

dedication MSS 1

de- – opposite, down, away, from, or set apart
dic - speak

Match these derivatives of prefix *de-* and root *dic* with their meanings.

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| 1. dictator _____ | a. to speak against |
| 2. destruct _____ | b. the formal decision of a jury (the statement of the truth) |
| 3. contradict _____ | c. one who speaks for others |
| 4. debark _____ | d. to make a promise to set aside money or time |
| 5. devote _____ | e. opposite of to build up |
| 6. degrade _____ | f. the act of speaking out or announcing a command |
| 7. verdict _____ | g. to get off a boat or ship |
| 8. dictation _____ | h. to lower something or someone |
| 9. edict _____ | i. the act of writing down what is being said |

Choose three words and write a sentence for each word.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



dedication – MSS 2

Fill in the missing words with one of the derivatives of prefix *de-* and root *dic*.

dictator	destruct	devote	contradict	debark
degrade	verdict	dictation	edicts	

1. The defendant waited anxiously for the jury to return the _____.
2. My New Year's promise is to _____ more time helping care for homeless and injured animals.
3. The speaker seemed to _____ himself as he spoke, so it was hard to decide what he really thought.
4. The people did not dare contradict the _____ for fear of being put in prison.
5. The people knew they had to obey the dictator's _____.
6. At what time will the passengers _____ for the tour of the island?
7. The special teams worked quickly to _____ the missile.
8. The direct sun will _____ the fabric in the curtains.
9. After the students spelled the spelling words, they completed a sentence _____.

