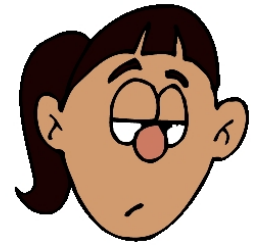# Prefixes for Negativity

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 impolite.
                Impolite already means "not polite."

CORRECT: That girl is impolite.
                That girl is not polite.

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: immobile   **Convey**: Something is not mobile.

Word: apolitical   **Convey**: Someone is not political.

Word: disoriented   **Convey**: Someone is not oriented

Word: inaccurate   **Convey**: Something is not accurate.