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Word Study

Prefixes *il-*, *in-*, *im-*, and *ir-*

The prefixes *il-*, *in-*, *im-*, and *ir-* mean “not.” So if you come across one of these prefixes and know the meaning of the base word it is attached to, you can figure out what the word means.

For example, if you know that the word *polite* means “showing respect for other people,” and the prefix *im-* means “not,” you can conclude that the word *impolite* means “not showing respect for other people.”

My TURN Draw a line to match the prefix in the left column with the correct base word in the center column. Then write the new word that you have created in the right column. Use what you know about prefixes to decode, or read, the new words.

il-	movable	_____
in-	responsible	_____
im-	legible	_____
ir-	capable	_____

My TURN Use texts that you read this week or a dictionary to write one additional word using each of the prefixes (*il-*, *in-*, *im-*, and *ir-*).

1. il- _____

3. im- _____

2. in- _____

4. ir- _____

High-Frequency Words

High-frequency words are words that you see over and over again in texts.

TURN and TALK With a partner, read these high-frequency words aloud. Then take turns using each word in a sentence: *record*, *value*, *rhythm*, *science*, *shoulder*, *company*.