

## English Vocabulary – Opposites

In English, opposites can be different words or use a prefix.

### a) Different words:

up/down, on/off, intelligent/stupid, long/short, happy/sad

### b) Prefixes:

<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Examples</u>
un-	unnecessary, unhealthy, unimportant, unintelligent, unhappy (adjs)
in-	indisposed, indecisive, inadequate, inappropriate (adjs)
im-	impossible, imperfect, impenetrable, improper (adjs)
dis-	disapprove, disagree, discourage, discomfort (verbs)
ir-	irresponsible, irreversible, irrelevant (adjs)
mis-	misunderstand, misinterpret, mistime, mismatch (verbs)
anti-	antibiotic, antibody, antidepressant, antivirus (nouns)
non-	non-smoker, non-starter, non-violence (nouns)
a-	asymmetric, asexual, aseptic (adjs)
ab-	abnormal (adj)
il-	illiterate, illegal, illegible, illogical (adjs)
de-	defog, demilitarize, degenerate, destabilize (verbs)

### Exercise 1. What are the opposite words of these words?

arrogant \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      polite \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)  
optimistic \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      interesting \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)

### Exercise 2. What are the opposites of these words, using prefixes?

replaceable \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      interesting \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)  
respectful \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      read \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)  
moral \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      organized \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)  
dependent \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      believer \_\_\_\_\_ (noun)  
typical \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      legitimate \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)  
sincere \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)      patient \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)  
polite \_\_\_\_\_ (adj)