

Opposite Opposites Solution

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Answer: AUGUST

The theme of this puzzle are words that seem to have a prefix of negation, but means (roughly) the same thing when the prefix is removed. For example, the first clue of the word refers to the word INFLAMMABLE, which means the same thing as FLAMMABLE. However, an English learner or speaker not knowing the word INFLAMMABLE could thus easily think that the word means “not flammable” instead (hence the flavortext).

Finding all the words and picking the letters with the given index gives the answer **AUGUST**.

Easily able to be set on fire	INFLAMMABLE	5th	A
To untangle threads	UNRAVEL	1st	U
Very clever or inventive	INGENIOUS	3rd	G
Indispensable or very useful	INVALUABLE	6th	U
To push down on a button	DEPRESS	6th	S
Able to be lived in	INHABITABLE	7th	T