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Lesson 3: Opposite using prefix

**Definition:** In English a prefix is a letter, or a group of letters attached to the beginning of a word to form a new word. In simple words, a prefix is a new letters put at the beginning of a word to change its meaning or to give its opposite.

**The most prefix used in English language**

We have a lot of prefixes in English language, but the most used are these ones

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| Prefix | Meaning | Examples |
| Anti | Against  OR  OPPSITE  OR  NOT | Antigovernment |
| De | Degrade |
| Dis | Disappear |
| Im | Immoral |
| In | Inconsiderate |
| Il | Illegal |
| IR  Un | Irregular  Unfriendly |

EXAMPLES:

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| Meaning / المعنى | Root  جذر الكلمة | Prefix | New word /  الكلمة الجديدة | New meaning  الكلمة الجديدة |
| اتفاق | Agree | **Dis** | disagree | اختلاف |
| قانونى | Legal | **Il** | Illegal | غير قانونى |
| عادل | Justice | **In** | Injustice | غير عادل |
| نشيط | motivate | **De** | Demotivate | كسول |
| القدرة | Possible | **Im** | Impossible | غير قادر |
| مسؤول  انتهى  عنصرى | Responsible  Finish  Racist | **Ir**  **Un**  **Anti** | Irresponsible  Unfinished  Antiracist | مسؤول  غير  لا منتهى  غير عنصرى |

**Activity:** give the opposite of these words

Qualify / lawful /friendly / approval/ fair/ honest / social / correct/