

Word Map

Word:

Illegal

Definition:

(what does it mean?)

Illegal things are against the law or not allowed by the rules in a sport or game.

Synonyms (what is the word similar to?):

unlawful, illicit, outlawed, banned, criminal, prohibited.



Antonyms (what is the opposite of this?):

legal, lawful, allowed, legitimate.

Related words (Do you know any different forms of the word? Are there any other words that are connected to this one in some way?):

illegally, illegality.

Word Structure / Origins (do you recognize a common root word, prefix or suffix? What do these mean?): The root word of illegal is legal, which means allowed by the law. The prefix 'il'- means not.

Pictures or Examples:



Example sentences:

It is wrong to steal from someone and it is also illegal.

It is illegal to smoke in public buildings.

An illegal immigrant is someone who enters a country without permission from the government.

Mnemonic / Association (can you make a connection between this word and something you already know, or is there another way you can remember the meaning of the word?):

The prefix and root word together mean "not legal."

