



Read Write Inc. Spelling 4

Unit 12: Adding **ir-** to words beginning with **r**

President Alpha

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

Zeta

Greetings, Earthlings. I have some great words for you today. Let's get started straight away. Ready for My turn/Your turn? Let's go.

regular
responsible
resistible
relevant

Now let's see those words match to their meanings.

definition	word
something that keeps happening at the same time	regular
something you can fight against	resistible
able to be trusted to do something	responsible
connected to a particular topic	relevant

Which consonant do all of the words begin with? Tell me after three: one, two, three... Go!

Yes – of course – each word begins with the consonant **r**. Let's have a look at which prefix we can use in front of these words to make antonyms.

You have already looked at the family of prefixes we can use to make a word into its opposite. Here they are: **u-n-**, *un*, **i-n-**, *in*, **d-i-s-**, *dis*, and **m-i-s-**, *mis*.

They all mean 'not' or 'wrong' and show a word's antonym.

Before a root word beginning with the letter **r**, the prefix **i-n-**, *in*, changes to **i-r-**, *ir*:

regular **ir**regular
responsible **ir**responsible
resistible **ir**resistible
relevant **ir**relevant



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

regular **ir**regular
responsible **ir**responsible
resistible **ir**resistible
relevant **ir**relevant

Galloping galactics – that was fantastic!

Look at the root word, before **ir-**. What letter does it start with? Turn to your partner, then tell me.

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

Yes. The letter **r**.

Let's see some word building:

root word	root word + prefix ir-
responsible	ir responsible
resistible	ir resistible
relevant	ir relevant
regular	ir regular

Now let's see some words matched to their meanings. Can you guess which word goes with the definitions? Turn your brains on!

definition	word
not connected to a particular topic	ir relevant
something that does not always keep happening at the same time	ir regular
something you cannot fight against	ir resistible
not able to be trusted to do something	ir responsible

Well done. Until next time... keep spelling!

President Alpha

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