

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 .

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| 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. |