

# Negative Prefixes

Un- Ir- Im- In- Dis- Il-

## Exercises

I) Make these adjectives negative in meaning by choosing the correct prefix. Write the words in the correct columns.

honest sincere regular legal possible friendly capable patient logical expensive formal  
loyal correct happy polite sensitive practical obedient responsible comfortable modest

Un-

Ir-

Im-

In-

Il-

Dis-

II Write the correct negative adjectives.

A prefix changes the meaning of a word.



- 1 I suspect he isn't *honest*. In fact, I think he's quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Sometimes Ann doesn't behave in a *responsible* manner. She's quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 This arrangement isn't strictly *legal*. Some people would regard it as \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 Nick's not very *capable*. He's \_\_\_\_\_ of making sound decisions.
- 5 This scheme isn't very *practical*. In fact, it's quite \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 It's not *possible* to do this exercise. I think the numbers are wrong. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ to do the task.
- 7 Sarah doesn't like her new school. She doesn't know anyone. She's not *happy* here. In other words the girl's really \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Maybe it's not *logical*, but my best friend lives in another country. Everybody in my family thinks that it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 He was punished for not being *obedient*. He was very \_\_\_\_\_ to his father.

III) Use one of the adjectives in the box + a negative prefix to complete the sentences.

Sensitive  
Expensive  
Regular  
Formal  
Comfortable  
Polite  
Friendly  
Patient  
Sincere  
Loyal

- 1 The teacher told his students to learn twenty \_\_\_\_\_ verbs.
- 2 Mrs. Brown is really \_\_\_\_\_. She never wants to talk to anyone.
- 3 Susan has no intention of being \_\_\_\_\_ to his friends.
- 4 Adam is so \_\_\_\_\_. He never wants to explain things twice.
- 5 These window locks are \_\_\_\_\_ and effective.
- 6 John said he was sorry, but they were sure that he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 It is very \_\_\_\_\_ to tell people you don't like their clothes.
- 8 These parties are almost always \_\_\_\_\_ there is no dress code.
- 9 They were sitting in a very \_\_\_\_\_ position.
- 10 Mr. Black thinks it is very \_\_\_\_\_ of Tom to think he can do just what he likes.



# KEY

## I)

Un - unfriendly, unhappy, uncomfortable

Ir- irregular, irresponsible

Im- impatient, impolite, impractical, impossible, immodest

In- insincere, incapable, inexpensive, incorrect, insensitive, informal

Il- illegal, illogical

Dis- dishonest, disloyal, disobedient

## II)

1 dishonest 2 irresponsible 3 illegal 4 incapable 5 impractical 6 impossible 7 unhappy  
8 illogical 9 disobedient

## III)

1 irregular 2 unfriendly 3 disloyal 4 impatient 5 inexpensive

6 insincere 7 impolite 8 informal 9 uncomfortable 10 insensitive