

## 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

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