

refinement[rɪ'faɪnmənt] *n*

- 1) утончённость, изысканность; тонкость (вкуса *и т. п.*); изящество
refinement of morals - чистота нравов
refinement of taste - тонкость, вкуса, изысканный вкус
with gradual refinement of the public taste - по мере постепенного развития вкуса публики
his solicitude was a refinement of cruelty - его забота была лишь утончённой жестокостью
- 2) *часто црон.* благовоспитанность; (высокая) культура
lack of refinement - вульгарность; невоспитанность
2. *часто pl* тонкость
to go into refinements - вдаваться в тонкости
refinements of metaphysical thought - дебри метафизики
3. 1) усовершенствование
a wireless set with all the latest refinements - радиоприёмник со всеми новейшими усовершенствованиями /приспособлениями/
- 2) *спец.* повышение качества
4. *мат.* уточнение (формулы *и т. п.*)

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re·fine·ment **AW** [refinement refinements] **BrE** [rɪ'faɪnmənt] ^u **NAmE**[rɪ'faɪnmənt] ^u **noun**

1. **countable** a small change to sth that improves it
Syn: ↑enhancement
 - This particular model has a further refinement
 - all the refinements of modern technology
2. **countable** ~ **of sth** a thing that is an improvement on an earlier, similar thing
 - The new plan is a refinement of the one before.
3. **uncountable** the process of improving sth or of making sth pure
 - the refinement of industrial techniques
 - the refinement of uranium
4. **uncountable** the quality of being polite and well educated and able to judge the quality of things; the state of having the sort of manners that are considered typical of a high social class
Syn: ↑gentility
 - a person of considerable refinement
 - an atmosphere of refinement

Word Origin:

early 17th cent.: from ↑refine + ↑-ment, influenced by French raffinement

Example Bank:

- All programs have bugs and need endless refinement
- It is possible to add a few useful refinements to the basic system.
- The kite was star shaped and lacked the refinement of current designs.
- The technology requires a great deal of refinement
- a lack of refinement in engine design
- a refinement in the masonry
- a refinement on previous methods
- a woman of great refinement and beauty
- the progressive refinement of their accounting technique
- to add a further refinement to the computer system

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re·fine·ment **AC** /rɪ'faɪnmənt/ **BrE** ^u **AmE** ^u **noun**[Word Family: **noun:** ↑refinement, ↑refinery; **verb:** ↑refine; **adjective:** ↑refined ≠ ↑unrefined]

1. **[countable]** an improvement, usually a small one, to something:
The new model has a number of refinements.
2. **[countable]** something which is an improved ↑version of an existing product, system etc
refinement of
The new theory is a refinement of Corbin's theory of personality development.
3. **[uncountable]** the process of improving something:
Some further refinement is needed.
4. **[uncountable]** the process of making a substance more pure:
sugar refinement
refinement of
the refinement of cocaine
5. **[uncountable]** the quality of being polite and well-educated, in a way that is typical of someone from a high social class:
a woman of great refinement

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