

# Prefixes – ir, in, il, and im



The prefixes **ir**, **in**, **il**, and **im** usually mean not, as in **irregular** (not regular), **incapable** (not capable), **illegal** (not legal), and **immature** (not mature).

The prefix **im** can also mean to or into, as in **immigrant** (a person who comes into a foreign country to make a new home),

Here are some helpful spelling rules.

Words that follow:

- The prefix **im**
- The prefix **il**
- The prefix **ir**
- The prefix **in**

begin with:

- m, p, or b**
- I**
- r**
- different letters



## MISSING WORDS

Write the **list word** to complete each sentence. Prefix clues are provided.

1. A person who acts childishly is \_\_\_\_\_ (im)
2. A person who has little patience is \_\_\_\_\_ (im).
3. An \_\_\_\_\_ cannot read and write. (il)
4. Something that is \_\_\_\_\_, is against the law. (il)
5. A person who moves to a new country is an  
\_\_\_\_\_ (im)
6. Something that will never die is \_\_\_\_\_. (im)
7. A piece of writing that is impossible to read is  
\_\_\_\_\_. (il)
8. A badly paved road was done \_\_\_\_\_ and may  
look \_\_\_\_\_. (im, ir)
9. Someone who can't be trusted is \_\_\_\_\_. (ir)

illegal immature incapable illogical improperly irresponsible indirect impractical intolerant impolitely

impatient incredible irrational immigrant immaterial illegal illiterate indefinite immortal irregular