

Negative Prefixes

Task 1. Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix: “un-“, “dis-“, “ir-“, “il-“, “in-“, or “im-“.

1. <u> </u> comfortable	16. <u> </u> frequent
2. <u> </u> patient	17. <u> </u> believable
3. <u> </u> honest	18. <u> </u> relevant
4. <u> </u> lucky	19. <u> </u> mature
5. <u> </u> formal	20. <u> </u> approve
6. <u> </u> possible	21. <u> </u> dependent
7. <u> </u> popular	22. <u> </u> legible
8. <u> </u> lock	23. <u> </u> curable
9. <u> </u> appear	24. <u> </u> responsible
10. <u> </u> agree	25. <u> </u> moral
11. <u> </u> legal	26. <u> </u> familiar
12. <u> </u> polite	27. <u> </u> accurate
13. <u> </u> like	28. <u> </u> regular
14. <u> </u> logical	29. <u> </u> grateful
15. <u> </u> convenient	30. <u> </u> resistible

Task 2. Complete the sentences by adding the correct prefix 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. It's legal to drive along that street; it's for pedestrians only.
5. My mum thought a burglar had been in my bedroom, but it's always really tidy.
6. It was completely responsible of you to go away for the weekend without telling us.
7. Mike's pretty happy about going on holiday with his girlfriend's parents.

8. I never know when to expect the post. It's so regular.
9. Taking a large suitcase on a walking holiday is a bit
 practical.

Task 3. Use the negative prefixes and the adjectives given to complete the sentences.

*possible honest sociable patient legal responsible
pleasant polite*

1. My aunt's children are so _____. They never say please and thank you.
2. Tim's really _____. He never tells the truth.
3. I wish I wasn't so _____, but I really don't like going out or talking to new people.
4. Don't be so _____. I'll be ready in 5 minutes.
5. Liz can be really _____ sometimes. She seems like upsetting people.
6. This maths problem is _____. I can't do it.
7. I wouldn't ask Jack to look after my little brother. He's too _____.
8. In Britain, it's _____ to drive under the age of 17.