Negative prefixes *un-, in-, im-, ir-, il-*

1 Look at these words. What do they have in common? What is the opposite of each word?

illegal	impossible	incorrect	informal
invisible	irregular	unhappy	unusual

2 Choose the correct alternative.

1 Many common English verbs, such as *go, do* and *make*, have *a regular/an irregular* past form.
2 Authors aren't usually *happy/unhappy* about pirate versions of their books.
3 'A books' is *correct/incorrect* English.
4 You couldn't see the words. They were *visible/invisible*.
5 'Dear Sir or Madam' is a *formal/informal* expression.
6 It is *legal/illegal* to sell pirate copies of books or CDs in shops.
7 It is *possible/impossible* to translate a long book in two days.

Complete the words.

1 sad = un_____
2 wrong, with a mistake = in_____
3 not following the usual rules, e.g. *go – went* = ir _____
4 criminal = il _____
5 you cannot do it = im _____
6 relaxed and friendly, casual = in _____
7 you cannot see it = in _____
8 strange = un _____

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