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A **prefix** is added to the beginning of a word to make a new word.

Most **prefixes** are added to the beginning of **root words** without any changes in spelling.

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im	The root word begins with 'm' or 'p'.	immature impossible
<u>il</u>	The root word begins with 'l'.	illegal

Can you think of some words with the prefix im-?



Do you know what the prefix im- means?

Meaning: not or the opposite of.

Examples: immovable, impartial, imperfect.



This shipwreck is immovable so it sits and rusts on the beach.

Can you think of some words with the prefix il-?



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Examples: illegal, illogical, illegible.



Toby's handwriting was illegible because he was rushing his work.

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Examples: irreparable, irrespective, irresistible.



I will have to buy another skateboard because mine is irreparable.



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For those learning High Frequency Words - focus on Look, Say, Cover, Write, check activity.

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