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Definition of TAMPER

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1 : to carry on underhand or improper negotiations (as by bribery)

2 a : to interfere so as to weaken or change for the worse — used with *with* <did not want to *tamper* with tradition>

b : to try foolish or dangerous experiments —used with *with*

c : to render something harmful or dangerous by altering its structure or composition <was charged with *tampering* with consumer products>

— **tam·per·er** *noun*
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Origin of TAMPER

probably from Middle French *temprer* to temper, mix, meddle

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First Known Use: 1567

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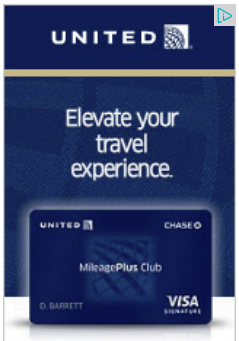
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