

detest

[dɪ'test] **v**
 ненавидеть, питать отвращение
 I detest being interrupted - терпеть не могу, когда меня прерывают

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de-test [detest detests detested detesting] *BrE* [dɪ'test] ^m *NAmE* [dɪ'test] ^m

verb
 (not used in the progressive tenses) ~ **sb/sth** | ~ **doing sth** to hate sb/sth very much

Syn: ↑loathe
 • They detested each other on sight.
Derived Word ↑detestation

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	detest
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'test/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'test/
he / she / it	detests
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'tests/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'tests/
past simple, past participle	detested
	<i>BrE</i> /dɪ'testɪd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /dɪ'testɪd/

Word Origin:

late 15th cent.: from Latin *detestari*, from *de-* 'down' + *testari* 'witness, call upon to witness' (from *testis* 'a witness').

Synonyms:

hate
 dislike • can't stand • despise • can't bear • loathe • detest

These words all mean to have a strong feeling of dislike for sb/sth.
hate • to have a strong feeling of dislike for sb/sth. Although **hate** is generally a very strong verb, it is also commonly used in spoken or informal English to talk about people or things that you dislike in a less important way, for example a particular type of food: ▪ He hates violence in any form. ◊▪ I've always hated cabbage.
dislike • (rather formal) to not like sb/sth. **Dislike** is a rather formal word; it is less formal, and more usual, to say that you **don't like** sb/sth, especially in spoken English: ▪ I don't like it when you phone me so late at night.
can't stand • (rather informal) used to emphasize that you really do not like sb/sth: ▪ I can't stand his brother. ◊▪ She couldn't stand being kept waiting.
despise • to dislike and have no respect for sb/sth: ▪ He despised himself for being so cowardly.
can't bear • used to say that you dislike sth so much that you cannot accept or deal with it: ▪ I can't bear having cats in the house.

can't stand or can't bear?

In many cases you can use either word, but **can't bear** is slightly stronger and slightly more formal than **can't stand**.

loathe • to hate sb/sth very much: ▪ They loathe each other.
Loathe is generally an even stronger verb than **hate**, but it can also be used more informally to talk about less important things, meaning 'really don't like': ▪ Whether you love or loathe their music, you can't deny their talent.
detest • (rather formal) to hate sb/sth very much: ▪ They absolutely detest each other.

I hate/dislike/can't stand/can't bear/loathe/detest **doing sth**.
 I hate/can't bear **to do sth**.
 I hate/dislike/can't stand/can't bear **it when...**
 I **really** hate/dislike/can't stand/despise/can't bear/detest sb/sth
 I **absolutely** hate/can't stand/loathe/detest sb/sth

Example Bank:

• They absolutely detest each other.

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de-test /dɪ'test/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **verb** [transitive not in progressive]

[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Latin; Origin: *detestari*, from *testis* 'one who gives information against someone']

to hate something or someone very much:

▪ The two men detested each other.

—**detestation** /,dɪ'teɪʃən/ **noun** [uncountable]

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▪ **hate verb** [transitive not in progressive] to dislike someone or something very much: Billy hated his stepfather. | He hated the fact that his wife was more successful than he was. | She hates people being late.
 ▪ **can't stand/can't bear** to hate someone or something. **Can't stand** is less formal than **hate**, and is very common in everyday English: She's OK, but I can't stand her husband. | He couldn't bear the thought of life without Nicole. | She can't stand being on her own.

- **loathe** /ləʊð \$ loʊð//**detest** *verb* [transitive not in progressive] to hate something or someone very much. **Loathe** and **detest** are a little more formal than **hate**: He loathed housework. | Greg had detested his brother for as long as he could remember. | She evidently loathes her ex-husband.
- **despise** *verb* [transitive not in progressive] to hate someone or something very much and have no respect for them: He despised the man and could never forgive him for what he had done. | They despised the wealth and consumerism of the West.
- **abhor** /əb'ho: \$ əb'ho:ræb-/ *verb* [transitive not in progressive] *formal* to hate something because you think it is morally wrong: He abhorred violence. | We abhor racism in any form.

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