

**Look at some of the possibilities writers use instead of using the word “very”:**

intensely	exceedingly	bitterly	surely
especially	unusually	truly	richly
mightily	powerfully	infinitely	severely
chiefly	shockingly	immeasurably	slightly
incredibly	fully		

**Why do you think there are so many synonyms for “very”?  
Why not just have the single word “very”?**

**Now, consider these three words:**

slim

slender

skinny

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