

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**.*

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



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)

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

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

