

DElightful Words

Google slides for teaching multi-syllable words with the prefix de-
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What are Prefixes?

- Prefixes are small parts (or chunks) added before main words or word parts.
- Adding prefixes often changes word meaning and usage.
- Learning prefixes will help you read and spell longer words.
- Learning prefixes will help you recognize longer words you may have heard or already know!

Most Common Prefixes

There are many prefixes in the English language. The eight slide sets focus on the most common prefixes one at a time:

in-

un-

mis-

dis-

re-

de-

pre-

en-

Prefix de-

- de- /dē/ usually (but not always) means “down, away from, or opposite of”
- Adding de- often keeps or forms verbs (bug>debug, code>decode, form>deform).
- Many de- words can be a verb and noun -- depending on how they're used (debate, defeat, delight).
- When de- is added to main words, there are no spelling changes.

Familiar de- (down, away, opposite) Words: Can you use them in a sentence?

de + bate	to share different (or opposite) views
de + brief	to discuss or review after
de + bug	to take away errors
de + cay	to break down in strength
de + cide	to make a final choice

Familiar de- (down, away, opposite) Words: Can you use them in a sentence?

de + cline	to turn down or become less
de + code	to read or recognize a code
de + crease	to become less or smaller
de + duct	to take away from an amount
de + feat	to win or take down

**Familiar de- (down, away, opposite) Words:
Can you use them in a sentence?**

de + fend	to keep danger away
de + fer	to put or hold off
de + fog	to remove fog or moisture
de + form	to change or spoil a form or shape
de + grade	to bring down or make less

Familiar de- (down, away, opposite) Words: Can you use them in a sentence?

de + lete	to take out or away
de + light	to make happy or bring happiness
de + mand	to ask for strongly
de + mote	to bring down or make less important
de + part	to leave or go away

**Familiar de- (down, away, opposite) Words:
Can you use them in a sentence?**

de + pend	to need or trust
de + plane	to get off or away from a plane
de + plete	to bring down in number or empty
de + port	to send away or out of a country
de + posit	to place or lay down

**Familiar de- (down, away, opposite) Words:
Can you use them in a sentence?**

de + press	to press down or lower
de + scribe	to tell about someone or something
de + serve	to be worthy of or fit for
de + sire	to strongly want or hope
de + tract	to take attention or value away

Less Familiar de- (down, away, opposite)
Can you give an example?

de + bark	to remove or take away tree bark
de + camp	to break up a camp or walk away
de + cease	to die or reach the end of life
de + compose	to break down into parts
de + duce	to figure out by thinking or reasoning

**Less Familiar de- (down, away, opposite)
Can you give an example?**

de + fect	a flaw or imperfection
de + flect	to turn aside or away from
de + file	to make unclean or dirty
de + scend	to move from high to lower
de + tach	to break or move away from

MATCHING ACTIVITY 1

debate	A to break down in strength
decay	B to take away from an amount
decline	C to figure out by thinking or reasoning
deduct	D to share different views
deduce	E to turn down or become less

MATCHING ACTIVITY 2

defend	F to change or spoil a form or shape
deform	G to bring down or make less important
demand	H to bring down in number or empty
demote	I to ask for strongly
deplete	J to keep danger away

MATCHING ACTIVITY 3

deposit	K to be worthy of or fit for
depress	L to press down or lower
deserve	M to take attention or value away
detract	N to die or depart from life
decease	O to place or lay down

MATCHING ACTIVITY 4

defect	P to separate or move away from
descend	Q to discuss or review after
detach	R a flaw or imperfection
debrief	S to win or take down
defeat	T to move from high to lower

SENTENCE COMBINING ACTIVITY

Work with your teacher to make this text more interesting by combining some sentences with *and*, *but*, *or*.

Some people debate the safety of vaccines. They decline a vaccine. They may think a vaccine deposits unsafe ingredients. Into their bodies. They may think a vaccine depletes their body. From fighting back on its own. They deserve a debrief from a doctor or nurse about vaccine facts. This will help them deduce vaccine truth from rumor. Knowing the truth helps most people make wise decisions. For themselves. For their family, friends, neighbors. For their co-workers. If more people decide to get vaccinated, the number of COVID infections will decrease. We may defeat the pandemic in our country!

SUGGESTED SENTENCE COMBINING

Some people debate the safety of vaccines and decline a vaccine. They may think a vaccine deposits unsafe ingredients into their bodies. They may think a vaccine depletes their body from fighting back on its own. They deserve a debrief from a doctor or nurse about vaccine facts. This will help them deduce vaccine truth from rumor. Knowing the truth helps most people make wise decisions for themselves, their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. If more people decide to get vaccinated, the number of COVID infections will decrease and we may defeat the pandemic in our country!