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aug·ment  (ôg-měnt)

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v. aug·ment·ed, aug·ment·ing, aug·ments

v.tr.

1. To make (something already developed or well under way) greater, as in size, extent, or quantity: *Continuing rains augmented the floodwaters.* See Synonyms at [increase](#).

2. Linguistics To add an augment to.

v.intr.

To become augmented.

n. (ôg mĕnt')

Linguistics The prefixation of a vowel accompanying a past tense, especially of Greek and Sanskrit verbs.

[Middle English *augmenten*, from Old French *augmenter*, from Late Latin *augmentāre*, from Latin *augmentum*, an increase, from *augēre*, to increase; see **aug-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

aug·ment a·ble *adj.*

aug·ment er *n.*

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