5 Types of Verbal Complementation for try

**try to V**
- Most common form in modern English
- Used frequently since c.1600
  - I will try to finish the assignment.

**try and V**
- Pseudocoordination, meaning try to informal and prescriptively dispreferred
  - I will try and finish the assignment.

**try V**
- Used in South African English
  - Elsewhere, extremely rare (Kjellmer 2000)
  - I'm trying to finish the assignment.

**tryna V**
- Developed out of trying to, similar to gonna
  - (Colemb 2012; Colomb & Dubinsky 2013)

**try Ving**
- Meaning of test/experience (not attempt)
  - Unlike the other complementation patterns (discussed in detail here).
  - I will try eating something new today.

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**Dialectical Variation**

*American, British, Australian and New Zealand Dialects*

**Survey results across these dialects** (N=144 total) show no major dialectal differences in acceptability or interpretation.

- Verbs without complements do vary (Hommerberg & Tottie 2007):...