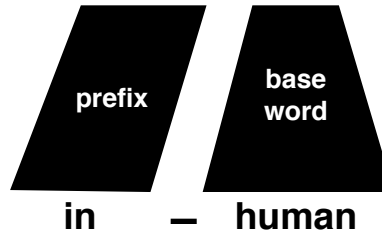


Name:

More negative prefixes

il-legal
ir-responsible
im-possible

Many longer words are made up of a base word plus a prefix:



Prefixes like **in-** come before the base word. Prefixes change or add to the meaning of the base word.

The prefix **in-** has the meaning “not.” **in-** changes its spelling in front of some base words. The prefix can take on the beginning sound of the base word:

in – legal → il – legal

in – responsible → ir – responsible

The prefix can also take on a sound that fits with the beginning sound of the base word:

in – possible → im – possible

il-, **ir-** and **im-** are just different ways to spell the negative prefix **in-**.

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More negative prefixes, continued



Work with a partner. Match up the right negative prefix with the right base words. Check the beginning sound of the base word.

il- comes before base words that start with l.

ir- comes before base words that start with r.

im- comes before base words that start with b or m or p.

PREFIXES	BASE WORDS
im-	logical mature
ir-	regular rational
il-	polite balance

OUR WORDS: _____
