

## Negative adjective prefixes

I can form and use adjectives with negative prefixes.

1 Write the opposite of the adjectives by adding a negative prefix: *dis-*, *il-*, *im-*, *in-* or *un-*.

- 1 satisfied \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 tidy \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 correct \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 legible \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 visible \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 kind \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 believable \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 polite \_\_\_\_\_

2 Complete the text about illegal downloads. Use the adjectives in brackets with or without a negative prefix.

In the USA, around 200 million <sup>1</sup>*illegal* (legal) music downloads take place every year, in spite of laws to stop them. In the UK, the figure is about 100 million – the second highest in the world. The music industry complains that these downloads are <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fair) to artists because they stop them earning money from their work. It is <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (possible) to know exactly how much money artists and record companies are losing because many people who download illegally do not have any money to spend. However, one thing is <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (certain): overall, the industry is earning a lot less than it earned a few years ago.

Record companies pay for adverts telling people that downloading music without paying is as <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (acceptable) and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (honest) as stealing from a shop. If you're a <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (loyal) fan, they suggest you buy a <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (legal) version of a song or album from iTunes or another website. But the adverts are <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (likely) to work because people see the music industry as rich and powerful compared to them. Most do not see sharing music online as <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (responsible).

In fact, the number of illegal downloads is now going down, but that's not because of the warnings. For people who are <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (patient) to hear the latest tracks, streaming services like Spotify now offer a simple and <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (safe) way to enjoy them without the need for downloads at all.



3 Complete the sentences with the adjectives below, with or without a negative prefix.

honest legal patient polite possible safe

- 1 Police are investigating an \_\_\_\_\_ file-sharing site in the Philippines.
- 2 It was very \_\_\_\_\_ of him to arrive an hour late for dinner.
- 3 I get very \_\_\_\_\_ if I have to wait more than a few minutes for a download.
- 4 You don't have to pay before the excursion; it's \_\_\_\_\_ to pay at the end.
- 5 You mustn't climb on that wall; it's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 You can believe everything she tells you; she's always completely \_\_\_\_\_.

### Dictionary Skills Strategy

You can often find synonyms (words with the same meaning) and antonyms (words with the opposite meaning) of adjectives in a learner's dictionary.

4 Study the dictionary entries. Then answer the questions below.

**caring** /'keərɪŋ/ *adj* showing that you care about other people: *I want to live in a caring society* **SYN** **kind** **OPP** **uncaring**

**considerate** /kən'sɪdərət/ *adj* **considerate** (of sb) (to do sth) careful not to upset people; thinking of others: *It was very considerate of you to offer me your coat.* **SYN** **thoughtful** **OPP** **inconsiderate**

- 1 What is a synonym for *caring*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What is a synonym for *considerate*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Do both adjectives have antonyms beginning with a negative prefix? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Which dictionary entry has information about which preposition you use with the adjective? \_\_\_\_\_

### Vocab boost!

When you record a new adjective, make a note of synonyms and antonyms at the same time. Antonyms often begin with a negative prefix.

5 Read the **Vocab boost!** box. Use a dictionary to find one synonym and one antonym of each adjective.

- 1 **pleasant** **SYN** \_\_\_\_\_ **OPP** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 **fortunate** **SYN** \_\_\_\_\_ **OPP** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 **courteous** **SYN** \_\_\_\_\_ **OPP** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 **probable** **SYN** \_\_\_\_\_ **OPP** \_\_\_\_\_