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	
2. The prefix in- becomes il- when	
3. The prefix in- becomes ir- when	
Why do you think this is so?	

