

Need another word that means the same as “refinement”? Find 42 synonyms and 30 related words for “refinement” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Refinement” are: purification, refining, cultivation, culture, finish, polish, elaboration, civilisation, civilization, nicety, nuance, shade, subtlety, clarification, cleansing, straining, sifting, filtering, filtration, rarefaction, distillation, concentration, processing, treatment, treating, improvement, perfection, polishing, honing, touching up, revision, editing, style, elegance, finesse, sophistication, urbanity, judgement, taste, discrimination, enlightenment, sensitivity**

## Refinement as a Noun

### Definitions of "Refinement" as a noun

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

- *Cultured elegance in behaviour or manner.*
- *The process of removing impurities or unwanted elements from a substance.*
- *The result of improving something.*
- *The improvement or clarification of something by the making of small changes.*
- *The quality of excellence in thought and manners and taste.*
- *Sophisticated and superior good taste.*
- *A highly developed state of perfection; having a flawless or impeccable quality.*
- *A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude.*
- *The process of removing impurities (as from oil or metals or sugar etc).*



## Synonyms of "Refinement" as a noun (42 Words)

- civilisation** The social process whereby societies achieve an advanced stage of development and organization.
- civilization** The comfort and convenience of modern life, regarded as available only in towns and cities.  
*In the UK nowhere is very far from **civilization**.*
- clarification** The action of making a statement or situation less confused and more comprehensible.  
*The remaining changes are small **clarifications**.*
- cleansing** The act of making something clean.
- concentration** Strengthening the concentration as of a solute in a mixture by removing diluting material.  
*The island has the greatest **concentration** of seabirds in the north west.*

<b>cultivation</b>	Socialization through training and education to develop one's mind or manners. <i>The <b>cultivation</b> of good staff management relations.</i>
<b>culture</b>	A preparation of cells obtained by culture. <i>The <b>culture</b> of oysters.</i>
<b>discrimination</b>	Recognition and understanding of the difference between one thing and another. <i><b>Discrimination</b> learning.</i>
<b>distillation</b>	The action of purifying a liquid by a process of heating and cooling. <i>The film is a <b>distillation</b> of personal experiences.</i>
<b>editing</b>	Putting something (as a literary work or a legislative bill) into acceptable form.
<b>elaboration</b>	Marked by elaborately complex detail. <i>The concept needs more <b>elaboration</b> than a short essay allows.</i>
<b>elegance</b>	The quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner. <i>The simplicity and <b>elegance</b> of the solution.</i>
<b>enlightenment</b>	A movement in Europe from about 1650 until 1800 that advocated the use of reason and individualism instead of tradition and established doctrine. <i>The key to <b>enlightenment</b> is the way of the Buddha.</i>
<b>filtering</b>	An electrical device that alters the frequency spectrum of signals passing through it.
<b>filtration</b>	The action or process of filtering something. <i>Small particles are difficult to remove without <b>filtration</b>.</i>
<b>finesse</b>	Great subtlety and tact in handling or manipulating people or difficult situations. <i>Orchestral playing of great <b>finesse</b>.</i>
<b>finish</b>	The act of finishing. <i>The winner is the team with the most points at the <b>finish</b>.</i>
<b>honing</b>	A whetstone made of fine gritstone; used for sharpening razors.
<b>improvement</b>	The act of improving something. <i>Their <b>improvements</b> increased the value of the property.</i>
<b>judgement</b>	(law) the determination by a court of competent jurisdiction on matters submitted to it. <i>That is not in my <b>judgement</b> the end of the matter.</i>
<b>nicety</b>	A fine or subtle detail or distinction. <i>She prided herself on her <b>nicety</b> of pronunciation.</i>

<b>nuance</b>	A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude. <i>Without understanding the finer <b>nuances</b> you can't enjoy the humor.</i>
<b>perfection</b>	An ideal instance; a perfect embodiment of a concept. <i>The satiny <b>perfection</b> of her skin.</i>
<b>polish</b>	A preparation used in polishing. <i>His poetry has clarity and <b>polish</b>.</i>
<b>polishing</b>	A preparation used in polishing. <i>Every Sunday he gave his car a good <b>polishing</b>.</i>
<b>processing</b>	Preparing or putting through a prescribed procedure. <i>The <b>processing</b> of ore to obtain minerals.</i>
<b>purification</b>	The removal of contaminants from something. <i><b>Purification</b> through repentance.</i>
<b>rarefaction</b>	The lessening of density of tissue, especially of nervous tissue or bone. <i>Opposed processes such as <b>rarefaction</b> and condensation.</i>
<b>refining</b>	The process of removing impurities (as from oil or metals or sugar etc.)
<b>revision</b>	The action of revising. <i>A <b>revision</b> of the Hegelian concept of history.</i>
<b>sensitivity</b>	Sensitivity to emotional feelings of self and others. <i>A total lack of common decency and <b>sensitivity</b>.</i>
<b>shade</b>	A lampshade. <i>This area will be in <b>shade</b> for much of the day.</i>
<b>sifting</b>	The action of sifting something. <i>The laborious <b>sifting</b> of evidence took its toll.</i>
<b>sophistication</b>	The quality of being sophisticated. <i>The technological <b>sophistication</b> of their products.</i>
<b>straining</b>	Difficulty that causes worry or emotional tension- R.J.Samuelsan.
<b>style</b>	In an invertebrate a small slender pointed appendage a stylet. <i>All the reporters were expected to adopt the <b>style</b> of the newspaper.</i>
<b>subtlety</b>	A subtle difference in meaning or opinion or attitude. <i>You had to admire the <b>subtlety</b> of the distinctions he drew.</i>
<b>taste</b>	The sensation that results when taste buds in the tongue and throat convey information about the chemical composition of a soluble stimulus. <i>She enjoyed her brief <b>taste</b> of independence.</i>
<b>touching up</b>	The act of putting two things together with no space between them.
<b>treating</b>	An occurrence that causes special pleasure or delight.
<b>treatment</b>	The presentation or discussion of a subject. <i>I'm receiving <b>treatment</b> for an injured shoulder.</i>

**urbanity**

Polished courtesy; elegance of manner.  
*A picture of banal **urbanity**.*



**Usage Examples of "Refinement" as a noun**

- *He described a refinement of this technique.*
- *This gross figure needs considerable refinement.*
- *A man of intellectual refinement.*
- *I admired the exquisite refinement of his prose.*
- *The refinement of uranium.*
- *The refinement of Hellenistic art.*
- *Recent refinements to production techniques.*
- *Her carefully cultivated veneer of refinement.*



## Associations of "Refinement" (30 Words)

<b>advancement</b>	A development or improvement. <i><b>Advancement</b> of knowledge.</i>
<b>ameliorate</b>	Make (something bad or unsatisfactory) better. <i>The reform did much to <b>ameliorate</b> living standards.</i>
<b>augment</b>	Enlarge or increase. <i>The recent speech of the president <b>augmented</b> tensions in the Near East.</i>
<b>better</b>	Comparative of well in a better or more excellent manner or more advantageously or attractively or to a greater degree etc. <i>You re a <b>better</b> man than I am Gunga Din.</i>
<b>breeding</b>	The production of animals or plants by inbreeding or hybridization. <i>Retained a few bulls for <b>breeding</b> purposes.</i>
<b>civility</b>	Polite remarks used in formal conversation. <i>I hope we can treat each other with <b>civility</b> and respect.</i>
<b>culture</b>	A preparation of cells obtained by culture. <i>Several investigators have attempted to <b>culture</b> biliary cells.</i>
<b>develop</b>	Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development. <i>We must <b>develop</b> more potential customers.</i>
<b>developed</b>	(of real estate) made more useful and profitable as by building or laying out roads. <i>They have very small limbs with only two fully <b>developed</b> toes on each.</i>
<b>distillation</b>	The action of purifying a liquid by a process of heating and cooling. <i>The film is a <b>distillation</b> of personal experiences.</i>
<b>elaboration</b>	The process of developing or presenting a theory, policy, or system in further detail. <i>The concept needs more <b>elaboration</b> than a short essay allows.</i>
<b>elegance</b>	The quality of being pleasingly ingenious and simple; neatness. <i>The simplicity and <b>elegance</b> of his invention.</i>
<b>enhance</b>	Increase. <i>This will <b>enhance</b> your enjoyment.</i>
<b>enhancement</b>	An improvement that makes something more agreeable. <i>The <b>enhancement</b> of civic amenities.</i>
<b>enrich</b>	Improve or enhance the quality or value of. <i>The oil boom <b>enriched</b> a lot of local people.</i>

<b>improve</b>	To make better. <i>Efforts to <b>improve</b> relations between the countries.</i>
<b>lapidary</b>	Relating to the engraving, cutting, or polishing of stones and gems. <i>A <b>lapidary</b> statement.</i>
<b>meliorate</b>	To make better.
<b>modern</b>	Belonging to the modern era since the Middle Ages. <i><b>Modern</b> European history.</i>
<b>nicety</b>	A detail or aspect of polite social behaviour. <i>She prided herself on her <b>nicety</b> of pronunciation.</i>
<b>optimize</b>	Make optimal; get the most out of; use best. <i><b>Optimize</b> your resources.</i>
<b>prudery</b>	Excessive or affected modesty.
<b>purification</b>	The removal of contaminants from something. <i>His blood is pumped out and after <b>purification</b> pumped back in.</i>
<b>rarefy</b>	Make or become less dense or solid. <i>As the shell continues to expand and <b>rarefy</b> astronomers may eventually be able to see characteristic gamma rays from the radioactivity within.</i>
<b>refine</b>	Attenuate or reduce in vigor, strength, or validity by polishing or purifying. <i><b>Refine</b> one's style of writing.</i>
<b>sere</b>	Having lost all moisture. <i>The desert was edged with <b>sere</b> vegetation.</i>
<b>sophistication</b>	The quality of being sophisticated. <i>He practiced the art of <b>sophistication</b> upon reason.</i>
<b>upgrade</b>	An upward slope or grade (as in a road). <i>I got an <b>upgrade</b> to first class when coach class was full.</i>
<b>uplift</b>	Fill with high spirits; fill with optimism. <i>We will be only too pleased to <b>uplift</b> any items you wish us to sell for you.</i>
<b>urbanity</b>	Courteousness and refinement of manner. <i>A picture of banal <b>urbanity</b>.</i>



