

**polish**1. ['pɒlɪʃ] *n*

1. полировка, шлифовка; отделка  
brilliant /mirror-like/ polish - полирование /доведение/ до зеркального блеска
2. лоск, глянец
3. полировка, полированная поверхность  
a table with a high polish - хорошо отполированный стол  
to lose its polish - потерять блеск, потускнеть  
to take the polish off smth. - снять полировку /убрать блеск/ с чего-л.; сделать что-л. тусклым /матовым/
4. 1) политура, полировальный состав  
2) лак, крем; мастика  
boot /shoe/ polish - крем для обуви  
floor polish - мастика /лак/ для полов  
nail polish - лак для ногтей  
furniture polish - мебельный лак
5. 1) лоск, изысканность (манер), внешний блеск  
the polish of a professional actor - блеск и элегантность актёра-профессионала  
he lacks polish - он плохо воспитан  
he has acquired /taken on/ polish - он приобрёл манеры, он стал прекрасно держаться
- 2) тонкость, изысканность; совершенство (*слога*)  
writer of great polish - писатель, обладающий безукоризненным /отточенным/ слогом
6. *геол.* гладкая поверхность сброса; зеркало скольжения

2. ['pɒlɪʃ] *v*

1. 1) полировать, шлифовать; наводить лоск, глянец  
to polish glass - шлифовать стекло  
to polish the furniture - полировать мебель  
to polish leather - глянцевать /лощить/ кожу  
to polish steel - воронить сталь
- 2) шлифоваться, поддаваться шлифовке; становиться гладким  
mahogany polishes beautifully - красное дерево прекрасно полируется
2. чистить (*обувь*); натирать (*паркет*)
3. (*тж.* polish up)
- 1) отшлифовать, придать внешний лоск, элегантность; делать более изысканным  
to polish manners - отшлифовать манеры  
he polished up the handle of the front door - он до блеска начистил ручку входной двери
- 2) *разг.* совершенствовать, улучшать; отделывать, шлифовать (*слог и т. п.*)  
to polish up one's English - совершенствовать знания английского языка  
to polish up one's style - оттачивать слог

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**pol-ish** [polish polishes polished polishing] *noun, verb* BrE ['pɒlɪʃ] <sup>m</sup> NAmE

['pɑːlɪʃ]

*noun*

1. **uncountable, countable** a substance used when rubbing a surface to make it smooth and shiny
  - furniture/floor/shoe/silver polish
  - wax polish**see also** ↑French polish, ↑nail polish
2. **singular** an act of polishing sth
  - I give it a polish now and again.
3. **singular** the shiny appearance of sth after it has been polished  
**Syn:** ↑lustre, **Syn:** ↑sheen
4. **uncountable** a high quality of performance achieved with great skill  
**Syn:** ↑brilliance
  - She played the cello with the polish of a much older musician.
5. **uncountable** high standards of behaviour, being polite  
**Syn:** ↑refinement
  - She thought that her husband's family lacked polish.**see** spit and polish **at** ↑spit <sub>n.</sub>

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French *poliss-*, lengthened stem of *polir* 'to polish', from Latin *polire*.Example Bank:

- Use acetone to remove nail polish.
- You'll need to give your shoes a good polish.

Derived ↑polish somebody off ▪ ↑polish something off

1. **transitive, intransitive** to make smooth and shiny by rubbing it

- ~ **(sth)** Polish shoes regularly to protect the leather.
- The gemstones are cut and polished by master craftsmen.
- ~ **sth (up) (with sth)** He polished his glasses with a handkerchief.
- She polished the apple on her sleeve.

see also ↑French polish

2. **transitive** to make changes to sth in order to improve it

- ~ **sth** The statement was carefully polished and checked before release.
- ~ **sth up** The hotel has polished up its act (= improved its service) since last year.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	polish
	BrE / 'pɒlɪʃ/
	NA mE / 'pɑ:lɪʃ/
he / she / it	polishes
	BrE / 'pɒlɪʃɪz/
	NA mE / 'pɑ:lɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	polished
	BrE / 'pɒlɪʃt/
	NA mE / 'pɑ:lɪʃt/
-ing form	polishing
	BrE / 'pɒlɪʃɪŋ/
	NA mE / 'pɑ:lɪʃɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- The floor had been polished smooth.

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I. **polish**<sup>1</sup> /'pɒlɪʃ \$ 'pɑ:liʃ- BrE<sup>m</sup> AmE<sup>m</sup> verb [transitive]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: polir, from Latin polire]



1. to make something smooth, bright, and shiny by rubbing it:

I spent all afternoon polishing the silver.

**polish something with something**

Polish the lenses with a piece of tissue.

2. to improve a piece of writing, a speech etc by making slight changes to it before it is completely finished:

Your essay is good, you just need to polish it a bit.

—**polishing** noun [uncountable]

**polish somebody/something** ↔ **off** phrasal verb informal

a) to finish food, work etc quickly or easily:

Sam polished off the rest of the pizza.

b) **American English** to kill or defeat a person or animal when they are weak or wounded:

He was polished off with a shotgun blast to the face.

**polish something** ↔ **up** phrasal verb

1. (also **polish up on something**) to improve a skill or an ability by practising it:

You should polish up your Spanish before you go to Chile.

2. to make something seem better or more attractive to other people:

The company needs to polish up its image.

3. to polish something

II. **polish**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>m</sup> AmE<sup>m</sup> noun

1. [uncountable and countable] a liquid, powder, or other substance that you rub into a surface to make it smooth and shiny  
furniture/shoe/floor etc polish ⇒ ↑French polish

2. [singular] especially **British English** an act of polishing a surface to make it smooth and shiny:

An occasional polish will keep wall tiles looking good.

3. [uncountable] a high level of skill or style in the way someone performs, writes, or behaves:

Carla's writing has potential, but it lacks polish.

4. [singular] the smooth shiny appearance of something produced by polishing

⇒ spit and polish at ↑spit<sup>2</sup>(5)

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