

## Worksheet 1

# Fractured Fairy Tales

## *Fractured Antonyms*

*My son, Prince Charmless, desires a wife. I'm dead keen to get him out of the house, where he does nothing but play video games and eat pizzas.*

In the story Fractured Fairy Tales, Prince Charmless is the complete opposite of the Prince Charming character in most traditional fairy tales. The author simply added the suffix less to the base word charm to make us aware of this. By calling him Prince Charmless, we know that the prince's name is actually describing his personality. Most of the time however, it is prefixes that hold the power in changing a base word to mean its opposite. Here are some examples:

*in im dis un non de anti ir il ill*

**Task 1:** Add the correct prefix to each word below to create the opposite meaning. (Hint: You will need to use a hyphen for the words starting with the prefixes 'non' and 'ill')

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| 1. activate  | 2. mannered    | 3. advantage     | 4. regular      | 5. patient     |
| 6. legible   | 7. fortunately | 8. perfect       | 9. relevant     | 10. logical    |
| 11. believe  | 12. adequate   | 13. comfortable  | 14. legal       | 15. climax     |
| 16. frosted  | 17. negotiable | 18. clockwise    | 19. contaminate | 20. returnable |
| 21. static   | 22. considered | 23. accurate     | 24. moral       | 25. loyal      |
| 26. hydrate  | 27. violent    | 28. reconcilable | 29. perspirant  | 30. attached   |
| 31. obey     | 32. sensitive  | 33. invasive     | 34. familiar    | 35. definite   |
| 36. equipped | 37. balance    | 38. favoured     | 39. rational    | 40. literate   |

**Task 2:** What am I? I am a word that can be added to the start of the word clockwise to make it mean the opposite. I am... Can you think of other words to which I can be added to make them mean the opposite?

### Extension Activities:

- Some words use two prefixes to create their opposite meaning e.g. interested can become disinterested and uninterested – how are these two opposite meanings slightly different? Use a dictionary to help you. (Do the same for the word social. What are the two prefixes that can be added to this word and how are the opposite meanings slightly different?) Can you think of any other examples?
- Compose a humorous poem where the sentences start with the words 'Fortunately' and 'Unfortunately'. For example:

*Fortunately my family lives in a beautiful mansion by the water,  
Unfortunately the 'water' is the overflow of the local sewerage plant.  
Fortunately my grandmother told me I was a wonderful singer,  
Unfortunately I was actually doing an impression of a cockatoo at the time.*