

62) Adjectives with prefixes

Are you sure you have the correct answers?

~ No, I'm **uncertain** about two of them.

Are you a **lucky** person?

~ I'm **lucky** with money, but **unlucky** in love.

How's your brother these days?

~ Well, he smokes a lot – I think he's very **unhealthy**.

Did you need to buy a new car?

~ No, it was completely **unnecessary**.

Did you think the manager was being **rude**?

~ Yes, I thought he was very **impolite**.

Can you get home before six o'clock?

~ No, that's completely **impossible**.

Did you enjoy the meeting?

~ Yes, thanks. It was quite **informal** and fun.

Is 'fall' a **regular** verb?

~ No, it's **irregular**: *fall, fell, fallen*.

GLOSSARY

uncertain	not sure OPP certain SYNS unsure/sure
lucky	If you are lucky , good things happen to you that you cannot control. OPP unlucky
unhealthy	not well, often ill OPP healthy
unnecessary	If sth is unnecessary , you don't need to do it, or you don't need it. OPP necessary
rude	not speaking or behaving in a way that is correct for the social situation SYN impolite OPP polite : <i>In Britain, it is rude/impolite to eat with your mouth open.</i>

SPOTLIGHT -in, -im, -ir, -un

Some adjectives form opposites with prefixes *in-*, *im-*, *ir-*.

formal OPP **informal**

possible OPP **impossible** (*im-* before **p**)

regular OPP **irregular** (*ir-* before **r**)

Some other adjectives form opposites with the prefix *un-*.

certain OPP **uncertain**

healthy OPP **unhealthy**

1 Correct the mistakes. Be careful: two answers are correct.

- **imformal** informal
- 1 **incertain** uncertain
- 2 **inlucky** lucky
- 3 **inregular** irregular
- 4 **impossible** impossible

- 5 **innecessary** unnecessary
- 6 **inhealthy** unhealthy
- 7 **unsure** uncertain
- 8 **unpolite** impolite

2 Circle the correct word.

- Can you help me? I'm **sure** / **unsure** what to do next.
- 1 People who open the door for you in a shop are very **polite** / **rude**.
- 2 Words like **hi** and **yeah** are **formal** / **informal**.
- 3 **Remember** is a **regular** / **an irregular** verb.
- 4 We had two weeks of sunny weather for our holiday, which was very **lucky** / **unlucky**.
- 5 It was **necessary** / **unnecessary** to take a taxi because the hotel was very near the station.
- 6 If you don't say **thank you** for a present, people may think you are **polite** / **impolite**.
- 7 He has to decide where to go, but at the moment he is very **certain** / **uncertain**.
- 8 My sister watches TV all day and eats lots of cakes. She's very **healthy** / **unhealthy**.

3 Complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- I think spelling in English is **impossible**.
- 1 Where I live, the neighbours are all very **p**.....
- 2 I verbs are difficult to remember in English.
- 3 My English lessons are i..... and fun.
- 4 I'm very u..... on holiday. The weather is always terrible.
- 5 I'm u..... where to go for my holidays next summer. I just can't decide.
- 6 I think it's u..... to eat your food too quickly.
- 7 I think it's r..... to look at your phone when you're having a meal with people.
- 8 I think it's important to be clean, but it's u..... to have a shower every day.

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4 ABOUT YOU Are the sentences in Exercise 3 true for you? If not, write them so that they are true.

- I think spelling in English is **impossible**..... I think it's difficult, but not impossible!

TEST YOURSELF