

# Negative Prefixes

We add a prefix such as **in-** or **un-** or **dis-**, **im-**, **il-**, **non**, **ir-** etc. to the beginning of adjectives, adverbs and verbs to give them the opposite meaning.

For example,

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| ➤ Before "r" one has to use "ir"    | irreparable;                                                   |  | <b>or "un"</b>         |
| ➤ Before "l", use "il"              | illogical;                                                     |                                                                                    | unlucky                |
| ➤ Before "t", use "dis"             | distrust; distasteful                                          |                                                                                    |                        |
| ➤ Before "c, b or s" use "un or in" | uncomfortable/unbelievable and incomplete/incredible/insanity; |  | <b>or "un"</b>         |
| ➤ Before "p", use "im"              | impossible                                                     |                                                                                    | unpopular              |
| ➤ Before "m", use "im"              | immature, immortal                                             |  | <b>or "in"</b>         |
| ➤ Before "h or f", use "un"         | unhappy/unfettered;                                            |                                                                                    | Inflexible, infrequent |
| ➤ Before a noun, use "non"          | non-smoker, etc.                                               |                                                                                    |                        |

Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix: "un-", "dis-", "ir-", "il-", "in-", or "im-"

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| _____ comfortable    | _____ like       | _____ grateful    |
| _____ <b>patient</b> | _____ logical    | _____ relevant    |
| _____ <b>honest</b>  | _____ convenient | _____ dependent   |
| _____ lucky          | _____ frequent   | _____ responsible |
| _____ formal         | _____ mature     | _____ accurate    |
| _____ possible       | _____ legible    | _____ resistible  |
| _____ popular        | _____ moral      | _____ acceptable  |
| _____ lock           | _____ regular    | _____ appropriate |
| _____ appear         | _____ believable | _____ passive     |
| _____ agree          | _____ approve    | _____ probable    |
| _____ legal          | _____ curable    | _____ respectful  |
| _____ polite         | _____ familiar   | _____ sufficient  |

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\_\_\_\_\_probable

\_\_\_\_\_sane

\_\_\_\_\_credible

\_\_\_\_\_healthy

\_\_\_\_\_mortal

\_\_\_\_\_perfect

\_\_\_\_\_regular

\_\_\_\_\_visible

\_\_\_\_\_satisfactory

\_\_\_\_\_compatible

\_\_\_\_\_helpful

\_\_\_\_\_obedient

\_\_\_\_\_personal

\_\_\_\_\_satisfied

\_\_\_\_\_conscious

\_\_\_\_\_desirable

\_\_\_\_\_flexible

\_\_\_\_\_organized

\_\_\_\_\_polite

\_\_\_\_\_sociable

\_\_\_\_\_considerate

\_\_\_\_\_friendly

\_\_\_\_\_reliable

\_\_\_\_\_happy