Complete the sentences below. Use the prefixes ‘im-’ or ‘in-’ with the words in the box.

1. The train tickets didn’t cost very much. They were **inexpensive**.
2. Jonny wasn’t paying attention to his teacher. He was ________________.
3. It’s not possible to learn a new language in just one day. It’s ________________.
4. My friend always finds it difficult to make decisions. He’s very ________________.
5. You don’t have to wear a suit and tie to the meeting. It will be ________________.
6. Don’t be ________________. Try to be more active and get more exercise.
7. The diamond wasn’t perfect. It was ________________.
8. People may think you are ________________ if you forget to say, “Thank you.”
9. My son’s room was very messy. I can’t describe it. It was ________________.
10. The medicine I took didn’t help me. It was ________________.
11. It wasn’t nice to say that your friend was stupid. It was ________________.
12. I can use my driving license in Canada but it’s ________________ in other countries.
13. The money I have isn’t enough to buy a new car. It’s ________________.
14. Killing another person is usually illegal and ________________.
15. The number of mistakes I made was ________________. I still got an A+ on the exam!
16. I don’t believe you saw a space alien. It’s possible but ________________.
Grammar Focus: Prefixes ‘Im-’ and ‘In’

Level: Intermediate to Advanced

ANSWER KEY

1. inexpensive
2. inattentive
3. impossible
4. indecisive
5. informal
6. inactive
7. imperfect
8. impolite
9. indescribable
10. ineffective
11. insensitive
12. invalid
13. insufficient
14. immoral
15. insignificant
16. improbable

Grades as percentages

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15 / 16 = 94%
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12 / 16 = 75%
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10 / 16 = 63%
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8 / 16 = 50%
7 / 16 = 44%
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5 / 16 = 31%
4 / 16 = 25%
3 / 16 = 19%
2 / 16 = 13%
1 / 16 = 6%
0 / 16 = 0%