

## PREFIXES

### Negative prefixes to form nouns, verbs and adjectives

<b>Un-</b>	<b>The opposite of</b>	Unable, unbelievable, undo, unfair, undressed, unpleasant, unreliable, unsuccessful
<b>Non-</b>	<b>Not</b>	Non-smoker, nonconformist, non-essential, non-fiction
<b>In-</b>	<b>The opposite of</b>	Inaccessible, incomplete, incorrect, inevitable, insane
<b>Il-</b>	<b>The opposite of (before l...)</b>	Illegal, illegitimate, illicit, illiterate, illogical
<b>Im (before m or p)</b>	<b>The opposite of</b>	Immature, impatient, imperfect, impolite, impossible
<b>Ir (before r)</b>	<b>The opposite of</b>	Irrational, irregular, irrelevant, irresistible, irresponsible
<b>dis</b>	<b>The opposite of</b>	Disconnect, dishonest, dislike, disloyalty, disobedient, disobey, dissatisfied

### Other prefixes

<b>Inter-</b>	<b>Between, among</b>	<b>Adjectives and adverbs</b>	Interactive, intercontinental, international
<b>Re-</b>	<b>Again, back</b>	<b>Verbs and nouns</b>	React. Re-apply, rebuild, recycle, re-use
<b>Cyber-</b>	<b>Computer, internet</b>	<b>nouns</b>	Cyberspace, cybercafé
<b>Anti-</b>	<b>against</b>	<b>Adjectives and nouns</b>	Antibody, anticlimax, anti-nuclear, anti-racist, antisocial
<b>Super-</b>	<b>More than, very special</b>	<b>Adjectives and nouns</b>	Superimpose, supermarket, supernatural, supersonic, superstar
<b>Over-</b>	<b>Too much</b>	<b>Adjectives and verbs</b>	Overconfident, overeat, overestimate, overpopulated, overreact, overwork
<b>Under-</b>	<b>Too little</b>	<b>Verbs, participles, adjectives and nouns</b>	Undercharge, undercook,

			underestimate, underprivileged, understatement
<b>Extra-</b>	<b>Exceptionally, outside</b>	<b>adjectives</b>	Extracurricular, extraordinary, extraterrestrial
<b>Mis-</b>	<b>Wrong, bad</b>	<b>Verbs and nouns</b>	Misbehave, misconception, misunderstand
<b>Pre-</b>	<b>before</b>	<b>Adjectives, nouns</b>	Pre-Christmas, pre- Raphaelite, prewar
<b>Post-</b>	<b>after</b>	<b>Adjectives and nouns</b>	Postgraduate, postmodern, post- war

**Form the opposite of these words**

<b>Happy</b>	<b>patient</b>	<b>polite</b>	<b>legal</b>
<b>Correct</b>	<b>regular</b>	<b>visible</b>	<b>possible</b>
<b>Legible</b>	<b>friendly</b>	<b>employed</b>	<b>honest</b>
<b>Pack</b>	<b>lock</b>	<b>agree</b>	<b>like</b>

**Agree with these statements, using words with prefixes which have the same meaning as the underlined words**

- It is against the law, isn't it?  
Oh, yes, .....
- His room is always in a mess, isn't it?  
Yes, .....
- He took off his clothes!  
Yes, .....
- This handwriting is impossible to read.  
Yes, I know, .....
- She can never wait for five minutes, can she?  
No, .....
- I thought it was rude, didn't you?  
Yes, it was very .....

**Complete the verbs in these sentences.**

- I am sorry, I mis.....her message completely.
- We un..... as soon as we got to the hotel, then we went out for a walk.
- She was here a minute ago, but then she dis..... I do not know where she is now.
- We normally have similar opinions but I dis..... with him totally on the subject of drugs.
- My homework was so bad that I will have to re..... it.
- Apparently her alarm clock didn't ring and she over.....
- She finally managed to un..... the door and we were able to go inside.
- I dis..... The film, but the others enjoyed it.
- I don't think I will pass the exam, but I can always re..... it in September.
- The post office shuts for lunch but it should re..... at 2.00 p.m.
- She is over..... At the moment. She really needs a holiday and a complete break from her job.
- My sister wrapped up my present so well that it took me about five minutes to un..... it.

