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1. imperative
2. imperfect
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- a. import
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n.

1. A mischievous child.
2. A small demon.
3. *Obsolete* A graft.

tr.v. **imped, imp-ing, imps**

1. To graft (new feathers) onto the wing of a trained falcon or hawk to repair damage or increase flying capacity.
2. To furnish with wings.

[Middle English *impe*, scion, sprig, offspring, from Old English *impa*, young shoot, from *impian*, to graft, ultimately from Medieval Latin *imputus*, graft, from Greek *emphutos*, grafted, from *emphuein*, to implant : *en-*, in; see [EN-](#)² + *phuein*, to make grow; see **bheu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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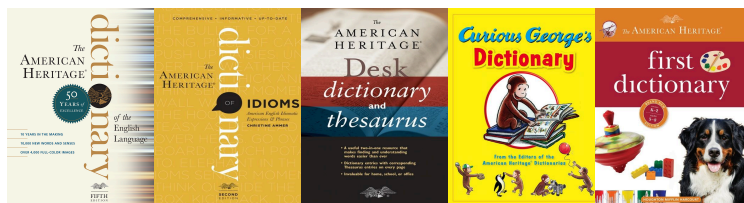
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