Name: _____ Commonly Confused Words

Farther and Further

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Farther is an adverb that refers to a greater physical distance than someone or something else.

examples: Nia ran **farther** than Meghan.
Earth is **farther** from the Sun than Mercury.

Further is an adverb that refers to figurative, or metaphorical, distance than someone or something else.

examples: I am **further** along in my research paper than I thought I would be.
Mindy asked her teacher some **further** questions at the end of class.

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3. The politician had no _____ comments for the reporters.

4. New York and Florida are _____ apart than New York and Kansas.

5. How much _____ until we get to Grandma and Grandpa's house?

6. Before we go any _____ with this project, let's develop a plan.

7. Police need to investigate _____ into the matter.

8. Delroy jogged _____ today than he did yesterday.

9. Scientists are going to take the experiment even _____.

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