

appropriate /ə'prəʊpriət/ (apt, suitable, proper, fitting)

Suitable or proper in the circumstances.

Especially suitable or compatible. Fitting.

“an appropriate response”, “remarks appropriate to the occasion”

L pp. of *appropriare* ‘make one's own’, from *ad-* ‘to’ + *proprius* ‘own, proper’.

apposite /'apəzɪt/

Apt in the circumstances or in relation to something. Applicable.

Strikingly appropriate and relevant. Highly pertinent or appropriate.

“apposite remarks”, “apposite examples”

L *appositus*, past participle of *apponere* ‘apply’, from *ad-* ‘towards’ + *ponere* ‘put’.

apt /apt/

Appropriate or suitable in the circumstances. Suited to a purpose.

Unusually fitted or qualified.

“an apt reply”.

Late ME (in the sense ‘suited, appropriate’): from L *aptus* ‘fitted’, past participle of *apere* ‘fasten’.

FIT, SUITABLE, MEET, PROPER, APPROPRIATE, FITTING, APT, HAPPY, FELICITOUS mean right with respect to some end, need, use, or circumstance.

FIT stresses adaptability and sometimes special readiness for use or action. *fit for battle*

SUITABLE implies an answering to requirements or demands. *clothes suitable for camping*

MEET suggests a just proportioning. *meet payment*

PROPER suggests a suitability through essential nature or accordance with custom. *proper acknowledgement*

APPROPRIATE implies eminent or distinctive fitness. *an appropriate gift*

FITTING implies harmony of mood or tone. *a fitting end*

APT connotes a fitness marked by nicety and discrimination. *apt quotations*

HAPPY suggests what is effectively or successfully appropriate. *a happy choice of words*

FELICITOUS suggests an aptness that is opportune, telling, or graceful. *a felicitous phrase*

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RELEVANT, GERMANE, MATERIAL, PERTINENT, APPOSITE, APPLICABLE, APROPOS mean relating to or bearing upon the matter in hand.

RELEVANT implies a traceable, significant, logical connection.

found material relevant to her case

GERMANE may additionally imply a fitness for or appropriateness to the situation or occasion. *a point not germane to the discussion*

MATERIAL implies so close a relationship that it cannot be dispensed with without serious alteration of the case. *facts material to the investigation*

PERTINENT stresses a clear and decisive relevance.

a pertinent observation

APPOSITE suggests a felicitous relevance. *add an apposite quotation to the definition*

APPLICABLE suggests the fitness of bringing a general rule or principle to bear upon a particular case. *the rule is not applicable in this case*

APROPOS suggests being both relevant and opportune.
the quip was apropos

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