

ACE Vocabulary - 13: Adjectives with Prefixes

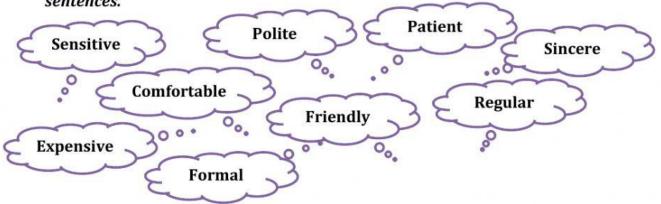
In English, one way to make negative adjective is by adding negative prefixes to the adjective. Here are some English negative prefixes: il-, im-, in-, ir-, un-.

| PREFIXES | EXAMPLES | | |
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| -il | Words that take <i>il</i> - as a negative prefix always begin with the letter l . | Legal – <u>il</u> legal Literate – <u>il</u> literate Logical – <u>il</u> logical | |
| -im | Words that take <i>im</i> - as a negative prefix always begin with the letter m or p . | Moral – <u>im</u> moral Perfect – <u>im</u> perfect Possible – <u>im</u> possible | |
| -in | Words that take <i>in</i> - as a negative prefix can begin with a <i>vowel</i> (except i or u) or a <i>consonant</i> . | Accurate – <u>in</u> accurate Organic – <u>in</u> organic Sane – <u>in</u> sane | |
| -ir | Words that take <i>ir-</i> as a negative prefix always begin with the letter <i>r</i> . | Rational – <u>ir</u> rational Regular – <u>ir</u> regular Responsible – <u>ir</u> responsible | |
| -un | Words that take un- as a negative prefix may begin with a vowel or consonant . | Able – <u>un</u> able Interesting – <u>un</u> interesting Helpful – <u>un</u> helpful | |

A. Add prefixes to make negative adjectives below.

| ADJECTIVES | NEGATIVE | ADJECTIVES | NEGATIVE |
|----------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| 1. Responsible | | 11. Legal | |
| 2. Expensive | | 12. Literate | |
| 3. Formal | | 13. Sensitive | |
| 4. Surprising | | 14. Practical | |
| 5. Concerned | | 15. Possible | |
| 6. Reasonable | | 16. Patient | |
| 7. Educated | | 17. Polite | |
| 8. Friendly | | 18. Relevant | |
| 9. Logical | | 19. Secure | |
| 10. Complete | | 20. Correct | |

B. Use one of the adjectives in the box and add a negative prefix to complete the sentences.



- The teacher told his students to learn twenty _____ verbs.
- 2. Mr. Kimleng is really ______. He never wants to talk to anyone.
- 3. Kim Huy is so ______. He never wants to explain things twice.
- 4. These window locks are _____ and effective.
- 5. Channel said he was sorry, but they were sure that he was ______.
- 6. It is very ______ to tell people you don't like their clothes.
- 7. These parties are almost always ______ there is no dress code.
- 8. They were sitting in a very ______ position.
- 9. Mr. Mony thinks it is very ______ of Rithya to think he can do just what he likes.