

improve

[ɪm'pru:v] v

1. 1) **улучшать, совершенствовать**
 to improve the standard of living of smb. - повысить чей-л. жизненный уровень, улучшить чьи-л. условия жизни
 to improve one's handwriting - улучшать свой почерк
 to improve the faculties of the mind - развивать умственные способности
- 2) **улучшаться, совершенствоваться**
 the situation has improved - положение улучшилось
 his spelling has improved - он стал делать меньше ошибок, он стал грамотнее писать
 to improve in health - поправиться, окрепнуть
 his health is improving - он поправляется
 to improve in looks - а) лучше выглядеть; б) стать интереснее
 to improve in strength - окрепнуть, стать крепче
2. **разумно использовать; воспользоваться**
 to improve one's hours of idleness - использовать свободное время
 to improve the occasion /the opportunity/ - воспользоваться случаем
3. 1) **улучшать земли; проводить мелиорацию**
 to improve virgin land - обрабатывать/поднимать/ целину
- 2) **повышаться в цене (благодаря застройке, проведению водопровода и т. п. - о землях)**
4. **эк. подниматься, повышаться (о спросе, ценах)**

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improve [improve improves improved improving] BrE [ɪm'pru:v] NAmE

[ɪm'pru:v] verb intransitive, transitive

- to become better than before; to make sth/sb better than before
- His quality of life has improved dramatically since the operation.
 - The doctor says she should continue to improve (= after an illness).
 - I hope my French will improve when I go to France.
 - ~ **sth** to improve standards
 - The company needs to improve performance in all these areas.
 - I need to improve my French.

Derived ↑**improve on something**

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	improve
	BrE /ɪm'pru:v/
	NAmE /ɪm'pru:vz/
he / she /it	improves
	BrE /ɪm'pru:vz/
	NAmE /ɪm'pru:vz/
past simple, past participle	improved
	BrE /ɪm'pru:vɪd/
	NAmE /ɪm'pru:vɪd/
-ing form	improving
	BrE /ɪm'pru:vɪŋ/
	NAmE /ɪm'pru:vɪŋ/

Word Origin:

early 16th cent. (as emprowe or improwe): from Anglo-Norman French **emprower** (based on Old French **prou** 'profit', ultimately from Latin **prodest** 'is of advantage'); -owe was changed to -ove under the influence of **↑prove**. The original sense was 'make a profit, increase the value of'; subsequently 'make greater in amount or degree'.

Thesaurus:

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- The graphics on the website have been greatly improved

reform • **refine** • **enhance** • |written **enrich** •

formal **Opp:** **impair**

improve/refine/enhance/enrich your **understanding**

improve/refine/enhance your **knowledge**

improve/enhance/enrich your **life**

2. I

- His quality of life improved after the operation.

pick up • **advance** • **progress** • **develop** • **get better** • |informal **look up** • **come along/on** •

Opp: **worsen**, **Opp:** **deteriorate**

start/begin/continue to improve/pick up/advance/progress/develop/get better/look up

fail to improve/advance/progress/get better

improve/pick up/advance/progress/develop/get better **slowly/gradually/slightly/dramatically**

Example Bank:

- The situation has improved dramatically during the last few months.
- The weather should continue to improve over the weekend.
- They are trying to improve the working conditions in their factories.
- This legislation will vastly improve the quality of life of New Zealanders.
- We now offer a much improved service to our customers.
- Workers need to be given an incentive to improve their performance.
- Working and living conditions have generally improved.
- measures aimed at improving government efficiency
- the new and improved version of the website
- trying to improve their working conditions
- Bringing the issue of pay into the debate did not improve matters.
- My father's mood had noticeably improved during the afternoon.
- The company has greatly improved its performance over the past few years.
- The doctor says she should continue to improve.
- The economy had improved markedly.
- There have been renewed attempts to improve conditions for younger prisoners.
- They're introducing a vastly improved public transport system.
- We expect the situation to improve slightly.
- You can significantly improve your chances of getting a job by compiling a good CV.

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im **prove** S2 W1 /ɪm'pru:v BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ verb

[Word Family: verb: **↑improve**; noun: **↑improvement**; adjective: **↑improved**]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: emproue 'to improve' (15-16 centuries), from Anglo-French emprouer 'to make a profit', from Old French prou 'advantage, profit'; probably influenced by approve]

[intransitive and transitive] to make something better, or to become better:

- a course for students wishing to improve their English
- The doctors say she is improving (=after being ill).
- You could use the money for improving your home.
- Many wines improve with age (=get better as they get older).

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In everyday English, people often say something **gets better** rather than **improves**:

- Her English is definitely getting better.
- I hope things get better soon.

improve on/upon something phrasal verb

to do something better than before or make something better than before:

- Bertorelli has scored 165 points, and I don't think anyone will improve on that.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **834**^{MCW}

15000 **650**^{COCA}

RANGE: **1k IMPROVE** 72858

improve 25442

improving 9272

improves 2323

improved 15862

unimproved 65

improvement 12343

improvements 7551

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15558 **1951**²¹⁹³⁸ *vvi*

3045 **9118**³⁵⁰⁰ *vv0*

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