

Need another word that means the same as “improper”? Find 37 synonyms and 30 related words for “improper” in this overview.

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**The synonyms of “Improper” are: unconventional, unlawful, wrong, inappropriate, unacceptable, unsuitable, unprofessional, irregular, illegitimate, indecent, risqué, off colour, indelicate, suggestive, naughty, ribald, earthy, rabelaisian, smutty, dirty, filthy, vulgar, crude, rude, obscene, lewd, pornographic, unseemly, indecorous, unbecoming, unfitting, out of keeping, unladylike, ungentlemanly, indiscreet, impolite, undignified**

## **Improper as an Adjective**

### **Definitions of "Improper" as an adjective**

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

- *Not appropriate for a purpose or occasion.*
- *Not conforming to legality, moral law, or social convention.*
- *Lacking in modesty or decency.*
- *Not in accordance with accepted standards, especially of morality or honesty.*
- *Not suitable or right or appropriate.*



## Synonyms of "Improper" as an adjective (37 Words)

### crude

Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness.

*The **crude** facts.*

### earthy

Conspicuously and tastelessly indecent.

***Earthy** smells of new mown grass.*

### filthy

Contemptible (used for emphasis).

*Had a **filthy** mouth.*

### **illegitimate**

Not authorized by the law; not in accordance with accepted standards or rules.

*Defending workers against **illegitimate** managerial practices.*

### **impolite**

Not having or showing good manners; rude.

*It would have been **impolite** to refuse.*

### **inappropriate**

Not suitable for a particular occasion etc.

*Noise seems **inappropriate** at a time of sadness.*

<b>indecent</b>	Not appropriate or fitting. <i>Was buried with <b>indecent</b> haste.</i>
<b><u>indecorous</u></b>	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i>A pub crawl with sundry <b>indecorous</b> adventures.</i>
<b>indelicate</b>	Verging on the indecent. <i>An earthy often <b>indelicate</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b>indiscreet</b>	Lacking discretion; injudicious. <i>Her behavior was <b>indiscreet</b> at the very best.</i>
<b><u>irregular</u></b>	Deviating from normal expectations; somewhat odd, strange, or abnormal. <i>Highly <b>irregular</b> behavior.</i>
<b>lewd</b>	Crude and offensive in a sexual way. <i><b>Lewd</b> pictures.</i>
<b><u>naughty</u></b>	Mildly rude or indecent, typically because related to sex. <i>A <b>naughty</b> boy.</i>
<b>obscene</b>	Suggestive of or tending to moral looseness. <i>The <b>obscene</b> massacre at Wounded Knee.</i>
<b>off colour</b>	In an unpalatable state.
<b>out of keeping</b>	Outside or external.
<b>pornographic</b>	Designed to arouse lust. <i><b>Pornographic</b> films and magazines.</i>
<b>rabelaisian</b>	Of or relating to or characteristic of Francois Rabelais or his works.
<b>ribald</b>	Referring to sexual matters in an amusingly coarse or irreverent way. <i>He was delighted at the <b>ribald</b> laughter that greeted his witticism.</i>
<b>risqué</b>	Suggestive of sexual impropriety.
<b>rude</b>	Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by simplicity and often crudeness. <i>The war came as a very <b>rude</b> awakening.</i>
<b><u>suggestive</u></b>	Indicative or evocative. <i>Artifacts <b>suggestive</b> of an ancient society.</i>
<b>unacceptable</b>	Not acceptable; not welcome. <i>The following use of access was judged <b>unacceptable</b> by a panel of linguists You can access your cash at any of 300 automatic tellers.</i>
<b><u>unbecoming</u></b>	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i>An <b>unbecoming</b> striped sundress.</i>

<b>unconventional</b>	Not conventional or conformist. <i>An <b>unconventional</b> marriage.</i>
<b>undignified</b>	Lacking dignity. <i>An <b>undignified</b> exit.</i>
<b>unfitting</b>	Not fitting or suitable; unbecoming. <i>Certain occupations were held <b>unfitting</b> for baptized believers.</i>
<b>ungentlemanly</b>	Not appropriate to or behaving like a gentleman. <i>An <b>ungentlemanly</b> lack of sportsmanship.</i>
<b>unladylike</b>	Not appropriate for or typical of a well-bred, decorous woman. <i>He thought it was <b>unladylike</b> for his daughter to work on a farm.</i>
<b>unlawful</b>	Not conforming to, permitted by, or recognized by law or rules. <i><b>Unlawful</b> love.</i>
<b><u>unprofessional</u></b>	Not characteristic of or befitting a profession or one engaged in a profession. <i>A report on <b>unprofessional</b> conduct.</i>
<b>unseemly</b>	Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in polite society. <i>An <b>unseemly</b> squabble.</i>
<b><u>unsuitable</u></b>	Not worthy of being chosen (especially as a spouse). <i>The movie is <b>unsuitable</b> for children.</i>
<b>wrong</b>	In a bad or abnormal condition; amiss. <i>Something was <b>wrong</b> with the pump.</i>



## Usage Examples of "Improper" as an adjective

- *Improper medication.*
- *Improper banking practices.*
- *It was considered improper to leave one's house on Christmas Day.*
- *The improper use of public funds.*
- *Slightly improper to dine alone with a married man.*
- *An improper suggestion.*
- *Improper attire for the golf course.*



## Associations of "Improper" (30 Words)

- culpability** Responsibility for a fault or wrong; blame.  
*A level of moral **culpability**.*
- decadent** A person who has fallen into a decadent state morally or artistically.  
*A **decadent** soak in a scented bath.*
- depraved** Morally corrupt; wicked.  
*He was a **depraved** lecher.*
- fallacy** A failure in reasoning which renders an argument invalid.  
*The potential for **fallacy** which lies behind the notion of self esteem.*
- immoral** Deliberately violating accepted principles of right and wrong.  
*Unseemly and **immoral** behaviour.*
- improperly** In a way that lacks modesty or decency.  
*Evidence is inadmissible if it is **improperly** obtained.*

<b>impropriety</b>	An improper demeanor. <i>She was scandalized at the <b>impropriety</b> of the question.</i>
<b>inaccurate</b>	Not exact. <i>The thermometer is <b>inaccurate</b>.</i>
<b>inappropriate</b>	Not in keeping with what is correct or proper. <i>It would be <b>inappropriate</b> for me to comment.</i>
<b>inapt</b>	Not elegant or graceful in expression. <i>A more <b>inapt</b> name I cannot imagine.</i>
<b>incongruity</b>	The quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate. <i>The <b>incongruity</b> of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.</i>
<b><u>incorrect</u></b>	Not correct; not in conformity with fact or truth. <i>Strictly speaking the form of address was <b>incorrect</b>.</i>
<b><u>indecorous</u></b>	Not in keeping with good taste and propriety; improper. <i>A pub crawl with sundry <b>indecorous</b> adventures.</i>
<b>indelicate</b>	Lacking propriety and good taste in manners and conduct. <i>An earthy often <b>indelicate</b> sense of humour.</i>
<b>iniquitous</b>	Grossly unfair and morally wrong. <i><b>Iniquitous</b> deeds.</i>
<b><u>licentious</u></b>	Disregarding accepted conventions, especially in grammar or literary style. <i>The ruler's tyrannical and <b>licentious</b> behaviour.</i>
<b><u>misconduct</u></b>	Mismanagement, especially culpable neglect of duties. <i>The general was pardoned for <b>misconduct</b> of the war.</i>
<b>misdirect</b>	Use or apply (something) wrongly or inappropriately. <i>Their efforts have been largely <b>misdirected</b>.</i>
<b>misinterpret</b>	Interpret in the wrong way. <i>Soanes claimed his remarks had been <b>misinterpreted</b>.</i>
<b><u>misplaced</u></b>	Put in the wrong place or position. <i>She was penalized for a spelling mistake or a <b>misplaced</b> accent.</i>
<b><u>unbecoming</u></b>	(especially of clothing or a colour) not flattering. <i>It was <b>unbecoming</b> for a university to do anything so crass as advertising its wares.</i>
<b>uncouth</b>	(of art or language) lacking sophistication or delicacy. <i>He is unwashed <b>uncouth</b> and drunk most of the time.</i>
<b>unethical</b>	Not conforming to approved standards of social or professional behavior. <i><b>Unethical</b> business practices.</i>
<b><u>unfit</u></b>	Make unfit or unsuitable. <i>Fat and very <b>unfit</b>.</i>

<b><u>unjust</u></b>	Not equitable or fair. <i>An <b>unjust</b> judge.</i>
<b>unsuitability</b>	The quality of having the wrong properties for a specific purpose.
<b><u>unsuitable</u></b>	Not capable of being applied. <i>A solvent <b>unsuitable</b> for use on wood surfaces.</i>
<b>unsuited</b>	Not easy to combine harmoniously. <i>He was totally <b>unsuited</b> for the job.</i>
<b>wrong</b>	Treat unjustly do wrong to. <i>Something was <b>wrong</b> with the pump.</i>