



## **VIDEO & PODCAST TRANSCRIPT #007**

### **WORDS WITH THE PREFIX DE-**

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Let's look at words beginning with the prefix de-

#### **Slide 4:**

The prefix de- means 'away', 'from', 'down'. It is added to a word to convey a meaning of 'remove', 'reduce'.

Let's look at some examples . . .

#### **Slide 5:**

deprive: meaning, to take something away

#### **Slide 6:**

In the picture we see a cage with the hand of an animal holding the wire.

The sentence example reads:

Many people believe it is cruel to deprive an animal of its freedom.

#### **Slide 7:**

Next, denuded, meaning, without the usual covering, made bare

**Slide 8:**

The picture shows a number of trees without any leaves.

The sentence example reads:

As winter approached, the trees became completely denuded.

**Slide 9:**

The next example is decay, meaning, to rot or break down, to fall into ruin

**Slide 10:**

The picture shows an old house in amongst trees, in a state of disrepair and ruin.

The sentence example reads:

We came across an old house which had started to decay.

**Slide 11:**

Next, debunk, meaning, to expose or uncover as false, to prove something is wrong

**Slide 12:**

The picture shows a cigarette in an ashtray.

The sentence example reads:

In recent years, the idea that cigarette smoking is harmless has been completely debunked.

**Slide 13:**

The next word is defend, meaning, to keep the enemy away, to protect against a challenge or attack

**Slide 14:**

The picture shows two horses, stallions, facing each other head to head.

The sentence example reads:

Two stallions prepare to defend their territory.

**Slide 15:**

Finally, there is the word detox, meaning, a treatment to remove poisonous substances from the body

**Slide 16:**

The picture shows a slice of fresh lemon in drinking water.

The sentence example reads:

If you need to detox, start each day by drinking lemon water.

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So remember, the prefix de- means 'away', 'from', 'down'.

Words beginning with de- often contain the idea of something removed or reduced.

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