

magnify

[ˈmægnɪfaɪ] *v*

1. увеличивать

to magnify smth. four times - увеличивать что-л. в четыре раза

2. преувеличивать

to magnify an incident - преувеличивать значительность происшествия; раздувать событие

don't go magnifying his part - не увлекайся и не приписывай ему больше, чем он в самом деле сделал

3. *усл.*

1) восхвалять, превозносить

2) кичиться, гордиться

magnify oneself - заниматься самовосхвалением

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magnify [magnify magnifies magnified magnifying] *BrE* [ˈmægnɪfaɪ] [ⓘ]

NAmE [ˈmægnɪfaɪ] [ⓘ] **verb** (mag·ni·fies, mag·ni·fy·ing, mag·ni·fied, mag·ni·fied)

1. ~ **sth** (to/by sth) to make sth look bigger than it really is, for example by using a ↑*lens* or ↑*microscope*

Syn: ↑*enlarge*

- bacteria magnified to 1 000 times their actual size

- an image magnified by a factor of 4

2. ~ **sth** to make sth bigger, louder or stronger

- The sound was magnified by the high roof.

- The dry summer has magnified the problem of water shortages.

3. ~ **sth** to make sth seem more important or serious than it really is

Syn: ↑*exaggerate*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	magnify
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪ/
he / she / it	magnifies
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪz/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪz/
past simple, past participle	magnified
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪd/
-ing form	magnifying
	<i>BrE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> / ˈmægnɪfaɪɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the senses ‘show honour to (God)’ and ‘make greater’): from Old French *magnifier* or Latin *magnificare*, based on Latin *magnus* ‘great’. The current senses date from the mid 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- The daring of his exploits had been hugely magnified by constant telling.
- The picture shows the insect's head magnified ten times.

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mag [ni] **fy** /ˈmægnɪfaɪ, ˈmægnɪfaɪ/ *BrE* [ⓘ] *AmE* [ⓘ] **verb** (past tense and past participle

magnified, present participle **magnifying**, third person singular **magnifies**) [*transitive*]

[*Date:* 1300-1400; *Language:* French; *Origin:* *magnifier*, from Latin *magnificus*; ⇨ ↑*magnificent*]

1. to make something seem bigger or louder, especially using special equipment:

- At the Sheffield arena, the speakers were magnified ten times on a giant screen.

- A public address system magnifies all the little noises and coughs.

2. to make something seem more important than it really is **SYN exaggerate** :

- The report tends to magnify the risks involved.

3. *formal* to make something much worse or more serious:

- The results of economic mismanagement were magnified by a series of natural disasters.

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