

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 dislike for custard.
disown	Don't disown the cat.
disappear	A magician can make a rabbit disappear .
disagree	I often disagree with my brother!
disqualify	The referee will disqualify anyone who breaks the rules.
disappoint	As long as you try your best you won't disappoint me.
disobey	If I disobey my parents, they will not be pleased.
disinfect	She likes to disinfect her surfaces from germs.
disconnect	Please disconnect the lead to the printer.
dislodge	They needed a bulldozer to dislodge the rock.
dishonest	Stealing from a shop is dishonest .
disembark	The tourists got ready to disembark at the next port.