62 Adjectives with prefixes

Are you sure you have the correct answers? ~ No, I'm **uncertain** about two of them.
Are you a **lucky** person? ~ I'm **lucky** with money, but **unlucky** in love.
How's your brother these days? ~ Well, he smokes a lot – I think he's very **unhealthy**.
Did you need to buy a new car? ~ No, it was completely **unnecessary**.
Did you think the manager was being **rude**? ~ Yes, I thought he was very **impolite**.
Can you get home before six o'clock? ~ No, that's completely **impossible**.
Did you enjoy the meeting? ~ Yes, thanks. It was quite **informal** and fun.
Is 'fall' a **regular** verb? ~ No, it's **irregular**: *fall, fell, fallen*.

GLOSSARY

uncertain	not sure OPP **certain** SYNS **unsure/sure**
lucky	If you are **lucky**, good things happen to you that you cannot control. OPP **unlucky**
unhealthy	not well, often ill OPP **healthy**
unnecessary	If sth is **unnecessary**, you don't need to do it, or you don't need it. OPP **necessary**
rude	not speaking or behaving in a way that is correct for the social situation SYN **impolite** OPP **polite**: *In Britain, it is **rude/impolite** to eat with your mouth open.*

SPOTLIGHT *-in, -im, -ir, -un*

Some adjectives form opposites with prefixes *in-, im-, ir-*.
formal OPP **informal**
possible OPP **impossible** (*im-* before **p**)
regular OPP **irregular** (*ir-* before **r**)
Some other adjectives form opposites with the prefix *un-*.
certain OPP **uncertain** **healthy** OPP **unhealthy**

1 Correct the mistakes. Be careful: two answers are correct.

▶ imformal informal
1 incertain .....
2 inlucky .....
3 inregular .....
4 impossible .....
5 innecessary .....
6 inhealthy .....
7 unsure .....
8 unpolite .....

2 Circle the correct word.

▶ Can you help me? I'm *sure* / (*unsure*) what to do next.
1 People who open the door for you in a shop are very ***polite*** / ***rude***.
2 Words like ***hi*** and ***yeah*** are ***formal*** / ***informal***.
3 *Remember* is ***a regular*** / ***an irregular*** verb.
4 We had two weeks of sunny weather for our holiday, which was very ***lucky*** / ***unlucky***.
5 It was ***necessary*** / ***unnecessary*** to take a taxi because the hotel was very near the station.
6 If you don't say *thank you* for a present, people may think you are ***polite*** / ***impolite***.
7 He has to decide where to go, but at the moment he is very ***certain*** / ***uncertain***.
8 My sister watches TV all day and eats lots of cakes. She's very ***healthy*** / ***unhealthy***.

3 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

ABOUT YOU

▶ I think spelling in English is impossible.
1 Where I live, the neighbours are all very p..... .
2 I..... verbs are difficult to remember in English.
3 My English lessons are i..... and fun.
4 I'm very u..... on holiday. The weather is always terrible.
5 I'm u..... where to go for my holidays next summer. I just can't decide.
6 I think it's u..... to eat your food too quickly.
7 I think it's r..... to look at your phone when you're having a meal with people.
8 I think it's important to be clean, but it's u..... to have a shower every day.

4 ABOUT YOU Are the sentences in Exercise 3 true for you? If not, write them so that they are true.

▶ I think spelling in English is impossible. I think it's difficult, but not impossible!

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