Spelling list: Prefixes: de or dis? (copy)

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.

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