

Need another word that means the same as “fortify”? Find 39 synonyms and 30 related words for “fortify” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Fortify” are: lace, spike, beef up, strengthen, arm, build up, gird, fort, build defences round, strengthen with defensive works, secure, protect, surround, reinforce, toughen, consolidate, bolster, shore up, brace, buttress, stiffen, support, hold up, invigorate, energize, enliven, liven up, animate, vitalize, rejuvenate, restore, revive, refresh, add alcohol to, add spirits to, add minerals to, add vitamins to, boost, improve

Fortify as a Verb

Definitions of "Fortify" as a verb

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

- *Add alcohol to (beverages).*
- *Add spirits to (wine) to make port, sherry, or a similar drink.*
- *Enclose by or as if by a fortification.*
- *Strengthen (someone) mentally or physically.*
- *Add nutrients to.*
- *Make strong or stronger.*
- *Increase the nutritional value of (food) by adding vitamins or minerals.*
- *Provide (a place) with defensive works as protection against attack.*
- *Prepare oneself for a military confrontation.*



Synonyms of "Fortify" as a verb (39 Words)

add alcohol to
add minerals to
add spirits to
add vitamins to

[animate](#)

[arm](#)

beef up

bolster

Bestow a quality on.

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Constitute an addition.

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Give inspiration, encouragement, or renewed vigour to.

*She has **animated** the government with a sense of political direction.*

Supply with arms.

*The U S **armed** the freedom fighters in Afghanistan.*

Complain.

Prop up with a pillow or bolster.

*They **bolstered** the seats for a more comfortable ride.*

boost	Give a boost to be beneficial to. <i>The singer had to be boosted onto the stage by a special contraption.</i>
brace	Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace. <i>He stood with legs braced.</i>
build defences round	Build or establish something abstract.
build up	Found or ground.
buttress	Provide a building or structure with buttresses. <i>We buttressed the wall as it was showing signs of cracking and collapse.</i>
consolidate	Combine (a number of financial accounts or funds) into a single overall account or set of accounts. <i>The town and county schools are being consolidated.</i>
energize	Cause to be alert and energetic. <i>People were energized by his ideas.</i>
enliven	Make (something) more entertaining, interesting, or appealing. <i>The wartime routine was enlivened by a series of concerts.</i>
fort	Station troops in a fort.
gird	Put a girdle on or around. <i>A young man was to be girded with the belt of knighthood.</i>
hold up	Resist or confront with resistance.
improve	Develop or increase in mental capacity by education or experience. <i>I subscribed to two magazines to improve my mind.</i>
invigorate	Give strength or energy to. <i>The shower had invigorated her.</i>
lace	Fasten or tighten a shoe or garment by tying the laces. <i>Lace a tablecloth.</i>
liven up	Raise.
protect	Aim to preserve (a threatened species or area) by legislating against hunting, collecting, or development. <i>Use a sunscreen that protects against both UVA and UVB.</i>
refresh	Refresh one's memory. <i>The tea is cold and the pot needs refreshing.</i>
reinforce	Strengthen (a military force) with additional personnel or equipment. <i>The helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork.</i>

rejuvenate

Make younger or more youthful.

*The land **rejuvenated**.*

restore

Restore by replacing a part or putting together what is torn or broken.

*Order was eventually **restored** by riot police.*

revive

Restore interest in or the popularity of.

*The doctors **revived** the comatose man.*

secure

Fix or attach (something) firmly so that it cannot be moved or lost.

*The government is concerned to **secure** the economy against too much foreign ownership.*

shore up

Support by placing against something solid or rigid.

spike

Secure with spikes.

*The voltage **spiked**.*

stiffen

Make or become stiff or rigid.

*Outrage over the murders **stiffened** the government's resolve to confront the Mafia.*

strengthen

Gain strength.

***Strengthen** the relations between the two countries.*

**strengthen with
defensive works**

Make strong or stronger.

support

Give moral or psychological support aid or courage to.

*The scholarship **supported** me when I was in college.*

surround

Surround with a wall in order to fortify.

*The killings were **surrounded** by controversy.*

toughen

Make tough or tougher.

*He tried to **toughen** his son up by sending him to public school.*

vitalize

Give life to.

*The treatment at the spa **vitalized** the old man.*



Usage Examples of "Fortify" as a verb

- *Most commercial brands of almond milk are fortified with vitamins A, D, B2, B12, calcium, and zinc.*
- *The enclave has been heavily fortified in recent years.*
- *The wine is aged in oak barrels and fortified with French brandy.*
- *The girl was fortified by her religious faith.*



Associations of "Fortify" (30 Words)

bolster	Prop up with a pillow or bolster. <i>Bolster morale.</i>
bond	Issue bonds on. <i>Their friendship constitutes a powerful bond between them.</i>
<u>brace</u>	Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace. <i>He stood with legs braced.</i>
convoy	A group of ships or vehicles travelling together, typically one accompanied by armed troops, warships, or other vehicles for protection. <i>American destroyers helped to convoy much needed supplies to Britain in 1917 18.</i>

cooperation	The formation and operation of cooperatives. <i>They agreed on a policy of cooperation.</i>
deepen	Make deeper. <i>This event only deepened my convictions.</i>
defensible	Capable of being defended. <i>A morally defensible penal system.</i>
development	(music) the section of a composition or movement (especially in sonata form) where the major musical themes are developed and elaborated. <i>Agitation is carried out while a film is processed to ensure even development.</i>
enhance	Make better or more attractive. <i>His refusal does nothing to enhance his reputation.</i>
escalate	Increase in extent or intensity. <i>The Allies escalated the bombing.</i>
exacerbate	Exasperate or irritate. <i>The strong pound has exacerbated the situation by making it much harder for UK companies to compete on price.</i>
fortress	A person or thing not susceptible to outside influence or disturbance. <i>He had proved himself to be a fortress of moral rectitude.</i>
harden	Cause to accept or become hardened to habituate. <i>Wait for the glue to harden.</i>
heighten	Make more extreme; raise in quantity, degree, or intensity. <i>Heighten the tension.</i>
increase	A change resulting in an increase. <i>We are aiming to increase awareness of social issues.</i>
intensification	The action of making or becoming more intense. <i>The intensification of agriculture.</i>
intensify	Become more intense. <i>The dispute began to intensify.</i>
intension	The internal content of a concept.
intensity	The amount of energy transmitted (as by acoustic or electromagnetic radiation). <i>There s an intensity in his eyes that s downright scary.</i>
military	The military forces of a nation. <i>He organized his shows with military precision.</i>
ossify	Cause to become hard and bony. <i>These tracheal cartilages may ossify.</i>

<u>reinforce</u>	Strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material. <i>Let s reinforce good behavior.</i>
<u>reinforcement</u>	Information that makes more forcible or convincing. <i>He used gummed reinforcements to hold the page in his notebook.</i>
rise	Rise to one s feet. <i>They cheered the rise of the hot air balloon.</i>
strength	The capacity of an object or substance to withstand great force or pressure. <i>It was destroyed by the strength of the gale.</i>
strengthen	Make or become stronger. <i>He advises an application of fluoride to strengthen the teeth.</i>
strong	Relating to or denoting the strongest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts between nucleons and other hadrons when closer than about 10 cm so binding protons in a nucleus despite the repulsion due to their charge and which conserves strangeness parity and isospin. <i>Driving on these motorways requires strong nerves.</i>
<u>stronghold</u>	A strongly fortified defensive structure. <i>Their mountain strongholds fell to enemy attack.</i>
toughen	Make or become stronger or more resilient. <i>Proposals to toughen up sentencing policy.</i>
<u>widening</u>	An increase in width.

