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View synonyms for improveto bring into a more desirable or excellent condition.He took vitamins to improve his health.to make (land) more useful, profitable, or valuable by enclosure, cultivation, etc.to increase the value of (real property) by betterments, as the construction of buildings and sewers.to make good use of; turn to account.He improved the stopover by seeing a client with offices there.to increase in value, excellence, etc.; become better.The military situation is improving.to make improvements, as by revision, addition, or change.None of the younger violinists have been able to improve on his interpretation of that work.to make or become better in quality; ameliorate(tr) to make (buildings, land, etc) more valuable by additions or betterment(intr; usually foll by on or upon) to achieve a better standard or quality in comparison (with)to improve on last year's crop“Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged” 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. 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Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012improvable adjectiveimprovability nounimprovableness nounimprovably adverbimprovingly adverbpreimprove verb (used with object)quasi-improved adjectivesuperimproved adjectivewell-improved adjectiveim'provably adverbim'provingly adverbim'prover nounim,prova'bility nounim'provable adjectiveOrigin of improve1First recorded in 1425–75; late Middle English improuen, emprouen from Anglo-French emprouer “to turn (something) into profit,” derivative of phrase en prou “into profit,” equivalent to en (en- 1) + prou, Old French prou, preu from Late Latin prōde (est), by reanalysis of Latin prōdest “(it) is beneficial, of use,” with prōde taken as a neuter noun (proud); the sound v was made by association with prove, approveOrigin of improve1C16: from Anglo-French emprouer to turn to profit, from en prou into profit, from prou profit, from Late Latin prōde beneficial, from Latin prōdesse to be advantageous, from pro- 1 + esse to beExamples have not been reviewed.Still, arborists said residents can take several steps to improve their trees’ chances of recovery.That led to a concerted effort to improve his strength and stamina.IVC said the health and welfare of animals was always its first priority and stressed these "clinical challenge" targets weren't financial but designed to improve the clinical care of pets.Despite his improved execution and efficiency, it turned out he and the team had made a predetermined decision not to push him for a second inning quite yet.“It is just scandalous as to how it has not improved,” she told me.What are other ways to say improve?To improve something is to bring it into a more desirable or excellent condition. How is improve different from the verbs ameliorate and better? Find out on Thesaurus.com. improvimprovementBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrssttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC verb[intransitive, transitive]Verb Forms present simple I / you / we / they improve he / she / it improves past simple improved past participle improved -ing form improving Phrasal Verbs jump to other results to become better than before; to make something/somebody better than beforeOverall the situation has improved dramatically.Things are improving every day.You should see your score improve significantly.Working conditions have greatly improved.His quality of life has improved dramatically since the operation.The doctor says she should continue to improve (= after an illness).I hope my French will improve when I go to France. improve something This vital service helps to improve the quality of life for people with cancer.measures to improve public healthThis was a much improved performance by the team.The goal was to improve the efficiency of the department.Engineers are working to improve this technology. improve yourself He's a guy who wants to improve himself, to be the best.Extra ExamplesThe situation has improved dramatically during the last few months.The company needs to improve performance in all these areas.My father's mood had noticeably improved during the afternoon.The weather should continue to improve over the weekend.The economy had improved markedly.They are trying to improve the working conditions in their factories.I need to improve my French.You can significantly improve your chances of getting a job by compiling a good CV.We now offer a much improved service to our customers.Workers need to be given an incentive to improve their performance.Bringing the issue of pay into the debate did not improve matters.They're introducing a vastly improved public transport system.the new and improved version of the websiteTopics Change, cause and effecta1Oxford Collocations Dictionaryadverbconsiderablydramaticallydrastically…verb + improvecontinue tostrive totry to…phrasesaimed at improving somethingan attempt to improve somethingan effort to improve something…See full entryWord Originearly 16th cent. (as emprowe or improwe): from Anglo-Norman French emprower (based on Old French prou ‘profit’, ultimately from Latin prodest ‘is of advantage’); -owe was changed to -ove under the influence of prove. The original sense was ‘make a profit, increase the value of’; subsequently ‘make greater in amount or degree’. Phrasal VerbsSee improve in the Oxford Advanced American DictionarySee improve in the Oxford Learner's Dictionary of Academic English improved, improves, improving Meanings Synonyms Sentences improved, improves, improving To improve is to good advantage. To improve one's leisure by studying. To raise to a better quality or condition; make better. To increase the productivity or value of (land or property). Improved the house by adding a bathroom. To become better in quality or condition. To make (land or structures) more valuable by cultivation, construction, etc. More Verb Definitions (2) to do or make better than, as by additions or changes 1 [+ object] : to make (something) better This operation will greatly/dramatically/significantly improve her chances of survival. The advertising campaign has improved sales. 2 [no object] : to become better Maybe we'll buy a house when our financial situation improves. Her writing has improved since the beginning of the school year. The company has been having steadily improving sales. improve on/upon [phrasal verb] improve on/upon (something) : to do better than (something previously done) After months of study, I improved on my original score. It'll be hard to improve upon the success they had last year. — improved adjective [more improved; most improved] The campaign resulted in greatly improved sales. She was voted the most improved player on the team. Also found in: Thesaurus, Medical, Legal, Financial, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to improve: thesaurus (ĭm-proōv′)v. im·proved, im·prov·ing, im·proves v.tr.1. To raise to a more desirable or more excellent quality or condition; make better: Exercise can improve your health.2. To increase the productivity or value of (land or property): improved the house by adding a bathroom.v.intr.1. To become better: Economic conditions are improving.2. To make beneficial additions or changes: You can improve on the translation of that text.[Middle English improwen, to enclose land for cultivation, from Anglo-Norman emprouwer, to turn to profit : Old French en-, causative pref. (from Latin in-; see in-2) + Old French prou, profit (from Late Latin prōde, advantageous; see proud).]American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. 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[1425–75; late Middle English improuen, emprouen < Anglo-French emprouer < Late Latin prōde (est), Latin prōdest (it) is beneficial, of use] im•prov`a•bil'i•ty, im•prov'a•ble•ness, n. syn: improve, ameliorate, better imply bringing to a more desirable state. improve usu. implies remedying a lack or a felt need: to improve a process. ameliorate, a formal word, implies improving oppressive, unjust, or difficult conditions: to ameliorate working conditions. better implies improving conditions that are adequate but could be more satisfactory: to better a previous attempt; to better oneself by study. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. - First meant "to make a profit for oneself" or "to employ to advantage; to make profitable use of."See also related terms for profit.Farlex Trivia Dictionary. © 2012 Farlex, Inc. 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Ltd. 1980 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1997, 1999, 2004, 2005, 2007Collins Italian Dictionary 1st Edition © HarperCollins Publishers 1995 (im'pru:v) verb to (cause to) become better, of higher quality etc. His work has greatly improved; They recently improved the design of that car. verbeter يُحَسِّن подобрявам melhorar zlepšit (se) verbessern forbedre βελτιώνω, βελτιώνομαιmejorar, perfeccionar parandama, paranema بهتر شدن parantaa améliorer שפר ᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀ, ᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀ poboljšati javul; javít; fejleszt meningkatkan, memperbaiki bæta, laga migliorare 良くする pagerinti, patobulinti, pageréti uzlabot; pilnveidot; uzlaboties; pilnveidoties meningkatkan verbeterenbedre, forskjønnepolepszyć się, ulepszyć خیخول, اصلاح کول, سمول melhorar a (se) îmbunătăţi улучшить napraviť (sa), zdokonaliť izboljšati (se) poboljšati förbättra ᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀ gelişmek, iyileşmek, düzelmek 改善 удосконалювати(ся) بهتر یا بنا cải thiện 使更好im'provement noun1. the state or act of improving or being improved. 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I think I can improve on that suggestion. verbeter op يُدْخِل تَحْسينات على подобрявам melhorar zdokonalit, vylepšit verbessern forbedre δημιουργώ κτ. καλύτερο mejorar, perfeccionar täiustama améliorer שפר ᄀᄀ ᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀ ᄀᄀᄀᄀ to bolje (tovább)fejleszt memperbaiki bæta við, gera betur migliorare ~を改良する pagerinti, patobulinti uzlabot memperbaiki verbeterenforbedre, pynte påulepszyć سمون melhorar a ameliora улучшать, усовершенствовать zdokonalit izpopolniti uraditi bolje överträffa, bättra på ᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀ daha iyisini yapmak 做出更好的或更有用的東西 удосконалювати کسی چیز میں بہتری لانا hoàn thiện 作出比...更好的东西Kernerman English Multilingual Dictionary © 2006-2013 K Dictionaries Ltd. → يُحَسِّنْ zlepšit (se) forbedre verbessern βελτιώνω mejorar parantua améliorer poboljšati migliorare 改善する ᄀᄀᄀᄀ verbeteren forbedre ulepszyć melhorar улучшать förbättra (sig) ᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀᄀ geliştirmek cải thiện 改进Multilingual HarperCollins Publishers 2009v. mejorar; adelantar; mejorarse, recuperarse; restablecerse. 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Link to this page: Savages now sometimes cross their dogs with wild canine animals, to improve the breed, and they formerly did so, as is attested by passages in Pliny.Nevertheless I cannot doubt that this process, continued during centuries, would improve and modify any breed, in the same way as Bakewell, Collins,I remember," said he, "when I first took to the business, there was a great deal of low stuff that did very well to make folks laugh; but was never calculated to improve the morals of young people, which certainly ought to be principally aimed at in every puppet-show: for why may not good and instructive lessons be conveyed this way, as well as any other?His abilities in every respect improve as much upon acquaintance as his manners and person.A JUDGE who had for years looked in vain for an opportunity for infamous distinction, but whom no litigant thought worth bribing, sat one day upon the Bench, lamenting his hard lot, and threatening to put an end to his life if business did not improve. Suddenly he found himself confronted by a dreadful figure clad in a shroud, whose pallor and stony eyes smote him with a horrible apprehension.Macallan speak of arsenic, taken as a wash or taken as a medicine, as a good thing to improve the complexion?" The witness answered, "Never.""My wife never told me she wanted the arsenic to improve her complexion.Waldengarver smiled at me, as much as to say "a faithful dependent - I overlook his folly;" and then said aloud, "My view is a little classic and thoughtful for them here; but they will improve, they will improve."Herbert and I said together, Oh, no doubt they would improve.The Musgroves came back to receive their happy boys and girls from school, bringing with them Mrs Harville's little children, to improve the noise of Uppercross, and lessen that of Lyme.I put up with it as long as I could and then joined in and tried to improve it, but this encouraged young George to join in too, and that made a failure of it; because George's voice was just "turning," and when he was singing a dismal sort of bass it was apt to fly off the handle and startle everybody with a most discordant cackle on the upper notes."And pray, may I ask?-- " But checking himself, he added, in a gayer tone, "Is it in address that he improves? Has he deigned to add aught of civility to his ordinary style?-- for I dare not hope," he continued in a lower and more serious tone, "that he is improved in essentials."