

Antonym prefixes in Latin adjectives

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...can be added to the beginning of a Latin adjective to make its opposite (antonym). For each of the Latin adjectives below, find its opposite from the box and then translate. You can use the word 'not' in your translation, but you can also try to find an alternative synonym. The first one has been done to show you how.

n.b. your adjective translations may be different synonyms

<i>Latin</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Latin opposite</i>	<i>English translation</i>
cautus	careful	<u>incautus</u>	<u>reckless</u>
possibilis	possible	<u>impossibilis</u>	<u>impossible</u>
quietus	calm	<u>inquietus</u>	<u>frenzied</u>
finitus	with an end	<u>infinitus</u>	<u>unending</u>
mixtus	mixed	<u>immixtus</u>	<u>unmixed</u>
probus	honest	<u>improbus</u>	<u>dishonest</u>
patiens	patient	<u>impatiens</u>	<u>impatient</u>
gratus	thankful	<u>ingratus</u>	<u>ungrateful</u>
certus	sure	<u>incertus</u>	<u>unknown</u>
victus	defeated	<u>invictus</u>	<u>winning</u>
paratus	prepared	<u>imparatus</u>	<u>unprepared</u>
validus	strong	<u>invalidus</u>	<u>weak</u>
maturus	ripe	<u>immaturus</u>	<u>immature</u>
mortalis	mortal	<u>immortalis</u>	<u>immortal</u>
cognitus	recognised	<u>incognitus</u>	<u>obscure</u>

Negative Latin sentences

For the sentences below:

1. translate the Latin
2. rewrite the Latin sentence changing each adjective (underlined) to its opposite (antonym). Use the previous exercise to help you remember the vocabulary)
3. write a translation of the new, 'opposite' sentence

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1. rex validus populum ducit.

translation: A strong king leads the people.

opposite Latin sentence: rex invalidus populum ducit.

translation: A weak king leads the people.

2. equi inquieti sunt.

translation: The horses are skittish.

opposite Latin sentence: equi quieti sunt.

translation: The horses are calm.

3. tabernae paratae sunt.

translation: The shops are ready.

opposite Latin sentence: tabernae imparatae sunt.

translation: The shops are unprepared.

4. magos improbos vexabamus.

translation: We were annoying the dishonest wizards.

opposite Latin sentence: magos probos vexabamus.

translation: We were annoying the honest wizards.

5. dux milites victos salutat.

translation: The leader greets the defeated soldiers.

opposite Latin sentence: dux milites invictos salutat.

translation: The leader greets the unconquered soldiers.