ENGLISH PREFIXES

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Examples of Prefixes

Prefix	Meaning	Examples		
un not, in reverse		untidy, unsure, unwrap		
im	not	impossible, improper, immature indirect, inactive, incomplete illegal, illiterate, illegible irregular, irrational, irresponsible		
in	not			
il	not			
ir	not Wexu			
mis	wrong	mislead, misbehave, misadvise		
dis not, reverse		dislike, disloyal, discourage		
non	not	non-stop, nonsense, non-cooperation		

Prefixes for negative adjectives

unkind, unable, unwise, unhealthy,
unclean, unfaithful Hägar Language School

in + adjective incapable, inanimate, insane, indecent, indefinite, inactive

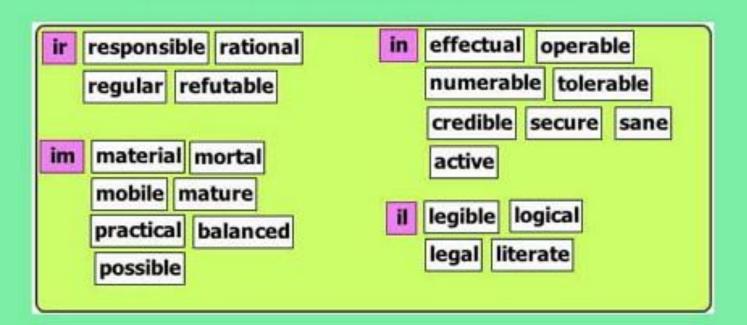
but "in" changes when it comes before "p", "m", "l" and "r":

im + adjective impossible, impatient, impolite, immortal, immoral, immobile

il + adjective illegal, illogical, illegible

ir + adjective irregular, irreverent, irreversible

NEGATIVE PREFIXES IN ENGLISH





PREFIXES

A prefix is a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word. A prefix has meaning. For example, the prefix un- means "not." When a prefix is added to the beginning of a word, it changes the word's meaning.

un- + happy = unhappy (not glad)

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Pro	efix	Meaning	Sample Word and Meaning
ant	ti-	against	antigravity — works against the effect of gravity
aut	0-	self	autopilot - system to make a vehicle steer itself
bi-		two	bicycle — cycle with two wheels
dis	-	not	disagree — not agree
ех-		out, former	ex-boyfriend — former boyfriend
in-, ii	m-, ir-	not	improper — not proper
inte	er-	between	interstate — going between states
mic	cro-	small	microbiology — study of tiny life forms
mis	S-	wrong	misled — led wrongly
mo	no-	one	monotone — a single tone of voice
pol	y-	many	polygon — many-sided figure
pos	st-	later, behind	postdate — put a later date on
pre)-	before	prepay — pay beforehand
re-		again	reuse — use again
ser	ni-	half	semicircle — half a circle
suk) -	under	subfloor — floor under a finished floor
tri-		three	triangle — three-sided polygon
un-		not	unpopular — not popular
uni	-	one	unilateral — one sided

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prefix	meaning	examples		
anti auto bi ex ex micro mis mono multi over post pro pseudo re semi sub under	aganist of or by oneself two, twice former out of small badly/wrongly one/single many too much after in favour of false again or back half under not enough	anti-war autograph bicycle ex-wife extract micro-computer misunderstand monotonous multi-national overdo post-government pro-government pseudo-scientific retype semiculture subway underworked	mistranslate monologue multi-cultural overtired t post-war pro-type	antibiotic autobiogrphy bilingual ex-president excommunicate microscopic misinform monogamous multi-purpose oversleep post-rovolution pro-revolutionary pseudo-intellectual rewind semi-detatched subdivision undercooked

•	Put one of the prefixes in each space in the phrases below to make the word which follows its opposite in meaning.
•	un- dis-
•	comfortable chair
•	tolock a door
•	believable story
•	toobey an order
•	punctual train
•	respectful pupil
•	tobelieve a story
•	toagree with someone
•	popular man
•	honest shopkeeper
•	toload a ship
•	toapprove of someone
•	lucky accident
•	tolike cheese
•	familiar city
•	toappear round the corner
•	satisfied customer
•	tobutton a jacket
•	grateful child
•	tocover buried treasure
•	united party
•	totrust a politician

•	Put one of the prefixes in each space in the phrases below to make the word which follows its opposite in meaning.
•	ir- il- im- in-
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	resistible temptation
•	possible plan
•	polite letter
•	legal business deal
•	literate person
•	accurate calculation
•	frequent buses
•	mature young man
•	legible handwriting
•	moral action
•	curable illness
•	convenient arrangement
•	regular train service
•	logical answer
•	dependent country
•	responsible boy
•	formal clothes
•	patient motorist
•	replaceable work of art
•	secure feeling
•	expensive present

- un- dis-
- an uncomfortable chair
- to unlock a door
- an unbelievable story
- to disobey an order
- an unpunctual train
- a disrespectful pupil
- to disbelieve a story
- to disagree with someone
- an unpopular man
- a dishonest shopkeeper

- to unload a ship
- to disapprove of someone
- an unlucky accident
- to dislike cheese
- an unfamiliar city
- to disappear round the corner
- an dissatisfied customer
- to unbutton a jacket
- an ungrateful child
- to discover buried treasure
- a disunited party
- to distrust a politician

- irresistible temptation
- an impossible plan
- an impolite letter
- an illegal business deal
- an illiterate person
- an inaccurate calculation
- infrequent buses
- an immature young man
- illegible handwriting
- an immoral action
- an incurable illness

- an inconvenient arrangement
- irregular train service
- an illogical answer
- an independent country
- an irresponsible boy
- informal clothes
- an impatient motorist
- an irreplaceable work of art
- an insecure feeling
- an inexpensive present