

Var Libs

Fill in your answers below

Favorite school supply

A number between 20 and 40

Favorite school lunch food

Most disgusting lunch food

Favorite class

A type of natural disaster

An awesome thing you do in your favorite class

A place you and your friends hang out

Someone's name

A thing you say when you're frustrated

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Now, use the answers you wrote down on page 1 to fill in the blanks!

Today was pretty bad.

I was late to school because I couldn't find my lucky _____,
and I lost track of time. By the time I got there, I was _____ minutes late,
and that got me detention later.

At lunch, they had run out of _____, and the only thing left
was _____. I was really hungry, so I forced myself to take a
couple of bites—and then I had to run to the bathroom to barf.

And just when _____ was about to start, there was a
surprise _____ drill, so we didn't have enough time for
_____.

At least when school was out, I had plans to go to _____
with my friends, except our plans fell apart because _____'s
big sister couldn't give us a ride anymore, and it was too far.

_____!

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How to create your own Var Lib!

Look for words or phrases to generalize in the original piece of writing.
Consider this selection from “Watch Me (Whip / Nae Nae)”:

Now watch me **you**, now watch me **Superman**
Now watch me **duff duff duff duff**
Duff duff duff duff

We’ve bolded a couple of options; circling or underlining will probably work better on paper. Identify what the category or pattern is for everything you’ve identified, for example:

you is a **pronoun**
Superman is a **popular superhero**
duff is a **silly monosyllable**

On your Var Lib “List of Prompts/Variables” sheet, you’d write your variable categories on the left

pronoun
popular superhero
silly monosyllable

And on the main “Create Your Own Var Lib” sheet, you’d replace every instance of the original word/phrase with a blank:

Now watch me [pronoun], now watch me [popular superhero]
Now watch me [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable]
[silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable]
[silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable]

To make things awesome, you should add in x2’s, or x8’s, or whatever loop notation you like. Now watch me [pronoun], now watch me [popular superhero] (x2) Now watch me [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] (x8) (everything x2) In the end, if someone filled in “what” for a pronoun, “Squirrel Girl” for a popular superhero, and “blërg” for silly monosyllable (on the right side of the prompts/variables sheet), they’d fill in the blanks (on the main sheet) and we’d get something like Now watch me what, now watch me Squirrel Girl (x2) Now watch me blërg blërg blërg blërg blërg blërg blërg blërg (x8) (everything x2)

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Now watch me [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable]
[silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable]
[silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] [silly-monosyllable] **(x8)**
(everything x2)

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Now watch me blërg blërg blërg blërg
blërg blërg blërg blërg (x8)
(everything x2)

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Create your own Var Lib!

This is where your modified song, with blanks for variables, goes.

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List of prompts and variables.

Prompts/variables go on this side!

Your partner's responses go on this side!

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