

## Exercises – Word formation

### Adjectives with the opposite meaning

**Ex. 1** Fill in the gaps with an appropriate form of the word in brackets. Create **only adjectives** with the opposite meaning by using suitable prefixes.

1. He's such a ..... (LOYALTY) friend – one day he pretends to understand your problems, the other day he stabs you in the back!
2. A person who is ..... (LITERACY) can neither write nor read.
3. I'm totally ..... (SATISFACTION) with your service. I'm going to complain to your manager about it.
4. We're going to deal with some ..... (SIGNIFICANCE) problems and our annual report will have been completed by Friday next week.
5. This solution is absolutely ..... (EFFICIENCY). It simply doesn't work.
6. Stop being ..... (POLITENESS)! You're such a rude child.
7. Anabelle is ..... (FITNESS) to be a primary school teacher. She doesn't like working with children.
8. Nobody is ..... (REPLACE) at work so you shouldn't be so certain about your position in the company.
9. What you're saying is completely ..... (REASON). There isn't any logic in buying new domestic appliances.
10. This smell is really ..... (AGREE). Have you burnt something?
11. Claire is ..... (MATURITY) for her age. She usually behaves very childishly.
12. .... (REPAIR) damage has been done to the environment. There's nothing we can do about it.
13. He was ..... (OBEY) to his parent so they had to punish him.
14. Robert is such an ..... (RESPONSIBILITY) man. You can't trust him with anything.
15. Her conduct towards her mother was ..... (REPUTATION). She should have been ashamed.
16. Drug trafficking is ..... (LEGALITY) in many parts of the world.
17. He might be ..... (SENSITIVITY) at times but his intentions aren't cruel.
18. She likes boasting about her personal belongings and how successful she is. She's extremely ..... (MODESTY).
19. Susan is ..... (CONSIDER) towards other people. She doesn't care about anybody.
20. Everybody is ..... (PERFECTIONISM) to some extent.
21. He was getting ..... (PATIENCE) when he was waiting for me.
22. Steven is ..... (FAME) for his bad behaviour. You'd better be out of his way.
23. Her ..... (SHAKE) self-confidence made a big impression on me.
24. The government is going to crack down on ..... (MORALITY) practices in business.
25. This fruit is ..... (EAT). Don't eat it!
26. I was ..... (COURAGE) by his attitude towards my colleagues.
27. Mark was ..... (DIFFERENCE) to my problems. He just shrugged his shoulders.
28. I'm ..... (FAMILIARITY) with modern art.

29. Their arrival was completely ..... (EXPECT). They turned up out of the blue.
30. I've got an ..... (RESIST) desire for roasted chicken.
31. Learning ..... (REGULARITY) verbs by heart is crucial to pass this test.
32. Tartan skirts are ..... (FASHION) nowadays. They used to be popular in the nineties.
33. What he said is ..... (BELIEVE). I don't give credence to his version of the story.
34. Your handwriting is completely ..... (LEGIBILITY). I can't read it.
35. I was totally ..... (AWARENESS) of new legal regulations.
36. The report has to be ..... (PARTIAL).
37. My neighbours are ..... (WILL) to take care of my dog when I go away on business
38. Ashlie is ..... (CAPABLE) of hurting anybody. She's a very understanding and sympathetic person.
39. This sofa is extremely ..... (COMFORT). I'd rather sit on the floor.
40. Caren is ..... (SUIT) for the job. She can't work under pressure.
41. She's ..... (EXPERIENCE) in accounting. I don't know why she got that job.
42. Being financially ..... (DEPEND) of your parents is the first step towards adulthood.
43. It's such an ..... (CONVENIENCE) device to use.
44. Your explanation is ..... (SUFFICIENCY). I need more details.
45. He committed an ..... (PARDON) offence.
46. Endangered species are dying out and that is an (AVOID) fact.
47. .... (ABLE) people should have all necessary amenities.
48. Introverts are seen as ..... (SOCIALIZE) people. I think it's just a stereotype, but maybe there is a grain of truth in it?
49. He is an ..... (QUESTION) winner. He beat his opponents with ease.
50. Let's concentrate on the core of the problem and stop wasting time on ..... (RELEVANCE) details.
51. Being ..... (HONESTY) happened to her once or twice, so let's not make a big deal out of it.
52. It's very sad that currently children are ..... (INTEREST) in reading books.
53. When something goes wrong, I tend to become ..... (HEARTEN) very easily.
54. Peter is an ..... (SCRUPLE) man. He will do anything to achieve his aim, no matter how harmful it can be to the others.
55. Stop making these ..... (CREDIBLE) excuses. I'm not going to believe you!
56. My job is rather ..... (EXCITE). Every day I do the same things and there is no prospect of promotion in the future.
57. You're still ..... (ACQUAINT) with our manager. Shall I introduce her to you?
58. It's just an ..... (PLAUSIBLE) theory. I don't think that humans are descended from apes.
59. In some countries people have got ..... (EQUALITY) rights.
60. Your behaviour is ..... (RESPECT). I'm not going to tolerate it any more.

**Ex. 2** Use appropriate prefixes (*dis-*, *il-*, *im-*, *ir-*, *in-*, *un-*) to form negative adjectives.

1. practicable –
2. logical –
3. kind –
4. consistent –
5. intelligent –
6. discreet –
7. probable –
8. tolerant –
9. rational –
10. fair –
11. imaginative –
12. decisive –
13. just –
14. mature –
15. reliable –
16. sincere –
17. possible –
18. important –
19. significant –
20. profitable –
21. successful –
22. sensible –
23. known –
24. practical –
25. organised –