

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

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The synonyms of “Refine” are: complicate, elaborate, rarify, rectify, down, fine-tune, polish, purify, clarify, clear, cleanse, strain, sift, filter, rarefy, distil, concentrate, process, treat, improve, perfect, polish up, hone, temper, touch up, revise, edit

Refine as a Verb

Definitions of "Refine" as a verb

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

- *Attenuate or reduce in vigor, strength, or intensity by polishing or purifying.*
- *Attenuate or reduce in vigor, strength, or validity by polishing or purifying.*
- *Treat or prepare so as to put in a usable condition.*
- *Make more precise or increase the discriminatory powers of.*
- *Make minor changes so as to improve or clarify (a theory or method).*
- *Reduce to a fine, unmixed, or pure state; separate from extraneous matter or cleanse from impurities.*
- *Improve or perfect by pruning or polishing.*
- *Remove impurities or unwanted elements from (a substance), typically as part of an industrial process.*
- *Make more complex, intricate, or richer.*



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

- clarify** Melt (butter) in order to separate out the water and milk solids.
*The report managed to **clarify** the government's position.*
- cleanse** Purge of an ideology, bad thoughts, or sins.
*Only God Himself can **cleanse** us.*
- clear** Grant authorization or clearance for.
*The water had to be **cleared** through filtering.*
- complicate** Make something more complicated.
*Increased choice will **complicate** matters for the consumer.*
- concentrate** Compress or concentrate.
***Concentrate** juice.*

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| distil | Make spirits or an essence by distilling. <i>Coal tar is made by distilling out the volatile products in coal.</i> |
| down | Bring down or defeat an opponent. <i>He downed five pints of cider.</i> |
| edit | Be editor of a newspaper or magazine. <i>The same family has been editing the influential newspaper for almost 100 years.</i> |
| elaborate | (of a natural agency) produce (a substance) from its elements or simpler constituents. <i>Many amino acid and peptide hormones are elaborated by neural tissue.</i> |
| filter | Process or treat with a filter. <i>You ll be put through to a secretary whose job it is to filter calls.</i> |
| fine-tune | Make fine adjustments or divide into marked intervals for optimal measuring. |
| hone | Sharpen with a hone. <i>She has been working hard to hone her physique.</i> |
| improve | Get better. <i>Efforts to improve relations between the countries.</i> |
| perfect | Make perfect or complete. <i>The heap was normally printed as white paper in the morning turned at the midday break and perfected in the afternoon.</i> |
| polish | Improve or perfect by pruning or polishing. <i>Polish my shoes.</i> |
| polish up | Bring to a highly developed, finished, or refined state. |
| process | Subject to a process or treatment with the aim of readying for some purpose improving or remedying a condition. <i>Process a loan.</i> |
| purify | Remove contaminants from. <i>A ritual bath to purify the soul.</i> |
| rarefy | Weaken the consistency of (a chemical substance). <i>As the shell continues to expand and rarefy astronomers may eventually be able to see characteristic gamma rays from the radioactivity within.</i> |
| rarify | Make more complex, intricate, or richer. |
| rectify | Put right; correct. <i>His methods of rectifying the cycloid.</i> |
| revise | Revise or reorganize especially for the purpose of updating and improving. <i>Revise a thesis.</i> |

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| sift | Cause to flow or pass as through a sieve. <i>He asked for streamlined procedures to sift out frivolous applications.</i> |
| strain | Rub through a strainer or process in an electric blender. <i>He strained her tolerance to the limit.</i> |
| <u>temper</u> | Make more temperate acceptable or suitable by adding something else. <i>She tempered her criticism.</i> |
| touch up | Comprehend. |
| treat | Subject to a process or treatment with the aim of readying for some purpose improving or remedying a condition. <i>The two were treated for cuts and bruises.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Refine" as a verb

- *Sugar was refined by boiling it in huge iron vats.*
- *Many valuable nutrients are refined out of the foods in our modern diet.*
- *Refine a method of analysis.*
- *Refine the constant in the equation.*

- *Ease of access to computers has refined analysis and presentation of data.*
- *Refine oil.*
- *Refine pig iron.*
- *Refine paper stock.*
- *Refine a design or pattern.*
- *Refine sugar.*
- *Refine one's style of writing.*



Associations of "Refine" (30 Words)

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| advance | Pay in advance. <i>Advance payment.</i> |
| advancement | Gradual improvement or growth or development. <i>Technological advancements.</i> |
| <u>ameliorate</u> | Get better. <i>The reform did much to ameliorate living standards.</i> |
| augment | Enlarge or increase. <i>The recent speech of the president augmented tensions in the Near East.</i> |
| augmentation | The amount by which something increases. <i>The augmentation of the curriculum with new subjects.</i> |
| better | Get better. <i>Educating the young to respect their elders and bettters.</i> |
| bolster | Prop up with a pillow or bolster. <i>Bolster morale.</i> |
| develop | Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development. <i>The embryo develops into a fetus.</i> |
| developed | (of real estate) made more useful and profitable as by building or laying out roads. <i>The developed qualities of the Hellenic outlook.</i> |
| distillation | The process of purifying a liquid by boiling it and condensing its vapors. <i>The petroleum distillation process.</i> |
| efficiency | An action designed to achieve efficiency. <i>She did the work with great efficiency.</i> |
| enhance | Increase. <i>His refusal does nothing to enhance his reputation.</i> |
| enhancement | An improvement that makes something more agreeable. <i>The enhancement of civic amenities.</i> |
| <u>enrich</u> | Increase the proportion of a particular isotope in (an element), especially that of the isotope U-235 in uranium so as to make it suitable for use in a nuclear reactor or weapon. <i>The oil boom enriched a lot of local people.</i> |
| <u>escalate</u> | Increase rapidly. <i>We do not want to escalate the war.</i> |

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| improve | To make better. <i>They are trying to improve on the tired old style.</i> |
| increase | A change resulting in an increase. <i>Some increase in inflation is expected.</i> |
| lapidary | A skilled worker who cuts and engraves precious stones. <i>A lapidary statement.</i> |
| meliorate | To make better. |
| <u>optimize</u> | Modify to achieve maximum efficiency in storage capacity or time or cost. <i>Optimize your resources.</i> |
| polish | Improve or perfect by pruning or polishing. <i>A tin of shoe polish.</i> |
| productivity | 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> |
| prudery | Excessive or affected modesty. |
| <u>purify</u> | Make ceremonially clean. <i>The filtration plant is able to purify 70 tons of water a day.</i> |
| rarefy | Make or become less dense or solid. <i>As the shell continues to expand and rarefy astronomers may eventually be able to see characteristic gamma rays from the radioactivity within.</i> |
| reelect | Elect again. |
| <u>refinement</u> | The quality of excellence in thought and manners and taste. <i>I admired the exquisite refinement of his prose.</i> |
| sere | (especially of vegetation) dry or withered. <i>The desert was edged with sere vegetation.</i> |
| <u>upgrade</u> | An act of upgrading something. <i>I upgraded to First Class when Coach Class was overbooked.</i> |
| <u>uplift</u> | Cause (someone) to feel more cheerful, positive, or optimistic. <i>Their love will prove an enormous uplift.</i> |

