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[**vair-ee**]

Synonyms Examples Word Origin

verb (used with object), **varied**, **varying**.

1. to change or alter, as in form, appearance, character, or substance:
"to vary one's methods."
2. to cause to be different from something else:
"The orchestra varied last night's program with one new selection."
3. to avoid or relieve from uniformity or monotony; diversify:
"to vary one's diet."

4. *Music.* to alter (a melody or theme) by modification or embellishments without changing its id

verb (used without object), **varied**, **varying**.

5. to show diversity; be different:

"The age at which children are ready to read varies."

6. to undergo change in appearance, form, substance, character, etc.:

"The landscape begins to vary as one drives south."

7. to change periodically or in succession; differ or alternate:

"Demand for certain products varies with the season."

8. to diverge; depart; deviate (usually followed by *from*):

"to vary from the norm."

9. *Mathematics.* to be subject to change.

10. *Biology.* to exhibit variation (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/variation>).

Origin

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Middle English

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Latin (<http://dictionary.reference.com/>)

1300-1350

1300-50; Middle English *varien* < Latin *variāre*, equivalent to *vari* (*us*) (see various (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/various>)) + *-āre* infinitive suffix

Related forms

varier, noun

varyingly, adverb

intervary, verb (used without object), **intervaried**, **intervarying**.

overvary, verb, **overvaried**, **overvarying**.

self-varying, adjective

Synonyms

1. modify, mutate.

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The resulting growth will *vary* depending on the bud.

vary the forms of cornmeal, from stone-ground to polenta, for a surprising range of flavors and t

The water and fertilizer needs of shrubs *vary* widely, so it's important to learn each plant's requi
purchase.

British Dictionary definitions for vary

vary

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verb **varies**, **varying**, **varied**

1. to undergo or cause to undergo change, alteration, or modification in appearance, character,
2. to be different or cause to be different; be subject to change
3. (**transitive**) to give variety to
4. (**intransitive**) *followed by from.* to differ, as from a convention, standard, etc
5. (**intransitive**) to change in accordance with another variable: *her mood varies with the weather directly with temperature and inversely with volume*

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