

modify

[ˈmɒdɪfaɪ] **v**

1. модифицировать; видоизменять
2. смягчать; снижать
 to modify the sentence - смягчать приговор
 to modify one's tone - смягчить /сбавить, снизить/ тон
 to modify one's demands - умерить свои требования
3. **лингв.** изменять с помощью умляута
4. **грам.** определять
 adjectives modify nouns - прилагательные определяют существительные

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

modify

mod·ify **AW** [modify modifies modified modifying] **BrE** [ˈmɒdɪfaɪ] **NAme**

[ˈmɑːdɪfaɪ] **verb** (modi-fies, modi-fy-ing, modi-fied, modi-fied)

1. ~ **sth** to change sth slightly, especially in order to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

Syn: ↑adapt

- The software we use has been modified for us.
- Patients are taught how to modify their diet.
- We found it cheaper to modify existing equipment rather than buy new.

2. ~ **sth** to make sth less extreme

Syn: ↑adjust

- to **modify** your **behaviour /language /views**

3. ~ **sth** (**grammar**) a word, such as an adjective or adverb, that modifies another word or group of words describes it or restricts its meaning in some way

- In 'walk slowly', the adverb 'slowly' modifies the verb 'walk'.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	modify
	BrE / ˈmɒdɪfaɪ/
	NAme / ˈmɑːdɪfaɪ/
he / she / it	modifies
	BrE / ˈmɒdɪfaɪz/
	NAme / ˈmɑːdɪfaɪz/
past simple, past participle	modified
	BrE / ˈmɒdɪfaɪd/
	NAme / ˈmɑːdɪfaɪd/
-ing form	modifying
	BrE / ˈmɒdɪfaɪɪŋ/
	NAme / ˈmɑːdɪfaɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **modifier**, from Latin **modificare**, from **modus** 'measure', from an Indo-European root shared by ↑mete.

Example Bank:

- Stories and characters had to be modified to fit a 21st-century audience.
- The original text has been modified so radically that it is barely recognizable.
- These ideas are still used today, though in a slightly modified form.
- We can modify the service for local conditions.
- You may need to modify your plans a little.
- genetically modified organisms
- using a highly modified version of the program
- The office software has been modified over the years.
- The social worker at first aimed to get Mrs R to modify her behaviour, without success.

modify

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

mod·ify **AC** /ˈmɒdɪfaɪ, ˈmɒdɪfaɪ \$ ˈmɑː-/ **BrE** **AmE** **verb** (past tense and past participle **modified**, present participle **modifying**, third person singular **modifies**) [transitive]

[Word Family: **verb:** ↑modify; **noun:** ↑modification; **adjective:** modified ≠UNMODIFIED]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: French; Origin: modifier, from Latin **modificare** 'to measure, moderate', from **modus**; ⇨ ↑mode]

1. to make small changes to something in order to improve it and make it more suitable or effective **SYN** adapt:

- The feedback will be used to modify the course for next year.
- The regulations can only be modified by a special committee.

modify something to do something

- The seats can be modified to fit other types of vehicle.

2. **technical** if an adjective, adverb etc modifies another word, it describes something or limits the word's meaning. In the phrase 'walk slowly', the adverb 'slowly' modifies the verb 'walk'.

•••

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.

modify

Freakuency Pack

12500 **3259**^{MCW}

15000 **1867**^{COCA}

RANGE: **4k** **MODIFY** 19855

modify 7521

modification 2383

modifications 2297

modified 6209

modifies 229

modifying 940

unmodified 70

modifier 74

modifiers 132

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

5497 **6505**⁵⁵⁵⁷ *vv0*

1612 **13650**¹⁹⁶⁴ *vvi*