

# 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# MATCHING ACTIVITY 1

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

## MATCHING ACTIVITY 2

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

## MATCHING ACTIVITY 3

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

# MATCHING ACTIVITY 4

<b>defect</b>	P to separate or move away from
<b>descend</b>	Q to discuss or review after
<b>detach</b>	R a flaw or imperfection
<b>debrief</b>	S to win or take down
<b>defeat</b>	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!