**NEGATIVE PREFIXES**

Common negative prefixes in English are un-, im-, in-, il-, and ir-, and dis-. Some of these prefixes are only attached to a noun or an adjective while some are only attached to a verb. It is not possible to predict whether the negative prefix un-, in-, or dis- is used with a particular word.

NOTE: "In-" is a prefix from Latin, so it is usually seen when the root is from Latin. While native English roots tend to be monosyllabic, Latin roots tend to be polysyllabic. "In-"changes to "im-" before "m", "p", and "b". It changes to "il-" before "l" and to "ir-" before "r".

*articulate → inarticulate   
polite → impolite   
possible → impossible   
modest → immodest   
legal → illegal   
reverent → irreverent   
regular → irregular   
sanity → insanity*

**A. Write the negative form of these words by adding a negative prefix:** "un-", "dis-", "ir-", "il-", "in-", or "im-".

1 comfortable ………………………………….

2 patient ………………………………….

3 honest ………………………………….

4 lucky ………………………………….

5 formal ………………………………….

6 possible ………………………………….

7 popular ………………………………….

8 lock ………………………………….

9 appear ………………………………….

10 agree ………………………………….

11 legal ………………………………….

12 polite ………………………………….

13 like ………………………………….

14 logical ………………………………….

15 convenient ………………………………….

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**B. Add negative prefixes to form the OPPOSITE of each of the adjectives below.**

acceptable, accurate, adequate, agreeable, approachable, appropriate, bearable, compatible, complete, conscious, convenient, credible, decisive, desirable, discreet, excusable, experienced, faithful, grateful, healthy, helpful, hospitable, legal, legible, legitimate, literate, logical, mature, moral, obedient, organised, patient, perfect, personal, polite, probable, readable, regular, responsible, respectful, sane, satisfactory, satisfied, sociable, sufficient, visible, willing

Fill in negative prefixes to form the OPPOSITE of each of the adjectives below. Note - although the adjective satisfied has also another opposite, I want you to master the more frequent one so I did not include the other possibility.  
  
acceptable, accurate, adequate, agreeable, approachable, appropriate, bearable, compatible, complete, conscious, contented, convenient, credible, decisive, desirable, discreet, excusable, experienced, faithful, flexible, frequent, grateful, healthy, helpful, hospitable, legal, legible, legitimate, literate, logical, mature, moral, mortal, obedient, organised, passive, patient, perfect, personal, polite, probable, readable, regular, resolute, responsible, respectful, sane, satisfactory, satisfied, sociable, sufficient, variable, visible, willing Bottom of Form