

Answer Key – Word formation

Adjectives with the opposite meaning (B2)

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 **disloyal** (LOYALTY) friend – one day he pretends to understand your problems, the other day he stabs you in the back!
2. I'm totally **dissatisfied** (SATISFACTION) with your service. I'm going to complain to your manager about it.
3. Anabelle is **unfit** (FITNESS) to be a primary school teacher. She doesn't like working with children.
4. What you're saying is completely **unreasonable** (REASON). There isn't any logic in buying new domestic appliances.
5. Claire is **immature** (MATURITY) for her age. She usually behaves very childishly.
6. He was **disobedient** (OBEY) to his parent so they had to punish him.
7. Robert is such an **irresponsible** (RESPONSIBILITY) man. You can't trust him with anything.
8. He might be **insensitive** (SENSITIVITY) at times but his intentions aren't cruel.
9. She likes boasting about her personal belongings and how successful she is. She's extremely **immodest** (MODESTY).
10. Everybody is **imperfect** (PERFECTIONISM) to some extent.
11. The government is going to crack down on **immoral** (MORALITY) practices in business.
12. This fruit is **uneatable** (EAT). Don't eat it!
13. I was **discouraged** (COURAGE) by his attitude towards my colleagues.
14. I'm **unfamiliar** (FAMILIARITY) with modern art.
15. Tartan skirts are **unfashionable** (FASHION) nowadays. They used to be popular in the nineties.
16. What he said is **unbelievable** (BELIEVE). I don't give credence to his version of the story.
17. I was totally **unaware** (AWARENESS) of new legal regulations.
18. My neighbours are **unwilling** (WILL) to take care of my dog when I go away on business
19. Ashlie is **incapable** (CAPABLE) of hurting anybody. She's a very understanding and sympathetic person.
20. This sofa is extremely **uncomfortable** (COMFORT). I'd rather sit on the floor.
21. Caren is **unsuitable** (SUIT) for the job. She can't work under pressure.
22. Being financially **independent** (DEPEND) of your parents is the first step towards adulthood.
23. Endangered species are dying out and that is an **unavoidable** (AVOID) fact.
24. **Disabled** (ABLE) people should have all necessary amenities.
25. Introverts are seen as **unsociable** (SOCIALIZE) people. I think it's just a stereotype, but maybe there is a grain of truth in it?
26. It's very sad that currently children are **uninterested / disinterested** (INTEREST) in reading books.
27. Stop making these **incredible** (CREDIBLE) excuses. I'm not going to believe you!

28. My job is rather **unexciting** (EXCITE). Every day I do the same things and there is no prospect of promotion in the future.
29. You're still **unacquainted** (ACQUAINT) with our manager. Shall I introduce her to you?
30. In some countries people have got **unequal** (EQUALITY) rights.
31. Your behaviour is **disrespectful** (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. logical – **illogical**
2. intelligent – **unintelligent**
3. discreet – **indiscreet**
4. tolerant – **intolerant**
5. rational – **irrational**
6. imaginative – **unimaginative**
7. decisive – **indecisive**
8. just – **unjust**
9. mature – **immature**
10. reliable – **unreliable**
11. sincere – **insincere**
12. possible – **impossible**
13. important – **unimportant**
14. significant – **insignificant**
15. profitable – **unprofitable**
16. successful – **unsuccessful**
17. known – **unknown**
18. practical – **impractical**
19. organised – **disorganised**
20. welcome – **unwelcome**