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dis-

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pref.

1. Not: *dissimilar*.
2.
 - a. Absence of: *disinterest*.
 - b. Opposite of: *disfavor*.
3. Undo; do the opposite of: *disarrange*.
4.
 - a. Deprive of: *disfranchise*.
 - b. Remove: *disbud*.
5. Free from: *disintoxicate*.
6. Used as an intensive: *disannul*.

[Middle English, from Old French *des-*, from Latin *dis-*, apart, asunder.]

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Dis  (dīs)

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n.

Roman Mythology

1. The god of the underworld; Pluto.
2. The underworld.

[Latin *Dīs*, from variant of *dīves*, wealthy (from the belief that the underworld was the source of wealth from the ground); see **dyeu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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dis or **diss**  (dīs)

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tr.v. **dissed**, **diss-ing**, **diss-es**

Informal

To show disrespect to, often by insult or criticism: "[The network] is often *dissed* for going after older, less demographically desirable viewers" (Michael McWilliams).

[African American Vernacular English, short for [DISRESPECT](#).]

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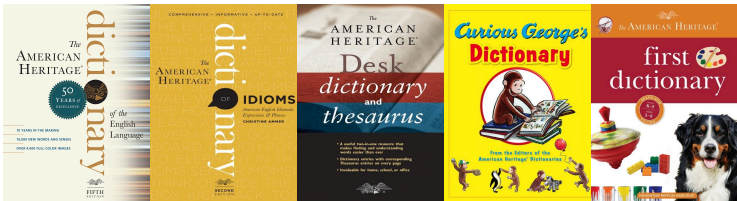
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