

Need another word that means the same as “civilization”? Find 15 synonyms and 30 related words for “civilization” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Civilization” are: civilisation, culture, refinement, human development, advancement, progress, enlightenment, edification, cultivation, sophistication, customs, mores, way of life, attainments, achievements**

## Civilization as a Noun

### Definitions of "Civilization" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “civilization” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A society in an advanced state of social development (e.g., with complex legal and political and religious organizations).*
- *The process by which a society or place reaches an advanced stage of social and cultural development and organization.*
- *The society, culture, and way of life of a particular area.*
- *A particular society at a particular time and place.*
- *The comfort and convenience of modern life, regarded as available only in towns and cities.*
- *The stage of human social and cultural development and organization that is considered most advanced.*
- *The social process whereby societies achieve an advanced stage of development and organization.*
- *The quality of excellence in thought and manners and taste.*



## Synonyms of "Civilization" as a noun (15 Words)

<b>achievements</b>	The action of accomplishing something.
<b>advancement</b>	The act of moving forward (as toward a goal). <i>Their lives were devoted to the <b>advancement</b> of science.</i>
<b>attainments</b>	The act of achieving an aim. <i>The attainment of independence.</i>
<b>civilisation</b>	A particular society at a particular time and place.
<b>cultivation</b>	(agriculture) production of food by preparing the land to grow crops (especially on a large scale). <i>A man of <b>cultivation</b> and taste.</i>
<b>culture</b>	A preparation of cells obtained by culture. <i>The cells proliferate readily in <b>culture</b>.</i>
<b>customs</b>	Money collected under a tariff. <i>Cocaine seizures by <b>customs</b> have risen this year.</i>

<b><u>edification</u></b>	The moral or intellectual instruction or improvement of someone. <i>A video was filmed for the <b>edification</b> of clients.</i>
<b>enlightenment</b>	A European intellectual movement of the late 17th and 18th centuries emphasizing reason and individualism rather than tradition. It was heavily influenced by 17th-century philosophers such as Descartes, Locke, and Newton, and its prominent figures included Kant, Goethe, Voltaire, Rousseau, and Adam Smith. <i>The key to <b>enlightenment</b> is the way of the Buddha.</i>
<b>human development</b>	Any living or extinct member of the family Hominidae characterized by superior intelligence, articulate speech, and erect carriage.
<b>mores</b>	(sociology) the conventions that embody the fundamental values of a group. <i>An offence against social <b>mores</b>.</i>
<b>progress</b>	Forward or onward movement towards a destination. <i>Great <b>progress</b> in the arts.</i>
<b><u>refinement</u></b>	A highly developed state of perfection; having a flawless or impeccable quality. <i>The <b>refinement</b> of uranium.</i>
<b>sophistication</b>	Uplifting enlightenment. <i>Her air of <b>sophistication</b> and confidence.</i>
<b>way of life</b>	Space for movement.





## Usage Examples of "Civilization" as a noun

- *The early civilizations of Mesopotamia and Egypt.*
- *Early Mayan civilization.*
- *In the UK nowhere is very far from civilization.*
- *The Victorians equated the railways with progress and civilization.*
- *The people slowly progressed from barbarism to civilization.*
- *He is remembered for his generosity and civilization.*
- *The great books of Western civilization.*





## Associations of "Civilization" (30 Words)

### accelerate

Undergo a change in velocity.  
*He **accelerated** the car.*

### ancient

A person who lived in ancient times.  
***Ancient** civilizations such as those of the Etruscans and Sumerians.*

### **automation**

The condition of being automatically operated or controlled.  
*Unemployment due to the spread of **automation**.*

### capitalism

An economic and political system in which a country's trade and industry are controlled by private owners for profit, rather than by the state.  
*An era of free market **capitalism**.*

### city

A town created a city by charter and usually containing a cathedral.  
*The **city** voted for Republicans in 1994.*

<b>commercialization</b>	The act of commercializing something; involving something in commerce. <i>Rapid <b>commercialization</b> across the art world.</i>
<b>develop</b>	Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development. <i>The country is <b>developing</b> at a rapid rate and the economy is booming.</i>
<b><u>globalization</u></b>	Growth to a global or worldwide scale. <i>The <b>globalization</b> of the communication industry.</i>
<b>hyperborean</b>	One of a people that the ancient Greeks believed lived in a warm and sunny land north of the source of the north wind.
<b>immemorial</b>	Originating in the distant past; very old. <i>An <b>immemorial</b> custom.</i>
<b>incan</b>	Of or pertaining to the Incas or their culture or empire.
<b><u>industrialization</u></b>	The development of industry on an extensive scale. <i>These developing countries have undergone rapid <b>industrialization</b>.</i>
<b>industrialize</b>	Develop industry; become industrial. <i>The breakneck attempt to <b>industrialize</b> the country broke an already weak economy.</i>
<b>liberalize</b>	Remove or loosen restrictions on (something, typically an economic or political system). <i>The laws <b>liberalized</b> after Prohibition.</i>
<b>matriarchy</b>	A form of social organization in which descent and relationship are reckoned through the female line. <i>Feminism has revived an interest in <b>matriarchy</b>.</i>
<b>mechanization</b>	The process of supplying a military force with modern weapons and vehicles. <i>Both characters are portrayed by Dickens as complicit in the <b>mechanization</b> of human beings.</i>
<b>megalithic</b>	Of or relating to megaliths or the people who erected megaliths. <i>The <b>megalithic</b> prison system.</i>
<b>modernity</b>	The quality of being current or of the present. <i>A shopping mall would instill a spirit of <b>modernity</b> into this village.</i>
<b>modernization</b>	The process of adapting something to modern needs or habits. <i>The <b>modernization</b> of Nigeria will be a long process.</i>
<b><u>modernize</u></b>	Adapt (something) to modern needs or habits, typically by installing modern equipment or adopting modern ideas or methods. <i>He <b>modernized</b> the health service.</i>

<b>outmoded</b>	Out of fashion. <i><b>Outmoded</b> ideas.</i>
<b><u>primitive</u></b>	A painting by a primitive artist or an object in a primitive style. <i>Pick is the <b>primitive</b> from which picket is derived.</i>
<b>productivity</b>	(economics) the ratio of the quantity and quality of units produced to the labor per unit of time. <i>The long term <b>productivity</b> of land.</i>
<b>redecorate</b>	Redo the decoration of an apartment or house. <i>You will have to <b>redecorate</b> the room afterwards.</i>
<b>renovate</b>	Make brighter and prettier. <i>This will <b>renovate</b> my spirits.</i>
<b>sophisticate</b>	Make someone or something more sophisticated. <i>A <b>sophisticated</b> design.</i>
<b><u>tradition</u></b>	A specific practice of long standing. <i>Members of different castes have by <b>tradition</b> been associated with specific occupations.</i>
<b><u>upgrade</u></b>	The act of improving something (especially machinery) by raising it to a higher grade (as by adding or replacing components). <i>The power plant received a new <b>upgrade</b>.</i>
<b><u>urbanization</u></b>	The social process whereby cities grow and societies become more urban. <i>Public opposition to the <b>urbanization</b> of the countryside.</i>
<b>westernization</b>	Assimilation of Western culture; the social process of becoming familiar with or converting to the customs and practices of Western civilization.



