

EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

“demonstrate and apply spelling knowledge by spelling words using knowledge of prefixes”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

A prefix is a word part added to the front of a word.

The prefixes ir and in both mean not, as in incorrect meaning not correct.

The base word keeps its spelling when you add the prefix.

THE SPELLING RULE

Prefixes ir and in

irregular irresponsible irrational incorrect
incomplete invisible indirect informal inactive
insecure

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WHERE THEY APPEAR: “It is incorrect and irregular to skip a step.”

This deck teaches **Prefixes ir and in** across the five RPLD thinking levels: **NOTICE** → **CHOOSE** → **SHOW** → **OWN** → **DEFEND**.

TODAY'S THINKING JOB

NOTICE

"I can notice the prefix."

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Notice the prefix.

Find the prefix inside the word.

incorrect = in + correct

I CAN I can notice the prefix in a word.

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CHOOSE

"I can choose the correct spelling."

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Choose the correct spelling.

Which spelling is correct?

irregular • iregular • irregolar

I CAN I can choose the correctly spelled word.

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SHOW

"I can show the rule with a prefix word."

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Show the rule.

Build or spell the word.

in + complete = _____

I CAN I can build the word correctly.

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OWN

"I can own the rule with a new word."

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Own the rule.

Build a new word on your own.

in + visible = _____

I CAN I can spell a new word on my own.

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DEFEND

"I can explain and transfer the rule."

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Explain and transfer.

Explain the prefix, then spell one word of your own.

"The plan was incomplete and irregular," she said.

I CAN I can explain the prefix and use a word in my own writing.

Your turn to spell.

Build each word, then use one in a sentence about the reading.

in + correct → _____ in + complete → _____ in + visible → _____ ir + regular
→ _____ in + formal → _____

I CAN I can spell words with the prefix on my own.

Answers, across the five thinking levels.

NOTICE

incorrect = in + correct.

CHOOSE

irregular is correct.

SHOW

in + complete = incomplete.

OWN

in + visible = invisible.

DEFEND

The prefix keeps its spelling in every word; a correct student word might be irresponsible, irrational, or incorrect.

YOUR TURN

incorrect, incomplete, invisible, irregular, informal

READ THIS SENTENCE.

Each choice is one way to spell the same word.

Which word is spelled correctly?

A irregular

B iregular

C irregolar

D irreguler

The answer is **A**.

A **irregular** · Correct. ir + regular doubles the r at the join.

B **iregular** · Uses one r.

C **irregolar** · Spells the middle with o.

D **irreguler** · Spells the ending with e.