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4. James went _____ down the road to find a gas station.
5. Countries that are _____ away from the equator are usually colder.
6. If Calvin has any _____ ideas on the project, he should tell the teacher.
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9. It is no _____ to Jane's house than to mine.
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