

vary

verb

Say it: var • y

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings	Examples
1. to differ	1. _____ varies from person to person.



2. to change	2. School _____ vary their menus every day.
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Cafeteria Menu	
Monday	Hamburgers
Tuesday	Tacos
Wednesday	Pizza
Thursday	Lasagna
Friday	Sloppy Joes

Forms	
Present: I/You/We/They He/She/It	vary varies
Past:	varied

Family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun: variation • Adjectives: varied, varying, various, variable

Word Partners	
• _____ considerably	In the United States, the cost of gasoline varies considerably depending on where you live.
• _____ widely	Our football team's performance varies widely every year.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- The weather here **varies** considerably from mild to _____.
- The classes I am taking this semester **vary** from _____ to _____.
- If you're bored after school, you should **vary** your routine and _____.
- My desire to _____ **varies** from day to day.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentences using the correct form of **vary** and appropriate content.

- 1 The price of a bottle of water _____ considerably when you buy it from a vending machine versus when you buy it from a _____.
- 2 Our school _____ the _____ that are available each semester.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentences using the correct form of **vary** and appropriate content.

- 1 My taste in _____ doesn't _____ much from my friends'.
- 2 The last time I _____ my hairstyle was _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **vary** in the *simple present tense* and include a word partner. In your second sentence, use **vary** in the *simple past tense*.

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grammar tip

To make the simple past tense of verbs ending in a consonant + *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-ed*.

Her grades **varied** from mine.
I **tried** the coffee but didn't like it.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **vary** and original content.

High school experiences _____
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 from country to country. In the United States, students attend high school for four

2 . However, in _____
3 such as Iran and Mexico, high school lasts for only three years, while high school in Scotland takes six years! High schools also _____
4 in the types of classes they offer. For example, in Finland, students have the _____
5 to attend vocational school and learn a trade or to go to a regular high school with academic classes. Finally, the dress code for high school students around the world _____
6 . Students in Malaysia and New Zealand typically _____
7 uniforms, but students in the U.S. often do not.