

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, finetune, polish, purify, clarify, clear, cleanse, strain, sift, filter, rarefy, distil, concentrate, process, treat, improve, perfect, polish up, hone, temper, touch up, revise, edit

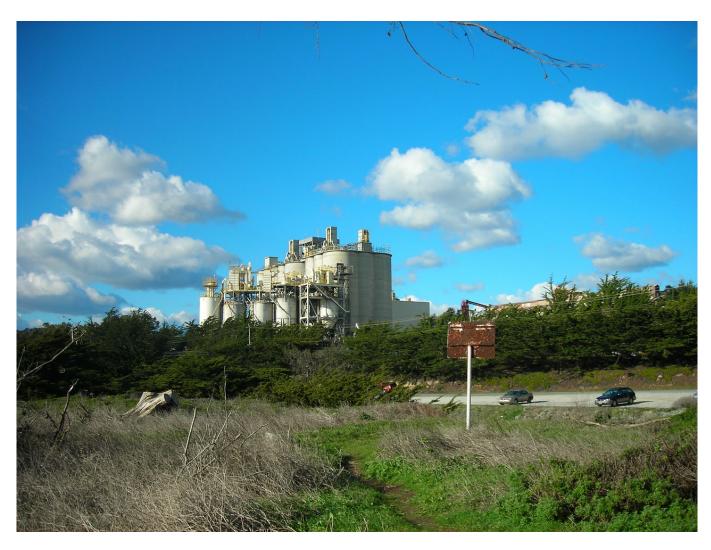
Refine as a Verb

Definitions of "Refine" as a verb

According to the <u>Oxford Dictionary of English</u>, "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)

Melt (butter) in order to separate out the water and milk solids.

The report managed to clarify the government a position

The report managed to *clarify* the government s position.

cleanse Purge of an ideology, bad thoughts, or sins.

Only God Himself can **cleanse** us.

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.

Coal tar is made by **distil**ling out the volatile products in coal.

Bring down or defeat an opponent.

He downed five pints of cider.

Be editor of a newspaper or magazine.

edit The same family has been editing the influential newspaper for almost 100

years.

(of a natural agency) produce (a substance) from its elements or simpler

elaborate constituents.

Many amino acid and peptide hormones are elaborated by neural tissue.

filter Process or treat with a filter.

You ll be put through to a secretary whose job it is to **filter** calls.

fine-tune Make fine adjustments or divide into marked intervals for optimal measuring.

Sharpen with a hone.

She has been working hard to **hone** her physique.

improve Get better.

Efforts to **improve** relations between the countries.

Make perfect or complete.

perfect The heap was normally printed as white paper in the morning turned at the

midday break and **perfect**ed in the afternoon.

polish Improve or perfect by pruning or polishing.

Polish my shoes.

polish up Bring to a highly developed, finished, or refined state.

Subject to a process or treatment with the aim of readying for some purpose

process improving or remedying a condition.

Process a loan.

Remove contaminants from.

A ritual bath to **purify** the soul.

Weaken the consistency of (a chemical substance.

rarefy As the shell continues to expand and **rarefy** astronomers may eventually be

able to see characteristic gamma rays from the radioactivity within.

rarify Make more complex, intricate, or richer.

rectify Put right; correct.

His methods of **rectify**ing the cycloid.

revise Revise or reorganize especially for the purpose of updating and improving.

Revise a thesis.



sift Cause to flow or pass as through a sieve.

He asked for streamlined procedures to **sift** out frivolous applications.

Rub through a strainer or process in an electric blender.

He **strain**ed her tolerance to the limit.

Make more temperate acceptable or suitable by adding something else.

She **temper**ed her criticism.

touch up Comprehend.

Subject to a process or treatment with the aim of readying for some purpose

treat improving or remedying a condition.

The two were **treat**ed for cuts and bruises.



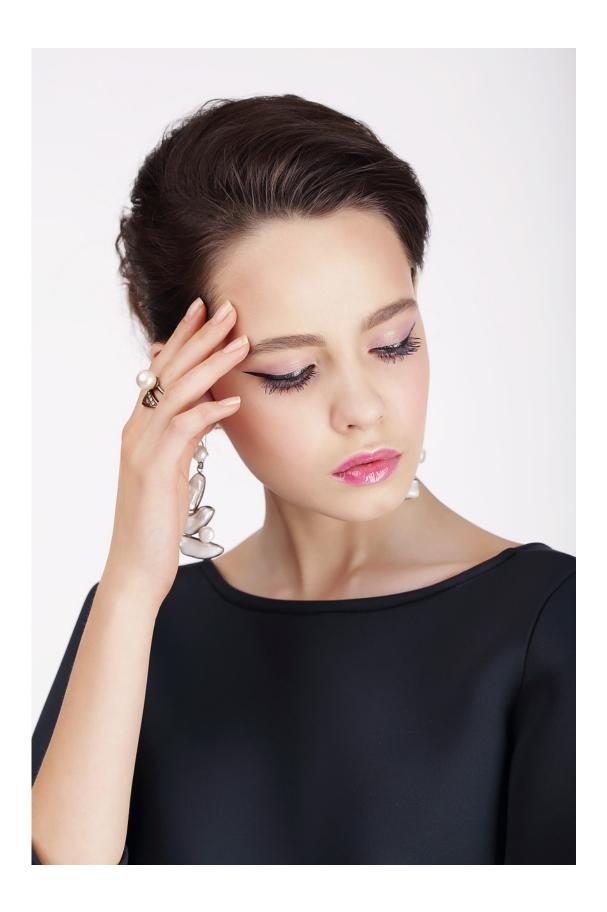
Usage Examples of "Refine" as a verb

- 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.

Advance payment.

Gradual improvement or growth or development.

advancement Technological advancements.

ameliorate Get better.

The reform did much to **ameliorate** living standards.

Enlarge or increase.

The recent speech of the president **augment**ed tensions in the Near East.

augmentation The amount by which something increases.

The **augmentation** of the curriculum with new subjects.

better Get better.

Educating the young to respect their elders and **betters**.

bolster Prop up with a pillow or bolster.

Bolster morale.

Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural

develop development.

The embryo **develop**s into a fetus.

(of real estate) made more useful and profitable as by building or laying

developed out roads.

The **developed** qualities of the Hellenic outlook.

distillation The process of purifying a liquid by boiling it and condensing its vapors.

The petroleum **distillation** process.

efficiency An action designed to achieve efficiency.

She did the work with great **efficiency**.

enhance Increase.

enrich

His refusal does nothing to **enhance** his reputation.

enhancement An improvement that makes something more agreeable.

The **enhancement** of civic amenities.

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.

The oil boom **enrich**ed a lot of local people.

Increase rapidly.

We do not want to **escalate** the war.



improve To make better.

They are trying to **improve** on the tired old style.

increase A change resulting in an increase.

Some **increase** in inflation is expected.

lapidary A skilled worker who cuts and engraves precious stones.

A **lapidary** statement.

meliorate To make better.

Modify to achieve maximum efficiency in storage capacity or time or cost.

Optimize your resources.

Improve or perfect by pruning or polishing.

polishA tin of shoe **polish**.

The ratio of the quantity and quality of units produced to the labor per unit

productivity of time.

The long term **productivity** of land.

prudery Excessive or affected modesty.

Make ceremonially clean.

The filtration plant is able to **purify** 70 tons of water a day.

Make or become less dense or solid.

rarefy As the shell continues to expand and **rarefy** astronomers may eventually be

able to see characteristic gamma rays from the radioactivity within.

reelect Elect again.

refinement The quality of excellence in thought and manners and taste.

I admired the exquisite **refinement** of his prose.

sere (especially of vegetation) dry or withered.

The desert was edged with **sere** vegetation.

An act of upgrading something.

upgrade

I upgraded to First Class when Coach Class was overbooked.

Cause (someone) to feel more cheerful, positive, or optimistic.

Their love will prove an enormous **uplift**.



