Spelling Sheet 6

Did you know you can turn a word completely upside down just by adding two letters to the front?

In Year 5, we look at four prefixes that all mean **"not"** or **"the opposite of"**: **in-, im-, il-, and ir-**

> *The prefix changes its shape depending on the* **first letter** *of the root word. This is to make the words easier to say!*
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> **in-** is the standard prefix. It goes in front of most words.
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> **im-** *is a helper. It jumps in front of root words starting with* **m** *or* **p**.
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> **il-** *is a twin maker. It only joins words starting with giving us a* **double 'l'**.
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> **ir-** *is another twin maker. It only joins words starting with* **r**, *creating a* **double 'r'**.

The Word List

Prefix	Word	What does it mean?
in-	**Incorrect**	Wrong; not right.
in-	**Invisible**	Hidden from view; cannot be seen.
in-	**Incurable**	Something that cannot be fixed or cured.
im-	**Impossible**	Completely cannot happen;
im-	**Immature**	Acting much younger than you actually are.
im-	**Impatient**	Finding it hard to wait; wanting things now.
il-	**Illegal**	Against the law; something you aren't allowed to do.
il-	**Illegible**	Messy handwriting that is impossible to read.
il-	**Illiterate**	Not knowing how to read or write.
ir-	**Irregular**	Not normal; uneven or out of shape.
ir-	**Irresponsible**	Not being careful; not looking after things properly.
ir-	**Irreversible**	Something that cannot be changed back to how it was.