

Need another word that means the same as “reform”? Find 29 synonyms and 30 related words for “reform” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Reform” are: reclaim, rectify, regenerate, see the light, straighten out, improve, make better, better, ameliorate, refine, mend, correct, rehabilitate, mend one's ways, change for the better, change completely, make a fresh start, turn over a new leaf, become a new person, reconstruct oneself, go straight, get back on the straight and narrow, improvement, betterment, amelioration, refinement, rectification, correction, rehabilitation**

## Reform as a Noun

### Definitions of "Reform" as a noun

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

- *The action or process of reforming an institution or practice.*
- *A change for the better as a result of correcting abuses.*
- *Self-improvement in behavior or morals by abandoning some vice.*
- *A campaign aimed to correct abuses or malpractices.*



## Synonyms of "Reform" as a noun (7 Words)

- amelioration** The act of relieving ills and changing for the better.  
*Progress brings with it the **amelioration** of the human condition.*
- betterment** An improvement that adds to the value of a property or facility.  
*They believed that what they were doing was vital for the **betterment** of society.*
- correction** A quantity that is added or subtracted in order to increase the accuracy of a scientific measure.  
*Market runups are invariably followed by a **correction**.*
- improvement** An example of improving or being improved.  
*The new school represents a great **improvement**.*
- rectification** (chemistry) the process of refinement or purification of a substance by distillation.  
*The inward **rectification** of single channel currents.*
- refinement** The quality of excellence in thought and manners and taste.  
*A man of intellectual **refinement**.*

The action of restoring someone to former privileges or reputation after a **rehabilitation** period of disfavour.

*A posthumous **rehabilitation** of the activist.*



### Usage Examples of "Reform" as a noun

- *Economic reforms.*
- *Justice was for sale before the reform of the law courts.*
- *The reforms he proposed were too radical for the politicians.*
- *The reform of the divorce laws.*
- *The family rejoiced in the drunkard's reform.*



## Reform as a Verb

### Definitions of "Reform" as a verb

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

- *Make changes for improvement in order to remove abuse and injustices.*
- *Bring, lead, or force to abandon a wrong or evil course of life, conduct, and adopt a right one.*
- *Cause (someone) to relinquish an immoral, criminal, or self-destructive lifestyle.*
- *Produce by cracking.*
- *Change for the better.*
- *Make changes in (something, especially an institution or practice) in order to improve it.*
- *Subject (hydrocarbons) to a catalytic process in which straight-chain molecules are converted to branched forms for use as petrol.*
- *Relinquish an immoral, criminal, or self-destructive lifestyle.*
- *Break up the molecules of.*

- *Improve by alteration or correction of errors or defects and put into a better condition.*



## Synonyms of "Reform" as a verb (22 Words)

**ameliorate**

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

**become a new person**

Enter or assume a certain state or condition.

**better**

Make something better improve.  
*His account can hardly be **bettered**.*

<b>change completely</b>	Become deeper in tone.
<b>change for the better</b>	Cause to change; make different; cause a transformation.
<b>correct</b>	Make right or correct. <i>Engineers will work to <b>correct</b> the effects of air resistance.</i>
<b>get back on the straight and narrow</b>	Go or come after and bring or take back.
<b>go straight</b>	Stretch out over a distance, space, time, or scope; run or extend between two points or beyond a certain point. Develop or increase in mental capacity by education or experience. <i>The editor <b>improved</b> the manuscript with his changes.</i>
<b>improve</b>	Eliminate urine.
<b>make a fresh start</b>	Give certain properties to something.
<b>make better</b>	Return to health; heal. <i>Workmen were <b>mending</b> faulty cabling.</i>
<b>mend</b>	Heal or recover.
<b>mend one's ways</b>	Bring (waste land or land formerly under water) under cultivation. <i>Societies for <b>reclaiming</b> beggars and prostitutes.</i>
<b>reclaim</b>	Build again.
<b>reconstruct oneself</b>	Purify or refine (a substance) by repeated or continuous distillation. <i>We are working to <b>rectify</b> the situation.</i>
<b>rectify</b>	Attenuate or reduce in vigor, strength, or validity by polishing or purifying. <i><b>Refine</b> pig iron.</i>
<a href="#"><u>refine</u></a>	(especially in Christian use) give a new and higher spiritual nature to. <i>The lizard has to find the wherewithal to <b>regenerate</b> its tail.</i>
<a href="#"><u>regenerate</u></a>	Restore to a state of good condition or operation. <i>After a year in the mental clinic the patient is now <b>rehabilitated</b>.</i>
<b>rehabilitate</b>	Date regularly; have a steady relationship with.
<b>see the light</b>	Make straight or straighter.
<b>straighten out</b>	Pass into a condition gradually, take on a specific property or attribute; become.
<b>turn over a new leaf</b>	



## Usage Examples of "Reform" as a verb

- *It was only when his drunken behaviour led to blows that he started to reform.*
- *The state has a duty to reform criminals.*
- *The lazy student promised to reform.*
- *The Church reformed me.*
- *Reform your conduct.*
- *Reform the health system in this country.*
- *The Bill will reform the tax system.*
- *Reform oil.*
- *Reform a political system.*
- *Reform gas.*



## Associations of "Reform" (30 Words)

<b><u>ameliorate</u></b>	Make (something bad or unsatisfactory) better. <i>The reform did much to <b>ameliorate</b> living standards.</i>
<b><u>amend</u></b>	Make amendments to. <i>The rule was <b>amended</b> to apply only to non members.</i>
<b>clergyman</b>	A male priest, minister, or religious leader, especially a Christian one.
<b><u>congregation</u></b>	The action of gathering together in a crowd. <i>The singing of psalms by the whole <b>congregation</b>.</i>
<b>converted</b>	Spiritually reborn or converted. <i>A <b>converted</b> Victorian property.</i>
<b><u>denomination</u></b>	A group of religious congregations having its own organization and a distinctive faith. <i>High <b>denomination</b> banknotes.</i>
<b>excision</b>	The act of pulling up or out; uprooting; cutting off from existence. <i>Both parties agreed on the <b>excision</b> of the proposed clause.</i>
<b>extirpation</b>	The act of pulling up or out; uprooting; cutting off from existence.
<b><u>heal</u></b>	Become sound or healthy again. <i>The bullet wounds had <b>healed</b>.</i>



<b>improve</b>	Get better. <i>Communications <b>improved</b> during the 18th century.</i>
<b>mend</b>	A repair in a material. <i>My broken leg is <b>mending</b>.</i>
<b>patch</b>	Mend by putting a patch on. <i><b>Patches</b> of thin ice.</i>
<b>protestant</b>	Of or relating to Protestants or Protestantism.
<b>reanimate</b>	Restore to life or consciousness; revive. <i>His personal dislike of the man was <b>reanimated</b>.</i>
<b>reclaim</b>	The action or process of reclaiming or being reclaimed. <i>When Dennis emerged I <b>reclaimed</b> my room.</i>
<b>reformation</b>	The action or process of reforming an institution or practice. <i>The <b>reformation</b> of the Senate.</i>
<b>refurbish</b>	Make brighter and prettier. <i>We <b>refurbished</b> the guest wing.</i>
<b>regenerate</b>	(of a living organism) grow (new tissue) after loss or damage. <i>A <b>regenerate</b> sinner.</i>
<b>rejuvenate</b>	Make younger or more youthful. <i>The Central Bank announced bold stimulus measures to <b>rejuvenate</b> the economy.</i>
<b>rejuvenation</b>	The action of restoring a river or stream to a condition characteristic of a younger landscape. <i>Experts in the art of facial <b>rejuvenation</b>.</i>
<b>religious</b>	A member of a religious order who is bound by vows of poverty and chastity and obedience. <i><b>Religious</b> attitude.</i>
<b>renew</b>	Extend the period of validity of (a licence, subscription, contract, etc). <i>A generator was replaced and filters were <b>renewed</b>.</i>
<b>renewal</b>	The act of renewing. <i>The contracts came up for <b>renewal</b>.</i>
<b>renovate</b>	Make brighter and prettier. <i>A little warm nourishment <b>renovated</b> him for a short time.</i>
<b>reschedule</b>	Assign a new time and place for an event. <i>The concert has been <b>rescheduled</b> for September.</i>
<b>restore</b>	Restore by replacing a part or putting together what is torn or broken. <i><b>Restore</b> the forest to its original pristine condition.</i>

- resurgence** Bringing again into activity and prominence.  
*A **resurgence** of interest in religion.*
- revamp** To patch up or renovate; repair or restore.  
*The show was a **revamp** of an old idea.*
- reverend** A member of the clergy.  
*A retired **reverend**.*
- revitalize** Give new life or vigor to.  
*This food **revitalized** the patient.*

