ACE Vocabulary – 13: Adjectives with Prefixes

In English, one way to make *negative adjective* is by adding negative *prefixes* to the adjective. Here are some English negative prefixes: ***il–, im–, in-, ir–, un–.***

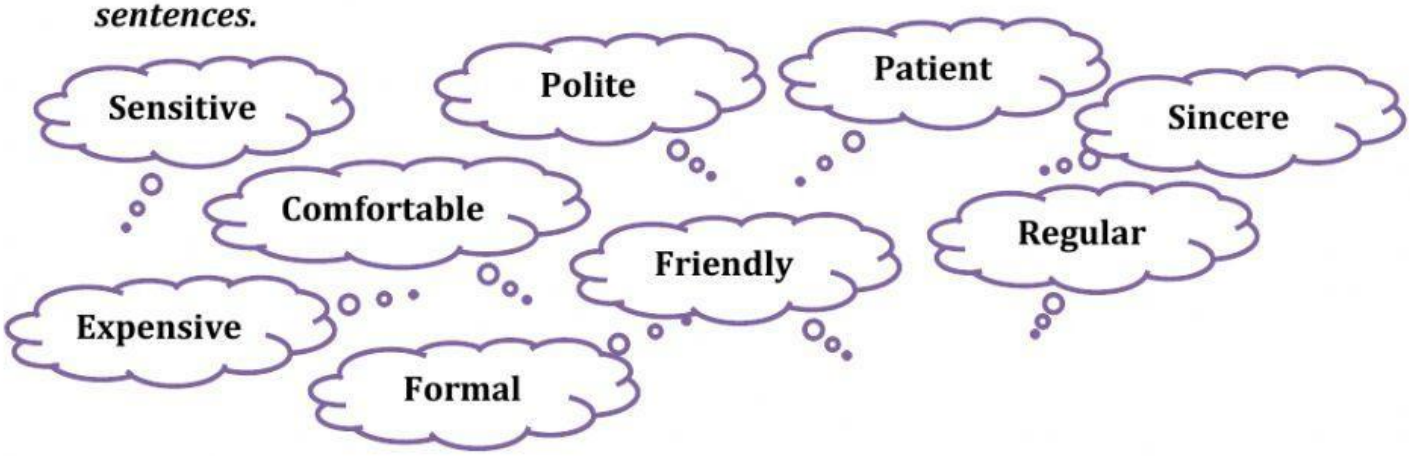
PREFIXES	EXAMPLES	
-il	Words that take ***il–*** as a negative prefix always begin with the letter **l**.	Legal – ***il***legal Literate – ***il***literate Logical – ***il***logical
-im	Words that take ***im–*** as a negative prefix always begin with the letter **m** or **p**.	Moral – ***im***moral Perfect – ***im***perfect Possible – ***im***possible
-in	Words that take ***in–*** as a negative prefix can begin with a ***vowel*** (except i or u) or a ***consonant***.	Accurate – ***in***accurate Organic – ***in***organic Sane – ***in***sane
-ir	Words that take ***ir–*** as a negative prefix always begin with the letter ***r***.	Rational – ***ir***rational Regular – ***ir***regular Responsible – ***ir***responsible
-un	Words that take ***un–*** as a negative prefix may begin with a ***vowel*** or ***consonant***.	Able – ***un***able Interesting – ***un***interesting Helpful – ***un***helpful

A. Add prefixes to make negative adjectives below.

ADJECTIVES	NEGATIVE	ADJECTIVES	NEGATIVE
1. Responsible		11. Legal	
2. Expensive		12. Literate	
3. Formal		13. Sensitive	
4. Surprising		14. Practical	
5. Concerned		15. Possible	
6. Reasonable		16. Patient	
7. Educated		17. Polite	
8. Friendly		18. Relevant	
9. Logical		19. Secure	
10. Complete		20. Correct	

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B. Use one of the adjectives in the box and add a negative prefix to complete the sentences.



1. The teacher told his students to learn twenty _____ verbs.
2. Nick is really _____. He never wants to talk to anyone.
3. John is so _____. He never wants to explain things twice.
4. These window locks are _____ and effective.
5. Justin said he was sorry, but they were sure that he was _____.
6. It is very _____ to tell people you don't like their clothes.
7. These parties are almost always _____ there is no dress code.
8. They were sitting in a very _____ position.
9. Andrew thinks it is very _____ of Adam to think he can do just what he likes.

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