

Negative Prefixes

What does a prefix do?

Where would you find them?

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Examples of negative prefixes...

un- **dis-** **anti-**
in- **il-**
de- **ir-** **im-**

There are some rules that can help us use the right prefix. However, mostly we just have to learn the right one to use.

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Some rules that can help...

For **il- im- ir- in-**

Words beginning with...

l use **il-** illegal, illiterate

b p o r m use **im-** imbalanced, import

r use **ir-** irregular, irresponsible

other consonants use **in-** incomplete, inhale

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Which prefix changes the word to the negative?

un- dis- anti- de-

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| 1) ___kind | 4) ___ice | 7) ___honest |
| 2) ___appear | 5) ___tidy | 8) ___activate |
| 3) ___bullying | 6) ___clockwise | 9) ___lucky |

il- in- im- ir- (remember the rules from the last page)

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| 10) ___possible | 13) ___patient | 16) ___replacable |
| 11) ___measurable | 14) ___proper | 17) ___perfect |
| 12) ___side | 15) ___logical | 18) ___decisive |

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| 19) ___able | 21) ___code | 23) ___freeze |
| 20) ___complete | 22) ___agree | 24) ___tie |