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fur·ther | \ 'fər-thər

Definition of *further*

(Entry 1 of 3)

1 : [farther sense 1](#) my ponies are tired, and I have further to go— Thomas Hardy

2 : to a greater degree or extent further annoyed by a second intrusion

3 : in addition : [moreover](#) Further, there are aurochs, red deer, wild boar, and large quantities of hare or rabbit.— H. T. Waterbolck

further

[adjective](#)

Definition of *further* (Entry 2 of 3)

1 : [farther sense 1](#) rode ... across the valley and up the further slopes— T. E. Lawrence

2 : going or extending beyond : [additional](#) further volumes further education

further

[verb](#)

furthered; furthering \ 'fəth-riŋ , 'fər-thə- \

Definition of *further* (Entry 3 of 3)

[transitive verb](#)

: to help forward : [promote](#)

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Verb

furtherer \ 'fər-thər-ər \ noun

Synonyms & Antonyms for *further*

Synonyms: Adverb

- [beyond](#),
- [farther](#),
- [yon](#),
- [yonder](#)

Synonyms: Adjective

- [added](#),
- [additional](#),
- [another](#),
- [else](#),
- [farther](#),
- [fresh](#),
- [more](#),
- [other](#)

Synonyms: Verb

- [advance](#),
- [cultivate](#),
- [encourage](#),

- [forward](#),
- [foster](#),
- [incubate](#),
- [nourish](#),
- [nurture](#),
- [promote](#)

Antonyms: Verb

- [discourage](#),
- [frustrate](#),
- [hinder](#),
- [inhibit](#)

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Choose the Right Synonym for *further*

Verb

[advance](#), [promote](#), [forward](#), [further](#) mean to help (someone or something) to move ahead. [advance](#) stresses effective assisting in hastening a process or bringing about a desired end. *advance* the cause of peace [promote](#) suggests an encouraging or fostering and may denote an increase in status or rank. a campaign to *promote* better health [forward](#) implies an impetus forcing something ahead. a wage increase would *forward* productivity [further](#) suggests a removing of obstacles in the way of a desired advance. used the marriage to *further* his career

Farther vs. Further: Usage Guide

Adverb

Farther and *further* have been used more or less interchangeably throughout most of their history, but currently they are showing signs of diverging. As adverbs they continue to be used interchangeably whenever spatial, temporal, or metaphorical distance is involved. But where there is no notion of distance, *further* is used. our techniques can be *further* refined *Further* is also used as a sentence modifier *further*, the workshop participants were scarcely optimistic — L. B. Mayhew, but *farther* is not. A polarizing process appears to be taking place in their adjective use. *Farther* is taking over the meaning of distance the *farther* shore and *further* the meaning of addition. needed no *further* invitation

Examples of *further* in a Sentence

Adverb The town, such as it is, is one of those Northwest places that look like the outskirts of somewhere bigger, further down the road, but turn out to be all there is. — Jonathan Raban, *New York Review of Books*, 26 Mar. 2009 The Russian artillery fire and bombs are reaching further into the southern sections of the city ... — Alessandra Stanley, *New York Times*, 17 Jan. 1995 ... her example gave me courage to develop my own voice further. — Rita Dove, *Essence*, May 1995 We need to look back *further* into the past to find the cause of these problems. I've never been *further* west than St. Louis. Their house is *further* up the street. We need to research *further* into this matter. The police have been reluctant to take their investigation any *further*. "They are not our friends." "I would go even *further* and say they are our enemies." I had enough money to invest. I realized, *further*, that the risk was small. Adjective He will undergo *further* questioning. If you need *further* information you can call me. We do not expect any *further* deliveries today. I have nothing *further* to say. There is a *further* problem: do we have enough money? We parked in the *further* lot. There is more damage to the *further* part of the fence. Verb Their efforts greatly *furthered* the state of research. The funds are to be used to *further* the public good.

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joke needed: Middleburg Heights Police Blotter," 14 Dec. 2020](#) Since then, their relationship has evolved even *further*. — [Zoe Ruffner, Vogue, "Let Cassi Namoda and Denizeri's New Swimwear Collaboration Be a Bright Spot on Your Holiday Wishlist," 14 Dec. 2020](#) Alexa and the Google Assistant are still pretty much neck and neck (with Siri a bit *further* behind), but Alexa has especially grown in the realms of handling nuances of the English language and recognizing different voices. — [Jacob Krol, CNN Underscored, "The best smart speakers of 2020," 14 Dec. 2020](#) Artisanal ingredients usually only available at restaurants became available for home cooks, *further* connecting locals with where their food comes from. — [Janelle Bitker, SFChronicle.com, "12 unexpectedly great things to come out of food in the disaster that is 2020," 14 Dec. 2020](#) Dalton lives during the second President Joe Biden/Vice President Kamala Harris administration, in a world in which things like the 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declining *further* comment. — [From Usa Today Network And Wire Reports, USA TODAY, "Restaurant win, skiing changes, seafood boost: News from around our 50 states," 11 Dec. 2020](#) Rob Wilcox, a representative from the office of City Attorney Mike Feuer, said staff would review the complaint and had no *further* comment. — [Los Angeles Times, "Artist sues museum and city of L.A. after his work is accidentally thrown away," 7 Dec. 2020](#) Fox News has reached out to the LAPD for *further* comment. — [Peter Aitken, Fox News, "LAPD opposes further budget cuts that could result in 'crippling' layoffs of cops," 6 Dec. 2020](#) Attempts to reach Cleveland officials for *further* comment were unsuccessful. — [John Caniglia, cleveland, "Cleveland agrees to pay \\$4.85 million to wrongfully convicted man who spent 11 years in prison," 1 Dec. 2020](#) Goodyear told NBC News that the Brevard County Sheriff's Office will not provide any *further* comment on the matter and that the investigation is being conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. — [Stefan Sykes, NBC News, "Mother of Black teen killed by Florida deputy is shot during son's burial," 30 Nov. 2020](#) Byrne could not be reached by phone or email Saturday for *further* comment. — [Courtney Tanner, The Salt Lake Tribune, "Former Overstock.com CEO claims to have an army of 'hackers and cyber sleuths' that can prove Trump won re-election," 28 Nov. 2020](#) Recent Examples on the Web: Verb Much of the organization's national work has revolved around combating misinformation about potential vaccines, and the coalition has used radio campaigns to *further* its reach. — [NBC News, "Experts warn of low Covid vaccine trust among Black Americans," 11 Dec. 2020](#) Climate change should not be up for debate, but too often the conversation focuses solely on the veracity of claims about the climate crisis, hitting an immediate roadblock and inhibiting our ability to *further* the discussion on possible solutions. 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First Known Use of *further*

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before the 12th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Adjective

13th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Verb

before the 12th century, in the meaning defined [above](#)

History and Etymology for *further*

Adverb, Adjective, and Verb

Middle English, from Old English *furthor* (akin to Old High German *furthar* further), comparative, from the base of Old English *forth* forth

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The first known use of *further* was before the 12th century

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English Language Learners Definition of *further*

(Entry 1 of 3)

: to or at a more distant place or time
: to a greater degree or extent
formal : in addition to what has been said

further

[adjective](#)

English Language Learners Definition of *further* (Entry 2 of 3)

: more distant

further

[verb](#)

English Language Learners Definition of *further* (Entry 3 of 3)

: to help the progress of (something) : to cause (something) to become more successful or advanced

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Kids Definition of *further*

(Entry 1 of 3)

- 1 : [farther entry 1 sense 1](#) We walked *further* into the forest.
- 2 : [besides entry 2](#), [also](#) I understand *further* that it is not your fault.
- 3 : to a greater degree or extent Her anger increased *further*.

further

[verb](#)

furthered; furthering

Kids Definition of *further* (Entry 2 of 3)

: to help forward : [promote](#) Training will *further* your career.

further

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Kids Definition of *further* (Entry 3 of 3)

- 1 : [farther entry 2](#) Our property extends to the *further* tree.
- 2 : going or extending beyond : [additional](#) *further* study

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