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re·ju·ve·nate | \ ri-'jü-və-, nāt \  
rejuvenated; rejuvenating

## Definition of *rejuvenate*

[transitive verb](#)

1a : to make young or youthful again : give new vigor to  
b : to restore to an original or new state rejuvenate old cars  
2a : to stimulate (a stream) to renewed erosive activity especially by uplift  
b : to develop youthful features of topography in

[intransitive verb](#)

: to cause or undergo [rejuvenescence](#)

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## Other Words from *rejuvenate*

rejuvenator \ ri-'jü-və-, nā-tər \ noun

## Synonyms for *rejuvenate*

## Synonyms

- [freshen](#),
- [recharge](#),
- [recreate](#),
- [refresh](#),
- [refreshen](#),
- [regenerate](#),
- [renew](#),
- [repair](#),
- [restore](#),
- [resuscitate](#),
- [revitalize](#),
- [revive](#),
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## Choose the Right Synonym for *rejuvenate*

[renew](#), [restore](#), [refresh](#), [renovate](#), [rejuvenate](#) mean to make like new. [renew](#) implies a restoration of what had become faded or disintegrated so that it seems like new. efforts to *renew* the splendor of the old castle [restore](#) implies a return to an original state after depletion or loss. *restored* a fine piece of furniture [refresh](#) implies the supplying of something necessary to restore lost strength, animation, or power. a *refreshing* drink [renovate](#) suggests a renewing by cleansing, repairing, or rebuilding. the apartment has been entirely *renovated* [rejuvenate](#) suggests the restoration of youthful vigor, powers, or appearance. the change in jobs *rejuvenated* her spirits

## Did You Know?

*Juvenis*, Latin for "young", can be seen in a word such as *juvenile*. *Rejuvenation* is something that can be carried out on a creaky old house, a clunker of a car, a sluggish career, a weak economy, or a company that's lost its edge, but *rejuvenate* and *rejuvenation* are probably used most often for talking about our physical selves. Ads for lotions promise skin rejuvenation; diet-book covers show rejuvenated (or maybe just young) models bursting with health. We still seem to be searching for that "Fuente de la Juventud" that Juan Ponce de León failed to discover five hundred years ago.

## Examples of *rejuvenate* in a Sentence

The spa treatment *rejuvenated* me. Each candidate claims to have a plan to *rejuvenate* the sagging economy.

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## First Known Use of *rejuvenate*

1742, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1a](#)

## History and Etymology for *rejuvenate*

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: to make (someone) feel or look young, healthy, or energetic again

: to give new strength or energy to (something)

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rejuvenate

[verb](#)

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## Medical Definition of *rejuvenate*


### [transitive verb](#)


: to make young or youthful again specifically : to restore sexual vigor in (as by hormones or an operation)

### [intransitive verb](#)

: to cause or undergo a renewal of youthfulness

Other Words from *rejuvenate*

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**Words**

It's written in the stars

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**'All Intensive Purposes' or**  
**'All Intents and Purposes'?**

We're intent on clearing it up

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