

Lesson 2.9 Prefixes

Adding a **prefix** to the beginning of a word can change its meaning.

- The prefixes **un-**, **in-**, **im-**, and **dis-** can mean *not* or *opposite of*.

unclear = not clear

dislike = not like

impolite = not polite

incomplete = not complete

Read each clue below. Choose the word from the box that matches the clue, and write it on the line.

impossible	invisible	unhurt	unsafe
impatient	disagree	uncommon	disconnect

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| 1. not common _____ | 5. not patient _____ |
| 2. not hurt _____ | 6. not agree _____ |
| 3. not possible _____ | 7. not visible _____ |
| 4. not safe _____ | 8. not connect _____ |

Read the sentences below. Choose the word from the box that best completes each sentence, write it on the line, and circle the prefix.

unexpected	impolite	disobeys	unafraid	incorrect
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1. My dog rarely _____ when he is given a command.
2. Tony is adventurous and is always _____ of trying new things.
3. If your answer is _____, the computer will make a beeping sound.
4. We received an _____ phone call late last night.
5. I don't mean to be _____, but I don't have time to talk right now.