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**cred** believe

Root

**credential** – n. a quality, skill, or experience that makes a person suited to do a job. *The job applicant listed his credentials on his resume.*

**credible** – adj. able to be believed; reasonable to trust or believe. *The policeman interviewed a credible witness.*

**creditor** – n. a person, bank, or company that lends money to someone. *The college student borrowed money from a creditor to buy a car.*

**creed** – n. a statement of the basic beliefs of a religion; an idea or set of beliefs that guides the actions of a person or group. *Our family's creed has been passed down from several generations. "Motto" "Saying" "Statement"*

**incredulous** – adj. not able or willing to believe something; feeling or showing a lack of belief. *I was incredulous as I listened to him tell his side of the story.*

**de- dis-** opposite, against

Prefix

**displace** – v. to take the job or position of someone or something; to force people or animals to leave the area where they live; to move something so that it is no longer in its original or regular location. *Younger workers have displaced many older, more expensive employees.*

**disgrace** – v. to cause someone to feel ashamed; to cause someone or something to lose or become unworthy of respect or approval. *The awful scandal disgraced everyone who worked in the governor's office.*

**decode** – v. to find or understand the true or hidden meaning of something; to change (secret messages, documents) from a set of letters, numbers, and/or symbols you cannot understand into words you can understand. *I was unable to decode her true feelings from reading her letter.*

**deprive** – v. to take something away from someone or something; to not allow to have or keep something. *The doctor would never intentionally deprive his patient of treatment.*

**decline** – v. to become lower in amount or less in number; to become worse in condition or quality; *Unfortunately, the patient's health continued to decline. to say that you will not or cannot do something. I will have to decline the invitation to Kathy's wedding since we are going on vacation that week.*