

Prefixes meaning 'not'

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A prefix is added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning.

The prefixes **un-**, **dis-**, **non-**, **in-**, **im-**, **il-**, and **ir-** change a word's meaning to 'not'.

Sort the words by prefix meanings:

possible, fair, fiction, agree, regular, complete, honest, logical, active, respectful, regular,
happy, expensive, acceptable, refundable

un-	in-/im-/il-/ir-	dis-	non-

Using prefix **in-** (**im-/il-/ir-**)

The prefix **in-** is often used with words that come from Latin. The prefix changes to **im-**, **il-** or **ir-**, depending on the first letter of the word. This makes it easier to say.

reversible	_____	mature	_____
resistible	_____	movable	_____
responsible ...	_____	moral	_____
legal	_____	polite	_____
logical	_____	possible	_____
legible	_____	balanced ...	_____

When is **ir-** used?

When is **il-** used?

When is **im-** used?

Use a prefix meaning 'not'

Rewrite the sentences changing the bold words for a single word.

The rule was **not fair**. The rule was unfair.

His behaviour was **not acceptable**. _____

The instructions were **not clear**. _____

The plan was **not possible**. _____

The ticket was **not refundable**. _____

The shoes were **not expensive**. _____

The weather was **not pleasant**. _____