

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.*

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>

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>
temper	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)

advance	Pay in advance. <i>Advance payment.</i>
advancement	Gradual improvement or growth or development. <i>Technological advancements.</i>
ameliorate	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>
enrich	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>
escalate	Increase rapidly. <i>We do not want to escalate the war.</i>

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>

