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**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 <sup>1</sup>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 <sup>2</sup> (fair) to artists because they stop them earning money from their work. It is <sup>3</sup> (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 <sup>4</sup> (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 <sup>5</sup> (acceptable) and <sup>6</sup> (honest) as stealing from a shop. If you're a <sup>7</sup> (loyal) fan, they suggest you buy a <sup>8</sup> (legal) version of a song or album from iTunes or another website. But the adverts are <sup>9</sup> (likely) to work because people see the music industry as rich and powerful compared to them. Most do not see sharing music online as <sup>10</sup> (responsible).

In fact, the number of illegal downloads is now going down, but that's not because of the warnings. For people who are <sup>11</sup> (patient) to hear the latest tracks, streaming services like Spotify now offer a simple and <sup>12</sup> (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** /'keərɪŋ/ *adj* showing that you care about other people: *I want to live in a caring society* SYN **kind** OPP **uncaring**

**considerate** /kən'sɪdərət/ *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