

Forming opposites

Study these definitions. How do the prefixes dis- and mis- and un-, in- and im- change the meaning of a word? With what kind of words can we use these prefixes?

spell write or name the letters of a word.

misspell write or name the wrong letters for a word.

obey do what you are told to do.

disobey not do what you are told to do.

aware in a state of knowing.

unaware in a state of not knowing.

accurate careful, exact.

inaccurate not careful or exact.

probable likely to happen.

improbable not likely to happen.

Give the opposite of the words in the tables below.

VERB	OPPOSITE
like	_____
spell	_____
agree	_____
believe	_____
understand	_____
cover	_____
dress	_____
connect	_____
please	_____

ADJECTIVE	OPPOSITE
able	_____
possible	_____
capable	_____
necessary	_____
patient	_____
proper	_____
correct	_____
conscious	_____
complete	_____
polite	_____

- The prefixes il- and ir- are also used to form the opposite of some adjectives (illegal, irregular, etc.).
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