

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)

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

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

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

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| <u>errant</u> | Travelling in search of adventure. <i>An errant 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 error.</i> |
| fallacious | Containing or based on a fallacy. <i>Fallacious testimony.</i> |
| fallibility | The tendency to make mistakes or be wrong. <i>Technology is not a cure for human fallibility.</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 fallible.</i> |
| <u>fault</u> | Of a rock formation be broken by a fault or faults. <i>It was John s fault.</i> |
| <u>faulty</u> | (of reasoning and other mental processes) mistaken or misleading because of flaws. <i>Faulty logic.</i> |
| flaw | Add a flaw or blemish to make imperfect or defective. <i>There were fundamental flaws in the case for reforming local government.</i> |
| <u>flawed</u> | Having or characterized by a fundamental weakness or imperfection. <i>A flawed diamond.</i> |
| imprecise | Lacking exactness and accuracy of expression or detail. <i>The witness could give only vague and imprecise 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 impure thoughts.</i> |
| inaccurate | Not exact. <i>An inaccurate translation.</i> |
| <u>incorrect</u> | Not in accordance with particular standards or rules. <i>It is incorrect for a policeman to accept gifts.</i> |
| inexact | Not quite accurate or correct. <i>An inexact description.</i> |
| <u>irregular</u> | A member of an irregular military force. <i>Irregular troops.</i> |
| mistake | To make a mistake or be incorrect. <i>Don t mistake her for her twin sister.</i> |

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| polluted | Rendered unwholesome by contaminants and pollution. <i>One of Europe s most polluted rivers.</i> |
| tainted | Touched by rot or decay. <i>Tainted bacon.</i> |
| unreliable | Not worthy of reliance or trust. <i>Unreliable information.</i> |
| <u>unsound</u> | Physically unsound or diseased. <i>Unsound teeth.</i> |
| <u>weak</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 weak to impose order.</i> |
| wrong | Treat unjustly do wrong to. <i>Found themselves on the wrong road.</i> |
| wrongheaded | Obstinately perverse in judgment or opinion. <i>A wrongheaded policy.</i> |
| <u>wrongly</u> | In a way that is incorrect or mistaken. <i>Henry wrongly claimed 39 000 of taxpayers money.</i> |

