

Lesson

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## Denigrate (verb)

**Definition:** to ruin the reputation of; speak ill of

**Synonyms:** **defame**

**Antonyms:** **praise, promote**

**Sentence:** His opponent's slanderous remarks could not denigrate the fine work done by Senator Owens.

## Denizen (noun)

**Definition:** an occupant; inhabitant

**Synonyms:** **inhabitant, resident**

**Antonyms:** **alien, foreigner, immigrant**

**Sentence:** Mac the Knife was a long time denizen of the underworld.

## Deplete (verb)

**Definition:** to use up gradually

**Synonyms:** **to empty, exhaust the supply**

**Antonyms:** **replenish**

**Sentence:** After we had depleted our meager food supply, we decided it was time to come out of hiding.

## Desecrate (verb)

**Definition:** to damage a holy place; to treat with irreverence

**Synonyms:** profane

**Antonyms:** consecrate

**Sentence:** The small church had been desecrated by vandals.

## Desist (verb)

**Definition:** to stop; forbear

**Synonyms:** cease, abstain

**Antonyms:** begin, start

**Sentence:** After many long hours, the rescue crew was told to desist in its futile efforts to recover the wreckage.

## Desolate (adjective)

**Definition:** lonely; forlorn; uninhabited; barren

**Synonyms:** dismal, wretched

**Antonyms:** populous, crowded

**Sentence:** The small raft washed ashore on a desolate island many miles from the mainland.