

Negative prefixes *un-, in-, im-, ir-, il-*

- 1** Look at these words. What do they have in common? What is the opposite of each word?

illegal	impossible	incorrect	informal
invisible	irregular	unhappy	unusual

- 2** Choose the correct alternative.

- Many common English verbs, such as *go*, *do* and *make*, have a regular/an irregular past form.
- Authors aren't usually happy/unhappy about pirate versions of their books.
- 'A books' is correct/incorrect English.
- You couldn't see the words. They were visible/invisible.
- 'Dear Sir or Madam' is a formal/informal expression.
- It is legal/illegal to sell pirate copies of books or CDs in shops.
- It is possible/impossible to translate a long book in two days.

Complete the words.

- sad = un_____
- wrong, with a mistake = in_____
- not following the usual rules, e.g. *go* – *went* = ir_____
- criminal = il_____
- you cannot do it = im_____
- relaxed and friendly, casual = in_____
- you cannot see it = in_____
- strange = un_____