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**Very ('veri) - To vary ('vɛəri)**

**Very (Adv):** Meaning a good amount, a large quantity of something, always used before an adjective.

**To vary:** the verb meaning change, has two syllables and the same pronunciation as “very” but ve-ry.

- It was more than good, it was **very** good!
- They were terrible, they were **very** bad.
- Temperature **varies** across the country.
- Use the volume control to **vary** the sound level.

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## Strategies for Variation

This resource presents methods for adding sentence **variety** and complexity to writing that may sound **very** repetitive or boring. Sections are divided into general tips for **varying** structure, a discussion of sentence types, and specific parts of speech which can aid in sentence **variety**.

Adding sentence **variety** to prose can give it life and rhythm. Too many sentences with the same structure and length can grow **very** monotonous for readers. **Varying** sentence style and structure can also reduce repetition and add emphasis. Long sentences work well for incorporating a lot of information, and short sentences can often maximize crucial points. These general tips may help add **variety** to similar sentences.

**Vary** the rhythm by alternating short and long sentences.

Several sentences of the same length can make for bland writing. To enliven paragraphs, write sentences of different lengths. This will also allow for effective emphasis. However, **very** long or **very** short sentences are to be avoided

### Vocabulary

|                     |                    |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Variable</b>     | <b>Variancy</b>    | <b>Variational</b> |
| <b>Variance</b>     | <b>Variance</b>    | <b>Various</b>     |
| <b>Variable</b>     | <b>Variability</b> | <b>Variously</b>   |
| <b>Variably</b>     | <b>Variety</b>     | <b>Variousness</b> |
| <b>Variableness</b> | <b>Variation</b>   |                    |