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Overuse of the word “very”

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We commonly use the word “very” in our daily speech. Sometimes, we overuse this word.

“Very” is an intensifier without any real meaning. Many inexperienced users of English use “very” to add power to their language.

“Very” and “really” are qualifiers that are known as *padding* or *filler* words. Collins Dictionary explains that these are unnecessary words used to make a piece of writing or a speech longer. This is said to weaken your writing or speech.

So, instead of using the word “very” in your daily speech next time, what can you use? Here are some words you can try to use instead of “very.”

1. Very good – Excellent, Superb
2. Very accurate – Exact
3. Very competitive – Ambitious
4. Very complete – Comprehensive
5. Very creative – Innovative
6. Very detailed – Meticulous
7. Very expensive – Costly
8. Very important – Crucial
9. Very interesting – Captivating
10. Very necessary – Essential

11. Very often – Frequently

12. Very quick – Rapid

13. Very short – Brief

14. Very simple – Basic

15. Very smart – Intelligent

16. Very special – Exceptional

17. Very angry – furious

18. Very old – ancient

19. Very big – Immense

20. Very cold – Freezing

21. Very neat – Immaculate

22. Very scared – Terrified

23. Very weak – Feeble


24. Very tired – exhausted

25. Very ugly – Hideous


I hope this is *very useful* and *very informative* for you.

Oh! I mean.....

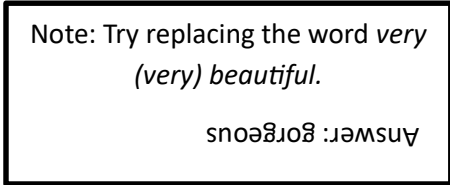
I hope this is *beneficial* and *educational* for you. Let's have fun with language!



She is *very beautiful!*



Yes, she is *very, very beautiful!*



Note: Try replacing the word *very* (*very*) *beautiful*.

Answer: gorgeous