

Down and Away

Prefixes	Meaning	Words You Already Know
cata	down, away from	catapult
de	down, away from	decline, decrease
tele	far, distance	telephone



New Words

Definitions	Sentences
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catacomb (n) - underground cave or tomb

In the catacomb the archeologists found mummies that were thousands of years old.

catalyst (n) - a substance that speeds up or causes a reaction; something that causes activity between two or more people

Once the chemist put the catalyst in the mixture, it quickly turned into a solid mass.

catastrophe (n) - tragic event; sudden disaster or misfortune

The traffic accident was a catastrophe that affected several families.

debark (v) - to exit a ship; to go on land

We were scheduled to debark the cruise ship in Stockholm at 4 o'clock.

default (v) - failure to do something, be somewhere, or pay money that is due

Because they defaulted on their house loan, they found it difficult to get any other loans.

degrade (v) - to lower in status; to show contempt or dishonor

Mary's comments were critical of the committee's chairwoman and degraded her status among other members.

depose (v) - to remove from office

After the revolution the king was deposed and replaced by the leader of the military.

telemarket (v) to sell products or services over the telephone

One way to sell our product is to target people who would buy it and telemarket directly to them.

telepathy - (n) - communication by means other than normal sensory communication

The psychic said she could communicate with people via telepathy.

telephoto - (adj) - a camera lens that makes distant objects appear closer

The camera's telephoto lense allowed me to take a picture of a bear from a safe distance.

