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tr.v. **de·bil·i·tat·ed**, **de·bil·i·tat·ing**, **de·bil·i·tates**

To sap the strength or energy of; enervate.

[Latin *dēbilitāre*, *dēbilitāt-*, from *dēbilis*, weak; see **bel-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de·bil'i-ta tion *n.*

de·bil i-ta'tive *adj.*

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