

DEGARAGED, DEPIPED AND DEROTORED

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There are lots of palindromic words that start with **de-** and end **-ed**. Here are some short ones listed in *The Palindromicon II* (Jeff Grant and Dan Tilque, Word Ways Monograph Series 6, 2002).

DEBBED made a debut as a debutante
DEKED fainted, in hockey
DENNED lived or dwelt in a den
DEPPED deputized for
DEWED wet with or as with dew; moistened
DEXED stimulated by dextroamphetamine pills

A few seven-letter specimens can be found in standard references. The following all appear in the *Oxford English Dictionary*, 2nd Edition, 1989.

DEEDEED euphemistic for 'damned' (d---d)
DEIFIED raised to the level of a god
DESESED old form of 'disseised', wrongfully dispossessed
DEVIVED devitalized, rendered lifeless
DEVOVED devoted, an obsolete word

Some longer coinages have been suggested using the prefixes **deca-** and **demi-**, for example:

DECAFACED having ten faces, such as a decahedron
DECAPACED having ten paces, like a ten-speed bicycle
DEMILIMED half-smearred with bird-lime
DEMIRIMED half-rimed (rhymed)

Actually, the first of these terms appears in hyphenated form in an Internet article unconnected with palindromes:

'Y'know how some people say two-faced, two faces? Now I say **deca-faced**, ten-faced, you have to see things in different ways.' (llk.media.mit.edu, Behind the Screens, Digital Storytelling as a Tool for Reflective Practice, Michelle Iva Hlubinka, June 2003)

The definitions of most **de-ed** type palindromes with seven or more letters involve freedom from or removal of something. The two most famous examples are chemical terms. The latter was apparently coined by master wordsmith Dmitri Borgmann in *Language On Vacation* (1965).

DETANNATED separated from, or free of, tannin
DETARTRATED with the tartrate content removed (Dmitri considered this the finest single-word English palindrome. He called it a 'palindrome of the future' and has been proven right.)

In the main, longer **de-ed** palindromes have been labeled 'contrived' or 'coined', logical maybe, but not found in dictionaries, or anywhere else outside discussions on long 'dromes. The exception is **DETANNATED**, for which a legitimate early citation of use was found in the name of a drug, '**detannated** tincture of cinchona' (8th decennial revision of the *Pharmacopoeia of the United States*). With the Internet, it is now possible to search for naturally-occurring examples of other long **de-ed** type palindromes. A few have already been noted in the *Palindromicon*, but most of the citations of use for the 44 palindromes following are new.

Some Net quotations are better than others, and the exact palindromic form of the word hasn't always been found. Generally, **de-ed** 'dromes can be written either with a hyphen after **de-**, or in solid form. The latter has been preferred here, even though there are hyphenated examples in some citations. Convincing citational evidence is lacking for a number of **de-ed** palindromes in this article, particularly **DEDEEDED**, **DEFIFED**, **DEMADAMED**, **DENINED**, **DEOBOED**, **DEREVERED**, **DEROTAVATORED**, **DESUFFUSED**, **DETALLATED**, **DETERPRETED**, **DETERRETED** and **DETILLITED**. Other less-likely candidates, involving removal of various things, include terms such as **DECILICED**, **DE-EPEED**, **DEMARRAMED**, **DEMINIMED**, **DENOONED** and **DEROTATORED**.

- DEBABED** of a beautiful woman, with the sexy 'babe' quality removed.
'The more **debabed** we get, the more men have to become the babes.'
(www.exampleessays.com, Barbara Lippert, 2007)
- DEBEEBED** past tense of **deBeeb**, to remove the influence of the 'Beeb', the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation).
'Now we be Beebed... At this present time certain influences are trying to **debeeb** our language.' (www.pepysdiary.com, Wednesday 31 December 1662 [Pepys Diary], Annotations, 12 Jan 2006)
- DEBOOBED** having had a breast (boob) or breasts removed.
'Lady Death has been defanged a bit, and even a little bit **deboobed**.'
(drownedinink.livejournal.com, Dukakis Hugging Moon Maiden, 14 Sep 2005)
- DEDEEDED** (a) rescinded the deed of a property, etc.
'Just as if you had left an item to someone in a will you are said to have 'willed' it, then with a deed, you can be said to have DEEDED it. Indeed, it is possible there may be a process by which this can be revoked, or **DEDEEDED**.'
(wotton-under-edge.org, Discussion Board, 13 May 2005)
- [This citation is not entirely satisfactory, as it occurs in a discussion on the longest word you can write on a mobile phone using only one key.]
- (b) past tense of **deDeed**, to remove the 'Deed' card from someone's hand (by making them play it, usually at a time when its effects can be handled), in 'Magic: The Gathering', a fantasy card-based role-playing game.
'When should you stage an all-out rush to **de-Deed** someone?'
(www.wizards.com, Why Are You Attacking Me? 24 Oct 2006)
- DEDIVIDED** past tense of **dedivide**, to stop division.
'If plurality is evil, division is the origin of evil. Perfection, then, would be to **de-divide** or get back to the indeterminate original, to "nondetermination".'
(Alienation and Liberation of Woman in the Church: A Treatment of the Erotic in Theology, p110, 2007. [Net])
- DEDUDED** past tense of **dedude**, to remove the testes for attitude adjustment in male animals; to castrate, neuter.
'I had my stallion **deduded** yesterday, so now he is a gelding.'
(www.urbandictionary.com, 20 Mar 2007)
- DEFIFED** with the fife (a high-pitched flute) removed, as in an edited version of "Beauty and the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas", where 'Fife' is Forte's sidekick.
'And then I released the "**De-Fifed**" clip.' (www.originaltrilogy.com, Forum, 23 Feb 2007)
- DEGAGED** past tense of **degage**, in paleontology, to remove the rock matrix from a fossil specimen grain by grain.
'About 1000 specimens **degaged** or macerated from Doushantuo shales exposed at Miaohu.' (www.findarticles.com, Journal of Paleontology, Nov 1998)
- DEGARAGED** past tense of **degarage**, to remove a car, etc., from a garage.
'Quick, Watson, **degarage** the Citroen Jumpy and bring it round the front.'
(www.thesprout.net, 'The Sprout', Number 7, March 2003)
- DEIVIED** past tense of **deivy**, to strip ivy from a tree, fence, yard, etc.
'I hope you bid that job by the hour - it once took 16 manhours to **deivy** a big beech.'
(www.treebuzz.com, Before and After [ivy removal], 20 Oct 2006)
'The peonies may bloom this year too, after being **de-ivied** and given more light.'
(forums.gardenweb.com, Re: where are the history folk? 27 Feb 2004)
- DEKAYAKED** disembarked from a kayak.
'The drip skirts hid the damage until we all **de-kayaked** to discover the rain had collected in such a way as it made us look like an incontinence meeting.'
(untilthemoneyrunsout.blogspot.com, 25 Aug 2005)
- DEKIKED** with the Kike (Jew) element removed, an offensive term.
'Please stop this Kike cause if I don't get **de-Kiked**, I might be coming after you and your Goy money.' (sevenfatcow.wordpress.com, De-Kike! 29 Nov 2006)
- DEKOOKED** with the kook(s) or kookiness removed.
'No, your original point was that you [Republicans] have been **dekooked**.'
(www.tpmcafe.com, How to Be a Democrat When the Democrats Suck, 30 Aug 2005)

- DELEVELED** having lost a 'level', in fantasy role-playing jargon.
'He was **deleveled** to 20 before he woke up and pulled the plug on his internet connection to escape.' (www.serenity-now.com, Forum, 15 Sep 2006)
- DEMADAMED** coined word describing a brothel with the 'madam' removed, compare 'detenanted' in the OED. (Palindromicon)
- DEMEMED** with the 'meme' constituent removed. A meme is an element of culture (an idea, value or pattern of behavior) that is passed from one person to another by non-genetic means, especially imitation.
'Not only are relatively few words available, but those which are must first be **de-memed** before natural sense-making can occur.'
(www.intersurf.com, Being Sexual, J Bruce Evans, 30 Mar 2007)
- DEMIMED** (of email or newsgroup posts) with the 'mime' attachment removed or converted to plain text ('mime' = multipurpose Internet mail extension).
'The Spam Assassin patch scans the **demimed** message and sends it to the list.'
(mail.python.org, Filtering spam with SpamAssassin, Procmail and Mailman, 26 May 2002)
- DENINED** when bowling, hitting only nine pins of ten on a given roll, especially when the tenth pin wavers around and wants to fall down but doesn't, a coined word.
(www.angelfire.com, The Ictionary)
- DEOBOED** deprived of or without an oboe, a coined word.
' "**Deoboed**" is represented as an unconscious musician recumbent beside his music stand while his mugger turns away - a mallet in one hand and an oboe in the other.'
(search.barnesandnoble.com, Sit On A Potato Pan, Otis! by Jon Agee, 1999 - From The Critics, Peter D Sieruta)
- DEPEEPED** with the Peeps removed, free of Peeps, small marshmallow candies, sold in the US, which are shaped into baby chicks, etc. (often written in lower case)
'Haven't had any peeps today. Michele, you've been **de-peeped**!?'
(www.micheleagnew.com, A Heavenly Topic, 27 Mar 2005)
- DEPIPED** past tense of **depipe**, to remove a pipe or pipes.
'First one had no coolant in, but you don't find this out till fully fitted, so it all had to be **depiped** and removed.'
(www.iee-conventions.com, IET Forums, Air Conditioning Units, 19 Mar 2007)
- DEPOOPED** past tense of **depoop**, to remove excrement (poop).
'We had just **depooped** the yard and both dogs were outside with us minding their own business.'
(www.boxerdogplanet.com, Forum, Behavioral Issues, 4 Jun 2006)
- DEPOPED** removed a pope from office.
'If I recall, the pope had been **depoped**... by some other cardinals... and the monarch of the time... placed him back in power.'
(www.n-philes.net, Forums, 3 Sep 2005)
- DERADARED** with the radar system not operating.
'Would have to trace individual histories... to determine whether they were **de-radared** night-fighters or ex-23 Squadron Intruders.'
(agw.bombs-away.net, WarBirds III Open Beta version, 28 Aug 2002)
- DERARED** with the 'rare' quality, or rareness, removed.
'Sadly this item was totally **de-rared** with the introduction of the hero.'
(www.freewebs.com, Tibia/Libera, The Rarity of a Crown Set, 2006)
- DEREVERED** deprogrammed from some cult, a coined word.
'[He] calls the sad, afflicted, desperate sufferers to come forward and be **derevered** from their afflictions.'
(users.aol.com, Edicide in Silopolis, M Keith, 'The Palindromist', No. 6, 1998)
- DEROTAVATORED** a coined word describing the state of a farmer who has had his rotary cultivator (rotavator) stolen or repossessed. (Palindromicon)
- DEROTORED** past tense of **derotor**, to remove the rotor, from a helicopter for example.
'Meanwhile on the ramp the crane is hard at work **de-rotoring** a Chinook.'
(www.airliners.net, Aviation Photos, Nov 2005)
- DESINISED** past tense of **desinise**, variant of 'desinize', to remove the element of sin or sinfulness.
'Discredit the notion of just price and you **desinize** usury.'
(www.wju.edu, The Jesuits

and the Spirit of Capitalism, Fred Seddon, from Wheeling Jesuit College's 'Annual', Spring 1991)

- DESUFFUSED** a coined word describing the effect seen when a video played in reverse shows a liquid, color or light leaving a medium in which it had previously spread or suffused. (I Love Me, Vol. I, Michael Donner, 1996)
- DEBALLATED** with the ballate removed, a coined term (compare 'detannated'). BALLATE is a metallic soap made from 'ball oil' (Webster's 3rd Edition).
- DETANNATED** separated from, or free of, tannin (tannic acid, an important tanning and clarifying agent).
'**Detannated** sherry is preferred for preparation of wines containing alkaloids and other substances incompatible with tannin.' (www.henriettesherbal.com, Vinum Xericum, B.P., Sherry, The British Pharmaceutical Codex, 1911)
- DETARTRATED** past tense of **detartrate**, to remove tartrates, especially from fruit juices and wines, in order to reduce tartness or sourness. (Wiktionary, en.wiktionary.org)
'The juice shall be **detartrated** and settled prior to shipment.'
(www.sacarlson.com, 100% Pure Concord Grape Juice Concentrate, 17 Feb 2007)
- DETATED** a nonce word in the joky expression 'his capa was **detated**', that is, he was decapitated. (Apparently originating from an episode of the TV sitcom 'The Office'.)
'I got the Dwight bobblehead and his capa was **detated**.' (www.officetally.com, The Office fansite, 2 Jan 2007)
- DETAXATED** past tense of **detaxate**, rare variant of 'detax', to remove or reduce taxation, to apply 'detaxation'.
'Motor fuels are generally taxed quite heavily in Europe, and **detaxating** biofuels may make them cost competitive depending on the level of detaxation...'
(www.fas.usda.gov, Rapeseed Production May Benefit from New EU Directive, 4 Nov 2003)
- DETENETED** with a tenet or tenets (doctrines, principles, opinions) removed.
'Just one of the tenets of my mother that I've forsaken... how will I know if I've been **deteneted** if I have nothing with which to make a comparison?'
(forums.pcworld.co.nz, Re: Cooking Oils, 25 Feb 2007)
- DETERPRETED** (a) past tense of the contrived verb **deterpret**, to tell the difference between something (?) (www.geocities.com, Renae's Dictionary, 23 Feb 2007)
(b) the title of a word-unit palindromic poem in 'Table of Forms', a book by Dominique Fitzpatrick-O'Dinn, published in 2006. (www.spinelessbooks.com)
- DETERRETED** with the metal ring (terret) removed, from a collar, strap, etc., no longer terreted, a coined word. (Palindromicon)
- DETILLITED** with the tillite removed, a coined term. According to Webster's 3rd Edition, tillite is a rock formed of consolidated boulder-clay. (Palindromicon)
- DETOOTED** past tense of **detoot**, to remove the 'toot' from a horn, etc.
'I'm not tooting my own horn; I'm **detooting** theirs.' (www.fumento.com, Hate Mail, Volume 18, p102, 13 Jan 2005)
- DETOTED** past tense of **detote**, to remove from a tote bag.
'... services ranging from **de-toting** and de-bagging products to packaging finished components and ingredients into 25-50 lb. bags and 2,000 lb. tote bags.'
(www.wattnet.com, Petfood Industry Electronic Newsletter, Vol 5, No. 7, 5 Apr 2005)
- DEWOWED** past tense of **dewow**, to remove instrument 'wow' (very low-frequency inductive phenomena) in a GPR (ground-penetrating radar) system.
'The data are **dewowed** to remove low frequency noise due to the electronics in the radar unit.' (asae.frymulti.com, Using Ground Penetrating Radar to Measure Soil Moisture Content, W P Clement & A L Ward, 2003)
- DEXANAXED** free from (the effects of) Xanax, a sedative used to treat certain anxiety states.
'I am thoroughly **de-xanaxed**, I think.' (www.dr-bob.org, Re: holy kookamunga, Sabrina 0805, 21 Feb 2006)
- DEYAYED** past tense of **deyay**, to remove the 'yay!' element of approval, congratulation or triumph.
'Apologies for **de-yaying** the thread the other night.' (www.bowlie.com, Forum, Yay Yay Yay!!!!, 4 jun 2004)