


# variety

noun

► Say it: va • ri • e • ty 99 Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
different types	A _____ features a <b>variety</b> of different stores and _____.
	
Forms	Family
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singular:</b> variety</li> <li>• <b>Plural:</b> varieties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Verb:</b> vary</li> <li>• <b>Adjective:</b> various</li> <li>• <b>Adverb:</b> variously</li> </ul>
Word Partners	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• offer a _____ of</li> <li>• _____ of reasons</li> <li>• wide _____ of</li> </ul>	<p>Our school <b>offers a variety of</b> meals for lunch every week.</p> <p>There are a <b>variety of reasons</b> why you should brush your teeth every day.</p> <p>This ice cream shop has a <b>wide variety of</b> flavors.</p>

## 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.

1 I have relatives living in a **variety** of places: \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ are two of them.

2 In history class, we have studied a **variety** of important events, such as  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

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

Our school offers a \_\_\_\_\_ of extracurricular activities, such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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

There are many \_\_\_\_\_ of fruits in the United States, such as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, but my favorite is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **variety** in the *singular form* and include a word partner. In your second sentence, use **variety** in the *plural form*.

① \_\_\_\_\_

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② \_\_\_\_\_

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### grammar tip

To form the plural of a noun that ends in a consonant + *y*, change the *y* to *i* and add *-es*.

variety—varieties

puppy—puppies

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

Grocery stores in the United States now offer a wider \_\_\_\_\_<sup>①</sup> of foods than ever before due to greater \_\_\_\_\_<sup>②</sup> to foods grown in other countries. Exotic fruits such as mangoes and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>③</sup> that were once only accessible to Americans on vacation are now plentiful in the produce section. Other examples include foods from Asia such as tofu and miso, which are now commonly offered in \_\_\_\_\_<sup>④</sup> restaurants and also in grocery store aisles. Many Americans have \_\_\_\_\_<sup>⑤</sup> incorporated these foods into their diets; besides the delicious taste, these foods offer a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>⑥</sup> of nutritional benefits. For example, mangoes are rich in vitamin C, while tofu \_\_\_\_\_<sup>⑦</sup> bone-strengthening calcium.