

Negative Prefixes

Un- Ir- Im- In- Dis- Il-

Exercises

I) 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

Un-

Ir-

Im-

In-

Il-

Dis-

II Write the correct negative adjectives.

A prefix changes the meaning of a word.



- 1 I suspect he isn't **honest**. In fact, I think he's quite _____.
- 2 Sometimes Ann doesn't behave in a **responsible** manner. She's quite _____.
- 3 This arrangement isn't strictly **legal**. Some people would regard it as _____.
- 4 Nick's not very **capable**. He's _____ of making sound decisions.
- 5 This scheme isn't very **practical**. In fact, it's quite _____.
- 6 It's not **possible** to do this exercise. I think the numbers are wrong. It seems _____ to do the task.
- 7 Sarah doesn't like her new school. She doesn't know anyone. She's not **happy** here. In other words the girl's really _____.
- 8 Maybe it's not **logical**, but my best friend lives in another country. Everybody in my family thinks that it is _____.
- 9 He was punished for not being **obedient**. He was very _____ to his father.

III) Use one of the adjectives in the box + a negative prefix to complete the sentences.

- 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.

Sensitive
Expensive
Regular
Formal
Comfortable
Polite
Friendly
Patient
Sincere
Loyal

