

alter v

1. 1) **изменять, переделывать, менять**
 to alter one's way of living /mode of life/ - менять образ жизни
 to alter the course - изменять направление /курс/
 to alter one's mind - **арх.** передумать, принять другое решение
 to alter radically [slightly] - менять коренным образом [слегка]
 that alters matters /the case/ - это меняет дело
- 2) **ВИДОИЗМЕНЯТЬ, ВНОСИТЬ ИЗМЕНЕНИЯ**
 to alter a decree [a will] - внести изменения в декрет [в завещание]
 to alter clothes - переделывать платье
 to alter quantitatively [markedly, intangibly] - изменять количественно [заметно, неосязательно]
- 3) **ИЗМЕНЯТЬСЯ**
 to alter for the better [the worse] - измениться к лучшему [к худшему]
 to alter subtly [considerably, appreciably] - неувидимо [значительно, заметно] изменяться
 Moscow has altered a great deal since 1945 - Москва очень изменилась с 1945 г.
 he has considerably altered since his illness - он сильно сдал после болезни
- 4) **муз.** альтерировать
2. **эвф.** холостить, кастрировать (*животных*)

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alter **AW** [alter alters altered altering] **BrE** ['ɔːltə(r)] **NAmE** ['ɔːltə] **verb**

1. **intransitive, transitive** to become different; to make sb/sth different
 - Prices did not alter significantly during 2007.
 - He had altered so much I scarcely recognized him.
 - ~ **sb/sth** It doesn't alter the way I feel.
 - Nothing can **alter the fact that** we are to blame.
 - The landscape has been radically altered, severely damaging wildlife.
 - This incident altered the whole course of events.
2. **transitive** ~ **sth** to make changes to a piece of clothing so that it will fit you better
 - We can have the dress altered to fit you.

Derived Word ↑alterable

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	alter
	BrE / 'ɔːltə(r)/
	NAmE / 'ɔːltər/
he / she /it	alters
	BrE / 'ɔːltəz/
	NAmE / 'ɔːltəz/
past simple, past participle	altered
	BrE / 'ɔːltəd/
	NAmE / 'ɔːltəd/
-ing form	altering
	BrE / 'ɔːltərɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'ɔːltərɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **alterer**, from late Latin **alterare**, from Latin **alter** 'other'.

Thesaurus:

alter **verb**

1. **T**
 - It doesn't alter the way I feel.
 - change** • • **adapt** • • **tailor** • • **vary** • • **adjust** • • **modify** • • **revise** • • **shift** • • **amend** •
 - alter/change/adapt/tailor/adjust/modify/revise/amend sth **for** sb/sth
 - alter/change/adapt/adjust/modify/revise/amend a **plan/story**
 - alter/change/vary/shift **the emphasis**
 - Alter or change?** **Change** has a much wider range and many particular collocations such as **change your mind/name**, **change colour/tack** and **change the subject**. **Change** often suggests a complete change; **alter** can suggest a smaller change
 - The law needs to be altered (= changed slightly in order to improve it).
 - The law needs to be changed (= changed completely or got rid of).
2. **I**
 - Prices did not significantly alter last year.
 - change** • • **vary** • • **fluctuate** • **especially journalism shift** • • **swing** •
 - alter/change/vary/fluctuate/shift/swing **dramatically**
 - alter/change/vary/fluctuate/shift **significantly**
 - hardly/never** alter/change/vary
 - Alter or change?** **Alter** is often used when sth has changed only slightly or not at all
 - The party's policies have scarcely altered, but public opinion has.
 - Change** can suggest a complete change to sth important

- Her life changed completely when she won the lottery.

Example Bank:

- Unemployment has come down slightly but this does not alter the fact that it is still a major problem.
- Fame hasn't really changed/alterd him.
- It doesn't alter the way I feel.
- Property prices did not significantly alter during 2007.
- Rick hasn't changed/alterd much.
- The party's policies have hardly altered, but public opinion has.
- They can alter the programme until success is achieved
- This development will alter the character of the town.
- This law needs to be altered.

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[Word Family: verb: ↑alter; noun: ↑alteration]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: altérer, from Medieval Latin alterare, from Latin alter 'other']

1. [intransitive and transitive] to change, or to make someone or something change:

- " Her face hadn't altered much over the years.
- " The city centre has altered beyond recognition (=changed very much).
- " Nothing can alter the fact that the refugees are our responsibility.

2. [transitive] to make a piece of clothing longer, wider etc so that it fits

have/get something altered

- " She had the dress altered for the wedding.

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THESAURUS

■ to change something

- **change** to make someone or something different: Unfortunately, there's nothing we can do to change the situation. | Being at college has changed her – she's much more confident now.
- **alter** *especially written* to change something so that it is better or more suitable: You can alter the colour and size of the image using a remote control. | Can we alter the date of the meeting?
- **adapt** to change something slightly in order to improve it or make it more suitable: How much would it cost to adapt the existing equipment? | You can adapt the recipe to suit your own requirements.
- **adjust** to make small changes in the position or level of something in order to improve it or make it more suitable: How do you adjust the volume on the television? | He adjusted his tie in the mirror.
- **modify** *especially written* to make small changes to something such as a piece of equipment, a set of ideas, or a way of behaving in order to improve it or use it in a different way: He's modified his opinions since then. | a modified version of the original program.
- **reform** to change a law, system, organization etc so that it is fairer or more effective: plans to reform the tax system | Health care needs to be completely reformed.
- **revise** to change a plan, idea, law etc because of new information and ideas: In July, China revised the rules for foreign investment. | The findings could force the scientists to revise their ideas about climate change.
- **reorganize** to change the way that a system or organization works: We've had to reorganize our database | During the 1980s, the government reorganized the civil service.
- **restructure** to make big changes to the way something is organized, especially a large political or economic system or a big company, in order to make it more effective: The company has been restructured from top to bottom.

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