

Need another word that means the same as “imperfect”? Find 31 synonyms and 30 related words for “imperfect” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Imperfect” are: fallible, frail, weak, faulty, flawed, defective, shoddy, unsound, unsaleable, unsellable, unfit, inferior, second-rate, substandard, incomplete, abridged, not whole, not entire, partial, unfinished, broken, disjointed, faltering, halting, hesitant, rudimentary, limited, deficient, imperfect tense, progressive, progressive tense**

## Imperfect as a Noun

### Definitions of "Imperfect" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “imperfect” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *The imperfect tense.*
- *A tense of verbs used in describing action that is on-going.*



### Synonyms of "Imperfect" as a noun (3 Words)

**imperfect tense** A tense of verbs used in describing action that is on-going.

**progressive** A progressive tense or aspect.  
*The present **progressive**.*

**progressive tense** A person who favors a political philosophy of progress and reform and the protection of civil liberties.



## Imperfect as an Adjective

### Definitions of "Imperfect" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), "imperfect" as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *(of a gift, title, etc.) transferred without all the necessary conditions or requirements being met.*
- *Wanting in moral strength, courage, or will; having the attributes of man as opposed to e.g. divine beings.*
- *(of a cadence) ending on the dominant chord.*
- *(of a tense) denoting a past action in progress but not completed at the time in question.*
- *Not perfect; faulty or incomplete.*
- *Not perfect; defective or inadequate.*





## Synonyms of "Imperfect" as an adjective (28 Words)

<b>abridged</b>	(used of texts) shortened by condensing or rewriting. <i>An <b>abridged</b> text of the speech.</i>
<u><b>broken</b></u>	Having been broken. <i>A <b>broken</b> note.</i>
<u><b>defective</b></u>	Having mental disabilities. <i>A <b>defective</b> appliance.</i>
<u><b>deficient</b></u>	Having mental disabilities. <i>A <b>deficient</b> education.</i>
<u><b>disjointed</b></u>	Taken apart at the joints. <i>A <b>disjointed</b> fowl.</i>
<b>fallible</b>	Likely to fail or make errors. <i>Everyone is <b>fallible</b> to some degree.</i>
<b>faltering</b>	Unsteady in speech or action. <i>She tells her plight in <b>faltering</b> tones.</i>

<b>faulty</b>	(of reasoning and other mental processes) mistaken or misleading because of flaws. <i><b>Faulty</b> logic.</i>
<b>flawed</b>	Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection. <i>A <b>flawed</b> diamond.</i>
<b>frail</b>	Easily broken or damaged or destroyed. <i>She looked <b>frail</b> and vulnerable.</i>
<b>halting</b>	Fragmentary or halting from emotional strain. <i>She speaks <b>halting</b> English with a heavy accent.</i>
<b>hesitant</b>	Lacking decisiveness of character; unable to act or decide quickly or firmly. <i>Her slow <b>hesitant</b> way of speaking.</i>
<b>incomplete</b>	Not having all the necessary or appropriate parts. <i>The analysis remains <b>incomplete</b>.</i>
<b>inferior</b>	Of low or inferior quality. <i><b>Inferior</b> goods.</i>
<b>limited</b>	Not unlimited. <i>The legislation has had a <b>limited</b> effect.</i>
<b>not entire</b>	Sexually competent.
<b>not whole</b>	Exhibiting or restored to vigorous good health.
<b>partial</b>	(followed by `of' or `to') having a strong preference or liking for. <i>A <b>partial</b> monopoly.</i>
<b>rudimentary</b>	Not fully developed in mature animals. <i>These <b>rudimentary</b> truths.</i>
<b>second-rate</b>	Moderate to inferior in quality.
<b>shoddy</b>	Cheap and shoddy Judith Crist. <i>We re not paying good money for <b>shoddy</b> goods.</i>
<b>substandard</b>	Below the usual or required standard. <i><b>Substandard</b> spellings.</i>
<b>unfinished</b>	Not finished or concluded; incomplete. <i>Her last novel is <b>unfinished</b>.</i>
<b>unfit</b>	(of a person) not in good physical condition, typically as a result of failure to take regular exercise. <i>The land is <b>unfit</b> for food crops.</i>
<b>unsaleable</b>	Impossible to sell. <i>The house proved <b>unsaleable</b>.</i>
<b>unsellable</b>	Not able to be sold, or very difficult to sell. <i>Many of the houses are <b>unsellable</b>.</i>



**unsound**

Physically unsound or diseased.

**Unsound** banking practices.

**weak**

Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin.

*The new king used his powers to protect the **weak**.*



## Usage Examples of "Imperfect" as an adjective

- *Drainage here is imperfect.*
- *Had only an imperfect understanding of his responsibilities.*
- *Imperfect mortals.*
- *An imperfect grasp of English.*





## Associations of "Imperfect" (30 Words)

<b>adulterate</b>	Corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance; often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>The brewer is said to <b>adulterate</b> his beer.</i>
<b>adulterated</b>	Mixed with impurities.
<b>contaminated</b>	Having been made impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance. <i><b>Contaminated</b> blood products.</i>
<b>defect</b>	Desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army. <i>That interpretation is an unfortunate <b>defect</b> of our lack of information.</i>
<b><u>defective</u></b>	Not working properly. <i>I returned the appliance because it was <b>defective</b>.</i>
<b>defiled</b>	Morally blemished; stained or impure.

<u>errant</u>	Travelling in search of adventure. <i>An <b>errant</b> husband coming back from a night on the tiles.</i>
<u>error</u>	A mistake in matter of law appearing in the proceedings of a court of record. <i>The crash was caused by human <b>error</b>.</i>
fallacious	Containing or based on a fallacy. <i><b>Fallacious</b> testimony.</i>
fallibility	The tendency to make mistakes or be wrong. <i>Technology is not a cure for human <b>fallibility</b>.</i>
fallible	Wanting in moral strength, courage, or will; having the attributes of man as opposed to e.g. divine beings. <i>Experts can be <b>fallible</b>.</i>
<u>fault</u>	Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>It was John s <b>fault</b>.</i>
<u>faulty</u>	(of reasoning and other mental processes) mistaken or misleading because of flaws. <i><b>Faulty</b> logic.</i>
flaw	Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>There were fundamental <b>flaws</b> in the case for reforming local government.</i>
<u>flawed</u>	Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection. <i>A <b>flawed</b> diamond.</i>
imprecise	Lacking exactness and accuracy of expression or detail. <i>The witness could give only vague and <b>imprecise</b> descriptions.</i>
impure	Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure according to dietary or ceremonial laws. <i>Citizens suspected of harbouring <b>impure</b> thoughts.</i>
inaccurate	Not exact. <i>An <b>inaccurate</b> translation.</i>
<u>incorrect</u>	Not in accordance with particular standards or rules. <i>It is <b>incorrect</b> for a policeman to accept gifts.</i>
inexact	Not quite accurate or correct. <i>An <b>inexact</b> description.</i>
<u>irregular</u>	A member of an irregular military force. <i><b>Irregular</b> troops.</i>
mistake	To make a mistake or be incorrect. <i>Don t <b>mistake</b> her for her twin sister.</i>



<b>polluted</b>	Rendered unwholesome by contaminants and pollution. <i>One of Europe's most <b>polluted</b> rivers.</i>
<b>tainted</b>	Touched by rot or decay. <i><b>Tainted</b> bacon.</i>
<b>unreliable</b>	Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i><b>Unreliable</b> information.</i>
<u><b>unsound</b></u>	Physically unsound or diseased. <i><b>Unsound</b> teeth.</i>
<u><b>weak</b></u>	Relating to or denoting the weakest of the known kinds of force between particles which acts only at distances less than about 10 cm is very much weaker than the electromagnetic and the strong interactions and conserves neither strangeness parity nor isospin. <i>The central government had grown too <b>weak</b> to impose order.</i>
<b>wrong</b>	Treat unjustly do wrong to. <i>Found themselves on the <b>wrong</b> road.</i>
<b>wrongheaded</b>	Obstinately perverse in judgment or opinion. <i>A <b>wrongheaded</b> policy.</i>
<u><b>wrongly</b></u>	In a way that is incorrect or mistaken. <i>Henry <b>wrongly</b> claimed 39 000 of taxpayers money.</i>

