



FAR, AWAY, A LONG WAY

FAR is mainly used in questions and negative sentences to talk in general about distance in space or time:

It is most common in questions and negative clauses. Far and a long way both describe something at a great distance:

- I can't see very **far** without my glasses on.
- I can kick the ball a long way.
- He was working a long way from home.
- Did you walk **far**?
- The railway station is not **far** from here.
- Do you live **far** from the centre of town?
- Have you come **far**? How **far** can Billy kick the ball?

A LONG WAY - In affirmative clauses we usually prefer a long way.

We use "a long way" to talk about distance that we have travelled or covered.

- We walked a long way. (NOT --- walked far.)

The station is a long way from here. (More natural than "The station is far from here.")

- San Francisco is **a long way** from New York.
- I can't see ~~a long way~~ without my glasses on. **WRONG** (no distance travelled)
- ~~It's so far to go!~~ → It's such a long way to go!

FAR in affirmative clauses is usually used with too, enough, as and so.

'Have I gone far enough?' 'A bit too **far**.'

'Any problems?' 'OK so **far**.'

FAR is also used in all kinds of clauses to modify comparatives, superlatives and too.

She is far older than her husband./ This is by far the best book I have read./ You are far too young to get married.

I haven't had any problems so far. I am far from being lazy.

AWAY is used for showing distance or time. (5 miles/100 yards etc away):

- The nearest hospital is about **eight miles away**.
- The restaurant is **six miles away**.

AWAY FROM

- Robert's brother was standing only a few feet away from me.
- My host family lived four miles away from the school.

To talk **about a specific distance, don't say 'far'**, say away:

- ~~My host family lived four miles far from the school.~~ **WRONG**

FAR AWAY indicates something or someone that is far from something else, and implies two points, a here, and a 'there' being referred to.

- She wants to move as **far away** from here as possible.
- They could hear the sound of water not **far away**.
- Is the station **far away**?
- There's another hotel not **far away**.

FARAWAY means distant, remote. Faraway is an adjective, it appears before the noun it modifies.

- They travelled to **faraway** lands/places.
- She dreamed of flying away to exotic **faraway** places.

Faraway may also mean mentally absent, dreamy.

- There was a faraway look in his eyes.