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Getting “In” to Prefixes

Directions: Sometimes knowing a prefix can help you better understand an unfamiliar word, but things can get tricky when a prefix has more than one meaning! Read each of the following words beginning with *in-*, *im-*, *il-*, or *ir-*, and write an X in the column for the prefix meaning that matches the meaning of the word as it is being used in each sentence.

| Word in Context | Meaning of the prefix in- (im-, il-, ir-) | |
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| | “not” or “lacking” | “in, on, within” |
| 1. The car’s intake valve is clogged. | | |
| 2. This old fruit is inedible . | | |
| 3. Gasoline is inflammable . | | |
| 4. Is the fort truly impregnable ? | | |
| 5. Is the fatherless child illegitimate ? | | |
| 6. Their odd actions are illogical . | | |
| 7. What a bright, incandescent light! | | |
| 8. The bells chime at irregular times. | | |
| 9. The patient received a heart implant . | | |
| 10. Inject some medicine into the cat. | | |
| 11. What an incredible book! (Hint: <i>cred</i> comes from Latin for ‘to believe’) | | |
| 12. This handwriting is illegible . | | |
| 13. Our dear pet is invaluable to us. | | |
| 14. That wicked fellow is immoral . | | |
| 15. What strange, irrational behavior! | | |
| 16. We paid our income tax. | | |
| 17. Have the insight to just walk away. | | |
| 18. Let’s insert the pearl here. | | |