

distance**1. ['dist(ə)ns] n****1. 1) расстояние**

some /quite a/ distance - порядочное /приличное/ расстояние

air-line distance - расстояние по прямой

free distance - зазор, просвет

sense of distance - а) чувство расстояния; б) представление о расстоянии

our torches gave us no sense of distance - наши факелы не давали ни малейшего представления о расстояниях

a short distance away - недалеко, неподалёку

at a distance - на некотором расстоянии

at a visual distance - насколько видит глаз

the distance from here to London - расстояние отсюда до Лондона

within easy distance - совсем рядом

within shooting [jumping, striking] distance - на расстоянии выстрела [прыжка, удара]

hailing distance - а) расстояние слышимости человеческого голоса; they were within hailing distance of the island - они уже могли окликнуть людей на острове; б) близкое расстояние; \cong рукой подать; success is within hailing distance - успех уже маячит

within speaking distance - на таком расстоянии, что можно разговаривать

you should be in (the) calling distance - не уходи далеко, а то тебя не дозовёшься

within five minutes walking distance - на расстоянии пяти минут ходьбы /пешего хода/

my house is within /in/ walking distance of the school - от моего дома до школы можно дойти пешком

the bridge is a good distance off [some little distance from here] - до моста (ещё) далеко [рукой подать]

to keep the distance - **авт.** сохранять /держать/ дистанцию

2) большое расстояние; отдалённость, отдаление; даль

no distance at all - небольшое расстояние

the station is no distance at all - до станции рукой подать

from a distance - издалека

to come from a distance - приехать [прийти] издалека

in the distance - в отдалении, вдали, вдалеке

out of distance - очень далеко, вне пределов досягаемости

to vanish into the distance - растаять вдали

to move to a distance - отодвинуться на почтительное расстояние

3) спорт. дистанция

long [medium, short] distance - длинная [средняя, короткая] дистанция

distance advantage - преимущество в дистанции

to hit the distance - пробежать дистанцию

to run the distance at record time - пройти /пробежать/ дистанцию в рекордное время

4) спец. глубина

penetration distance - глубина проникновения (*излучения*)

5) ав. пробег

take-off distance - длина пробега при взлёте

stopping distance - тормозной путь

2. дистанция огромного размера; несходство, различие

mental distance - несходство интеллектов

the distance between the culture of two countries - различие в культурах двух стран

3. степень отдалённости кровного родства**4. сдержанность, холодность; почтительное расстояние**

to keep one's distance - а) знать своё место; держаться на почтительном расстоянии; б) не допускать фамильярности быть сдержанным (*с кем-л.*)

to know one's distance, to keep at a distance = to keep one's distance а)

to keep smb. at a distance - держать кого-л. на почтительном расстоянии; указать кому-л. его место

5. промежуток, отрезок, период

distance of time - период времени

the distance between two events - промежуток времени между двумя событиями

at this distance of time - по прошествии этого времени

over a distance of 40 years - на протяжении 40 лет

6. перспектива (в живописи)

middle distance - средний план

7. предфинишная черта (скачки)**8. дистанция (фехтование)**

closed distance - закрытая дистанция

fencing /striking/ distance - боевая дистанция

9. воен. дистанция; интервал**10. тех. зазор (мж. separation distance)**

◇ to go /to last, to stay/ the distance - держаться до конца

2. ['dist(ə)ns] v**1. (from) помещать на (определённом) расстоянии**

2. оставлять далеко позади

to distance one's rivals [pursuers] - оставить далеко позади своих соперников [преследователей]

3. владеть перспективой (о художнике)

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distance

dis-tance [distance distances distanced distancing] noun, verb BrE ['dɪstəns] ^ˈ

NAme ['dɪstəns] ^ˈ

noun

1. countable, uncountable the amount of space between two places or things

- a **short/long distance**
- the distance of the earth from the sun
- a **distance of** 200 kilometres
- What's the distance between New York City and Boston/from New York City to Boston?
- In the US, distance is measured in miles.
- The beach is **within walking distance** of my house (= you can walk there easily) .
- Paul has to drive very long distances as part of his job.
- Our parents live some **distance away** (= quite far away) .

see also ↑long-distance, ↑middle distance, ↑outdistance

2. uncountable being far away in space or in time

- Distance is no problem on the Internet.

3. singular a point that is a particular amount of space away from sth else

- You'll never get the ball in from that distance.

4. countable, usually singular, uncountable a difference or lack of a connection between two things

- The distance between fashion and art remains as great as ever.
- The government is keen to **put some distance between** itself and these events (= show that there is no connection between them) .
- (BrE) Eddie is, **by some distance** (= by a great amount) , the funniest character in the show.

5. uncountable, countable a situation in which there is a lack of friendly feelings or of a close relationship between two people or groups of people

- There was a growing distance between the two sides of the family.
- The coldness and distance in her voice took me by surprise.

more at within shouting distance **at** ↑shouting, within spitting distance **at** ↑spit _{v.}, within striking distance(of sth) **at** ↑strike _{v.}

Word Origin:

Middle English (in the sense 'discord, debate'): from Old French or from Latin *distantia*, from *distant-* 'standing apart', from the verb *distare*, from *dis-* 'apart' + *stare* 'stand'.

Example Bank:

- Allow for greater braking distances when pulling a loaded trailer.
- At a distance it is difficult to make out the detail on the building.
- He felt a sense of distance from the others.
- He moved a short distance up the valley.
- He was gradually closing the distance between himself and the other runners.
- I could just see the hills in the far distance.
- I kept a comfortable distance behind the van.
- In the distance was a small town.
- It is very difficult to judge distances in the desert.
- It's quite a good distance to the nearest town.
- Nobody thought he would last 15 rounds but he went the full distance.
- She followed them at a discreet distance.
- She sprinted the entire distance.
- Sociologists must maintain critical distance from the ideas of society at any particular time.
- The Open University offers a wide range of distance learning programmes.
- The arch spans a distance of 285 feet.
- The bars are within walking distance.
- The cat sat and watched us from a safe distance.
- The cat was now within striking distance of the duck.
- The house is a short distance away from the bus station.
- The leaders in the race were a considerable distance ahead.
- The moors stretched away into the blue distance.
- The people travel vast distances to find food.
- The road stretches off into the distance.
- The sound can be heard over a distance of more than five miles.
- The spacecraft has the ability to traverse great distances.
- The town is a considerable distance from the coast.
- The town is situated at a distance of twenty miles from Oxford.
- The young birds were soon flying distances of 200 feet or more.
- These immigrants face problems of geographical distance and cultural isolation.
- These immigrants face problems of physical distance.

- Visitors can only view the painting from a distance of three metres.
- We admired the palace from a distance.
- We came within spitting distance of winning the cup.
- What's the distance between London and Edinburgh?
- When launching a kick it is essential to be at the correct distance from your opponent.
- a champion distance swimmer
- a long-distance runner
- children living within a certain distance of the school
- the averagedistance covered during pursuits by cheetahs
- the distance from our house to the school
- to have good distance vision
- He worried about the increasing distance between his children and himself.

Idioms: ↑at a distance ▪ ↑go the distance ▪ ↑in the distance ▪ ↑keep somebody at a distance ▪ ↑keep your distance

verb ~ yourself/sb/sth (from sb/sth)

to become, or to make sb/sth become, less involved or connected with sb/sth

- When he retired, he tried to distance himself from politics.
- It's not always easy for nurses to distance themselves emotionally.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
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	NA.mE / 'dɪstəns/
he / she / it	distances
	BrE / 'dɪstənsɪz/
	NA.mE / 'dɪstənsɪz/
past simple, past participle	distanced
	BrE / 'dɪstənst/
	NA.mE / 'dɪstənst/
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- The company has tried to distance itself from the remarks made by some of its employees.

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I. **distance**¹ **S2 W2** /'dɪstəns/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Word Family: verb: ↑distance; noun: ↑distance; adverb: ↑distantly; adjective: ↑distant]

1. AMOUNT OF SPACE [uncountable and countable] the amount of space between two places or things

distance from/between

- " the distance from Chicago to Detroit
- " Measure the distance between the two points.
- " The cottage is some distance (=quite a long distance) from the road.

at a distance of 2 feet/10 metres etc

- " A shark can smell blood at a distance of half a kilometer.

REGISTER

In everyday English, when talking about how far something is, people often use an expression such as **how far** or **a long/short way** rather than the noun **distance**:

- *What is the distance from Chicago to Detroit?* → How far is it from Chicago to Detroit?
- | *The cottage is some distance from the road.* → The cottage is a long way from the road.

2. FAR AWAY [singular] used to talk about a situation when something is far away from you in space or time

in the distance

- " Church bells rang in the distance (=they were far away).

at/from a distance

- " We watched from a distance.

3. UNFRIENDLY FEELING [singular] a situation in which two people do not have a close friendly relationship

distance between

- " There was still a distance between me and my father.

4. keep your distance

a) to stay far enough away from someone or something to be safe:

- " A lighthouse on the cliff warns ships to keep their distance.

b) (also keep somebody at a distance) to avoid becoming too friendly with someone:

- " The neighbours tend to keep their distance.

5. go the (full) distance *informal* to finish something you have started:

- " Do you think Greg will go the distance this time?

⇒ †long-distance, †middle distance

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **a long/great/considerable distance** The sound of guns seemed a long distance away.
- **a short distance** I quickly walked the short distance to the car.
- **a safe distance** (=enough space to be safe) You should keep a safe distance from the car in front.
- **some distance** (=quite a long distance) He heard a scream some distance away.
- **vast distances** The aircraft is able to carry huge loads over vast distances.
- **the stopping/braking distance** (=how far you travel in a car after pressing the brakes) What's the stopping distance at 30 miles an hour?

■ verbs

- **travel a great/long etc distance** In some countries children must travel great distances to school each day.
- **measure the distance between things** Now we are able to measure the distances between the planets.
- **judge distances** (=judge how much space there is between things) Animals that hunt can judge distances very well.

■ phrases

- **within (easy) walking distance** (=near enough to walk to easily) There are lots of restaurants within walking distance.
- **within travelling/commuting/driving distance of something** (=near enough to make travel to or from a place possible) The job was not within travelling distance of my home.
- **within striking distance of something** (=not far from something, especially something you are going to attack) Their troops had advanced to within striking distance of the town.
- **within spitting distance** *informal* (=very near something) The ball passed within spitting distance of the goal.
- **put some distance between yourself and somebody/something** (=go quite a long way from them) He wanted to put some distance between himself and his pursuers.

II. distance² BrE " AmE " verb

[Word Family: verb: †distance; noun: †distance; adverb: †distantly; adjective: †distant]

distance yourself (from something) to say that you are not involved with someone or something, especially to avoid being connected with them:

" The UNO has firmly distanced itself from the anti-government movement.

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