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B1 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

impatient

unable to wait calmly

impolite

not polite; having bad manners

impossible

not able to happen or be done

imperfect

not completely correct or good

immature

not behaving like an adult

immobile

not able to move

impersonal

not warm or friendly

impractical

not useful or sensible in a situation

2 Complete the sentences

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

1. It is _____ to finish this work by tomorrow without help.

2. The waiting room felt _____ because nobody spoke to us.

3. The children became _____ while they were waiting for the bus.

4. It was _____ to talk loudly during the film.

5. The plan sounds good, but it is _____ because it costs too much.

6. The first version was _____, but it was still useful.

7. After the accident, his leg was _____ for several weeks.

8. It was _____ of him to laugh at someone else's mistake.

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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 im- in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. What situations make people impatient? How can they stay calm?

2. What actions are considered impolite in your culture?

3. Can a plan be practical for one person but impractical for another? Give an example.

4. Do people expect too much perfection at school or work? Why or why not?

5. What is one thing that seemed impossible before but is easier now?

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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 **impossible** to finish this work by tomorrow without help.

2. The waiting room felt **impersonal** because nobody spoke to us.

3. The children became **impatient** while they were waiting for the bus.

4. It was **impolite** to talk loudly during the film.

5. The plan sounds good, but it is **impractical** because it costs too much.

6. The first version was **imperfect**, but it was still useful.

7. After the accident, his leg was **immobile** for several weeks.

8. It was **immature** of him to laugh at someone else's mistake.