

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

- not common _____
- not hurt _____
- not possible _____
- not safe _____
- not patient _____
- not agree _____
- not visible _____
- 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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- My dog rarely _____ when he is given a command.
- Tony is adventurous and is always _____ of trying new things.
- If your answer is _____, the computer will make a beeping sound.
- We received an _____ phone call late last night.
- I don't mean to be _____, but I don't have time to talk right now.