

TIP

The prefixes **ir**, **in**, **il**, and **im** usually mean not, as in irregular, incapable, illegal, and immature.

The prefix **im** can also mean to or into, as in immigrant.

Here are some helpful spelling rules.

Words that follow: begin with:

The prefix **im** **m, p, or b**
 The prefix **il** **l**
 The prefix **ir** **r**
 The prefix **in** different letters

LIST WORDS

1. *incredible*
2. *immortal*
3. *intolerant*
4. *immigrant*
5. *illogical*
6. *immature*
7. *illegal*
8. *improperly*
9. *incapable*
10. *irregular*
11. *impatient*
12. *impolitely*
13. *indirect*
14. *indefinite*
15. *immaterial*
16. *illiterate*
17. *impractical*
18. *irresponsible*
19. *irrational*
20. *illegible*

Spelling Practice

Words with ir, in, il, and im

Add a prefix to each of these words. Then, write each **list word** under the correct heading.

1. legible

2. mature

3. capable

4. logical

5. properly

6. responsible

7. direct

8. practical

9. tolerant

10. politely

11. patient

12. credible

13. rational

14. migrant

15. material

16. legal

17. literate

18. definite

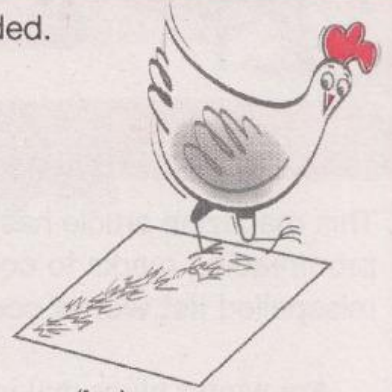
19. mortal

20. regular

Missing Words

Write a **list word** to complete each sentence. Prefix clues are provided.

1. A person who acts childishly is _____. (im)
2. A person who has little patience is _____. (im)
3. An _____ person cannot read and write. (il)
4. Something that is _____ is against the law. (il)
5. A person who moves to a new country is an _____. (im)
6. Something that will never die is called _____. (im)
7. A piece of writing that is impossible to read is _____. (il)
8. A poor plan is _____ or _____. (im, ir)
9. Something that really doesn't matter is _____. (im)
10. Someone who doesn't tolerate new ideas is _____. (in)
11. A badly paved road was done _____ and may look _____. (im, ir)
12. Someone who can't be trusted is _____. (ir)



Word Clues

Fill in each mini-puzzle with a **list word**. Use the word or words already filled in as a clue.

13.

14.

16.

UNCERTAIN

UNBELIEVABLE

ABSURD

17.

R	U	D	E	L	Y
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18.

ROUNDABOUT

15.

H	E	L	P	L	E	S	S
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Spelling and Writing

January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		





Proofreading

This magazine article has eight mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to correct them. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

Are winter blues making you inpatiant for spring Don't just lie around and moan. Remember, january is a good month to do some new or different things.

- Tutor someone who is illiterite.
- Spend the day in bed reading an imcreditable adventure story
- Clean out a closet and give away those inpractical gadgets that gather dust.
- Try to master something that you assumed you were ircapible of learning.

Proofreading Marks

-  spelling mistake
-  capital letter
-  add something
-  add period

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____