

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)

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

<u>edification</u>	The moral or intellectual instruction or improvement of someone. <i>A video was filmed for the edification of clients.</i>
enlightenment	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 enlightenment is the way of the Buddha.</i>
human development	Any living or extinct member of the family Hominidae characterized by superior intelligence, articulate speech, and erect carriage.
mores	(sociology) the conventions that embody the fundamental values of a group. <i>An offence against social mores.</i>
progress	Forward or onward movement towards a destination. <i>Great progress in the arts.</i>
<u>refinement</u>	A highly developed state of perfection; having a flawless or impeccable quality. <i>The refinement of uranium.</i>
sophistication	Uplifting enlightenment. <i>Her air of sophistication and confidence.</i>
way of life	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.*

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

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

