

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)

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.

Contemptible (used for emphasis.

Had a **filthy** mouth.

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

**illegitimate** rules.

crude

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.



indecent Not appropriate or fitting.

Was buried with **indecent** haste.

Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in

<u>indecorous</u> polite society.

A pub crawl with sundry **indecorous** adventures.

indelicate Verging on the indecent.

An earthy often **indelicate** sense of humour.

indiscreet Lacking discretion; injudicious.

Her behavior was **indiscreet** at the very best.

Deviating from normal expectations; somewhat odd, strange, or

<u>irregular</u> abnormal.

Highly **irregular** behavior.

**lewd** Crude and offensive in a sexual way.

**Lewd** pictures.

**naughty** Mildly rude or indecent, typically because related to sex.

A naughty boy.

**obscene** Suggestive of or tending to moral looseness.

The **obscene** massacre at Wounded Knee.

**off colour** In an unpalatable state.

**out of keeping** Outside or external.

pornographic Designed to arouse lust.

**Pornographic** films and magazines.

**rabelaisian** Of or relating to or characteristic of Francois Rabelais or his works.

ribald Referring to sexual matters in an amusingly coarse or irreverent way.

He was delighted at the **ribald** laughter that greeted his witticism.

**risqué** Suggestive of sexual impropriety.

Belonging to an early stage of technical development characterized by

**rude** simplicity and often crudeness.

The war came as a very **rude** awakening.

Indicative or evocative.

suggestive
Artifacts suggestive of an ancient society.

Not acceptable; not welcome.

**unacceptable** The following use of access was judged **unacceptable** by a panel of

linguists You can access your cash at any of 300 automatic tellers.

Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in

**unbecoming** polite society.

An **unbecoming** striped sundress.



**unconventional** Not conventional or conformist.

An unconventional marriage.

Lacking dignity. undignified

An **undignified** exit.

Not fitting or suitable; unbecoming. unfitting

Certain occupations were held **unfitting** for baptized believers.

Not appropriate to or behaving like a gentleman. ungentlemanly

An **ungentlemanly** lack of sportsmanship.

Not appropriate for or typical of a well-bred, decorous woman. unladylike

He thought it was **unladylike** for his daughter to work on a farm.

Not conforming to, permitted by, or recognized by law or rules. unlawful

Unlawful love.

Not characteristic of or befitting a profession or one engaged in a

unprofessional profession.

A report on **unprofessional** conduct.

Not in keeping with accepted standards of what is right or proper in

unseemly polite society.

An **unseemly** squabble.

Not worthy of being chosen (especially as a spouse. unsuitable

The movie is **unsuitable** for children.

In a bad or abnormal condition; amiss.

wrong Something was **wrong** with the pump.

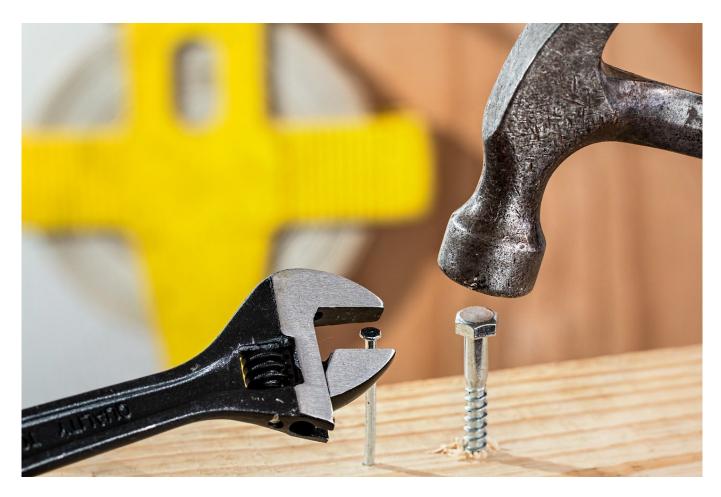




# Usage Examples of "Improper" as an adjective

- 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)

Responsibility for a fault or wrong; blame. **culpability** 

A level of moral culpability.

A person who has fallen into a decadent state morally or artistically. decadent

A **decadent** soak in a scented bath.

Morally corrupt; wicked. depraved

He was a **depraved** lecher.

A failure in reasoning which renders an argument invalid. **fallacy** 

The potential for **fallacy** which lies behind the notion of self esteem.

Deliberately violating accepted principles of right and wrong. immoral

Unseemly and immoral behaviour.

In a way that lacks modesty or decency.

improperly Evidence is inadmissible if it is **improperly** obtained.



impropriety An improper demeanor.

She was scandalized at the **impropriety** of the question.

inaccurate Not exact.

The thermometer is **inaccurate**.

inappropriate Not in keeping with what is correct or proper.

It would be **inappropriate** for me to comment.

inapt Not elegant or graceful in expression.

A more inapt name I cannot imagine.

incongruity

The quality of disagreeing; being unsuitable and inappropriate.

The **incongruity** of his fleshy face and skinny body disturbed her.

incorrect Not correct; not in conformity with fact or truth.

Strictly speaking the form of address was **incorrect**.

indecorous Not in keeping with good taste and propriety; improper.

A pub crawl with sundry **indecorous** adventures.

indelicate Lacking propriety and good taste in manners and conduct.

An earthy often **indelicate** sense of humour.

iniquitous Grossly unfair and morally wrong.

**Iniquitous** deeds.

licentious Disregarding accepted conventions, especially in grammar or literary style.

The ruler s tyrannical and **licentious** behaviour.

misconduct Mismanagement, especially culpable neglect of duties.

The general was pardoned for  ${\it misconduct}$  of the war.

misdirect Use or apply (something) wrongly or inappropriately.

Their efforts have been largely **misdirect**ed.

misinterpret Interpret in the wrong way.

Soanes claimed his remarks had been **misinterpret**ed.

**misplaced** Put in the wrong place or position.

She was penalized for a spelling mistake or a **misplaced** accent.

(especially of clothing or a colour) not flattering.

**unbecoming** It was **unbecoming** for a university to do anything so crass as advertising

its wares.

**uncouth** (of art or language) lacking sophistication or delicacy.

He is unwashed **uncouth** and drunk most of the time.

unethical Not conforming to approved standards of social or professional behavior.

**Unethical** business practices.

unfit Make unfit or unsuitable.

Fat and very **unfit**.



Not equitable or fair. <u>unjust</u> An **unjust** judge.

The quality of having the wrong properties for a specific purpose. unsuitability

Not capable of being applied. unsuitable

A solvent **unsuitable** for use on wood surfaces.

Not easy to combine harmoniously. unsuited

He was totally **unsuited** for the job.

Treat unjustly do wrong to. wrong

Something was **wrong** with the pump.