

WORD FORMATION - PREFIXES

- We often use **PREFIXES** like: **UN-**, **IN-**, **IM-**, **DIS-**, **IL-**, **IN-**, **IR-**, etc., to create new adjectives with opposite meaning.

- Many adjectives beginning with **l** → take the prefix **il-**;
- Many adjectives beginning with **r** → take the prefix **ir-**;
- Many adjectives beginning with a **vowel** → take the prefix **dis-**.

Adjective	Opposite adjective
regular	irregular
happy	unhappy
employed	unemployed
correct	incorrect
visible	invisible
obedient	disobedient

A

MATCH THE PREFIXES (1-6) WITH THE WORDS (a-i) TO MAKE NEW WORDS.

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| 1. dis- | a. dependent | g. appear |
| 2. il- | b. agree | h. moral |
| 3. im- | c. finite | i. literate |
| 4. in- | d. mobile | j. relevant |
| 5. ir- | e. pleasant | k. responsible |
| 6. un- | f. fortunate | |

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B

READ THE SENTENCES AND COMPLETE THE CHART BELOW.

1. Ann's answers were correct, but Bill had many incorrect ones.
2. Their son never listens to what his parents tell him. He is very disobedient.
3. On a very cloudy day, it is almost impossible to see the sun.
4. There are a lot of irregular verbs in the English Grammar.
5. Taking drugs is illegal. You can go to prison for that.
6. Her boss is very rude and sarcastic. He's a very unpleasant person.

PREFIX + WORD

1. _____ + _____ = _____
2. _____ + _____ = _____
3. _____ + _____ = _____
4. _____ + _____ = _____
5. _____ + _____ = _____
6. _____ + _____ = _____

C

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH:

illegal unkind incomplete illogical
impatient dishonest invisible irreplaceable
irregular disorganized

1. She isn't clumsy. She is only _____.
2. I don't have enough time to go through all the _____ verbs for tomorrow's test.
3. What you destroyed, was a unique work of art! It's _____.
4. You can't see a ghost! It's _____.
5. Maria lies all the time. She's very _____.
6. Wait, he'll call you back; Don't be so _____.
7. His story is _____. It doesn't make any sense.
8. You didn't pass the exam, because many of your answers were _____ and you lost many points.
9. That was very rude of you to say. You were very _____. You should apologize.
10. You mustn't do that! It's _____.