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B2 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

unaware

not knowing about something

unwilling

not wanting to do something

unreasonable

not fair or sensible

unpredictable

not easy to know in advance

unproductive

not producing useful results

unprofessional

not showing suitable standards at work

unsatisfactory

not good enough

unprepared

not ready for a situation

2 Complete the sentences

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

1. The weather is _____, so take an umbrella.

2. The service was _____, so the customer complained.

3. She was _____ of the change until I told her.

4. It is _____ to expect everyone to work late every day.

5. His behaviour during the meeting was _____.

6. The project was _____ because the instructions were unclear.

7. The team was _____ for the difficult task.

8. He was _____ to apologise for the mistake.

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B2 | 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 kinds of work behaviour seem unprofessional to you?

2. Why can it be difficult to predict the future in work or daily life?

3. What is an unreasonable expectation that people sometimes have?

4. Have you ever felt unprepared for a task? What happened?

5. What can make a meeting feel unproductive?

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B2 | 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. The weather is **unpredictable**, so take an umbrella.

2. The service was **unsatisfactory**, so the customer complained.

3. She was **unaware** of the change until I told her.

4. It is **unreasonable** to expect everyone to work late every day.

5. His behaviour during the meeting was **unprofessional**.

6. The project was **unproductive** because the instructions were unclear.

7. The team was **unprepared** for the difficult task.

8. He was **unwilling** to apologise for the mistake.