

John and James are brothers. John is **reliable**, you can trust him to do anything you ask. James, on the other hand, is **unreliable**, you cannot rely on him.

By adding **un** to **reliable** we change the meaning of the word to **not reliable**.

Dis gives the adjective the opposite meaning: "I know you all **agree** with the plan, but I still **disagree**."

Use **un-** prefix before words that start with a vowel or consonant.

Use **il-** prefix before words that start with i: illegal.

Use **im-** prefix before words that start with m or p: impossible.

Use **ir-** prefix before words that start with r: irregular.

Use **in-** prefix with words that start with consonants and vowels, but not i or u.

Now choose the correct word to complete each sentence:

- 1) They say he has a ___ face.

- dishonest
- inhonest
- ilhonest

- 2) I have an ___ fear of mice.

- inrational
- irrational
- disrational

- 3) The Joker character in Batman is ___.

- insane
- ilsane
- irsane

- 4) In the UK it's ___ to smoke in bars and restaurants.

- illegal
- imlegal

illegal

- 5) It's ___ that we have to work while they are on holiday.

disfair

infair

unfair

- 6) I am too ___ to go fishing.

unpatient

inpatient

impatient

- 7) He's so ___ even after all the help we gave him.

imgrateful

ingrateful

ungrateful

- 8) He still acts like a child, he's so ___.

irmature

immature

inmature

- 9) I think the information in this report is ___. It doesn't look right.

inaccurate

iraccurate

unaccurate

• **10) His attempt to break the world record was ____.**

insuccessful

unsuccessful

dissuccessful