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**im·prop·er** *adj* \(\,im-ˈprā-pər\

### Definition of IMPROPER

Like

: not proper: as

**a** : not in accord with fact, truth, or right procedure :

[INCORRECT](#) <*improper* inference>

**b** : not regularly or normally formed or not properly so called

**c** : not suited to the circumstances, design, or end  
<*improper* medicine>

**d** : not in accord with propriety, modesty, good manners, or good taste <*improper* language>

— **im·prop·er·ly** *adverb*

— **im·prop·er·ness** *noun*

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### Examples of IMPROPER

The doctor gave him an *improper* diagnosis.

They claim to have evidence of *improper* police conduct.

*improper* use of public land

This is an *improper* diet for a growing teenager.

It would be *improper* for me to ask such a favor of her.

He made some *improper* remarks.

### Origin of IMPROPER

Middle English, from Middle French *impropre*, from Latin *improprius*, from *in-* + *proprius* proper

First Known Use: 15th century

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