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B1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

The prefix *un-* often gives a word the meaning "not".

unfair

not fair or equal

unfinished

not completed

unhappy

sad or not satisfied

unusual

not common or normal

unnecessary

not needed

unintelligible

too unclear to understand

unreliable

not dependable

unfriendly

not kind or welcoming

2 Complete the sentences

Choose a word from the vocabulary box. Use each word once.

1. It is _____ to see snow here in April.

2. It is _____ to give one student extra time without a valid reason.

3. The bus service is _____; it is often late or cancelled.

4. This report is _____. Please finish it before Friday.

5. Do not print _____ copies of the document.

6. The receptionist was _____ and did not answer our questions.

7. Lena felt _____ after she did not get the job.

8. The speech was _____. It was not clear.

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B1 | Discussion questions

1 Talk about the vocabulary

Discuss each question with a partner, then write short notes or your own answer.

Try to use at least one word with un- in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. What rules at work, school, or in society seem unfair to you? Why?

2. How do you feel when you have unfinished work? What helps you complete it?

3. What is unusual about your town, region, or country?

4. What things do you think are unnecessary in daily life?

5. Have you experienced unreliable transport or unfriendly service? What happened?

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B1 | Teacher answer key

1 Suggested answers

Suggested answers for the gap-fill activity are shown below.

Discussion answers will vary. The target word is highlighted in bold.

2 Gap-fill answers

1. It is **unusual** to see snow here in April.

2. It is **unfair** to give one student extra time without a valid reason.

3. The bus service is **unreliable**; it is often late or cancelled.

4. This report is **unfinished**. Please finish it before Friday.

5. Do not print **unnecessary** copies of the document.

6. The receptionist was **unfriendly** and did not answer our questions.

7. Lena felt **unhappy** after she did not get the job.

8. The speech was **unintelligible**. It was not clear.