

Lesson 31: Prefix *in-* (*im-*, *il-*, *ir-*)

Spelling Words

1. *incomplete* _____
2. *informal* _____
3. *incorrect* _____
4. *independent* _____
5. *illegal* _____
6. *impolite* _____
7. *impossible* _____
8. *invisible* _____
9. *irregular* _____
10. *inexpensive* _____
11. *impure* _____
12. *inability* _____
13. *impatient* _____
14. *indigestion* _____
15. *indefinite* _____
16. *incredible* _____

Your Own Words

Look for other words with these prefixes to add to the lists. If you read a book about etiquette, you might read about *improper* and *inappropriate* behavior. When might you see *illogical* or *irrepressible*?

17. _____
18. _____
19. _____
20. _____

The prefix *in-* may be spelled *in-*, *im-*, *il-*, or *ir-*. This prefix gives each Spelling Word a negative meaning.

Sort the words in a way that will help you remember them. Two examples are given. Fill in the other two as you are sorting.

indirect

impersonal

The prefix *in-* (*im-*, *il-*, *ir-*) usually means “not.” When this prefix is added to a word, the spelling of the base word does not change.

Lesson 31: Prefix *in-* (*im-*, *il-*, *ir-*) (continued)

SPELLING CLUES: Visual Clues When you're not sure how a word is spelled, try to remember how the word looks. Then write the word down. Does it look right?

Check the spelling of these words. Write the word if it looks correct. If the word does not look correct, write it correctly.

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| 1. ilegal | 4. incorrect |
| 2. imposible | 5. independant |
| 3. inpatient | 6. informal |

PROOFREADING 7–12. Proofread this letter. Circle the misspelled words. Then write the words correctly.

Dear Trevor,
We've been here for two days now, and it is just incredible. I have found many fairly innexpensive gifts to take back home. My inabbility to speak the language makes it difficult to order food. I ordered something yesterday that gave me indigeston, but I'm fine now. I'm impatient with myself because I've made a few mistakes that caused me to appear impolit. My incompleat knowledge of the culture is my only excuse for this.

*See you soon,
 Jamie*

WORKING WITH MEANING Write the Spelling Word with the opposite meaning of each definition.

13. free from germs or anything unhealthful
14. known for certain; plain and clear in meaning
15. able to be seen
16. always occurring at the same time

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