



## Read Write Inc. Spelling 4

### Unit 10: Adding **il-** and revising **un-**, **in-**, **mis-**, **dis-**

#### President Alpha

Welcome, Earthlings! You are about to enter the Spelling Zone.  
Our Star Speller for today is...Gamma!

#### Gamma

Greetings, Earthlings. I like trying to think of antonyms for words.

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite of another word.  
These are some of my favourites:

word	antonym
enormous	minuscule
excellent	dreadful
delicious	revolting

Sometimes I just add a prefix that means 'not' or 'opposite' to a root word like this:

root word	antonym
clear	<b>unclear</b>
like	<b>dislike</b>
complete	<b>incomplete</b>
possible	<b>impossible</b>

If a root word begins with the letter **I**, we change the prefix **in-**, **in**, to **il-**, **il**.

Let's do My turn/Your turn to say these root words. I'll say them first, then you say them:

legal  
logical  
legible  
literate

We can add **il-** at the start of these words to make them into their opposites:

legal            **illegal**  
logical        **illogical**



legible      illegible  
literate      illiterate

Now let's say them together. After three: one, two, three...

legal      illegal  
logical      illogical  
legible      illegible  
literate      illiterate

Brilliant!

Now look at the root word before **il-**. What letter does the root word begin with? Turn to your partner, then tell me.

Tell me after three: one, two, three... Go!

Yes! The letter l.

Let's build some words by adding **il-**:

root word	root word + prefix <b>il-</b>
logical	<b>il</b> logical
legal	<b>il</b> legal
legible	<b>il</b> legible
literate	<b>il</b> literate

Of course, we can also add the suffix **-ly** to some words that start with **il-**.

Let's do My turn/Your turn with these words.

legal      illegal      **illegally**  
logical      illogical      **illogically**

Well done. Bye for now.

## President Alpha

You are about to leave the Spelling Zone. Take your new spelling knowledge with you. Goodbye, Earthlings...