

Need another word that means the same as “reinforce”? Find 21 synonyms and 30 related words for “reinforce” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Reinforce” are: reward, reenforce, strengthen, fortify, bolster up, shore up, buttress, prop up, underpin, brace, stiffen, toughen, support, hold up, augment, increase, add to, supplement, boost, swell, build up

Reinforce as a Verb

Definitions of "Reinforce" as a verb

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

- *Strengthen (a military force) with additional personnel or equipment.*
- *Strengthen and support with rewards.*
- *Make stronger.*
- *Strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.*
- *Strengthen (an existing feeling, idea, or habit).*



Synonyms of "Reinforce" as a verb (21 Words)

- add to** Constitute an addition.
- augment** Make (something) greater by adding to it; increase.
*The pressure **augmented**.*
- bolster up** Prop up with a pillow or bolster.
- boost** Give a boost to be beneficial to.
***Boost** the voltage in an electrical circuit.*
- brace** Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace.
*The posts were **braced** by lengths of timber.*
- build up** Give form to, according to a plan.
- buttress** Reinforce with a buttress.
*We **buttressed** the wall as it was showing signs of cracking and collapse.*
- fortify** Prepare oneself for a military confrontation.
*The wine is aged in oak barrels and **fortified** with French brandy.*

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| hold up | Have or hold in one's hands or grip. |
| increase | Make bigger or more. <i>The boss finally increased her salary.</i> |
| prop up | Support by placing against something solid or rigid. |
| reinforce | Make stronger. |
| reward | Strengthen and support with rewards. <i>Their hard work was rewarded by the winning of a five year contract.</i> |
| shore up | Arrive on shore. |
| stiffen | Become stiff or stiffer. <i>He stiffened his knees in an effort to prevent them trembling.</i> |
| strengthen | Make strong or stronger. <i>He advises an application of fluoride to strengthen the teeth.</i> |
| supplement | Add as a supplement to what seems insufficient. <i>I looked for a part time job to supplement my income.</i> |
| support | Support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm. <i>The land had lost its capacity to support life.</i> |
| swell | Expand abnormally. <i>The low murmur swelled to a roar.</i> |
| toughen | Make (rules or a policy) stricter and more harsh. <i>Proposals to toughen up sentencing policy.</i> |
| <u>underpin</u> | Support (a building or other structure) from below by laying a solid foundation below ground level or by substituting stronger for weaker materials. <i>The theme of honour underpinning the two books.</i> |



Usage Examples of "Reinforce" as a verb

- *The helmet has been reinforced with a double layer of cork.*
- *The next few months reinforced my opinion of Vince as a man of his word.*
- *He reinforced the concrete.*
- *Paratroopers were sent to reinforce the troops already in the area.*
- *Let's reinforce good behavior.*



Associations of "Reinforce" (30 Words)

- bolster** Prop up with a pillow or bolster.
*The fall in interest rates is starting to **bolster** confidence.*
- bond** Criminal law money that must be forfeited by the bondsman if an accused person fails to appear in court for trial.
*The failure to properly **bond** with their children.*
- brace** Support or hold steady and make steadfast with or as if with a brace.
*Police are **braced** for a traffic nightmare today.*
- calcify** Turn into lime; become calcified.
*A few studies raised concern that excess calcium may **calcify** coronary arteries in susceptible individuals.*
- cooperation** The formation and operation of cooperatives.
*They agreed on a policy of **cooperation**.*

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| deepen | Make more intense, stronger, or more marked. <i>The crisis deepened.</i> |
| defensible | Able to be protected. <i>A morally defensible penal system.</i> |
| development | (biology) the process of an individual organism growing organically; a purely biological unfolding of events involved in an organism changing gradually from a simple to a more complex level. <i>Agitation is carried out while a film is processed to ensure even development.</i> |
| enhance | Make better or more attractive. <i>His refusal does nothing to enhance his reputation.</i> |
| escalate | Increase in extent or intensity. <i>The Allies escalated the bombing.</i> |
| exacerbate | Make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse. <i>The exorbitant cost of land in urban areas only exacerbated the problem.</i> |
| fortify | Enclose by or as if by a fortification. <i>Most commercial brands of almond milk are fortified with vitamins A, D, B2, B12, calcium, and zinc.</i> |
| harden | Harden by reheating and cooling in oil. <i>The wax hardened.</i> |
| heighten | Make more extreme; raise in quantity, degree, or intensity. <i>The tension heightened.</i> |
| increase | The amount by which something increases. <i>The amount of work increased.</i> |
| intensification | The action of making or becoming more intense. <i>The intensification of the conflict.</i> |
| intensify | Increase the opacity of (a negative) using a chemical. <i>The dispute began to intensify.</i> |
| intension | The internal content of a concept. |
| intensity | The amount of energy transmitted (as by acoustic or electromagnetic radiation). <i>Hydrothermal processes of low intensity.</i> |
| ossify | Become bony. <i>These tracheal cartilages may ossify.</i> |
| reinforcement | A device designed to provide additional strength. <i>Positive feedback leads to reinforcement.</i> |

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| rise | Rise up. <i>The wind continued to rise.</i> |
| <u>sharpen</u> | Make (one's senses) more acute. <i>Sharpen the knives.</i> |
| stiffen | Make or become stronger or more steadfast. <i>He stiffened his knees in an effort to prevent them trembling.</i> |
| strength | The number of people comprising a group, typically a team or army. <i>An under strength side.</i> |
| strengthen | Give a healthy elasticity to. <i>The wind won't strengthen until after dark.</i> |
| strong | Having a strong physiological or chemical effect. <i>A strong man.</i> |
| <u>stronghold</u> | A place that has been fortified so as to protect it against attack. <i>Their mountain strongholds fell to enemy attack.</i> |
| toughen | Make or become stronger or more resilient. <i>Proposals to toughen up sentencing policy.</i> |
| <u>widening</u> | The act of making something wider. |

