

## Spelling list: Words beginning with the prefix dis-

Have you ever noticed how adding just a few letters can completely change the meaning of a word? In the world of language, prefixes hold the key to unlocking new meanings.

The prefix *dis-* comes from the Latin word *dis* , which means *apart* or *away* .

When you see a word beginning with the prefix *dis-* , you can assume the word means the opposite of whatever comes after the prefix. For example, if you *dislike* something it means you *don't like* it and if you *disobey* someone it means *don't obey* them.

Take a look at the words in this list. Can you work out their meanings from the base words?

dislike	He made no secret of his <b>dislike</b> for custard.
disown	Don't <b>disown</b> the cat.
disappear	A magician can make a rabbit <b>disappear</b> .
disagree	I often <b>disagree</b> with my brother!
disqualify	The referee will <b>disqualify</b> anyone who breaks the rules.
disappoint	As long as you try your best you won't <b>disappoint</b> me.
disobey	If I <b>disobey</b> my parents, they will not be pleased.
disinfect	She likes to <b>disinfect</b> her surfaces from germs.
disconnect	Please <b>disconnect</b> the lead to the printer.
dislodge	They needed a bulldozer to <b>dislodge</b> the rock.
dishonest	Stealing from a shop is <b>dishonest</b> .
disembark	The tourists got ready to <b>disembark</b> at the next port.