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## **Vary Sentence Length**

When you write, vary the length of your sentences. Use long sentences to elaborate on ideas, provide descriptions, dazzle readers, create a rhythm, and get to the heart of an issue. Use medium-length sentences to entice a reader about what's next. Use short sentences to emphasize a point.

When sentences differ in length, writing dances. Short sentences are a tapdance, long sentences a waltz. Some sentences strike quickly, others glide. When a statement winds and bends and pivots and spins, there is one thing that illuminates these moves: a short sentence. Get it?

Your mission is to write about anything (yes anything), but do so by varying your sentence lengths. Create a rhythm in your writing by using short, medium, and long sentences. When you are finished, read what you wrote aloud. Is there a rhythm to your writing? Is there a method to your prose? Do you elaborate on ideas with long sentences? Do you emphasize concepts with short ones?

So once again, your mission is to write about anything you want. Just be sure you use a variety of sentence lengths to create a rhythm in your writing.	