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v. de·flat·ed, de·flat·ing, de·flates

v.tr.

1.

a. To release contained air or gas from.

b. To collapse by releasing contained air or gas.

2. To reduce or lessen the size or importance of: *Losing the contest deflated my ego.*

3. Economics

a. To reduce the amount or availability of (currency or credit), effecting a decline in prices.

b. To produce deflation in (an economy).

v.intr.

To be or become deflated: *The balloon deflated slowly.*

[[DE-](#) + ([IN](#))[FLATE](#).]

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