

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 _____