

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