

strengthen

[ˈstreŋθ(ə)n, ˌstrenθ(ə)n]

1) усиливать, укреплять, делать более сильным, крепким, прочным *и пр.* [*см.* strength]

- to strengthen one's health - укреплять здоровье
- to strengthen an opinion - подкреплять мнение
- to strengthen ties of friendship - крепить узы дружбы
- to strengthen smb.'s hands - поддержать кого-л.
- to strengthen a solution - *хум.* делать раствор более крепким /концентрированным/

2) усиливаться, укрепляться, становиться более сильным, крепким, прочным *и пр.* [*см.* strength]

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

strengthen [strengthen strengthens strengthened strengthening] *BrE*

[ˈstreŋθn] ^ˈ *NAmE* [ˈstreŋθn] ^ˈ **verb** intransitive, transitive

to become stronger; to make sb/sth stronger

- Her position in the party has strengthened in recent weeks.
- Yesterday the pound strengthened against the dollar.
- The wind had strengthened overnight
- The fall in unemployment is a sign of a strengthening economy.
- ~ **sb/sth** Repairs are necessary to strengthen the bridge.
- The exercises are designed to strengthen your stomach muscles.
- The move is clearly intended to strengthen the President's position as head of state.
- The new manager has strengthened the side by bringing in several younger players.
- Their attitude only strengthened his resolve to fight on.
- The new evidence will strengthen their case.
- The experience of bereavement can strengthen family ties.

Opp: ↑weaken

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	strengthen
	BrE / ˈstreŋθn/
	NAmE / ˈstreŋθn/
he / she / it	strengthens
	BrE / ˈstreŋθnz/
	NAmE / ˈstreŋθnz/
past simple, past participle	strengthened
	BrE / ˈstreŋθnd/
	NAmE / ˈstreŋθnd/
-ing form	strengthening
	BrE / ˈstreŋθnɪŋ/
	NAmE / ˈstreŋθnɪŋ/

Thesaurus:

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reinforce • • **bolster** • • **cement** • • **shore sth up** •

Opp: weaken

strengthen/reinforce a **view**

strengthen/bolster/cement the **case** (for sth)

strengthen/bolster/shore up the **economy**

Example Bank:

- The move is clearly intended to strengthen the President's position as head of state.
- The new law is aimed at strengthening protective measures for workers.
- The success in the election strengthened the party's position considerably.
- This merger will further strengthen the company and ensure its continued success.
- This temporary setback merely strengthened her resolve.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

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[*Word Family:* **verb:** ↑strengthen; **noun:** ↑strength; **adverb:** ↑strongly; **adjective:** ↑strong]

1. FEELING/BELIEF/RELATIONSHIP [*intransitive and transitive*] to become stronger or make something stronger **OPP** weaken :

- Our friendship has steadily strengthened over the years.
- Steve's opposition only strengthened her resolve to go ahead.

strengthen sth's ties/bonds/links etc

- The university hopes to strengthen its ties with the local community.
- The company plans to strengthen its hand (=make itself more powerful) in Europe by opening an office in Spain.

2. TEAM/ARMY ETC [*transitive*] to make an organization, army etc more powerful, especially by increasing the number or quality of the people in it **OPP** weaken :

- The team has been strengthened by the arrival of two new players.

3. **FINANCIAL SITUATION** [intransitive and transitive] if the financial situation of a country or company strengthens or is strengthened, it improves or is made to improve **OPP weaken** :

" measures to strengthen the economy

4. **MONEY** [intransitive and transitive] to increase in value, or to increase the value of money **OPP weaken** :

" The pound has strengthened against other currencies.

5. **BODY/STRUCTURE** [transitive] to make something such as your body or a building stronger **OPP weaken** :

" Metal supports were added to strengthen the outer walls.

6. **PROOF/REASON** [transitive] to help prove something:

" Fresh evidence has greatly strengthened the case against him.

7. **WIND/CURRENT** [intransitive] to increase in force:

" The wind had strengthened during the night.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ nouns

- **strengthen somebody's position** They have strengthened their position by their performance in the recent local elections.
- **strengthen somebody's hand** (=make them more powerful) The controversy has strengthened the hand of her critics.
- **strengthen somebody's resolve** (=make them more determined) Other people's doubts only strengthened my resolve to start my own business.
- **strengthen ties/bonds/links** He wants to strengthen ties with the West.
- **strengthen a relationship** Having counselling is a very positive step which could strengthen your relationship.
- **strengthen the role of somebody/something** A presidential decree strengthened the role of the Security Council.

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