

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.*

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

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

advancement	A development or improvement. <i>Advancement of knowledge.</i>
ameliorate	Make (something bad or unsatisfactory) 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>
better	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 better man than I am Gunga Din.</i>
breeding	The production of animals or plants by inbreeding or hybridization. <i>Retained a few bulls for breeding purposes.</i>
civility	Polite remarks used in formal conversation. <i>I hope we can treat each other with civility and respect.</i>
culture	A preparation of cells obtained by culture. <i>Several investigators have attempted to culture biliary cells.</i>
develop	Cause to grow and differentiate in ways conforming to its natural development. <i>We must develop more potential customers.</i>
developed	(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 developed toes on each.</i>
distillation	The action of purifying a liquid by a process of heating and cooling. <i>The film is a distillation of personal experiences.</i>
elaboration	The process of developing or presenting a theory, policy, or system in further detail. <i>The concept needs more elaboration than a short essay allows.</i>
elegance	The quality of being pleasingly ingenious and simple; neatness. <i>The simplicity and elegance of his invention.</i>
enhance	Increase. <i>This will enhance your enjoyment.</i>
enhancement	An improvement that makes something more agreeable. <i>The enhancement of civic amenities.</i>
enrich	Improve or enhance the quality or value of. <i>The oil boom enriched a lot of local people.</i>

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

