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B2 | Vocabulary, gap fill and discussion

1 Vocabulary

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

immoral

not following accepted moral standards

impartial

not supporting one side more than another

imprecise

not exact or clear

improbable

not likely to be true or happen

imprudent

not wise or careful

impersonal

not warm or friendly

impractical

not sensible or useful in a situation

immature

not behaving like an adult

2 Complete the sentences

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

1. The referee must remain _____ throughout the match.

2. It would be _____ to spend all your savings on one holiday.

3. The instructions were _____, so several people made mistakes.

4. The plan is _____ because it needs more money than we have.

5. The hotel felt _____ despite its expensive rooms.

6. It is _____ that the train will arrive on time in this storm.

7. Cheating in an exam is _____, even if nobody finds out.

8. Laughing at a colleague's mistake was _____.

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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 im- in every answer.

2 Conversation questions

1. Why is it important for a referee, manager, or teacher to be impartial?

2. What kinds of financial decisions can be imprudent?

3. How can instructions become too imprecise?

4. Can a workplace be efficient but impersonal?

5. What makes a plan impractical?

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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 referee must remain **impartial** throughout the match.
2. It would be **imprudent** to spend all your savings on one holiday.
3. The instructions were **imprecise**, so several people made mistakes.
4. The plan is **impractical** because it needs more money than we have.
5. The hotel felt **impersonal** despite its expensive rooms.
6. It is **improbable** that the train will arrive on time in this storm.
7. Cheating in an exam is **immoral**, even if nobody finds out.
8. Laughing at a colleague's mistake was **immature**.