

Antonyms (opposites) - using a prefix (un, in or im)



The opposites of some words are formed by adding **un, in or im** before them.

Adding un

certain	uncertain
comfortable	uncomfortable
common	uncommon
conscious	unconscious
healthy	unhealthy
pleasant	unpleasant
selfish	unselfish
steady	unsteady
suitable	unsuitable
truthful	untruthful
used	unused
wise	unwise

Adding in or im

capable	incapable
complete	incomplete
convenient	inconvenient
correct	incorrect
curable	incurable
direct	indirect
secure	insecure
sufficient	insufficient
visible	invisible
movable	immovable
possible	impossible
pure	impure

A. Write the opposites of these words by placing the correct prefix before them - un, in or im

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| 1. secure | 9. convenient |
| 2. selfish | 10. correct |
| 3. pure | 11. sufficient |
| 4. common | 12. healthy |
| 5. capable | 13. movable |
| 6. direct | 14. used |
| 7. certain | 15. visible |
| 8. pleasant | 16. steady |

B. Which word in your list of opposites best describes:

1. a person who frequently tells lies?
2. a salary which is not enough to live on?
3. something which cannot be seen?
4. a person who is frequently ill?
5. a pack of cards from which some are missing?
6. a calculation in which there is a mistake?
7. a rock which cannot be moved?
8. a person who has fainted?

C. Write a sentence of your own using the following words.

1. impossible _____

2. unsuitable _____

3. unselfish _____
