

A Brave Young Soldier

We Were There, Too!
Oral Language Dialogue

Elvin and Rachel are talking about a young soldier named Joseph Martin. Read the roles with a partner. Then switch roles and read them again.

Elvin: Did you read about Joseph Martin? He was a young soldier during the American Revolution.

Rachel: Yes, I know about Joseph. Did you know he was only fourteen years old when he enlisted in the army? He was **personally** involved in the fight for freedom.

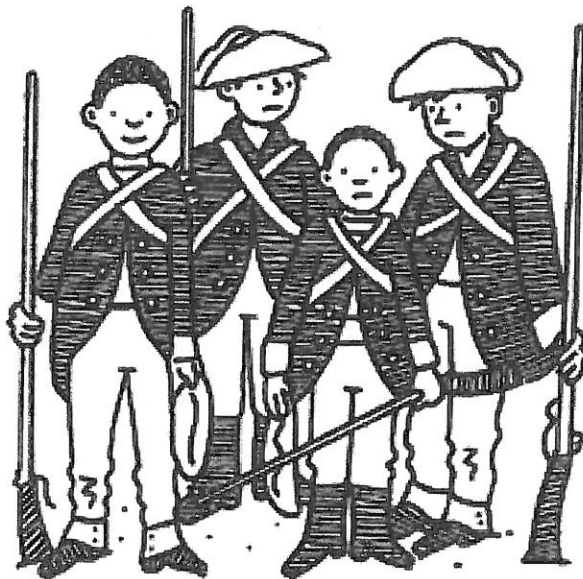
Elvin: He must have been a real patriot! It was very **tedious** to be a soldier back then.

Rachel: Joseph was a farm boy from a **rural** area. Now he was a professional soldier. But his first winter as a soldier was hard.

Elvin: I know. The soldiers were cold and hungry. They **lacked** supplies.

Rachel: Weren't the British soldiers lucky? They were warm and well fed. They had uniforms. Their training was very **efficient**.

Elvin: But the Patriots won! George Washington led his troops to victory. All across the land, you could hear the **peal** of bells.



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Joseph Plumb Martin

The American Revolution had begun. A man came to Joseph Plumb Martin's rural town to recruit soldiers. Joseph was only fourteen. He was nervous about joining the army. But he decided to enlist and become a professional soldier. His grandparents helped him get a musket and clothes. Then he went to New York City to be trained. The training was very **tedious**.

Joseph's group fought the British next to a creek. They had to swim to get away. It was hard to be a Patriot soldier. The men and boys slept on the cold ground. Their muskets **lacked bayonets**.

When he was fifteen, Joseph was allowed to go home. But he went back to the army a year later. He fought until the war was over. He wrote about his adventures in a diary.

Sybil Ludington

Sybil Ludington was sixteen years old. Her father led the local militia. One night a man asked Colonel Ludington to **summon** his men for battle. They lived in a rural area, where all the houses were far apart. Colonel Ludington needed to stay and **organize** the men. Sybil would have to ride her horse to all the men's houses.

It was a dark, rainy night. She got on her horse and hurried away. She rode all over the rural farm country. She took the most **efficient** route to save time. At each house, she banged on the door with a stick. She woke up the men. She told them the news and hurried away to the next house. Later, George Washington thanked Sybil **personally**. She had helped save her country.

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Prefixes *in-*, *im-*, *il-*, *ir-*

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Add a prefix from the box to each word below so it matches its definition.



in-

im-

il-

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| 1. _____efficient | not efficient |
| 2. _____mature | not mature |
| 3. _____legal | not legal |
| 4. _____responsible | not responsible |
| 5. _____logical | not logical |
| 6. _____mobile | not mobile |
| 7. _____regular | not regular |
| 8. _____exact | not exact |

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Read the sentences below. Then match the word in dark print in Column 1 to its correct meaning in Column 2.

Column 1

Column 2

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Your answer is incorrect . | not formal, casual |
| 2. He is impatient to get started. | not responsible, careless |
| 3. What he did was illegal . | not correct, wrong |
| 4. Don't be so irresponsible ! | not patient, eager |
| 5. The party was very informal . | not legal, against the law |



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Read these sentences.

1. Jason is **not responsible** and always loses things.
2. Speeding is **not legal**.
3. The answer is **not correct**.
4. He is **not patient** and can't wait to start.
5. It is **not efficient** to work without the right tools.

On the lines below, rewrite the sentences, adding the correct prefix to replace the words in bold.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What is the same about each prefix?
