

# Word for Word

## Farther or Further?

*Farther* means “at or to a more advanced point or greater distance” or “to a greater extent.” *Further* shares both of these meanings, so the two words are interchangeable in sentences regarding temporal, spatial, or metaphorical distance.

### Examples:

- When we are farther (or further) along in our experiment, we will give a presentation.
- The mountain is farther (or further) away than it looks, so perhaps we should plan on an extra day of hiking.



However, in sentences that do not involve distance, *further* should be used instead of *farther*.

### Examples:

- Our data need to be further refined before we submit our manuscript for publication.
- Upon further examination, we discovered that the map was actually from medieval England.

*Further* can also mean “in addition” or “moreover.”

### Examples:

- We take excellent care of our guinea pigs and ensure that they have plenty of food and water. Further, we frequently let them out of their

cages and play with them.

- None of our patients experienced severe side effects within the first week after treatment. Further, one-third of them experienced no side effects at all.

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