

## Spelling list: Prefixes: de or dis?

These prefixes can be confused when de comes before a root word beginning with s . The more common prefix is dis .

despair	He tried not to <b>despair</b> at the team's poor result.
descend	To <b>descend</b> is to go down.
describe	She could <b>describe</b> the missing boy to the police.
destroy	He was trying to <b>destroy</b> the wasp nest.
destructive	The bomb was very <b>destructive</b> .
disable	When I came home, I had to <b>disable</b> the burglar alarm.
disappoint	As long as you try your best you won't <b>disappoint</b> me.
disarm	The police managed to <b>disarm</b> the gunman.
disqualify	The referee will <b>disqualify</b> anyone who breaks the rules.
disconnect	Please <b>disconnect</b> the lead to the printer.
disobey	I decided to <b>disobey</b> the rules.
disbelief	She stared in <b>disbelief</b> at the damage to her car.
discount	I bought this TV at a <b>discount</b> .
discourage	Your bad comments will <b>discourage</b> me from trying again.
discover	I would like to <b>discover</b> details about my ancestors.
disgraceful	The children behaved in a <b>disgraceful</b> manner.
disrespectful	Children should not be <b>disrespectful</b> to their parents.
disorder	There was great <b>disorder</b> at the street protest.