

## NEGATIVE PREFIXES & MODAL VERBS OF FUTURE POSSIBILITY

### A/ NEGATIVE PREFIXES

**Task 1.** Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix: "un-", "dis-", "ir-", "il-", "in-", or "im-". (12 pts)

1 ____ comfortable	2 ____ patient	3 ____ honest	4 ____ lucky
5 ____ formal	6 ____ possible	7 ____ popular	8 ____ lock
9 ____ appear	10 ____ agree	11 ____ legal	12 ____ polite
13 ____ like	14 ____ logical	15 ____ convenient	

**Task 2.** Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix. (15 pts)

"un-", "dis-", "ir-", "il-", "in-", or "im-"

1 ____ frequent	6 ____ believable	11 ____ relevant
2 ____ mature	7 ____ approve	12 ____ dependent
3 ____ legible	8 ____ curable	13 ____ responsible
4 ____ moral	9 ____ familiar	14 ____ accurate
5 ____ regular	10 ____ grateful	15 ____ resistible

**Task 3.** Complete the sentences by adding the correct pre-fix for each word. (20 pts)

- 1 It's rather \_\_\_\_\_ polite if you don't say 'Please' a lot in English.
- 2 My parents are extremely generous with their time and money. They are very \_\_\_\_\_ selfish.
- 3 If the traffic is bad, it'll be \_\_\_\_\_ possible to get to the match on time.
- 4 It's \_\_\_\_\_ legal to drive along that street; it's for pedestrians only.
- 5 My mum thought a burglar had been in my bedroom, but it's always really \_\_\_\_\_ tidy.
- 6 It was completely \_\_\_\_\_ responsible of you to go away for the weekend without telling us.
- 7 Mike's pretty \_\_\_\_\_ happy about going on holiday with his girlfriend's parents.
- 8 I never know when to expect the post. It's so \_\_\_\_\_ regular.
- 9 Taking a large suitcase on a waling holiday is a bit \_\_\_\_\_ practical.
- 10 Something that is \_\_\_\_\_ adequate is not good enough.
- 11 A person who can't read and write is \_\_\_\_\_ literate.

- 12 If something is \_\_\_\_\_ edible, it means it cannot be eaten.
- 13 Something that is \_\_\_\_\_ reversible cannot be changed back.
- 14 If somebody is \_\_\_\_\_ reliable, you cannot trust or depend on them.
- 15 If something is \_\_\_\_\_ legitimate, it means it is not allowed or accepted.
- 16 A person who is \_\_\_\_\_ honest cheats others.
- 17 If you get something \_\_\_\_\_ solicited, you didn't ask for it and you don't want it.
- 18 Something that is \_\_\_\_\_ measurable is too big to be measured.
- 19 If something is \_\_\_\_\_ perfect, it is not completely correct.
- 20 If your love is \_\_\_\_\_ requited, it means that the person you're in love with doesn't love you.

**Task 4.** Use the **negative prefixes** and the **adjectives** given to complete the sentences! (8 pts)

possible - honest - sociable - patient

legal - responsible - pleasant – polite

1. My aunt's children are so \_\_\_\_\_. They never say please and thank you.
2. Tim's really \_\_\_\_\_. He never tells the truth.
3. I wish I wasn't so \_\_\_\_\_, but I really don't like going out or talking to new people.
4. Don't be so \_\_\_\_\_. I'll be ready in 5 minutes.
5. Liz can be really \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes. She seems like upsetting people.
6. This maths problem is \_\_\_\_\_. I can't do it.
7. I wouldn't ask Jack to look after my little brother. He's too \_\_\_\_\_.
8. In Britain, it's \_\_\_\_\_ to drive under the age of 17.

#### **B/ FUTURE POSSIBILITY AND PROBABILITY MODALS**

**Task 1.** Choose the correct modal to complete the sentence. (10 pts)

- 1 You \_\_\_\_\_ yourself when you attend the conference in Paris next week, so you should learn how to do so in French before going.
- ? could probably have to introduce
- ? will probably have to introduce
- ? must probably introduce
- 2 It's fortunate that you are here to give me a hand. Without your help, I \_\_\_\_\_

? have to finish on time.

? probably won't finish on time.

? couldn't have finished on time.

3 PERSON A: Are you going to travel anywhere on your vacation?

PERSON B: It all depends on airline prices. I \_\_\_\_\_

? could have.

? maybe.

? might.

4 If you take the apartment, you \_\_\_\_\_ the rent at the start of each month.

? will probably be responsible for paying

? may have responsibility for paying

? will be responsible for paying

5 If the package is to arrive on time, we \_\_\_\_\_ before the weekend.

? will have to mail it

? will probably mail it

? couldn't mail it

6 You have some time to make up your mind about taking the job. You \_\_\_\_\_ until Friday.

? don't have to tell me your decision

? didn't have to tell me your decision

? must tell me your decision

7 Yesterday, I saw Ted looking at diamond rings in a jewelry store. In my opinion, he \_\_\_\_\_.

? is going to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

? might have to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

? must be going to ask his girlfriend to marry him.

8 I've gained so much weight lately, my suit \_\_\_\_\_

? will have to fit.

? couldn't fit.

? will probably not fit.

- 9 Wendy has a job interview tomorrow afternoon. I told her she \_\_\_\_\_.  
? will probably have to dress conservatively and be on time.  
? will have to dress conservatively and be on time.  
? may have to dress conservatively and be on time.
- 10 Jill hasn't been feeling too well lately. She \_\_\_\_\_ the party on Friday night.  
? maybe not able to attend  
? must not be able to attend  
? may not be able to attend

**Task 2.** Add the correct modal to the prediction: **Will, may, might or won't.** (8 pts)

- 1 People \_\_\_\_\_ develop telepathy in the future (impossible)  
2 The space explorers \_\_\_\_\_ find water on Mars (probable)  
3 Regular trips to space \_\_\_\_\_ be available in the next century (possible)  
4 One day they \_\_\_\_\_ find life on other planets (slightly possible)  
5 We \_\_\_\_\_ ever know everything (impossible)  
6 It \_\_\_\_\_ be sunny tomorrow (probable)  
7 It \_\_\_\_\_ be cloudy in June (possible)  
8 It \_\_\_\_\_ rain in May (slightly possible)

**Task 3.** Rewrite the given ideas using will, may, and might in complete sentences. (More than one answer is possible) (3 pts)

1. There is definitely a party tomorrow evening at my house.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. I am thinking about studying French this year.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. There is a fifty-fifty chance that she will be on time for her English class tomorrow.

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