

Derivative Words

The prefix 'dis-' or 'mis-' attached to the beginning of a verb will give it a negative meaning. Complete each of the sentences below by adding the prefix 'dis-' or 'mis-' to the verb in brackets. Be sure to use the correct verb form.

- 1 The woman's cat could not be found; it had _____. (appear)
- 2 The participants did not want to discuss the matter any longer. They wanted to _____ the discussion. (continue)
- 3 I don't want anyone to cut in during the conversation. I _____ abrupt interference. (like)
- 4 If they have different points of view, they may _____. (agree)
- 5 Mr Washington was unhappy when his application was rejected. The rejection _____ him a lot. (please)
- 6 The guest's attitude _____ the host, Peter, and he wanted to find out the reason for it. (satisfy)
- 7 Note the correct spelling of the word. Don't _____ it. (spell)
- 8 Some books have wrong numbers. They have been _____. (number)
- 9 You are wrong this time. Be careful not to _____ again. (behave)
- 10 Nancy went to the wrong office. She must have been _____. (inform)

Answer Key:
1 disappeared 2 discontinue 3 dislike 4 disagree 5 displeased 6 dissatisfied 7 misspell 8 misnumbered 9 misbehave 10 misinformed