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Prefixes

Prefixes that make the words opposite

1. **Read the sentences and choose the words with prefixes that have negative meaning.**
2. It was an impolite remark. He seems unable to understand you.
3. Your friend is unbearable when he is in a bad temper. His advice was quite unasked for.
4. It causes a lot of inconvenience when buses don’t come.
5. This person is quite incompetent to be the leader but the team is uncritical of his behavior.
6. This is an impractical plan that is impossible to fulfill.
7. It’s unbelievable how many cats she has.
8. It was an inconvenient time for visiting. I felt uncomfortable when I had to admit it.
9. My sister is an impractical person who can’t even boil an egg.
10. Our plans for our holidays are uncertain. I’m undecided whether to go to France or to Italy.
11. I did this work independently of other people’s ideas.
12. **Can you think of more words beginning with each of prefixes listed in the exersice?**
13. **Fill in the gaps forming words from the given adjectives(adverbs) with the help of the prefixes with the opposite meaning.**

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| Correct, complete, tidy, pleasantly, convenient, practical, popular, comfortable, polite, friendly |

1. Just look at your room. It looks awful. It’s so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. He doesn’t like the children in his new school. They’re rather \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. This information is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The train leaves at 3.20 not 3.10.
4. She didn’t say “please” or “thank you”. She was very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. My sister is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_person who can’t even boil an egg.
6. Have I come at an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ time?
7. The school building, begun 5 years ago, is still \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. An unnatural silence filled the room. Everyone felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
9. How can you behave so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_towards her?
10. He was the most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_prime minister in recent history.
11. **Use the prefixes dis-, mis- to make verbs**

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| To understand wrongly |  |
| To refuse to believe in |  |
| To hear smth/someone wrongly or mistakenly |  |
| To make a mistake in printing |  |
| To (cause to) change colour for the worse |  |
| To undo the connection |  |
| To take away courage and spirit |  |
| To put a wrong meaning on (smth said/done) |  |
| To free a wrong idea, an illusion |  |
| To tell smth that is incorrect or untrue |  |

1. **Complete this chart using the prefixes in the box to make the opposites of the adjectives and verbs given.**

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| **In- im- un- mis- dis-** |

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| **Adjective/ Verb** | **Opposite** |
| active | 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| secure | 2 |
| capable | 3 |
| experienced | 4 |
| possible | 5 |
| fortunate | 6 |
| conscious | 7 |
| healthy | 8 |
| understand | 9 |
| calculate | 10 |
| approve | 11 |
| obey | 12 |

1. **Form nouns from the given words with the help of the prefixes with the opposite meaning.**

**Example: employment- unemployment**

honesty-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

difference-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

fortune-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

understanding-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

dependence-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

importance-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

security-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

expensive-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

obedience-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Supply the right adjectival forms.**

**Example: I suspect he isn’t *honest.* In fact he’s quite *dishonest***

1. This arrangement isn’t strictly *legal.* Some people would regard it is *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
2. Sometimes she doesn’t behave in a *responsible* manner. She’s quite\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Such a situation is barely *imaginabl*e. It is quite\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Bob’s not very *capable*. He’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of making sound decisions.
5. This fish hasn’t been c*ooked* enough. It’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. This scheme isn’t very *practical.* In fact, it’s quite\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. **Form adjectives from the given ones with the help of the prefixes and point out the changes in meaning.**

**Example: practical- impractical**

possible\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

appointing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

conscious \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

informed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

accurate\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

believable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

acceptable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

legal\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

able\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

complete\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

married\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

bearable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

successful\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

calculation\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

approval\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

measurable\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

expensive\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

modest\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Add a prefix to the verb and put it in a proper tense.**

Attempts to communicate in a foreign language can easily misfire.

My friend is always 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(appoint) by his attempts to speak French.

Once a waiter in Paris 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(understand) what he wanted and instead of beetroots brought him potatoes. He 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(like) potatoes but when he asked a waiter to 4\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(place) them with beetroots the waiter smiled, and 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(turn) with a plate of auberginers.

The waiter also 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( take) my friend attitude towards everyone he meets and when my friend complained that they had 7\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(cook) the meat, Paul (that was his name if my friend isn’t 8\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(take) grinned. To cap it all my friend 9\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(read) the bill and accused the waiter of 10 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(charge) him. It was just my friend’s awful French again.

1. **Fill in the gaps in the following text using a suitable negative prefix of the words given within the brackets**

The British government has decided to take the 1\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(popular) decision to ban smoking in a lot of public places. Though a lot of people find smoking 2\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(please), and though experts all agree it is 3\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(health) and that it costs the state a lot to treat victims of smoking, it is also 4 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_(deny) that many people get pleasure from the habit and find smoking 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(resist) when they are in company. However, it is now 6\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(possible) to deny the antisocial nature of the habit. As advertising has proved 7\_\_\_\_\_\_(effect) with many smokers, the government has now made smoking 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(legal) in most public places. Smokers who are 9 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(ability) to stop smoking may feel the new measures are unjust, but for the passive smokers for whom a room full of smoke is 10\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(bear) they will come as a breath of fresh air.