



WORD FORMATION

Negative prefixes

un	comfortable	in	formal	im	patient
ir	responsible	il	logical	im	possible
un	helpful	im	polite	ir	regular
il	legal	in	expensive	un	healthy
un	concerned	un	surprising	un	afraid

il	literate	im	mature	in	complete
ir	rational	im	modest	in	sincere
un	able	im	personal	in	adequate
un	attractive	im	probable	un	certain

1) Match the columns of opposite words:

a) honest	1) incorrect
b) accurate	2) unusual
c) expensive	3) unpolite
d) sufficient	4) inexpensive
e) correct	5) dissatisfied
f) usual	6) impossible
g) satisfied	7) unlucky
h) possible	8) insufficient
i) comfortable	9) dishonest
j) patient	10) uncomfortable
k) lucky	11) impatient
l) polite	12) inaccurate

2) Complete the sentences, adding prefixes to the words in ().

1. He still lives with his parents and doesn't have a job. He is not a very _____ (dependent) person.
2. Mike was very rude to his parents. I had never seen such a _____ (respectful) attitude.
3. Teenagers often feel _____ (secure) about the way they look.
4. Nobody really likes him in school. He is probably the most _____ (popular) student.
5. She showed no emotion when she talked about her problems. It all sounded so _____ (personal).
6. It would be very _____ (responsible) of you to drive under the influence of alcohol.
7. Ben feels so _____ (happy) - nobody wants to help him with his problem.
8. He is such a _____ (obedient) teenager - he never does what he is told.

9. Your behavior was absolutely _____ (moral). You should never have done that.
10. She doesn't care about anyone's feelings. I have never met such an _____ (sensitive) person.
11. Stop behaving like a child - you're so _____ (mature).
12. He never does what he promises - he is totally _____ (reliable).
13. Their son has _____ (appeared) and no one knows where he is.
14. What you think about this is _____ (relevant).
15. He is such a dull and _____ (interesting) person.
16. Linda is _____ (capable) of telling a lie - you can trust her.
17. His parents are worried because his school performance has been quite _____ (regular).
18. Her parents _____ (approve) of her decision to pierce her lip.
19. It's very _____ (probable) that he will talk to his parents about this.
20. Mary has an _____ (rational) dislike for younger boys