

Need another word that means the same as “rationalize”? Find 27 synonyms and 30 related words for “rationalize” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Rationalize” are: cut, prune, rationalise, apologise, apologize, excuse, justify, explain, explain away, account for, defend, vindicate, make excuses for, make allowances for, give an explanation for, provide a rationale for, make acceptable, streamline, make more efficient, improve the running of, trim, slim down, hone, make economies in, reduce wastage in, simplify, reorganize

Rationalize as a Verb

Definitions of "Rationalize" as a verb

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

- *Attempt to explain or justify (behaviour or an attitude) with logical reasons, even if these are not appropriate.*
- *Weed out unwanted or unnecessary things.*
- *Think rationally; employ logic or reason.*
- *Remove irrational quantities from.*
- *Defend, explain, clear away, or make excuses for by reasoning.*
- *Reorganize (a process or system) so as to make it more logical and consistent.*
- *Convert (a function or expression) to a rational form.*
- *Structure and run according to rational or scientific principles in order to achieve desired results.*
- *Make (a company, process, or industry) more efficient, especially by dispensing with superfluous personnel or equipment.*



Synonyms of "Rationalize" as a verb (27 Words)

account for	Keep an account of.
apologise	Acknowledge faults or shortcomings or failing.
apologize	Express regret for something that one has done wrong. <i>I must apologize for disturbing you like this.</i>
cut	Form or shape by cutting or incising. <i>Advocates of reform say more must be done to cut crime.</i>
<u>defend</u>	Protect or fight for as a champion. <i>They were forced to defend for long periods.</i>
<u>excuse</u>	Defend explain clear away or make excuses for by reasoning. <i>Please excuse my dirty hands.</i>
explain	Make (an idea or situation) clear to someone by describing it in more detail or revealing relevant facts. <i>He explained the situation.</i>

explain away	Make plain and comprehensible.
give an explanation for	Present to view.
hone	Sharpen with a hone. <i>Some of the best players in the world honed their skills playing street football.</i>
improve the running of	To make better.
justify	(used of God) declare innocent; absolve from the penalty of sin. <i>Justify the margins.</i>
make acceptable	Head into a specified direction.
make allowances for	Earn on some commercial or business transaction; earn as salary or wages.
make economies in	Make or cause to be or to become.
make excuses for	Undergo fabrication or creation.
make more efficient	Proceed along a path.
provide a rationale for	Determine (what is to happen in certain contingencies), especially by including a proviso condition or stipulation.
prune	Cultivate, tend, and cut back the growth of.
rationalise	Structure and run according to rational or scientific principles in order to achieve desired results.
reduce wastage in	Put down by force or intimidation.
reorganize	Organize anew, as after a setback. <i>The company reorganized into fewer key areas.</i>
simplify	Make (something) simpler or easier to do or understand. <i>We had to simplify the instructions.</i>
slim down	Take off weight.
streamline	Make (an organization or system) more efficient and effective by employing faster or simpler working methods. <i>The company streamlined its operations by removing whole layers of management.</i>
trim	Adjust the balance of a ship or aircraft by rearranging its cargo or by means of its trim tabs. <i>Trim lumber.</i>
vindicate	Show to be right by providing justification or proof. <i>Vindicate a claim.</i>



Usage Examples of "Rationalize" as a verb

- *She couldn't rationalize her urge to return to the cottage.*
- *This function can be rationalized.*
- *If we rationalize production, will that mean redundancies?*
- *We rationalized the factory's production and raised profits.*
- *When one wonders why one is doing certain things, one should rationalize.*
- *Rationalize the child's seemingly crazy behavior.*
- *Parliament should seek to rationalize the country's court structure.*
- *He rationalized his lack of success.*



Associations of "Rationalize" (30 Words)

[alibi](#)

Provide an alibi for.

*Her friend agreed to **alibi** her.*

[attest](#)

Authenticate, affirm to be true, genuine, or correct, as in an official capacity.

*The deceased's solicitor **attested** that he had been about to institute divorce proceedings.*

[attributable](#)

Capable of being attributed.

*Some 50 liturgical works by or **attributable** to him have survived.*

certification

The action or process of providing someone or something with an official document attesting to a status or level of achievement.

*A fundamental requirement for organic **certification**.*

certify

Declare legally insane.

*The Law Society will **certify** that the sum charged is fair and reasonable.*

condone	Approve or sanction (something), especially with reluctance. <i>The college cannot condone any behaviour that involves illicit drugs.</i>
confirm	Administer the religious rite of confirmation to. <i>His story confirmed my doubts.</i>
corroborate	Support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm. <i>The witness had corroborated the boy's account of the attack.</i>
demonstrate	Clearly show the existence or truth of (something) by giving proof or evidence. <i>The experiment demonstrated the instability of the compound.</i>
excuse	Accept an excuse for. <i>His ability excuses most of his faults.</i>
explanation	The act of explaining; making something plain or intelligible. <i>The explanation was very simple.</i>
guise	An artful or simulated semblance. <i>He visited in the guise of an inspector.</i>
justifiable	Capable of being justified. <i>It is not financially justifiable.</i>
justification	The action or manner of justifying a line of type or piece of text. <i>The justification of barbarous means by holy ends.</i>
justify	(used of God) declare innocent; absolve from the penalty of sin. <i>In most European languages you justify text by adding space between letters and words.</i>
lawful	Of a child born within a lawful marriage. <i>It is an offence to carry a weapon in public without lawful authority.</i>
legitimize	Make legal. <i>Voters legitimize the government through the election of public officials.</i>
palliation	Easing the severity of a pain or a disease without removing the cause.
pretext	An artful or simulated semblance. <i>The rebels had the perfect pretext for making their move.</i>
prevarication	A statement that deviates from or perverts the truth.
prove	Prove formally demonstrate by a mathematical formal proof. <i>Prove a will.</i>
rationalization	Systematic organization; the act of organizing something according to a system or a rationale. <i>Most people are prone to self-deceptive rationalization.</i>

reason	Present reasons and arguments. <i>The reason a steady state was never reached was that the back pressure built up too slowly.</i>
testify	Give evidence as a witness in a law court. <i>The bleak lines testify to inner torment.</i>
validate	Prove valid; show or confirm the validity of something. <i>All analytical methods should be validated in respect of accuracy.</i>
verify	Attach or append a legal verification to (a pleading or petition). <i>Please verify that the doors are closed.</i>
vindicate	Clear (someone) of blame or suspicion. <i>Vindicate the rights of the citizens.</i>
vindictory	Given or inflicted in requital according to merits or deserts.
warrant	Show to be reasonable or provide adequate ground for. <i>As a sweetener they offered warrants along with the fixed income securities.</i>
<u>why</u>	The cause or intention underlying an action or situation especially in the phrase the whys and wherefores. <i>Why did he do it.</i>

