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Unit 1, Negative prefixes (SB p.124)

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Negative prefixes: *un-*, *in-*, *im-*, *ir-* and *dis-*
The prefixes *un-*, *in-*, *im-*, *ir-*, and *dis-* are negative.
When they come before an adjective, they make its meaning opposite.
kind – *unkind* *patient* – *impatient*
honest – *dishonest* *responsible* – *irresponsible*



4 Choose the correct words and write in a box next to each sentence:

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| 1 An honest / A dishonest person always tells the truth. | 1. |
| 2 An ambitious / unambitious person tries very hard to be successful. | 2. |
| 3 A sensitive / An insensitive person doesn't think about other people's feelings. | 3. |
| 4 A rational / An irrational person thinks clearly and carefully. | 4. |
| 5 A loyal / disloyal friend says nasty things about you when you're not there. | 5. |
| 6 A tolerant / An intolerant person doesn't listen to other people's opinions. | 6. |
| 7 An active / inactive person gets a lot of exercise. | 7. |
| 8 A lucky / An unlucky person often has bad luck. | 8. |
| 9 A mature / An immature person behaves like a child. | 9. |
| 10 A friendly / An unfriendly person makes a lot of friends. | 10. |

5 Complete the sentences. Use the adjectives below with or without the prefix *un-*.

attractive believable fair fit grateful safe

- 1 He's very _____. He could be a model or a film star.
- 2 She's very _____. She can run ten kilometres.
- 3 Don't touch that electric cable. It's _____.
- 4 Thanks for the present. I'm very _____.
- 5 England are beating Brazil 8-0. That's _____!
- 6 My parents give my older sister more money than me. It's really _____.