



**Prefix**

A prefix is a group of letters you add to the start of a word.

Sometimes the meaning of the word changes completely and becomes the opposite. This happens when you add the prefix

*-un, -in, -il, -dis, -ir or -im*

**Un**

**e.g. Unkind**

**Dis**

**Dishonest**

**In**

**inefficient**

**Ir**

**il**

**im**

**Task 1:** Copy the following sentences into your books. Underline the word that has a prefix, then try and write the sentence again only without the prefix.

1. The ungrateful boy had lots of lovely presents.
2. Most people think it is naughty to be dishonest.
3. The little girl was very unkind to her granny.
4. "I was quite unaware of what happened," said the man.
5. "Do you think we'll get into trouble if we do something illegal?" asked the boy.
6. "You must try to be less irresponsible," shouted mum.

**Task 2:** Complete the table using the words below.

un	dis	in
il	ir	im

aware - appear - honest - regular - legal - proper - probable - perfect -  
approve - connect - sane - considerate - kind - certain - important -  
obedient - responsible - patient.

**Task 3:** Choose one word from each part of the table, write a sentence using the word with and without the prefix.

*e.g. if you choose grateful.*

- a. The boy was very grateful when he received a present.
- b.** The boy was very ungrateful when he received a present.