

Detours



Prefixes



### PREFIXES

Prefixes are letters added to the beginning of a word that change its meaning. Example: un- is a prefix that means "not" or "the opposite of." Other prefixes that mean "not" or "the opposite of" are: dis-, in-, im-, il-, and ir-.

Prefix	Base	Whole word
	appear	
	happy	
	correct	
	possible	
	responsible	
	legal	
	measurable (not in word search)	

The prefix in- is like a chameleon.  It is written differently, depending on the word it is attached to.

1. The prefix in- becomes im- when

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2. The prefix in- becomes il- when

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3. The prefix in- becomes ir- when

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Why do you think this is so? \_\_\_\_\_



in- chameleons!  
*improper*



imposters!  
*under*