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B2 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

inadequate

not enough for a purpose

inefficient

wasting time, energy, or money

insensitive

not caring about other people's feelings

inconsistent

not staying the same; changing often

inappropriate

not suitable for a situation

inaccurate

not correct or exact

inflexible

not willing to change

inaccessible

unable to be reached or used

2 Complete the sentences

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

1. The report contained _____ figures, so we checked the data again.

2. The entrance is _____ to wheelchair users.

3. Her comment was _____; it ignored other people's feelings.

4. The system is _____ and wastes a lot of time.

5. The rules are _____ and seem to change every week.

6. The budget was _____ for the size of the project.

7. Jeans may be _____ for a formal job interview.

8. Management was _____ and would not change the schedule.

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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 in- in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. What makes a public place accessible or inaccessible?

2. When can a rule be helpful, and when can it be inflexible?

3. Why might information online be inaccurate or inconsistent?

4. What is an example of an inefficient process you have experienced?

5. How can people give feedback without sounding insensitive?

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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 report contained **inaccurate** figures, so we checked the data again.

2. The entrance is **inaccessible** to wheelchair users.

3. Her comment was **insensitive**; it ignored other people's feelings.

4. The system is **inefficient** and wastes a lot of time.

5. The rules are **inconsistent** and seem to change every week.

6. The budget was **inadequate** for the size of the project.

7. Jeans may be **inappropriate** for a formal job interview.

8. Management was **inflexible** and would not change the schedule.