

WORD FORMATION - PREFIXES

- We often use **PREFIXES** like: **UN-**, **IN-**, **IM-**, **DIS-**, **IL-**, **IN-**, **IR-**, etc., to create new adjectives with opposite meaning.

- Many adjectives beginning with **l** → take the prefix **il-**;
- Many adjectives beginning with **r** → take the prefix **ir-**;
- Many adjectives beginning with a **vowel** → take the prefix **dis-**.

Adjective	Opposite adjective
regular	irregular
happy	unhappy
employed	unemployed
correct	incorrect
visible	invisible
obedient	disobedient

A

MATCH THE PREFIXES (1-6) WITH THE WORDS (a-l) TO MAKE NEW WORDS.

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| 1. dis- | a. dependent | g. appear |
| 2. il- | b. agree | h. moral |
| 3. im- | c. finite | i. literate |
| 4. in- | d. mobile | j. relevant |
| 5. ir- | e. pleasant | k. responsible |
| 6. un- | f. fortunate | |

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B

READ THE SENTENCES AND COMPLETE THE CHART BELOW.

- Ann's answers were correct, but Bill had many incorrect ones.
- Their son never listens to what his parents tell him. He is very disobedient.
- On a very cloudy day, it is almost impossible to see the sun.
- There are a lot of irregular verbs in the English Grammar.
- Taking drugs is illegal. You can go to prison for that.
- Her boss is very rude and sarcastic. He's a very unpleasant person.

PREFIX + WORD

- _____ + _____ = _____
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C

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH:

illegal unkind incomplete illogical
impatient dishonest invisible irreplaceable
irregular disorganized

- She isn't clumsy. She is only _____.
- I don't have enough time to go through all the _____ verbs for tomorrow's test.
- What you destroyed, was a unique work of art! It's _____.
- You can't see a ghost! It's _____.
- Maria lies all the time. She's very _____.
- Wait, he'll call you back; Don't be so _____.
- His story is _____. It doesn't make any sense.
- You didn't pass the exam, because many of your answers were _____ and you lost many points.
- That was very rude of you to say. You were very _____. You should apologize.
- You mustn't do that! It's _____.