

Let's look at the prefix in-

Look at these examples using this prefix and see if you can figure out what the effect is on the root word.



This prefix has a similar meaning to the first which is *not* or *without*. For example, "Your homework is incomplete" or "Your homework is not complete". You could also say, "This restaurant is really inexpensive." or "This restaurant is not expensive at all".

How do we know whether to use *in-* or *un-*? Well, it's complicated. According to [Kris Spisak](#) if the word has a Latin origin, you should use the prefix *in-*, if it has a Germanic origin, you should use the prefix *un-*. **Active-Inactive. Afraid-Unafraid.** Basically, if you speak Spanish, Portuguese, Italian or French, and you can recognize the word, you should use *in-*, if not *un-*.

Read this text and underline all the words with the prefix *in-* Do you agree or disagree with this young girl?

There is nothing more inconvenient than being a good person. Nobody thanks you; nobody tells you you're special and whenever I complain, people just say it's normal to be nice. What an injustice! If you are indecent, you get punished but if you're nice, you get nothing. Nice people should get a reward. Am I right? Something inexpensive. Something small. I'm not asking for the world here.

As an example, I saw somebody walking down street when suddenly their wallet fell out of their pocket. I said: "Hey Mr. your wallet's on the floor!", He just picked it up and left. Can you

believe it? Are you incapable of saying thank you? Are you incapable of telling me what an amazing person I am for being nice? No!
Sometimes I feel like I'm going insane, but what can you do, am I right?

Try using these words to complete the sentences below

inconvenient injustice incapable inexpensive intolerable

1. They sent him to jail for speaking out and saying what he believed, what an _____.
2. He just sits around the house and doesn't do anything. It's _____.
3. The suitcase looks nice, but it was pretty _____.
4. That man is _____ of changing his rude habits. I just can't deal with it anymore!
5. Don't they offer free parking? That's pretty inconvenient...

Now try asking and answering these questions with a friend

1. Do you prefer to buy expensive or inexpensive things? Why?
2. What is something you are incapable of doing? Do you want to learn how to do it in the future?
3. What's the most inconvenient thing you have to do around the house, at work or at school? Why is it inconvenient?
4. Are you an active or inactive person? What activities do you do or what activities would you like to do?
5. What would you do if you did something inaccurate at work? Would you tell your boss or hide it? Why?
6. What do you think is the biggest injustice in the world? Why?