

# WORDS TO USE INSTEAD OF “VERY”

✗ very noisy	✓ deafening
✗ very often	✓ frequently
✗ very old	✓ ancient
✗ very old-fashioned	✓ archaic
✗ very open	✓ transparent
✗ very painful	✓ excruciating
✗ very pale	✓ ashen
✗ very perfect	✓ flawless
✗ very poor	✓ destitute
✗ very powerful	✓ compelling
✗ very pretty	✓ beautiful
✗ very quick	✓ rapid
✗ very quiet	✓ hushed
✗ very rainy	✓ pouring
✗ very rich	✓ wealthy
✗ very sad	✓ sorrowful
✗ very scared	✓ petrified
✗ very scary	✓ chilling
✗ very serious	✓ grave
✗ very sharp	✓ keen
✗ very shiny	✓ gleaming
✗ very short	✓ brief
✗ very shy	✓ timid
✗ very simple	✓ basic