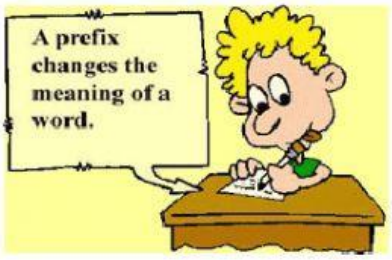
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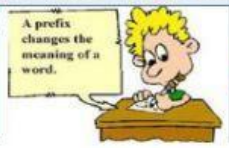
We can add prefixes to the word to make it negative.

Read the chart and do the exercises that follow

Negative prefixes				English With Life
In....	**Im....**	**Un....**	**Il....**	**Dis....**
Incorrect	Impolite	Unreal	Illegal	Dishonest
Incredible	Imperfect	Unable	Illegible	Disorganized
Invalid	Immoral	Unusual	Illiterate	Disqualified
Insane	Impure	Unhappy	Illogical	Dissatisfied
Infrequent	Impossible	Unfaithful	Illicit	Dissimilar
Incapable	Impatient	Unfair	**Ir...**	**Non...**
Inexpensive	Improbable	Unprepared	Irrational	Nonconformist
Ineligible	Immobile	Unhelpful	Irregular	Nonessential
Inorganic	Imbalance	Unlikely	Irresistible	Nonfiction
Indecent	Impeccable	Unshaven	Irrelevant	Nonsense











Negative Prefixes

Un- Ir- Im- In- Dis- Il-

I) Make these adjectives negative in meaning by choosing the correct prefix. Write the words in the correct columns.

honest sincere regular legal possible friendly capable patient logical expensive formal
loyal correct happy polite sensitive practical obedient responsible comfortable modest

Un-	Ir-	Im-	In-	Il-	Dis-

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II Write the correct negative adjectives.

1 I suspect he isn't *honest.* In fact, I think he's quite _____.

2 Sometimes Ann doesn't behave in a *responsible* manner. She's quite_____.

3 This arrangement isn't strictly *legal*. Some people would regard it as _____.

4 Nick's not very *capable*. He's_____ of making sound decisions.

5 This scheme isn't very *practical*. In fact, it's quite _____.

6 It's not *possible* to do this exercise. I think the numbers are wrong. It seems _____ to do the task.

7 Sarah doesn't like her new school. She doesn't know anyone. She's not *happy* here. In other words the girl's really _____.

8 Maybe it's not *logical*, but my best friend lives in another country. Everybody in my family thinks that it is _____.

9 He was punished for not being *obedient*. He was very _____to his father.

III) Use one of the adjectives in the box + a negative prefix to complete the sentences.

Sensitive
Expensive
Regular
Formal
Comfortable
Polite
Friendly
Patient
Sincere
Loyal

1 The teacher told his students to learn twenty_____ verbs.

2 Mrs. Brown is really _____. She never wants to talk to anyone.

3 Susan has no intention of being _____ to his friends.

4 Adam is so _____. He never wants to explain things twice.

5 These window locks are _____ and effective.

6 John said he was sorry, but they were sure that he was _____.

7 It is very _____ to tell people you don't like their clothes.

8 These parties are almost always _____ there is no dress code.

9 They were sitting in a very _____ position.

10 Mr. Black thinks it is very_____ of Tom to think he can do just what he likes.

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Click on the box next to the words that have prefixes. Remember, it is a prefix if you can detach it and the remaining word can stand on its own.

indicate	impolitely	university	disaster
insanity	impractical	uncertainty	discussion
inaccurate	impression	until	disadvantage
inconvenience	imagine	unexpectedly	disapproval
increase	immature	uncle	disappear
infant	immediate	unlimited	display

ADDITIONAL PREFIXES:

A) Match the prefix on the left with its meaning on the right. Write the number next to the matching letter.

1. co –	..... a. across or beyond; into another place or state
2. trans –	.....b. again
3. post –	.....c. together
4. up –	.....d. before
5. pre –	.....e. making something higher or better
6. re -	.....f. after

2. Add a prefix from above to the words below to complete the sentences:

lifting ; united ; atlantic ; exist; view; reading

a. The speech was very inspiring and .....
b. Tom was..... with his twin brother after many years.
c. I went to the ..... of the new Angelina movie.
d. Different cultures should try to..... with one another.
e. My parents took a ..... flight from Paris to New York.
f. I need to complete my .... assignment.

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