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Prefix Origins 'dis-' (lack of)



Adding the prefix "dis" to a word can apply the meaning "lack of" or "without". Many English words have formed from Latin but also from languages that were spoken in nearby countries. For example, Old Norse and Old French words infiltrated the language when the Vikings and Normans invaded Britain in medieval times.

Word	Word Origin	Current Word Meaning
--- <i>inclined</i>	1640's from Old French/Latin: "encliner"/"inclinare" to cause to lean (dis "without" + inclinare "bend toward")	
--- <i>courteous</i>	1560's from Old French: "curteis" having courtly manners (dis "lack of" + curteis "manners")	
--- <i>ability</i>	1570's from Old French: "ableté" want of ability (dis "without" + ableté "expert handling")	
--- <i>honest</i>	Late 14thC. from Latin: "dehonestus" dishonorable, (des "without" + honestus "honest")	
--- <i>loyal</i>	Early 15thC. from Old French: "desloial" treacherous, deceitful (des "without" + loial "to place")	

Write sentences using the above words that begin with the prefix 'dis':

How many words can you make using the letters in:

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