

Name _____ **Double Negatives**

Prefixes That Mean Not

Some prefixes like un-, in-, ir-, a-, etc. mean "not." If you use a word with a negative prefix in a sentence that already contains a negative word, you might accidentally create a double negative.



INCORRECT: That girl isn't immature.
Immature already means "not mature."

CORRECT: That girl isn't mature.
That girl is immature.

DIRECTIONS: Each of the words below contains a negative prefix. Use each word in a sentence that conveys the meaning indicated. Be careful not to introduce a double negative.

Word: unkind **Convey:** Something is not kind.

Word: inconceivable **Convey:** Someone is not conceivable.

Word: disorderly **Convey:** Something is not orderly.

Word: invalid **Convey:** Something is not valid.