Negative prefixes

We add a prefix such as **in-** or **un-** or **dis-, im-.** to the beginning of adjectives, adverbs and verbs to give them the opposite meaning.

For example,

- Before "**t**", use "**dis**" — distrust; distasteful
- Before "**c, b** or **s**" use "**un** or **in**" — uncomfortable/unbelievable and incomplete/incredible/insanity;
- Before "**p**", use "**im**" — impossible
- Before "**m**", use "**im**" — immature, immortal
- Before "**h** or **f**", use "**un**" — unhappy/unfettered;

Exercise 1

Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix: "un-", "dis-", "in-", or "im-".

1 ____comfortable	2 ____patient	3 ____honest	4_____lucky
5 ____formal	6 ____possible	7 ____popular	8_____lock
9 ____appear	10 ____agree	11 ____polite	12_____like
13 ____convenient			

Exercise 2: *Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix:* ***"un-", "dis-", "in-", or "im***

1 ____frequent	6 ____approve	11____dependent
2 ____mature	7 ____curable	12____accurate
3 ____legible	8 ____familiar	
4 ____moral	9 ____grateful	
5 _____believable	10 ____relevant	

Exercise 4: Complete the sentences by adding the correct pre-fix for each word.

1. It's rather ____polite if you don't say 'Please' a lot in English.
2. My parents are extremely generous with their time and money. They are very ____selfish.
3. If the traffic is bad, it'll be ____possible to get to the match on time.
4. My mum thought a burglar had been in my bedroom, but it's always really ____tidy.
5. It was completely ____responsible of you to go away for the weekend without telling us.
6. Mike's pretty ____happy about going on holiday with his girlfriend's parents.

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