

appropriate, *adj.* and *n.*

Pronunciation: [?] Brit. /ə'prəʊpriət/, U.S. /ə'proʊpriət/

Frequency (in current use):

Etymology: < Latin *appropriātus* past participle of *appropriāre* : see *APPROPRE V.*

A. *adj.*

1. Annexed or attached (*to*), as a possession or piece of property; appropriated. *spec.* in *Ecclesiastical* Annexed as a benefice to a religious corporation.

1605 E. SANDYS *Relation State of Relig.* sig. O2^v The Parish Priests in Italy..have..certeine farmes as gleabe land appropriate.

1652 M. NEDHAM tr. J. Selden *Of Dominion of Sea* Pref. The Sea's now made appropriate, And yields to all the Laws of state.

1728 E. CHAMBERS *Cycl.* (at cited word) There are computed in England 3845 Churches Appropriate and Improprate.

†2. Belonging to oneself; private; selfish. *Obsolete.*

1628 O. FELLTHAM *Resolves: 2nd Cent.* lxxxiii. sig. Y7 Policy..works ever for appropriate ends; Loue ever takes a partner into the Benefit.

†3. Assigned to a particular person; special, individual. *Obsolete. rare.*

1796 F. BURNEY *Camilla* IV. VIII. x. 374 The end, therefore, of her deliberation was to shew general gaiety, without appropriate favour.

4. Attached or belonging as an attribute, quality or right; peculiar to, own.

a. *absol.*

a1538 T. STARKEY *Dial. Pole & Lupset* (1989) 108 We notyd..in..the hede, an appropryat dysease wych we callyd then a frencey.

1794 R. J. SULLIVAN *View of Nature* I. 174 That the sun darts out light and heat to the limits of its appropriate system.

1809 S. T. COLERIDGE *Friend* (1837) I. i. 9 To charm away..*Ennui*, is the chief and appropriate business of the poet.

b. with *to*.

1525 W. TYNDALE *Parable Wicked Mammon* in *Wks.* I. 50 The forgiveness of sins and justifying is appropriate unto faith only.

- 1651 T. HOBBS *Leviathan* II. xxx. 177 Honour, appropriate to the Sovereign onely.
 1808 R. SOUTHEY *Select. from Lett.* (1856) II. 307 *Coronet*..is [a word] appropriate to rank and heraldry.

5. Specially fitted or suitable, proper. Const. *to, for.*

- 1544 T. PHAER tr. J. Goeurot *Regiment of Lyfe* (new ed.) sig. Aiii Remedyes..appropriate [1546 appropriat] to euery membre throughout the bodye.
 1594 H. PLAT *Diuerse Sorts of Soyle* 56 in *Jewell House* Salts..most appropriate for the nature of mortar.
 1661 R. BOYLE *Some Consid. Style of Script.* in *Wks.* (1744) II. 101/2 The Bible's being appropriate..to make wise the simple.
 1818 S. T. COLERIDGE *Friend* (new ed.) I. 81 Two mottoes equally appropriate.
 1869 E. A. FREEMAN *Hist. Norman Conquest* III. xi. 47 Prayers and collects appropriate for the great solemnity.

†**B. n.** [the adjective used *absol.*]

A thing appropriated or appropriate; a property, attribute. *Obsolete.*

- 1618 G. CHAPMAN tr. Hesiod *Georgicks* II. 551 To prophane The Gods' Appropriates.
 1642 BP. J. TAYLOR *Of Sacred Order Episcopacy* (1647) 102 The appropriates of their office so ordain'd by the Apostles.

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appropriate adult *n.* *British Law* an adult such as a parent, guardian, or social worker, required to be present during police interviews with a person regarded as vulnerable (because of age, mental disability, etc.) to ensure fair treatment.

- 1984 *Hansard Commons* 14 May 108 I refer the honourable Gentleman..to paragraph 3 of annexe A of the draft code on detention which provides that: 'An intimate search of an arrested juvenile may take place only in the presence of the appropriate adult of the same sex.'
 1985 *Police & Criminal Evid. Act 1984 (s.66) Codes of Pract.* C 58 The appropriate adult should be informed that he is not expected to act simply as an observer. The purposes of his presence are, first, to advise the person being questioned.
 1995 *Independent* 9 Nov. (Suppl.) 2/1 The police are supposed to call in an appropriate adult whenever they think that someone may be vulnerable, and therefore at risk of being led into an unsound confession by the police.
 2011 J. WYATT et al. *Oxf. Handbk. Forensic Med.* vi. 186 An appropriate adult is not subject to legal privilege and may be required to disclose the content of discussions with the detainee in court.

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appropriate technologist *n.* an advocate, developer, or practitioner of appropriate technology.

- 1977 *Washington Post* (Nexis) 27 Nov. E4 The new book..appears unlikely to become the sort of bible for the newly religious that *Small is Beautiful* has become for appropriate technologists.
- 1993 *Guardian* 3 Sept. II. 28 The Centre needs an Appropriate Technologist to identify and develop new and existing technologies for training programmes used by a cross-section of people involved in agriculture.

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appropriate technology *n.* (a) technology considered suitable for a particular application; an instance of this; (b) technology in general, or a particular technology, that is designed to take account of the social, economic, and environmental circumstances in which it is employed, often aiming to meet a specific practical need, and typically (in developing countries) utilizing locally available resources and cheap or renewable energy sources (cf. *intermediate technology n.* at INTERMEDIATE *adj.* and *n.* Additions).

- 1950 S. A. MOSK *Industr. Revol. in Mexico* iv. 57 He wanted to encourage that type of industrial development which would permit the inhabitants of the small villages to dovetail industry with the cultivation of their fields. Such development was made possible by coöperation plus an appropriate technology.
- 1960 *Amer. Econ. Rev.* 50 655 Work on appropriate technology should have a very high priority.
- 1973 E. F. SCHUMACHER *Small is Beautiful* III. iii. 189 To disseminate relevant information on appropriate technologies for developing countries, particularly on low-cost methods relating to building, water and power, crop-storage and processing, small-scale manufacturing, health services, transportation and so forth.
- 1992 A. GORE *Earth in Balance* xiii. 238 A nuclear power plant..may not be an ‘appropriate’ technology for an underdeveloped nation with an unstable government.
- 1996 N. MARAIRE *Zenzele* v. 75 One year we must generate a middle class; the next year they want to dump us with their technology; the following year they recognize that appropriate technology is the answer; and so it goes on.

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