29 Everyday problems

Prefixes that mean "not" are called negative prefixes. Many words that have negative prefixes are useful for talking about everyday workplace and urban problems. New language Negative prefixes

Aa Vocabulary Urban problems

New skill Talking about everyday problems

29.1 KEY LANGUAGE NEGATIVE PREFIXES

Negative prefixes change a word's meaning to its opposite.

Maria is very organized. Her desk is always tidy.

Kevin is very disorganized. His desk is always untidy. The opposite of "organized."



29.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES NEGATIVE PREFIXES

The traffic is so bad it's impossible to get to work on time.



I think you've misunderstood what I was trying to say.

It's irresponsible to drive faster than the speed limit.

It's illegal to park in the middle of the road.





29.3 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL

They were so ___unlucky __ to miss the train this morning.

to solve a problem when you don't have all the facts.

Mer room is so ______ that you can't even see the floor.

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1 It's ______ to download that movie without paying for it.

untidy illegal _unluckyimpossible disorganized

29.4 READ THE ARTICLE AND FIND 11 MORE WORDS THAT BEGIN WITH **NEGATIVE PREFIXES** 0 immature YOUR RELATIONSHIPS im-Your problems solved! Our experts are here to help solve all your problems 0 dis-**Bad Workplace Habits** I share my office with 20 young co-workers. Most are great, but some are really immature and it's almost impossible to work **a** with them. They play unacceptable and irresponsible tricks on colleagues. For example, if I leave my desk tidy, I sometimes return to unfind it in total disorder. And they also swap computers around during lunch, leaving people unable to do their work. Actually, it's unusual to come back to the desk and find everything as we left it. These people think it's funny, but I disagree. I think it's disrespectful. I understand the irresistible if slightly irrational wish to break rules, but I'm getting very impatient with their behavior. Should I report them to our manager? ir-Jenny (via email) **(()** 29.5 SAY THE OPPOSITE OF THE STATEMENTS OUT LOUD, USING **NEGATIVE PREFIXES** They were able to meet their deadline. Playing tricks on your colleagues is acceptable. They were unable to meet their deadline.

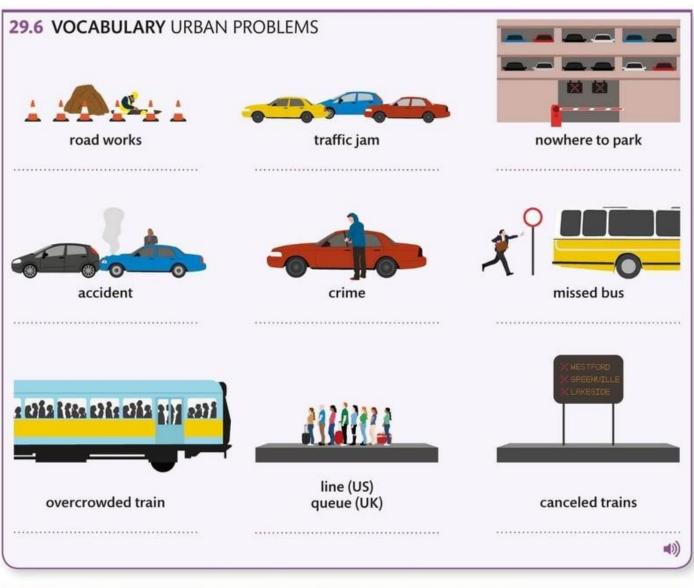
I completely agree with you.

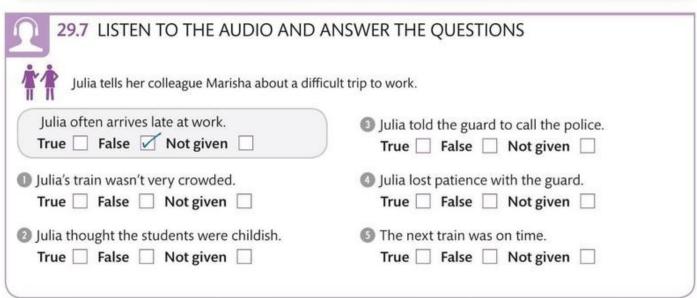
Your remarks were very respectful.

You have made a very mature decision.

Speeding on the freeway is responsible.

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	_ there's been an	2 miles south of us.	delayed road works	
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The highway was al	ready jammed because of the		impatient	
The traffic is so bad	that the highway is like an	parking lot.	impossible Unfortunately	
People are getting v	very, which I su	ippose isn't	overcrowded	
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NEW LANGUAGE	SAMPLE SENTENCE	V	UNIT
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS	I have been painting the house all day.		26.1
FOR" AND "SINCE"	I've been painting the house for three hours. I've been painting the house since three o'clock.		26.6
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS QUESTIONS	Have you been baking a cake? How long have you been playing the guitar?		27.1, 27.7
PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS FOR ONGOING ACTIVITIES	I've been fixing my car. I'm covered in oil.		28.1
PRESENT PERFECT SIMPLE FOR FINISHED ACTIVITIES	I've fixed my car. Now I can drive to work again.		28.1
STATE VERBS	I've always loved classical music.		28.5
NEGATIVE PREFIXES	Kevin is very disorganized. His desk is always untidy.		29.1