

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