

Verb Prefixes dis-, de-, mis-, over- and re-

Understanding prefixes can help you to infer the meanings of words and spell them correctly. The following prefixes can be added to verbs to change their meaning.

dis- 'don't' or 'not' (has a reversing negative effect)

dislike, disbelieve, distrust, disapprove, disable, disallow

de- 'to remove', 'off' or 'from'

decrease, decouple, deice, decode, destress

mis- 'wrong' or 'wrongly'

misstep, misbehave, misfield, mistrial, mislead

over- 'too much' of something, 'above' or 'beyond'

overheat, overcook, overreact, overdress, overfill

re- indicates the act of doing something again

replay, rewind, revisit, retrain

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