

# 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**  
**l**  
**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 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