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***il-* and *ir-*: Prefixes Meaning “not”**

Fill in the following chart with the missing words, parts of speech, and meanings.

root word, (<i>part of speech</i>) meaning	affixed word, (<i>part of speech</i>) meaning
	illegible, <i>adj.</i> not able to be read
legal, <i>adj.</i> allowed by law	
	irresponsible, <i>adj.</i> not trusted to do what is right
replaceable, <i>adj.</i> capable of being duplicated or exchanged for another item	
	irregular, <i>adj.</i> not normal or usual

Write the correct word to complete each sentence.

responsible	irreplaceable	legible	replaceable
regular	irregular	illegible	irresponsible

1. It is fortunate that Désiré Charnay kept a neat, _____ journal when he visited the jungles of Central America in the 1800s because people today can still read it and learn from his words.
2. Using the barter system for exchanging goods was a(n) _____ part of everyday Maya life.
3. Maya kings were sometimes called holy lords and were trusted to perform certain duties. For example, they were _____ for leading rituals and ceremonies.
4. It would be considered _____ and highly unusual to play pok-a-tok without a ball.
5. The painted mural at Bonampak is a one-of-a-kind and, therefore, a(n) _____ artifact that shows us how the wealthy Maya lived and dressed.
6. Write your own sentence using one of the words left in the box.
