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verb up-date \,əp-'dāt\

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Simple Definition of *update*

- : to change (something) by including the most recent information
- : to make (something) more modern
- : to give (someone) the most recent information about something

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Examples: *update* in a sentence

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Full Definition of *update*

1. *transitive verb*
2. : to bring up to date

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Examples of *update* in a sentence

1. I need to *update* my address book.
2. *update* all the population figures
3. She wants to *update* her wardrobe.



1941

First Known Use of *update*

1941

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noun up·date \ˈəp-, dāt\

Simple Definition of *update*

- : a report that includes the most recent information about something
- : a change or addition to computer software that includes the most recent information

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

Full Definition of *update*

1. / : an act or instance of [updating](#)
2. 2 : current information for updating something
3. 3 : an up-to-date version, account, or report

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Examples of *update* in a sentence

1. I haven't heard the latest weather *update*.
2. You can download *updates* for free.

1965

First Known Use of *update*

1965

UPDATE Defined for Kids

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verb up·date \,əp-'dāt\

Definition of *update* for Students**updated****updating**

1. / : to give or include the latest information
2. 2 : to make more modern

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noun up·date \,əp-,dāt\

Definition of *update* for Students

1. : something that gives or includes the latest information

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3. Kerfuffle
A disturbance
4. Truculent
Muhammad Ali, a legend inside and outside the ring
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