

# Prefix de-

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**A prefix is added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning.  
The prefix de- has many different meanings.**

**Sort the words by prefix meanings:**

*detach, declutter, decline, deflect, deconstruct, decrease, demote, deport, descend, detour,  
depart, decontaminate, deduct, decode, deactivate, deflate, derail, deplete*

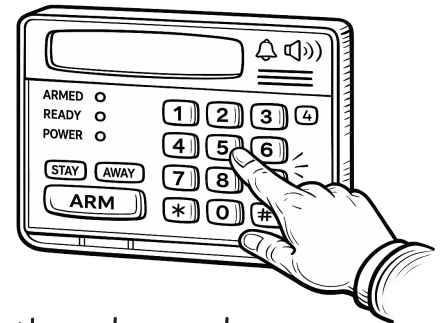
to go down, move in a downward direction	to become smaller or less	to move apart from or away from	to reverse or undo an action

**Draw lines matching the words with their meanings**

- depart to move downward or go down
- decrease to change direction or move something away from its path
- deflect to become smaller or less
- descend to leave or go away

**Fill in the missing prefix de- words**

- Type in the PIN to \_\_\_\_\_ the alarm.
- The balloon began to \_\_\_\_\_ after the party.
- Can you \_\_\_\_\_ the secret message?
- We took a \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid the accident site.
- The hikers \_\_\_\_\_ the mountain before the weather changed.



**Writing Sentences**

- decline \_\_\_\_\_
- declutter \_\_\_\_\_
- decrease \_\_\_\_\_
- depart \_\_\_\_\_
- deduct \_\_\_\_\_