Character Words with Negative Prefixes
Instructions for teachers
Character words with negative prefixes jigsaw game
Cut up the worksheet into cards, but make sure that each card has at least two boxes (e.g. "in-" and "un-" on one card) so that students can put them back together without having to know all the words. With weaker classes you might want to have at least some cards with three, four or even five boxes. It is best if the left-hand column and right-hand column are cut in different places.

If students find putting the table back into order difficult:
- Tell them that it should make two nice rectangles
- Give them some key answers
- Ask them to think about if there any patterns
- Tell them not to touch the cards while you read out all the answers or let them look at the worksheet, then let them try again

When they have checked their answers, they can test each other in pairs by:
- Reading out words with the same negative prefix missing until their partner guesses the negative prefix
- Reading out single words with the negative prefix missing
- Reading out negative prefixes and helping their partner make negatives with it

The presentation below can be done before or after testing each other.

For free speaking, you could get students to take turns adding one positive adjective to a description of their friend/ father/ girlfriend/ music teacher etc and one negative adjective to that of their partner. When they have finished, another group says which person sounds best (or probably which sounds least bad).

Character words with negative prefixes speaking
Character words war
In pairs, students take turns describing their own brother/ romantic partner/ grandparent with a positive word and their partner's with a negative word. They can use the version with and/ or without a negative prefix and words not on the cards, but they can't repeat exactly a word that has been said before. When you stop the game, they should discuss which person sounds worse and why.

Character words with negative prefixes presentation
First of all without looking back at the cards, try to answer the questions below
Which negative prefixes are most common? Which of those is number one most common?

What letters usually comes after "im-"? Do those letters always have "im-" before them, or other negative prefixes sometimes possible?

Which letter follows "il-" and "ir-"?

What other negative prefix(es) are there?

un	adaptable
un	adventurous
un	affectionate
un	ambitious
un	approachable
un	caring
in	competent
in	considerate
un	conventional
un	creative
in	dependent
un	diplomatic
in	efficient
in	flexible
un	friendly
un	helpful
un	intelligent
un	interesting

un	kind
il	logical
im	modest
un	motivated
dis	obedient
dis	organised
im	patient
im	polite
im	practical
un	punctual
un	reliable
ir	religious
in	sensitive
un	sociable
un	sympathetic
un	systematic
un	tidy
un	trustworthy