

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

3. capable

5. properly

7. direct

9. tolerant

11. patient

13. rational

15. material

17. literate

19. mortal

2. mature

4. logical

6. responsible

8. practical

10. politely

12. credible

14. migrant

16. legal

18. definite

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

15.

**A
B
S
U
R
D**

17.

RUDELY

HELPLESS

18.

**R
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A
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Spelling and Writing

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 inpatient 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 illiterate.
- Spend the day in bed reading an imcredible 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.

January						
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Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- ☰ capital letter
- ^K add something
- ◎ add period

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