

Need another word that means the same as “modernize”? Find 17 synonyms and 30 related words for “modernize” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Modernize” are: modernise, overhaul, develop, update, bring up to date, bring into the twenty-first century, drag into the twenty-first century, lead into the twenty-first century, march into the twenty-first century, streamline, rationalize, technologize, get up to date, move with the times, innovate, make alterations, make changes**

## Modernize as a Verb

### Definitions of "Modernize" as a verb

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

- *Adapt (something) to modern needs or habits, typically by installing modern equipment or adopting modern ideas or methods.*
- *Become technologically advanced.*
- *Make repairs, renovations, revisions or adjustments to.*



## Synonyms of "Modernize" as a verb (17 Words)

**bring into the twenty-first century**

Take something or somebody with oneself somewhere.

**bring up to date**

Cause to come into a particular state or condition.

**develop**

Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development.

*Children must **develop** a sense of right and wrong.*

**drag into the twenty-first century**

Search (as the bottom of a body of water) for something valuable or lost.

**get up to date**

Give certain properties to something.

**innovate**

Bring something new to an environment.

*The company's failure to diversify and **innovate** competitively.*

**lead into the twenty-first century**

Move ahead (of others) in time or space.

<b>make alterations</b>	Induce to have sex.
<b>make changes</b>	Charge with a function; charge to be.
<b>march into the twenty-first century</b>	Force to march.
<b>modernise</b>	Make repairs, renovations, revisions or adjustments to.
<b>move with the times</b>	Go or proceed from one point to another.
<b><u>overhaul</u></b>	Analyse and improve (a system). <i>Moves to <b>overhaul</b> the income tax system.</i>
<b><u>rationalize</u></b>	Reorganize (a process or system) so as to make it more logical and consistent. <i>When one wonders why one is doing certain things one should <b>rationalize</b>.</i>
<b><u>streamline</u></b>	Contour economically or efficiently. <i>The company <b>streamlined</b> its operations by removing whole layers of management.</i>
<b>technologize</b>	Incorporate or introduce modern technology into (something), typically by using or installing electronic or digital equipment. <i>Kessler walked me through how the company is technologizing an antiquated industry.</i>
<b>update</b>	Modernize or bring up to date. <i>We <b>updated</b> the database with the most recent figures.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Modernize" as a verb

- *He modernized the health service.*





## Associations of "Modernize" (30 Words)

### accelerate

Increase in rate, amount, or extent.  
*The key question is whether stress **accelerates** ageing.*

### **agriculture**

A large-scale farming enterprise.

### alleviate

Make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe.  
*Measures to **alleviate** unemployment.*

### **automation**

Equipment used to achieve automatic control or operation.  
*The **automation** of office tasks.*

### 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** council.*

### civilization

The stage of human social and cultural development and organization that is considered most advanced.  
*Early Mayan **civilization**.*

<b>commercialization</b>	The process of managing or running something principally for financial gain. <i>Rapid <b>commercialization</b> across the art world.</i>
<b>democratize</b>	Introduce democratic reforms; of nations. <i>Mass production has not <b>democratized</b> fashion.</i>
<b>deregulate</b>	Lift the regulations on. <i>The trucking industry was <b>deregulated</b> in the early 1980s.</i>
<b>develop</b>	Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development. <i>Call the doctor if your child <b>develops</b> a rash.</i>
<b>economy</b>	A particular system or stage of an economy. <i>An <b>economy</b> pack of soap flakes.</i>
<b><u>globalization</u></b>	The process by which businesses or other organizations develop international influence or start operating on an international scale. <i>Fears about the increasing <b>globalization</b> of the world economy.</i>
<b><u>industrialization</u></b>	The development of industries in a country or region on a wide scale. <i>These developing countries have undergone rapid <b>industrialization</b>.</i>
<b>industrialize</b>	Develop industries in (a country or region) on a wide scale. <i>The Chinese <b>industrialized</b> textile production.</i>
<b>liberalize</b>	Make liberal or more liberal, of laws and rules. <i>The laws <b>liberalized</b> after Prohibition.</i>
<b>mechanization</b>	The action or process of making something mechanical in character. <i>The letters and pictures form part of an exhibition at the museum charting the history of the British Army's <b>mechanization</b>.</i>
<b>modernity</b>	A modern way of thinking, working, etc.; contemporariness. <i>Hobbes was the genius of <b>modernity</b>.</i>
<b>modernization</b>	Making modern in appearance or behavior. <i>The <b>modernization</b> of Nigeria will be a long process.</i>
<b>poverty</b>	The state of being inferior in quality or insufficient in amount. <i>The <b>poverty</b> of her imagination.</i>
<b>privatization</b>	Changing something from state to private ownership or control. <i>The government launched a new round of <b>privatizations</b>.</i>
<b>privatize</b>	Transfer (a business, industry, or service) from public to private ownership and control. <i>They were opposed to plans to <b>privatize</b> electricity and water.</i>
<b>productivity</b>	The state or quality of being productive. <i>The long term <b>productivity</b> of land.</i>

**rebuild**

An instance of rebuilding.

*The **rebuilt**s include a number of Delage cars.*

**redecorate**

Apply paint or wallpaper in (a room or building) again, typically differently.

*You will have to **redecorate** the room afterwards.*

**renovate**

Give new life or energy to.

*The old school has been tastefully **renovated** as a private house.*

**sophisticate**

Sophisticated.

*Readers who have been **sophisticated** by modern literary practice.*

**upgrade**

To improve what was old or outdated.

*I've **upgraded** my computer so I can run better software.*

**urbanization**

The social process whereby cities grow and societies become more urban.

*He saw nature being destroyed by **urbanization**.*

**westernization**

Assimilation of Western culture; the social process of becoming

familiar with or converting to the customs and practices of Western civilization.

