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## improper, *adj.*

**Pronunciation:** /ɪmˈprɒpə/

**Frequency (in current use):**

**Etymology:** < IM- *prefix*<sup>2</sup> + PROPER *adj., n., and adv.*; after French *impropre...*

**2.** Not in accordance with the nature of the case or the purpose in view; unsuitable, unfit, inappropriate, ill-adapted.

**3.** Not in accordance with good manners, modesty, or decorum; unbecoming, unseemly; indecorous, indecent. Also *transf.* of a person.