

Prefixes

A prefix is used to change the meaning of a root word. The dis- prefix means **not** or **none**. It gives a word the opposite meaning.

Examples:

honest and **dishonest**

obey and **disobey**

appear and **disappear**

agree and **disagree**

advantage and **disadvantage**



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To **connect** means to attach together.

To **disconnect** means to take apart.

The mechanic **disconnects** the car's battery for safety.

Unfortunately, the phone line has been **disconnected**.

He received a **disconnection** notice after not paying the electricity bill.

We can still add suffixes such as -ed, -s, -ion to make new words.



Prefix dis-

What do these words mean?

disown

disbelief

distrust

distasteful

discomfort

disproven

disinfected

dismantle

disadvantaged

disjointed

disability

disgraced

