

**un-as-sail-able** /ˌʌnəsɪləbəl/ *adj* formal not able to be criticized, made weaker, or beaten: *an unassailable argument* | The party's **position** looked **unassailable**. | The result gave the team an **unassailable** lead.

**un-as-sum-ing** /ˌʌnəsjuːmɪŋ/ *adj* **SYN** **modest** **un-at-tached** /ˌʌnətætʃt/ *adj* **1** not married or involved in a romantic relationship **SYN** **single**: According to Jo, Mark was still **unattached**. **2** not connected or fastened to anything

**un-at-tain-a-ble** /ˌʌnətɛnəbəl/ *adj* impossible to achieve: A military victory is **unattainable**. | **unattainable ideal/dream/goal etc** **THESAURUS** IMPOSSIBLE

**un-at-tend-ed** /ˌʌnətɛndɪd/ *adj* left alone without anyone in charge: *an unattended vehicle* | Children should not be **left unattended** in the playground.

**un-at-trac-tive** /ˌʌnətɹæktɪv/ *adj* **1** not attractive, pretty, or pleasant to look at: *an unattractive man* **2** not good or desirable: *the unattractive aspects of nationalism* — **unattractively** *adv*

**un-au-tho-rized** (also **-ised** BrE) /ˌʌnɔːθəraɪzd \$ -ɔː-/ **adj** without official approval or permission: *the unauthorized use of government funds* | *Unauthorized personnel are not allowed on the premises.*

**un-a-vail-a-ble** /ˌʌnəveɪləbəl/ **adj** [not before noun] **1** not able to be obtained: *Funding for the new school is unavailable.* | **[+to]** materials that were unavailable to researchers in the past **2** not able or willing to meet someone: **[+for]** Officials were **unavailable for comment** (=not able or willing to talk to reporters).

**un-a-vail-ing** /ˌʌnəveɪlɪŋ/ *adj* literary not successful or effective **SYN** **unsuccessful**: *unavailing efforts to make her happy*

**un-a-void-a-ble** /ˌʌnəvɔɪdəbəl/ **adj** impossible to prevent: *There are now fears that war is unavoidable.* — **unavoidably** *adv*: *Molly was unavoidably delayed.*

**un-a-ware** /ˌʌnəwɛə \$ -wer/ **adj** [not before noun] not noticing or realizing what is happening: **[+of]** Mike seems **unaware of the trouble he's causing**. | **unaware (that)** She was **totally unaware** that she was being watched.

**un-a-ware-s** /ˌʌnəwɛəz \$ -werz/ *adv* **1** take/catch sb **unawares** if something takes you unawares, it happens when you are not expecting it and are not prepared: *The question caught me completely unawares.* **2** formal without noticing: *We had walked unawares over the border.*

**un-bal-ance** /ˌʌnbæləns/ *v* [T] **1** to make a situation, relationship, or work of art not as good as it used to be or could be, especially by adding too much of one thing: *Having children can often unbalance even the closest of relationships.* **2** to make someone or something unsteady, so that they are likely to fall down: *He banged against the cupboard, unbalancing a pile of books.* **3** to make someone slightly crazy

**un-bal-anced** /ˌʌnbælənst/ *adj* **1** someone who is unbalanced is slightly crazy **2** a report, argument etc that is unbalanced is unfair because it emphasizes one opinion too much **3** a relationship that is unbalanced is not equal because one person has more influence, power etc

**un-bear-a-ble** /ˌʌnbɛərəbəl \$ -ber-/ *adj* too unpleasant, painful, or annoying to deal with **SYN** **intolerable**: *The pain was almost unbearable.* | He was making life unbearable for his parents. — **unbearably** *adv*: *an unbearably hot day*

**un-beat-a-ble** /ˌʌnbɪtəbəl/ *adj* **1** something that is unbeatable is the best of its kind: *carpets at unbeatable prices* **2** a team, player etc that is unbeatable cannot be defeated

**un-beat-en** /ˌʌnbɪtn/ *adj* a team, player etc that is unbeaten has not been defeated

**un-be-com-ing** /ˌʌnbɪkʌmɪŋ/ *adj* old-fashioned

**1** clothes that are unbecoming make you look unattractive **SYN** **unflattering** **2** behaviour that is unbecoming is shocking or unsuitable: **[+to]** **conduct unbecoming to a teacher**

**un-be-known** /ˌʌnbɪnəʊn \$ -nəʊn/ (also **un-be-knownst** /-nəʊnst \$ -nəʊnst/ written) *adv* [sentence adverb] **unknown to sb** without that person knowing about it: *Unbeknown to him, his wife had been trying to phone him all morning.*

**un-be-lief** /ˌʌnbəliːf/ *n* [U] literary a lack of religious belief, or a refusal to believe in a religious faith → **disbelief**

**un-be-liev-a-ble** /ˌʌnbəliːvəbəl/ **adj** **1** very good, successful, or impressive **SYN** **amazing**: *The opportunities are unbelievable.* | *an unbelievable talent*

**2** very bad or shocking **SYN** **terrible**: *The pain was unbelievable.* | *acts of unbelievable cruelty* | **It was unbelievable that** we were expected to pay twice.

**3** so extreme that it hardly seems possible: *He's so lazy it's unbelievable.* | *an unbelievable speed* **THESAURUS** SURPRISING

**4** very difficult to believe and therefore probably untrue: *Yvonne's excuse for being late was totally unbelievable.* — **unbelievably** *adv*: *an unbelievably bad movie*

**un-be-liev-er** /ˌʌnbəliːvə \$ -ər/ *n* [C] someone who does not believe in God or a particular religion

**un-bend** /ˌʌnbend/ *v* (past tense and past participle **unbent** /-bent/) [I] to relax and start behaving in a less formal way

**un-bend-ing** /ˌʌnbendɪŋ/ *adj* unwilling to change your opinions, decisions etc **OPP** **flexible**

**un-bi-ased** /ˌʌnbəɪst/ *adj* unbiased information, advice etc is fair because the person giving it is not influenced by their own or other people's opinions **SYN** **impartial**: *We aim to provide a service that is balanced and unbiased.* | *an unbiased observer*

**un-bid-den** /ˌʌnbɪdn/ *adj, adv* literary without being asked for, expected, or invited

**un-blem-ish-ed** /ˌʌnbliːmɪʃt/ *adj* **1** not spoiled by any mistake or bad behaviour **SYN** **spotless**: *a law firm with an unblemished reputation* **2** without marks or damage **SYN** **flawless**: *her smooth unblemished skin*

**un-blink-ing** /ˌʌnbliŋkɪŋ/ *adj* literary if you look at something or someone with unblinking eyes, you look continuously at them without **BLINKING** (=quickly closing and opening your eyes): **unblinking stare/gaze** *His father's unblinking gaze was fixed on the fire.*

**un-block** /ˌʌnblok \$ -blak/ *v* [T] if you **unblock** a pipe, you remove something that is blocking it: **unblock a toilet/drain/chimney etc**

**un-born** /ˌʌnbɔːn \$ -ɔːrɪn/ *adj* [only before noun] not yet born: *an unborn child*

**un-bound-ed** /ˌʌnbəʊndɪd/ *adj* formal extreme or without any limit **SYN** **boundless**: *the child's unbounded energy*

**un-bowed** /ˌʌnbəʊd/ *adj* [not before noun] not willing to give up or accept defeat - used especially in news reports: *After the fight, Ali was bloody but unbowed.*

**un-break-a-ble** /ˌʌnbreɪkəbəl/ *adj* not able to be broken: *unbreakable glass* **THESAURUS** - STRONG

**un-bridge-a-ble** /ˌʌnbɪdʒəbəl/ *adj* unbridgeable differences between two people, groups, or ideas are so big that no one will ever agree about them or be satisfied with them: **unbridgeable gulf/gap/chasm etc (between sb/sth and sb/sth)** *the unbridgeable gulf between the rich and the poor*

**un-bri-dled** /ˌʌnbraɪdlɪd/ *adj* literary not controlled and too extreme or violent: *unbridled greed*

**un-bro-ken** /ˌʌnbɹəʊkən \$ -brəʊ-/ *adj* continuing without being interrupted or broken: *their unbroken record of success* | *a time of unbroken peace*

**un-buck-le** /ˌʌnbʌkl/ *v* [T] to unfasten the **BUCKLE** on a belt, a shoe etc

**un-bur-den** /ˌʌnbɜːdn \$ -ɜːr-/ *v* [T] **unburden yourself (to sb)** to tell someone your problems, secrets etc so that you feel better