

Negative Prefixes

Look at the list of words. Then complete the patterns for making negative prefixes using the prefixes in the box.

disagree	dislike	disbelieve	disrespect	illegal	illiterate
illogical	inorganic	insane	indecent	inaccurate	imperfect
immobile	impossible	immoral	irreplaceable	irrelevant	irregular
irrational	irresponsible	unfortunate	uncomfortable	unhelpful	unhappy
unreal	unusual				

ir-	im-	il-	un-	in-	dis-
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1. Use the prefix _____ before words that start with a **vowel or consonant**. This is the most common negative prefix.
2. Use the prefix _____ before words that start with **I**.
3. Use the prefix _____ before words that start with **m or p**.
4. Use the prefix _____ before words that start with **r**.
5. Use the prefix _____ before words that start with **consonants and vowels (a, e, o)**, but **NOT i or u**.
6. Use the prefix _____ in a similar way that you use the prefix **un-**.