

# 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-i) 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 \_\_\_\_\_.