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Words with “de”:

Here are some words that start with “de” (originally from Latin, meaning **down, off, away, from**):

- **Decrease** = lower, lessen
The need for cleaning **decreases** when campus closes.
- **Deduct** = take out, take away from
An employer **deducts** taxes from your paycheck.
- **Defund** = take away money
Many protestors want to **defund** police departments in the U.S.
- **Deflect** = turn away, push aside
The official tried to **deflect** the question he did not want to answer.

Check a dictionary for many more!

Phrases for conversation:

Use these phrases to ask about someone’s well-being:

- **How are things with you?**
- **How have you been?**
- **How’s everything going?**
- **So, how’s life been treating you?**
- **How’ve you been getting along?**

Note: “**How are you?**” is often a simple greeting (like “hello” or “hi”), not an actual question about well-being.

-Adapted from **Perfect Phrases for ESL Conversation Skills** by Diane Englehardt

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Famous quote:

“Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don’t. - Bill Nye

Two Opposite Proverbs:

“The early bird gets the worm” means someone who does things early will have more success.

“Better late than never” means it is better to do something late than to not do it at all.