

distant['dɪst(ə)nt] *a*

1. 1) отдалённый, удалённый, дальний; далёкий
distant city - далёкий город
distant voyages - путешествия в дальние страны
distant view - вид вдаль, перспектива
distant control - телеуправление
distant point - *физиол.* дальнейшая точка ясного зрения
distant reception - *радио* дальний приём
distant reconnaissance - *воен.* дальняя /оперативная/ разведка
this is a distant prospect - на это пока мало надежд; до этого ещё далеко
the other item, on a distant page - другая заметка далеко, через несколько страниц
- 2) дальний, отдалённый (*о степени родства*)
distant relation - дальний родственник
distant cousin - дальний родственник; \cong седьмая вода на киселе
2. 1) отстоящий от (*чего-л.*); находящийся на (*каком-л.*) расстоянии
some miles distant (from the city) - на расстоянии нескольких миль (от города)
the city seemed distant but a mile or so - город, казалось, находился на расстоянии всего только одной мили
- 2) редкий; широко расставленный
distant teeth - редкие зубы
3. устремлённый, обращённый вдаль; доносящийся издалека
distant eyes - взор, устремлённый вдаль
distant thoughts - мысли о далёком прошлом *или* будущем
distant sounds - звуки, доносящиеся издалека
distant whistle - отдалённый свист
4. слабый, лёгкий; неуловимый
distant likeness /resemblance/ - отдалённое сходство
distant memory /recollection/ - далёкое /смутное/ воспоминание
the old man had only a distant memory of the school days - у старика остались лишь смутные воспоминания о школе
to have not even a distant idea of the matter - не иметь ни малейшего представления об (этом) деле
not even the most distant allusion was made to it - это обстоятельство даже вскользь не упоминалось
5. 1) сдержанный, сухой, холодный
distant politeness - холодная /сдержанная/ вежливость
distant manner - сухая /надменная/ манера (держаться себя)
she gave me only a distant nod [look] - она лишь холодно поклонилась мне [посмотрела на меня]
- 2) отчуждённый, сухой, холодный, неприветливый сдержанный (*о человеке*)
to be distant with smb. - сухо держаться с кем-л.
he promised him self that this little lady would not always be so distant and dignified - про себя он решил, что эта дамочка не всегда будет с ним такой чопорной и недоступной
6. 1) давний, прошлый; далёкий
distant times /age/ - далёкие времена
distant past - далёкое прошлое
distant prewar days - далёкие довоенные времена
- 2) отдалённый
in the distant future - в отдалённом будущем
that day is still far distant - до этого дня ещё надо дожить, этот день наступит ещё очень не скоро
at a distant date - нескоро; через много лет
7. чуждый, несвойственный, далёкий (*от чего-л.*)

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dis·tant *BrE* ['dɪstənt] ^m *NAmE* ['dɪstənt] ^m **adjective**

1. far away in space or time
 - the distant sound of music
 - distant stars/planets
 - The time we spent together is now a distant memory.
 - (formal) The airport was about 20 kilometres distant.
 - a star 30 000 light years distant from the Earth
 - (figurative) Peace was just a distant hope (= not very likely) .
 2. ~ (from sth) not like sth else
Syn: ↑remote
 - Their life seemed utterly distant from his own.
 3. **only before noun** (of a person) related to you but not closely
 - a distant cousin/aunt/relative
 4. not friendly; not wanting a close relationship with sb
 - Pat sounded very cold and distant on the phone.
 - He became emotionally distant from his friends and family after the illness.
 5. not paying attention to sth but thinking about sth completely different
 - There was a distant look in her eyes; her mind was obviously on something else.
- Idioms:** ↑distant past ▪ ↑in the not too distant future

Word Origin:

[**distant** **distantly**] late Middle English: from Latin **distant-** ‘standing apart’, from the verb **distare**, from **dis-** ‘apart’ + **stare** ‘stand’.

Example Bank:

- He felt oddly distant from her.
- In the not too distant future, we may witness the cloning of human beings.
- It was only a few miles away but it seemed unimaginably distant.
- The medieval mind can seem impossibly distant.
- The sound of the engine was growing more and more distant.
- The stars are more distant from the earth than the sun.
- Their relationship has grown increasingly distant in recent years.
- These sites were often several miles distant from each other.
- When they met, he was very cold and distant.
- geographically distant areas of the world
- in far distant lands
- stories from the dim and distant past
- He seemed distant and distracted.
- Pat sounded very distant on the phone.
- Peace was just a distant hope.
- We will be moving house in the not too distant future.

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distant **W3** /'dɪstənt/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**

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

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** Latin; **Origin:** distans, present participle of distare ‘to stand apart’, from stare ‘to stand’]

1. FAR AWAY far away in space or time:

- the sound of distant gunfire
- Her honeymoon seemed a distant memory.
- That affair was in the dim and distant past (=a long time ago).
- The President hopes to visit Ireland in the not too distant future (=quite soon).

distant from

- stars that are distant from our galaxy

2. NOT FRIENDLY unfriendly:

- After the quarrel Sue remained cold and distant.

3. NOT CONCENTRATING thinking deeply about something private, rather than about what is happening around you:

- Geri had a distant look in her eyes.

4. RELATIVE [only before noun] not closely related to you **OPP** close:

- a distant cousin

5. distant from something different from something or not closely connected with it:

- The reality of independence was distant from the hopes they had had.

—distantly *adverb:*

- We are distantly related.

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **the distant past/future** (=a long time in the past/future) It is a fictional story set in the distant past. | In the distant future, there may be a cure for the disease.
- **a distant memory** (=something that happened a long time ago) Already the summer seemed like a distant memory.
- **distant mountains/hills** From here, you can look out to the distant hills.
- **a distant planet/galaxy/star** They saw telescope images of the distant planet Neptune.
- **a distant sound** Sometimes you can hear the distant sound of traffic from the main road.
- **distant thunder** Distant thunder rumbled over the mountains.
- **distant places** She loved the wild, distant places of Scotland.
- **a distant land** *literary* (=a country that is a long way away) He fled to a distant land.

phrases

- **in the dim and distant past** *humorous* (=a long time ago) Back in the dim and distant past when I was at school, computers didn't exist.
- **in the not too distant future** (=quite soon) We're expecting a final decision in the not too distant future.

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THESAURUS

- **far** *adverb* a long distance – used mainly in negatives and questions, or after ‘too’, ‘so’, and ‘as’: It's not far to the airport from here. | Have you driven far? | The ship was so far away we could hardly see it.
- **a long way** *adverb* a long distance from somewhere. This is the most common way of talking about long distances, except in negatives and questions when **far** is also common: You must be tired – you've come a long way. | It's a long way down from the top of the cliff. | I can't see things that are a long way away.
- **miles** *adverb informal* a very long way: We hiked miles. | The school is miles away from where I live.
- **in the distance** *adverb* a long way from where you are now – used when talking about things that seem small or sounds that

seem quiet because they are a long way away: Dogs were barking somewhere in the distance.

- **distant** *adjective especially written* used about something that is a long distance from where you are now, and looks small or sounds quiet: By now, the plane was just a distant speck in the sky. | the rumble of distant thunder

- **faraway** *adjective especially written* a very long distance from where you are now: a traveller from a faraway land | His voice sounded faraway. | He told us stories about the faraway countries he had visited.

- **remote** *adjective* a remote place is a long distance from other places, and few people go there: The helicopter crashed in a remote part of the country. | remote holiday destinations

- **isolated** *adjective* an isolated place is a long distance from other towns, buildings, or people, and there is very little communication with surrounding places: isolated rural areas of Nepal | Occasionally we passed through a small isolated village. | If you travel to isolated areas, make sure you have a good guide.

- **off the beaten track** (also **off the beaten path** *American English*) *adverb* a place that is off the beaten track is a long distance from the places where people usually go, and often seems interesting and different because of this: She likes to go to places that are a bit off the beaten track.

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