

**propriety**

[prə'praɪəti] *n*

1. **правильность**  
propriety of style - правильность стиля
2. 1) (the proprieties) *pl* (правила) приличия, пристойность  
to observe the proprieties - соблюдать приличия  
to offend the proprieties - нарушить правила приличия
- 2) **правильность поведения**  
conventional propriety - элементарные правила поведения  
lack of propriety - отсутствие манер /воспитанности, обходительности/
3. **уместность**  
a remark of doubtful propriety - сомнительное /малоуместное/ замечание  
we doubt the propriety of the term - мы сомневаемся в уместности этого термина
4. *уст.* **собственность**
5. *редк.* **черта; свойство; особенность**  
◇ marriage of propriety - брак по расчёту

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pro·pri·e·ty [ˈprɒpriəti] *BrE* [prə'praɪəti] *AmE* [prə'praɪəti]

**noun** (formal)

1. **uncountable** moral and social behaviour that is considered to be correct and acceptable  
• Nobody questioned the propriety of her being there alone.  
**Opp:** ↑impropriety
2. **the proprieties plural** the rules of correct behaviour  
**Syn:** ↑etiquette  
• They were careful to observe the proprieties.  
• The company had acted in accordance with all legal proprieties.

Word Origin:

late Middle English (in the sense 'peculiarity, essential quality'): from Old French *proprie*, from Latin *proprietas*, from *proprius* 'one's own, particular'.

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[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: *propriété* 'property, quality', from Latin *proprietas*; ⇨ ↑property]

1. [**singular, uncountable**] correctness of social or moral behaviour **OPP** **impropriety**  
**propriety of**  
• They discussed the propriety of treating ill children against the wishes of the parents.  
**with propriety**  
• They conducted themselves with propriety.
2. **the proprieties especially British English** the accepted rules of correct social behaviour:  
• strict in observing the proprieties

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