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3E Word Skills

Negative adjective prefixes

I can form and use adjectives with negative prefixes.

1 Write the opposite of the adjectives by adding a negative prefix: *dis-, il-, im-, in-* or *un-*.

1 satisfied [ ]
2 tidy [ ]
3 correct [ ]
4 legible [ ]
5 visible [ ]
6 kind [ ]
7 believable [ ]
8 polite [ ]

2 Complete the text about illegal downloads. Use the adjectives in brackets with or without a negative prefix.

In the USA, around 200 million [1] illegal (legal) music downloads take place every year, in spite of laws to stop them. In the UK, the figure is about 100 million – the second highest in the world. The music industry complains that these downloads are [2] [ ] (fair) to artists because they stop them earning money from their work. It is [3] [ ] (possible) to know exactly how much money artists and record companies are losing because many people who download illegally do not have any money to spend. However, one thing is [4] [ ] (certain): overall, the industry is earning a lot less than it earned a few years ago.

Record companies pay for adverts telling people that downloading music without paying is as [5] [ ] (acceptable) and [6] [ ] (honest) as stealing from a shop. If you're a [7] [ ] (loyal) fan, they suggest you buy a [8] [ ] (legal) version of a song or album from iTunes or another website. But the adverts are [9] [ ] (likely) to work because people see the music industry as rich and powerful compared to them. Most do not see sharing music online as [10] [ ] (responsible).

In fact, the number of illegal downloads is now going down, but that's not because of the warnings. For people who are [11] [ ] (patient) to hear the latest tracks, streaming services like Spotify now offer a simple and [12] [ ] (safe) way to enjoy them without the need for downloads at all.



3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives below, with or without a negative prefix.

honest legal patient polite possible safe

1 Police are investigating an [ ] file-sharing site in the Philippines.
2 It was very [ ] of him to arrive an hour late for dinner.
3 I get very [ ] if I have to wait more than a few minutes for a download.
4 You don't have to pay before the excursion; it's [ ] to pay at the end.
5 You mustn't climb on that wall; it's [ ].
6 You can believe everything she tells you; she's always completely [ ].

Dictionary Skills Strategy

You can often find synonyms (words with the same meaning) and antonyms (words with the opposite meaning) of adjectives in a learner's dictionary.

4 Study the dictionary entries. Then answer the questions below.

caring /ˈkeərɪŋ/ *adj* showing that you care about other people: *I want to live in a caring society* SYN **kind** OPP **uncaring**

considerate /kənˈsɪdərət/ *adj* **considerate (of sb) (to do sth)** careful not to upset people; thinking of others: *It was very considerate of you to offer me your coat.* SYN **thoughtful** OPP **inconsiderate**

1 What is a synonym for *caring*? [ ]
2 What is a synonym for *considerate*? [ ]
3 Do both adjectives have antonyms beginning with a negative prefix? [ ]
4 Which dictionary entry has information about which preposition you use with the adjective? [ ]

VOCAB BOOST!

When you record a new adjective, make a note of synonyms and antonyms at the same time. Antonyms often begin with a negative prefix.

5 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Use a dictionary to find one synonym and one antonym of each adjective.

1 **pleasant** SYN [ ] OPP [ ]
2 **fortunate** SYN [ ] OPP [ ]
3 **courteous** SYN [ ] OPP [ ]
4 **probable** SYN [ ] OPP [ ]

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