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Lesson 6: **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

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

EXAMPLES:

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

Activity: give the opposite of these words

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

