the Correct Word (Answers)

1. farther (physical distance)
2. further (additional/more research)
3. farther (physical distance)
4. further (additional extent/elaboration)
5. farther (physical distance)
6. further (additional action/extent)
7. farther (physical distance)
8. further (additional interruptions/extent)
9. further (to a greater degree/more practice)
10. farther (physical distance)
11. further (abstract progress/extent)
12. farther (physical distance/travel)
13. further (additional questions)
14. further (to a greater extent/additional investigation)
15. farther (physical distance/swimming)

Part B: Fill in the Blank (Answers)

16. further
17. farther
18. further
19. further
20. farther
21. further
22. farther
23. further
24. farther
25. further