deconstruct

de·con·struct [deconstruct deconstructs deconstructed deconstructing] *BrE*

[ˌdiːkənˈstrʌkt] *NAmE* [ˌdiːkənˈstrʌkt] verb **~ sth** (technical)

(in literature and philosophy) to analyse a text in order to show that there is no fixed meaning within the text but that the meaning is created each time in the act of reading

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	deconstruct
	BrE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌkt/
	NAmE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌkt/
he / she /it	deconstructs
	BrE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌkts/
	NAmE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌkts/
past simple, past participle	deconstructed
	BrE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌktɪd/
	NAmE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌktɪd/
-ing form	deconstructing
	BrE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌktɪŋ/
	NAmE /ˌdiːkənˈstrʌktɪŋ/

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late 19th cent.: back-formation from ↑deconstruction.

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See main entry: ↑deconstruction

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