

Need another word that means the same as “hone”? Find 9 synonyms and 30 related words for “hone” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Hone” are: perfect, sharpen, make sharper, make sharp, whet, strop, grind, file, put an edge on**

## Hone as a Verb

### Definitions of "Hone" as a verb

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

- *Give greater strength or firmness to (the body or a part of the body).*
- *Sharpen with a hone.*
- *Make perfect or complete.*
- *Refine or perfect (something) over a period of time.*
- *Sharpen (a blade).*



## Synonyms of "Hone" as a verb (9 Words)

### file

Smooth with a file.

**File** one's fingernails.

### grind

Created by grinding.

**Grind** the spices in a mortar.

### make sharp

Assure the success of.

### make sharper

Achieve a point or goal.

### perfect

Make perfect or complete.

Equity will not **perfect** an **imperfect** gift.

### put an edge on

Cause to be in a certain state; cause to be in a certain relation.

### sharpen

Raise the pitch of (musical notes).

Students will **sharpen** up their reading skills.

### strop

Sharpen on or with a strop.

**Strop** razors.



**whet**

Sharpen by rubbing as on a whetstone.

*The selection of quotations may **whet** your curiosity to investigate the source material.*



## Usage Examples of "Hone" as a verb

- *The detectives honed in on the suspect.*
- *Some of the best players in the world honed their skills playing street football.*
- *She has been working hard to hone her physique.*
- *I started to hone in on the problem.*
- *He was carefully honing the curved blade.*
- *Hone a knife.*





## Associations of "Hone" (30 Words)

- abrade** Scrape or wear away by friction or erosion.  
*It was a landscape slowly **abraded** by a fine stinging dust.*
- abrasive** Sharply disagreeable; rigorous.  
*The refrigerator is easily damaged by **abrasives**.*
- awl** A small pointed tool used for piercing holes, especially in leather.
- ax** Chop or split with an ax.  
***Axe** wood.*
- behead** Cut off the head of (someone), especially as a form of execution.  
*Mary was **beheaded** at Fotheringhay.*
- brace** Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace.  
*Thirty **brace** of grouse.*
- chop** Form or shape by chopping.  
*The pile of **chop** was dropped into the calves feeder.*

<b><u>craft</u></b>	An aircraft or spaceship. <i>He represented the <b>craft</b> of brewers.</i>
<b>crush</b>	Crush or bruise. <i><b>Crush</b> an aluminum can.</i>
<b>drudgery</b>	Hard menial or dull work. <i>Domestic <b>drudgery</b>.</i>
<b>finely</b>	With delicate or intricate workmanship or structure. <i>A <b>finely</b> proportioned Gothic church.</i>
<b>flour</b>	Convert grain into flour. <i>Manioc <b>flour</b>.</i>
<b>grind</b>	Created by grinding. <i>The crunch and <b>grind</b> of bulldozers.</i>
<b>grindstone</b>	A thick disc of stone or other abrasive material mounted so as to revolve, used for grinding, sharpening, or polishing metal objects.
<b>hammer</b>	Hit or beat something repeatedly with a hammer or similar object. <i>He got <b>hammered</b> for an honest mistake.</i>
<b>heighten</b>	Make more intense, stronger, or more marked. <i>The tension <b>heightened</b>.</i>
<b><u>knife</u></b>	Use a knife on. <i>The victim was <b>knifed</b> to death.</i>
<b>mash</b>	Mashed potato. <i>We d let the pot <b>mash</b> for ten minutes.</i>
<b>mill</b>	Grind something in a mill. <i>Tourists were <b>milling</b> about in the lobby.</i>
<b>millstone</b>	One of a pair of heavy flat disk-shaped stones that are rotated against one another to grind the grain.
<b>pointed</b>	Direct and obvious in meaning or reference; often unpleasant. <i><b>Pointed</b> comments were made about racial discrimination within the army.</i>
<b>powder</b>	A medicine or drug in the form of powder usually designed to be dissolved in a liquid. <i><b>Powder</b> skiing.</i>
<b>pulverize</b>	Reduce to fine particles. <i>The brick of the villages was <b>pulverized</b> by the bombardment.</i>
<b><u>sharp</u></b>	The sign indicating a sharp. <i>Fresh goats milk cheese has a slightly <b>sharper</b> flavour than fromage frais.</i>
<b><u>sharpen</u></b>	Make or become sharp or sharper. <i>Students will <b>sharpen</b> up their reading skills.</i>



- shatter** Break or cause to break suddenly and violently into pieces.  
*Everyone was **shattered** by the news.*
- shred** Reduce documents to unreadable strips by feeding them into a shredder.  
*That girl can **shred** like Eddie Van Halen.*
- squash** Edible fruit of a squash plant eaten as a vegetable.  
*The proposal was immediately **squashed** by the Heritage Department.*
- tamp** A tool for tamping e.g. for tamping tobacco into a pipe bowl or a charge into a drill hole etc.  
*He **tamped** down the tobacco with his thumb.*
- whet** Sharpen by rubbing as on a whetstone.  
*She took out her dagger and began to **whet** its blade in even rhythmic strokes.*

