

**variable****1.** [ˈve(ə)rɪəb(ə)]*n*

1. *мат.* переменная (величина)
2. *астр.* переменная звезда
3. *мор.* неровный ветер
4. *pl*
  - 1) *метеор.* западные ветры средних широт
  - 2) ветры переменных направлений

**2.** [ˈve(ə)rɪəb(ə)]*a*

1. **изменчивый, непостоянный, неустойчивый**  
variable weather - неустойчивая /неустановившаяся/ погода  
variable fight - борьба с переменным успехом  
variable standards - меняющиеся /гибкие/ критерии  
his mood is variable - его настроение постоянно меняется
2. **поддающийся изменению**  
the amount of heat is variable at will - нагрев регулируется по желанию
3. **преим. спец. переменный**  
variable quantity - *мат.* переменная (величина)  
variable star - *астр.* переменная звезда  
variable wind - ветер переменного направления; переменный ветер  
variable capital - *полит.-эк.* переменный капитал  
variable exchange - *фин.* неустойчивый /изменчивый/ курс
4. **биол.** аберрантный изменчивый

**variable**

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**vari-able** **AW** [variable variables] **adjective, noun** *BrE* [ˈveəriəb] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE*[ˈveriəb] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈværiəb] <sup>m</sup>**adjective****1.** often changing; likely to change**Syn:** fluctuating

- variable temperatures
- The acting is of variable quality (= some of it is good and some of it is bad) .

**compare** ↑invariable**2.** able to be changed

- The drill has variable speed control.
- variable lighting

Word Origin:late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *variabilis*, from *variare*, from *varius* 'diverse' .Example Bank:

- These systems are infinitely variable
- variable in shape
- The acting is of variable quality.
- The forecast is based on assumptions of variable temperature.
- The kitchen boasts stylish units and variable lighting.

Derived Word ↑variably**noun**

a situation, number or quantity that can vary or be varied

- With so many variables, it is difficult to calculate the cost.
- The temperature remained constant while pressure was a variable in the experiment.

**Opp:** ↑constantWord Origin:late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *variabilis*, from *variare*, from *varius* 'diverse' .**variable**

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**I. var** **variable** <sup>1</sup> **AC** /ˈveəriəbəl \$ ˈver-/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **adjective**[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑variable, ↑variance, ↑variant, ↑variety, ↑variability, ↑variation; **adjective:** ↑variable ≠ ↑invariable, ↑varied, ↑various; **adverb:** ↑variably ≠ ↑invariably, ↑variously; **verb:** ↑vary]**1.** likely to change often ⇔ **vary:**

- Expect variable cloudiness and fog tomorrow.
- Interest rates can be highly variable

**variable in size/shape/colour etc**

- These fish are highly variable in color and pattern.

**2.** sometimes good and sometimes bad:

- The quality of pork is often less variable than beef.

3. able to be changed:

The heater has variable temperature settings.

—**variably** *adverb*

—**variability** /,veəriə'biləti, ,veəriə'bi:liti\$ ,ver/ *noun* [uncountable]

II. **variable** <sup>2</sup> **AC** *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *noun* [countable]

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1. something that may be different in different situations, so that you cannot be sure what will happen **OPP constant**:

There are too many variables in the experiment to predict the result accurately.

2. *technical* a mathematical quantity which can represent several different amounts **OPP constant**

**variable**

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variation 6203

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