

Same text, different page counts

Case A: Full width

US Letter | Vera 11 pt | 15 pt line spacing | 468 pt text width

A controlled comparison, not a resume template or a hiring test.

Use a test copy: This is a page layout experiment, not a resume template or a real applicant profile. The sample explains how to inspect a document without borrowing invented achievements. You can use its words to test a counter, a document editor or a PDF viewer. Do not replace your own work history with these instructions. No employer has assessed this sample.

Keep the words fixed: The two cases use this same main text, including its section headings. Page labels, running headers and the shaded layout annotation are separate from the sample. Compare the text rather than counting every label in the PDF. If you change a sentence, you have changed the experiment. Start with the supplied plain text when you want to reproduce the word count.

Change one layout condition: Both cases keep the paper size, typeface, body font size and line spacing. The second reserves part of the page width, leaving a narrower column for the same words. It does not add information to the main text. The narrower line makes words wrap sooner, so the same sample needs more lines and may continue onto another page.

Read before cutting: In a real draft, identify the facts that answer the actual application prompt. Compare who did the work, what was done and which results the original statement supports. A shorter sentence is not automatically a more accurate sentence. If an edit introduces a new number, completed outcome or leadership role, check the record before keeping it.

Inspect the exported file: Open the final PDF at an ordinary reading size. Look at every page, not only the first. Check the last line, headings, contact details and any section that moved. This experiment supplies its own generated files; it does not test your word processor, application upload, accessibility tools or printing setup. Your exported file remains a separate document to inspect.

Use the destination rules: A word counter measures a chosen string under its stated counting rule. It cannot read margins or predict a destination form. Keep a word limit, a character limit and a page limit separate. Follow the specific job announcement and its current file requirements. This sample does not establish a universal resume length, a federal application format or a hiring advantage.

Keep the result in scope: A different page count demonstrates a layout effect, not a change in qualifications. Neither case is a recommended resume design. The source text and both PDF cases were prepared with AI assistance for this controlled comparison. Use your own accurate evidence for an application, and check the actual destination rather than treating this demonstration as approval.

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Case B: Narrow column

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Reserved layout space

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