

62 Adjectives with prefixes

Are you sure you have the correct answers?
Are you a **lucky** person?
How's your brother these days?
Did you need to buy a new car?
Did you think the manager was being **rude**?
Can you get home before six o'clock?
Did you enjoy the meeting?
Is 'fall' a **regular** verb?

~ No, I'm **uncertain** about two of them.
~ I'm **lucky** with money, but **unlucky** in love.
~ Well, he smokes a lot – I think he's very **unhealthy**.
~ No, it was completely **unnecessary**.
~ Yes, I thought he was very **impolite**.
~ No, that's completely **impossible**.
~ Yes, thanks. It was quite **informal** and fun.
~ No, it's **irregular**: *fall, fell, fallen*.

GLOSSARY

uncertain	not sure OPP certain SYNS unsure/sure
lucky	If you are lucky , good things happen to you that you cannot control. OPP unlucky
unhealthy	not well, often ill OPP healthy
unnecessary	If sth is unnecessary , you don't need to do it, or you don't need it. OPP necessary
rude	not speaking or behaving in a way that is correct for the social situation SYN impolite OPP polite : In Britain, it is rude/impolite to eat with your mouth open.

SPOTLIGHT *-in-, -im-, -ir-, -un-*

Some adjectives form opposites with prefixes *in-, im-, ir-,*
formal OPP **informal**
possible OPP **impossible** (*im-* before *p*)
regular OPP **irregular** (*ir-* before *r*)
Some other adjectives form opposites with the prefix *un-*.
certain OPP **uncertain** **healthy** OPP **unhealthy**

1 Correct the mistakes. Be careful: two answers are correct.

- informal informal
1 uncertain _____
2 inlucky _____
3 irregular _____
4 impossible _____

- 5 innecessary _____
6 inhealthy _____
7 unsure _____
8 unpolite _____

2 Circle the correct word.

- Can you help me? I'm sure / unsure what to do next.
1 People who open the door for you in a shop are very **polite** / **rude**.
2 Words like *hi* and *yeah* are **formal** / **informal**.
3 *Remember* is a **regular** / **an irregular** verb.
4 We had two weeks of sunny weather for our holiday, which was very **lucky** / **unlucky**.

- 5 It was **necessary** / **unnecessary** to take a taxi because the hotel was very near the station.
6 If you don't say *thank you* for a present, people may think you are **polite** / **impolite**.
7 He has to decide where to go, but at the moment he is very **certain** / **uncertain**.
8 My sister watches TV all day and eats lots of cakes. She's very **healthy** / **unhealthy**.

3 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- I think spelling in English is impossible.
1 Where I live, the neighbours are all very p_____.
2 I _____ verbs are difficult to remember in English.
3 My English lessons are i_____ and fun.
4 I'm very u_____ on holiday. The weather is always terrible.
5 I'm u_____ where to go for my holidays next summer. I just can't decide.
6 I think it's u_____ to eat your food too quickly.
7 I think it's r_____ to look at your phone when you're having a meal with people.
8 I think it's important to be clean, but it's u_____ to have a shower every day.

ABOUT YOU

4 ABOUT YOU Are the sentences in Exercise 3 true for you? If not, write them so that they are true.

- I think spelling in English is impossible. I think it's difficult, but not impossible!



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