Do you remember high school English class very well? If so, you likely spotted the flaw in that sentence. If you didn't, here's a refresher: As our composition teachers told us long ago, the modifier "very" is lazy and inprecise—and some of America's most prominent writers can vouch for that assessment.

**Florence King**, the sharp-tongued American novelist, essayist, and columnist, reportedly once wrote: "'Very' is the most useless word in the English language and can always come out. More than useless, it is treacherous because it invariably weakens what it is intended to strengthen." As for Mark Twain, he advised writers to "Substitute ‘damn’ every time you’re inclined to write ‘very’; Your editor will delete it and the writing will be just as it should be."

There's always a stronger, more vivid word to describe something, which is why Lifehacker recently posted the infographic below, created by the editing pros over at ProofreadingServices.com. It lists 128 adjectives you can use instead of the dreaded "V" word. Peruse the full list, and refer back to it later if you're still struggling to conjure the perfect phrase.
128 Words to Use Instead of "VERY"

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Don’t say very accurate
Say exact

- very afraid
- very angry
- very annoying
- very bad
- very beautiful
- very big
- very boring
- very bright
- very busy

- fearful
- furious
- exasperating
- awful
- gorgeous
- massive
- dull
- luminous
- swamped

- very calm
- very careful
- very cheap
- very clean
- very clear
- very cold
- very colorful
- very competitive
- very complete

- serene
- cautious
- stingy
- spotless
- obvious
- freezing
- vibrant
- cutthroat
- comprehensive

Don’t say very cute
Say adorable

- very confused
- very creative
- very crowded
- very dangerous
- very dear
- very deep
- very depressed
- very detailed
- very different

- perplexed
- innovative
- bustling
- perilous
- cherished
- profound
- despondent
- meticulous
- disparate

- very difficult
- very dirty
- very dry
- very dull
- very easy
- very empty
- very excited
- very expensive

- arduous
- filthy
- arid
- tedious
- effortless
- desolate
- thrilled
- exhilarating
- costly
| very skinny | skeletal | very sweet | thoughtful | very warm |
| very small  | petite   | very talented| gifted    | very weak |
| very smart  | intelligent| very tall  | towering | very well-to-do |
| very smelly | pungent | very tasty  | delicious | very wet |
| very smooth | sleek    | very thirsty| parched  | very wide |
| very soft   | downy   | very tight  | constricting | very willing |
| very sorry  | apologetic| very tiny  | minuscule | very windy |
| very special | exceptional | very tired | exhausted | very wise |
| very strong | forceful | very ugly  | hideous   | very worried |

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