Prefixes (un-, il-, im-, in-, ir-, and non-)

A prefix is used to change the meaning of a root word. Some prefixes are used to say "**not**", giving the word the opposite meaning.

happy - unhappy
legal - illegal
possible - impossible
visible - invisible
regular - irregular
fiction - nonfiction

un- (not)		il- (not)
unhappy	unannounced	illegal
unfair	unanswered	illogical
unheard	unappreciated	illegible
unacceptable	unavailable	illegitimate
unafraid	unbelievable	illiterate

im- (not)		in- (not)	
impossible	impolite	insecure	invalid
impatient	import	invisible	independent
imperfect	impractical	incomplete	insane
improper		insignificant	inconspicuous
immature		inexpensive	inactive

ir- (not)		non- (not)	
irregular	irrelevant	nonsmoking	nonpoisonous
irrational	irreconcilable	nonreturnable	nonexistant
irresistible	irrefutable	nonperishable	nonflying
irretrievable	irreproachable	nonsensical	nonstick
irreversible		nonfat	nonfiction

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