



# The Prefix DIS-



## Word List

### NOUNS with the Prefix DIS-

[disagreement](#) A situation where people have different opinions about something and often argue

• After a long conversation, we worked through our **disagreements**. Now everything is fine.

[disarmament](#) The fact of a country reducing the size of its armed forces or the number of weapons, especially nuclear weapons, that it has

• International **disarmament** treaties aim to decrease the number of nuclear weapons in the world.

[disapproval](#) A feeling that you do not like an idea, an action or somebody's behavior because you think it is bad, not suitable or going to have a bad effect on somebody else

• The president's **disapproval** rating has gone through the roof.

[disbarment](#) The fact or process of stopping a lawyer from working in the legal profession, especially because they have done something illegal

• The attorney faced **disbarment** after being found guilty of embezzlement.

[disbelief](#) The feeling of not being able to believe something

• The TV news programs showed all the damage caused by the hurricane. I watched in **disbelief**.

[discomfort](#) A state of physical or psychological unease or distress

• You may feel some mild **discomfort** when the needle goes in, but it's nothing to worry about.

[discontent](#) A feeling of dissatisfaction or unhappiness

• There was a widespread feeling of **discontent** with the new strict policies at the office.

[disease](#) An illness affecting humans, animals or plants, often caused by infection

• Modern medicine can now treat more **diseases** than ever before.

[disinformation](#) False or misleading information intentionally spread

There's a lot of **disinformation** on the internet these days.

[disillusion](#) A feeling of disappointment or loss of belief in something

• There's a growing **disillusion** with various news outlets. It's hard to know who you can trust.

disinterest Lack of interest or concern in something or someone

• With online shopping becoming more and more popular there's a growing **disinterest** in actually going to a store. Why go out when you can get everything you need delivered to your house?

dislike A feeling of not liking or having a negative opinion about something or someone

• The new job seemed nice but Nancy took an instant **dislike** to one of her co-workers.

disorder A state of confusion or lack of order

• Randy suffers from a rare blood **disorder**. He needs to take three kinds of medicine every day.

disqualification The act of being deemed ineligible or unfit for something

• If an athlete is found with drugs in their system this leads to immediate **disqualification**.

disrespect Lack of respect or rude behavior toward someone or something

• The boss wasn't happy with the **disrespect** being shown to him by the staff.

## ADJECTIVES with the Prefix DIS-

disagreeable Not nice or pleasant

• Nancy found the attitude of her co-worker to be very **disagreeable**.

disheartening Making you lose hope or confidence

• Receiving a failing grade on the test was **disheartening** for Lester. He had studied very hard.

disinclined Not willing

• Fred has a history of dishonesty. I am strongly **disinclined** to believe anything that he says.

distasteful Offensive, unpleasant, or disagreeable

• I didn't like his art at all. I found his paintings to be unattractive and **distasteful**.

## VERBS with the Prefix DIS-

disable - To cause someone or something to become unable to function properly

• The burglar was able to **disable** the alarm and get inside the warehouse.

disagree - To have a different opinion or to not agree with something

• I understand what you're saying but I'm afraid I **disagree** with your plan of action.

disallow - To officially refuse to accept something because it has not been done in the correct way

• The referee had to **disallow** the goal because it was scored after the final whistle was blown.

[disappear](#) - To become impossible to see

• The magician made the rabbit **disappear** from the hat, leaving the audience amazed.

[disapprove](#) - To have a negative opinion or judgment about something

• Her parents **disapproved** of her boyfriend but she didn't care, she was in love.

[disarm](#) - To remove weapons or defenses from someone or something

• A mugger with a knife tried to take my money last night. I surprised him, **disarmed** him, and I held him down until the police came.

[disassemble](#) - To take apart or dismantle something

• The mechanics had to **disassemble** my entire engine to fix the problem. This repair job is going to be expensive.

[disavow](#) - To state publicly that you have no knowledge of something or that you are not responsible for something/somebody

• The politician quickly **disavowed** the controversial statement made by one of his party members.

[discover](#) - To find somebody/something that was hidden or that you did not expect to find

• I **discovered** a great little cafe when I was walking around downtown.

[disband](#) - To break up or dissolve a group or organization

• After the third album, the group **disbanded** so they can each pursue solo projects.

[disbar](#) - To stop a lawyer from working in the legal profession, especially because they have done something illegal

• The shady lawyer was **disbarred** from practicing law in the state of Nevada.

[discolor](#) - To change color

• After being outside in my backyard for 3 years all my patio furniture has **discolored** from the sun

[disconnect](#) - To separate or sever a connection or link

Before I install a new range on my stove I need to **disconnect** the gas.

[discontinue](#) - To cease or stop doing something

• I heard the company is going to **discontinue** this product. I should buy as much as I can well they still make it.

[discredit](#) - To cause someone or something to be doubted or disbelieved

• The lawyer worked hard to **discredit** the witness for the other side.

[disengage](#) - To free somebody/something from the person or thing that is holding them or it; to become free

• Glenda decided to completely **disengage** from social media in order to focus on studying for exams.

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**disillusion** - To destroy somebody's belief in or good opinion of somebody/something

• I want to prepare my children for the real world when they move out on their own. I may have to **disillusion** them but it is necessary.

**disinfect** - To clean or sterilize something to remove or kill pathogens

• You should always **disinfect** the kitchen counter after you have been preparing any kind of raw meat.

**disintegrate** - To break into small parts or pieces and be destroyed

• Over time, the old building began to **disintegrate**, and its walls started to crumble.

**dislike** - To not like somebody/something

• Amanda has a kind heart, she doesn't **dislike** anyone.

**dislocate** - To put a bone out of its normal position in a joint

• The gymnast fell from the uneven bars and **dislocated** her shoulder.

**dislodge** - To force or knock something out of its position

• The strong wind managed to **dislodge** several tiles from the roof during the storm.

**dismount** - To get off or descend from a horse, bicycle, or vehicle

• After the race, the jockey **dismounted** and accepted the trophy the first place.

**disobey** - To refuse to follow or comply with a command or instruction

• Children shouldn't **disobey** their teachers at school.

**disorient** - To make somebody unable to recognize where they are or where they should go/To make somebody feel confused

• Climbing to high altitudes can **disorient** you. The air becomes very thin.

**disown** - To deny or refuse to acknowledge or accept as one's own

• His parents **disowned** him after his third trip to jail.

**disprove** - To demonstrate that something is false or incorrect

• Science is a very strict discipline. Scientists are always trying to **disprove** their own theories.

**disqualify** - To declare someone or something as ineligible or unfit

• Having drugs in your system will **disqualify** you from the competition.

**disregard** - To ignore or pay no attention to something or someone

• Toby **disregarded** the message and went to the meeting anyway.

**disrespect** - To speak about or treat somebody/something without respect

• He **disrespected** his boss by showing up to the meeting after he was told not to.

**disrobe** - To take off your or somebody else's clothes; to take off clothes worn for an official ceremony

• The doctor asked me to **disrobe** and lay on the examination table.

[distrust](#) - To feel that you cannot trust or believe somebody/something  
• I **distrust** most politicians.



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