

Dis- and Mis- Words

Part A

Bee **disagrees** with her father that she should accept her job plucking feathers.

The prefix **dis-** changes a word to mean that someone has done the opposite of that action.



The prefix **mis-** changes a word to mean that someone has performed that action incorrectly.



Which other words starting with the prefixes **dis-** and **mis-** can you find in this word search? Circle the words that you find and write them in the space next to the word search. There are six **dis-** words and six **mis-** words hidden in the word search.

t	m	g	f	d	i	s	h	o	n	e	s	t	x	k
l	d	i	s	a	p	p	o	i	n	t	z	h	d	h
z	j	z	s	b	d	i	s	o	w	n	p	z	i	h
m	d	d	m	u	h	n	z	w	t	u	v	v	s	p
i	i	i	p	v	n	h	f	i	m	i	e	y	o	t
s	s	s	d	c	s	d	e	n	l	e	d	a	b	q
t	l	q	m	i	s	b	e	h	a	v	e	p	e	y
r	i	u	i	e	o	c	d	r	k	e	c	e	y	y
u	k	a	q	h	j	c	m	i	s	p	l	a	c	e
s	e	l	r	l	g	u	o	q	d	t	d	j	m	r
t	m	i	s	s	p	e	l	l	v	q	a	q	p	h
e	q	f	m	j	h	a	j	j	n	w	x	n	k	b
o	o	y	v	t	p	f	r	q	l	p	d	u	d	t
c	m	i	s	h	e	a	r	x	b	b	s	x	i	j
p	p	u	h	u	x	w	j	j	n	f	u	d	t	k

How many other words starting with dis- and mis- can you think of?

List them here.

Part B

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Can you choose a suitable word from the word bank to fit into the gaps in the sentences below?

E.g. If you got a feather stuck between your teeth, you might need to **dislodge** it.

disappear	misuse	dislodge	
mislead	disinfect	disembark	mislabel
disconnect	misplace	discovered	misinterpret

1. The tribe member did not mean to _____ his spear but he could not see it anywhere.
2. We decided to _____ the car battery as we would not be driving the car for a few weeks.
3. Dad does not want to _____ Bee into thinking that she will be doing lots of other jobs for the tribe because he knows she needs to pluck feathers while she is young.
4. One of the tribe members was being very silly and started to _____ the bows and arrows by messing around with them.
5. The teacher started to _____ the history books as English books but quickly realised his error.
6. It is likely that Dog will _____ Bee's mood when she shouts as, no matter whether she is cross or happy, he gets excited whenever she shouts.

7. In Stone Age times, they did not know that they could _____ things to help prevent diseases spreading.
8. No one knows for sure when it happened, but human beings _____ how to make fire a long time ago.
9. Sometimes things _____ into Dog's mouth and are never seen again.
10. Our flight landed and we were told by the cabin crew that it was time to _____.

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★ Challenge Task ★

Write your own sentence using three mis- or dis- words.

Dis- and Mis- Words Answers

t	m	g	f	d	i	s	h	o	n	e	s	t	x	k
l	d	i	s	a	p	p	o	i	n	t	z	h	d	h
z	j	z	s	b	d	i	s	o	w	n	p	z	i	h
m	d	d	m	u	h	n	z	w	t	u	v	v	s	p
l	l	l	p	v	n	h	f	i	m	i	e	y	o	t
s	s	s	d	c	s	d	e	n	l	e	d	a	b	q
t	l	q	m	i	s	b	e	h	a	v	e	p	e	y
r	l	u	i	e	o	c	d	r	k	e	c	e	y	y
u	k	a	q	h	j	c	m	i	s	p	l	a	c	e
s	e	l	r	l	g	u	o	q	d	t	d	j	m	r
t	m	l	s	s	p	e	l	l	v	q	a	q	p	h
e	q	f	m	j	h	a	j	j	n	w	x	n	k	b
o	o	y	v	t	p	f	r	q	l	p	d	u	d	t
c	m	i	s	h	e	a	r	x	b	b	s	x	i	j
p	p	u	h	u	x	w	j	j	n	f	u	d	t	k

dislike

disown

disqualify

disobey

dishonest

disappoint

misunderstand

misplace

misbehave

mishear

misspell

mistrust

Part A

How many other words starting with dis- and mis- can you think of?

List them here.

disorganised, discover, misread, misjudge

Part B

1. The tribe member did not mean to ***misplace*** his spear but he could not see it anywhere.
2. We decided to ***disconnect*** the car battery as we would not be driving the car for a few weeks.
3. Dad does not want to ***mislead*** Bee into thinking that she will be doing lots of other jobs for the tribe because he knows she needs to pluck feathers while she is young.

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4. One of the tribe members was being very silly and started to ***misuse*** the bows and arrows by messing around with them.
5. The teacher started to ***mislabel*** the history books as English books but quickly realised his error.
6. It is likely that Dog will ***misinterpret*** Bee's mood when she shouts as, no matter whether she is cross or happy, he gets excited whenever she shouts.
7. In Stone Age times, they did not know that they could ***disinfect*** things to help prevent diseases spreading.
8. No one knows for sure when it happened, but human beings ***discovered*** how to make fire a long time ago.
9. Sometimes things ***disappear*** into Dog's mouth and are never seen again.
10. Our flight landed and we were told by the cabin crew that it was time to ***disembark***.

★ Challenge Task ★

Write your own sentence using three mis- or dis- words.

The wizard had mislabelled his spells and potions and this caused his television to disappear when he tried to disconnect it.