

## Prefixes – ir, im, il and in

All these prefixes mean ‘not’ or the ‘opposite of’.

Prefix	Use it when	Example
ir	The roots words begins with ‘r’.	irreversible
im	The root word begins with ‘m’ or ‘p’.	immature impossible
il	The root word begins with ‘l’.	illegal
in	The root word begins with any other letter.	incapable inefficient inadequate

Please choose the task you are most comfortable with.



**Task:** Look at the table above and add the correct prefixes to these words making them the opposite.

**Resistible**

**Expensive**

**Offensive**

**Literate**

**Mature**

**Repairable**

**Proper**



Task: Turn these sentences into the opposite meaning.

Example:

Charlie is an active boy as he plays a lot of sports.

**Charlie is an inactive boy as he doesn't play a lot of sports.**

1. Some changes to a material are reversible.
2. I can read your writing as it is legible.
3. If something is mortal, one day it will die.
4. Sophie is capable of fixing the chair herself.
5. John thinks it is possible to complete the task.



Task: Write these prefixes in a sentence. Make sure it makes sense and that you have capital letters and full stops. Challenge yourself to write detailed and interesting sentences.

impossible  
irresponsible  
illegible  
incomplete  
immature  
irrelevant  
inaccurate  
irregular  
inexpensive  
illiterate  
imperfect  
irrational  
illogical