

## **Negative Prefixes**

Negative prefixes are letters that are added to the front of an adjective to change the meaning to the exact opposite. The prefix is part of the word with no space between the prefix and the adjective.

There are five main negative prefixes: un, im, in, il, ir.

| Negative<br>Prefix | UN      | IN                     | IM                    | IL               | IR               |
|--------------------|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Rule               |         | Not with IN,<br>I or U | Followed<br>by M or P | Followed<br>by L | Followed<br>by R |
| Example            | unhappy | inaccurate             | polite                | logical          | responsible      |

