

## NEGATIVE PREFIXES

**Exercise 1:** Make these adjectives negative in meaning by choosing the correct prefix. Write the words in the correct columns.

honest sincere regular legal possible friendly capable patient logical expensive formal  
loyal correct happy polite sensitive practical obedient responsible comfortable modest

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**Exercise 2:** Use one of the adjectives in the box + a negative prefix to complete the sentences

sensitive  
polite

expensive  
friendly

regular  
patient

formal  
sincere

comfortable  
loyal

- 1 The teacher told his students to learn twenty \_\_\_\_\_ verbs.
- 2 Mrs. Brown is really \_\_\_\_\_. She never wants to talk to anyone.
- 3 Susan has no intention of being \_\_\_\_\_ to his friends.
- 4 Adam is so \_\_\_\_\_. He never wants to explain things twice.

- 5 These window locks are \_\_\_\_\_ and effective.
- 6 John said he was sorry, but they were sure that he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 It is very \_\_\_\_\_ to tell people you don't like their clothes.
- 8 These parties are almost always \_\_\_\_\_ there is no dress code.
- 9 They were sitting in a very \_\_\_\_\_ position.
- 10 Mr. Black thinks it is very \_\_\_\_\_ of Tom to think he can do just what he likes.

**Exercise 3: Choose the correct answer A, B, C or D**

1. Jane doesn't like waiting. She's so \_\_\_\_\_ patient.  
 A. un                      B. im                      C. in                      D. dis                      1.....
2. My brother's life is quite \_\_\_\_\_ organised.  
 A. un                      B. in                      C. dis                      D. ir                      2.....
3. John said he wasn't going to change his mind. His decision is \_\_\_\_\_ reversible.  
 A. in                      B. un                      C. dis                      D. ir                      3.....
4. I didn't believe what the man said. It seemed \_\_\_\_\_ credible.  
 A. in                      B. un                      C. dis                      D. im                      4.....
5. What do you think is the best way to discipline a \_\_\_\_\_ obedient child?  
 A. in                      B. dis                      C. un                      D. il                      5.....
6. Sarah was wearing a very \_\_\_\_\_ usual dress. It had spotty sleeves and a long, checked skirt.  
 A. dis                      B. in                      C. im                      D. un                      6.....
7. I think that Jeremy is totally \_\_\_\_\_ sensitive to my feelings.  
 A. un                      B. in                      C. dis                      D. il                      7.....
8. Kate is \_\_\_\_\_ modest, she thinks she's very good and clever and she likes to talk about herself.  
 A. un                      B. in                      C. ir                      D. im                      8.....
9. We're staying at that hotel again. We were quite \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied with our room.  
 A. dis                      B. un                      C. in                      D. im                      9.....
10. Physically \_\_\_\_\_ active people are at risk of developing hear disease.  
 A. un                      B. dis                      C. in                      D. il                      10.....
11. Clare's handwriting is completely \_\_\_\_\_ legible.  
 A. ir                      B. un                      C. dis                      D. il                      11.....
12. Do you know anyone who has an \_\_\_\_\_ rational fear?  
 A. un                      B. ir                      C. in                      D. dis                      12.....
13. Did Sam really fail his driving test five times? That's \_\_\_\_\_ believable!  
 A. dis                      B. in                      C. im                      D. un                      13.....
14. That film has a silly ending. It's completely \_\_\_\_\_ logical.

- A. il                      B. un                      C. in                      D. dis                      14.....
15. Many teenagers feel \_\_\_\_able to talk to their parents about their problems.  
A. in                      B. un                      C. ir                      D. il                      15.....
16. The fashion model and her assistant are \_\_\_\_separable. She never goes anywhere without him.  
A. dis                      B. un                      C. im                      D. in                      16.....
17. Don't drive so fast. It's \_\_\_\_responsible behavior.  
A. un                      B/ in                      C. dis                      D. ir                      17.....
18. There is no \_\_\_\_expensive way to fix this problem  
A. un                      B. im                      C. in                      D. dis                      18.....
19. Can you name three jobs a person wouldn't be able to do if he/ she were \_\_\_\_literate?  
A. il                      B/ un                      C. dis                      D. in                      19.....
20. Do you think that boys are more \_\_\_\_mature than girls?  
A. un                      B. in                      C/ im                      D. dis                      20.....

**Exercise 4: Add a prefix to the correct form of the word at the end of each line and use the word in the pace on the same line. The first (0) is given as an example.**

- 1.....                      6.....
- 2.....                      7.....
- 3.....                      8.....
- 4.....                      9.....
- 5.....                      10.....

Attempts to communicate in a foreign language can easily (0) misfire .  
I'm always (1) ..... by my attempts to get speak Greek.  
The waiter on Mykonos (2) ..... what I wanted and instead  
of beetroots brought me mushrooms. I (3) ..... mushrooms intensely  
but when I asked him to (4) ..... them with beetroots he smiled,  
went into the kitchen and (5) ..... with a plateful of aubergines.  
He also (6) ..... my friendly attitude towards everyone I meet  
and when I complained that they had (7) ..... the meat,  
Manuel (that was his name if I'm not (8) ..... ) grinned and  
twirled his moustache. To cap it all, I (9) ..... the bill and accused  
the poor man of (10) ..... me! It was just my awful Greek again.

fire  
appoint  
understand  
like  
place  
turn  
take  
cook  
take  
read  
charge

