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- improper
- improper diphthong
- improper fraction
- improper integral

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improper 

adjective | im·prop·er | \(\,im-'prā-pər

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- : not correct
- : not following rules of acceptable behavior : legally or morally wrong
- : not suitable for the situation : not appropriate



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Full Definition of IMPROPER

- : not proper: as

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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

Related to IMPROPER

Synonyms

[amiss](#), [graceless](#), [inappropriate](#), [inapposite](#), [inapt](#), [incongruous](#),

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Antonyms

appropriate, becoming, befitting, correct, decorous, felicitous, fit, fitting, genteel, happy, meet, proper, right, seemly, suitable

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Rhymes with IMPROPER

bebopper, cartopper, clodhopper, eavesdropper, eyedropper, eyepopper, grasshopper, hedgehopper, hip-hopper, job-hopper, joypopper, leafhop...

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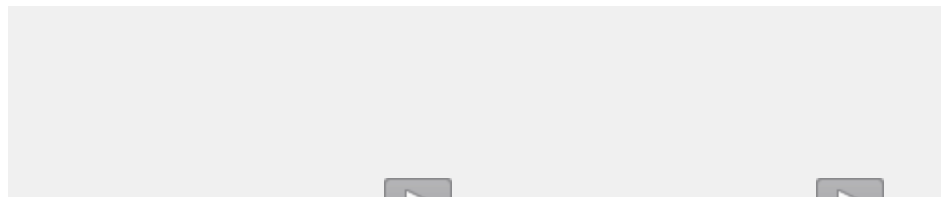
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