

## Vocabulary Sunrise: Prefix DE-

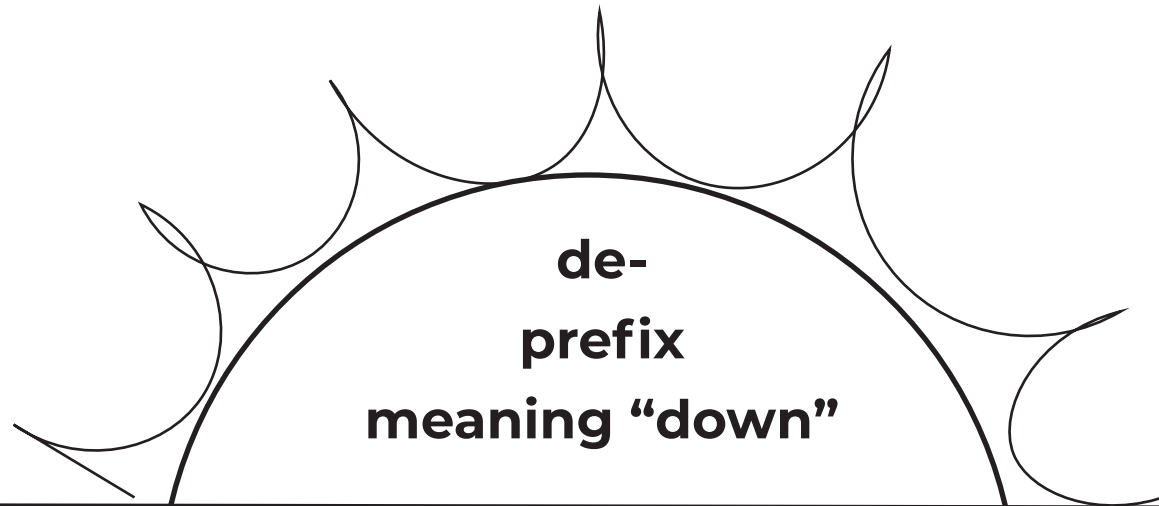
## Example

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Make half page copies of the Example page. Give students their own copy for reference. Have them record what each word means and how 'down' comes into that meaning.

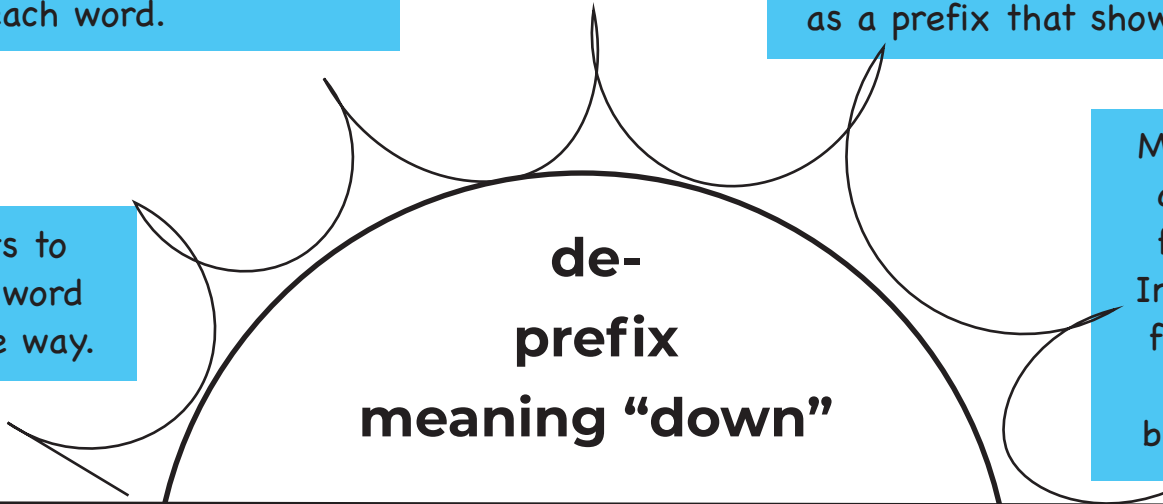
Search online for words that have the prefix de- meaning down.

Some of the words can be used as nouns or verbs. How does the idea of 'down' change based on how the words are used?

Make a large copy of the handout to use as a class project. Invite students to post de-words around the sunrise with sticky notes. As a class determine how the de- prefix is used in each word.

Give your students sticky notes to use as they read. Have them record words with de- as a prefix that show up in their reading.

Encourage students to describe how each word means down in some way.



Make connections with academic vocabulary from other subjects. In math for example, a fraction's denominator is found down below the division bar.

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## Teacher Tips

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