

Opposites

A word which is opposite in meaning to another word is called an ANTONYM.

The opposites of words can often be formed by using a prefix, that is a syllable written **before** it, such as **un, dis, in, ir, il, im, etc.**

Using the prefix -un

unarmed	uncertain	unequal	unfriendly
unhealthy	undress	uncommon	unhappy
unpopular	unsuitable	unwelcome	ungrateful
untrue	unwilling	unskilled	unreasonable
unwise	unreliable	unconscious	unsteady

EXERCISE 108

Complete these sentences by using the **antonyms** beginning with **-un**.

1. When you take off your clothes you **un**——.
2. An **un**—— person is miserable.
3. An **un**—— person gives no thanks for the favours he receives.
4. An **un**—— soldier carries no weapons.
5. If you are **un**—— about something you are doubtful about it.
6. An **un**—— person often has to consult a doctor.
7. When a person has been knocked **un**—— he does not know what is going on around him.
8. A rumour which is false is **un**——.
9. An **un**—— person is one who is disliked.
10. An **un**—— workman is one who is untrained.

Using the prefix -in

incapable	insane	invisible	ingratitude
incomplete	indirect	inaudible	inexpensive
incorrect	incurable	inattentive	independent
insincere	injustice	inefficient	inequality
indistinct	indecent	inoffensive	insufficient

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EXERCISE 109

Complete these sentences by using **antonyms** beginning with **in-**.

1. An **in**— article does not cost very much.
2. An **in**— route is a roundabout way.
3. An **in**— is an act which lacks justice.
4. A sum which is **in**— is wrong.
5. An **in**— person is mad.
6. An object which is out of sight is **in**—.
7. A pupil who is not paying attention to a lesson is **in**—.
8. A jig-saw puzzle from which pieces are missing is **in**—.
9. An **in**— person does not offend anybody.
10. An **in**— disease is one which cannot be cured.

Using the prefix **dis-**

disappear	discomfort	disconnect	dissatisfied
disloyal	disbelieve	discourteous	disadvantage
dishonest	disarm	disorderly	discontented
disagree	disobedient	disallow	disarrange
dislike	discontinue	displeasure	disrespectful

EXERCISE 110

Use **antonyms** beginning with **dis-** to complete these sentences.

1. A servant who robs or cheats his master is **dis**—.
2. The word **dis**— means to go out of sight.
3. A **dis**— child does not do as he is told.
4. People who **dis**— hold different points of view.
5. A **dis**— person is lacking in courtesy.
6. To **dis**— a person is to take his weapons from him.
7. A **dis**— boy has no respect for others.
8. **Dis**— people are not contented with their lot.
9. When you **dis**— something you remove it from something to which it is connected.
10. When winds **dis**— a girl's hair they disturb the arrangement of it.

Exercise 108

1. undress
2. unhappy
3. ungrateful
4. unarmed
5. uncertain
6. unhealthy
7. unconscious
8. untrue
9. unpopular
10. unskilled

Exercise 109

1. inexpensive
2. indirect
3. injustice
4. incorrect
5. insane
6. invisible
7. inattentive
8. incomplete
9. inoffensive
10. incurable

Exercise 110

1. dishonest
2. disappear
3. disobedient
4. disagree
5. discourteous
6. disarm
7. disrespectful
8. discontented
9. disconnect
10. disarrange