

# 3.1 Word Formation: Adjectives – 1 . . . . .

Form the adjective and its antonym (opposite) with **in-** or **un-**.

	ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE		ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE
<b>attention</b>	.....	.....	<b>health</b>	.....	.....
<b>attract</b>	.....	.....	<b>offend</b>	.....	.....
<b>comfort</b>	.....	.....	<b>predict</b>	.....	.....
<b>competence</b>	.....	.....	<b>reason</b>	.....	.....
<b>formality</b>	.....	.....	<b>rely</b>	.....	.....

Now use each negative adjective to fill a suitable blank.

1. My watch is very ..... so I'm not sure of the correct time.
2. If that chair is ....., try this one over here.
3. The atmosphere was very ..... and everyone was on first-name terms.
4. He was so ..... that he sent everybody the wrong information.
5. Was it ..... of me to expect them to do so much homework?
6. That terrible make-up makes her look most .....
7. He was a very ..... pupil and seemed to spend most of the time looking out of the window.
8. He keeps saying that eating all this fast food is ....., especially if you don't get much exercise.
9. He's very ..... You never know what he's going to do next.
10. I thought it was an ..... remark but apparently she was deeply insulted.

## 3.2 Word Formation: Adjectives – 2

As in the previous exercise, you must first form an adjective from the words given. Next, you must form the opposite of the adjective by using **dis-**, **il-**, **im-**, **non-**, or **-less**. Finally, you must complete each sentence by using a suitable negative adjective. Use each form once only.

	ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE		ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE
alcohol	.....	.....	organise	.....	.....
harm	.....	.....	pain	.....	.....
honesty	.....	.....	patience	.....	.....
logic	.....	.....	tact	.....	.....
obey	.....	.....	violence	.....	.....

1. My dog won't hurt you. He's quite .....
2. He's so ..... that he'd even steal from his own mother!
3. The operation will be quite ..... You won't feel a thing.
4. The show was so ..... that nobody knew who was coming on next.
5. We're in favour of some form of ..... protest, such as occupying a building.
6. That was a rather ..... remark you made about him losing all his hair!
7. I always drink something ..... if I'm driving.
8. It isn't surprising if some children are ..... in class if there's so little discipline at home.
9. His reasoning is totally ..... I can't follow it at all.
10. Don't be so ..... ! I'm sure they'll be here soon!

