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Definition of dispose in English:

dispose


VERB

- 1 **(dispose of)** [*no object*] Get rid of by throwing away or giving or selling to someone else.
'the waste is disposed of in the North Sea'
'people now have substantial assets to dispose of after their death'

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- 1.1 *informal* Kill.

'all of them have been efficient in disposing of their rivals by deadly means'

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- 1.2 Overcome (a rival or threat)

'the Scottish champions were buoyant after they disposed of English champions Leeds'

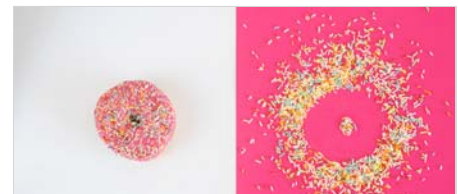
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- 1.3 *informal* Consume (food or drink) quickly or enthusiastically.

'she watched him dispose of a large slice of cheese'

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- 2 [*with object*] Incline (someone) towards a particular activity or mood.


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'Breech' or 'Breach'?

Which of the following is correct?

- His breeches were made of leather

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'prolactin, a calming hormone, is released, disposing you towards sleep'
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[with object and infinitive] 'personalities that dispose them to be uncooperative and egotistic'

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3 *[with object and adverbial]* Arrange in a particular position.

'the chief disposed his attendants in a circle'

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3.1 *literary [no object]* Determine the course of events.

'the government proposed, but the trade union movement disposed'

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Origin

Late Middle English from Old French *disposer*, from Latin *disponere* 'arrange', influenced by *dispositus* 'arranged' and Old French *poser* 'to place'.

Pronunciation

dispose /dɪˈspəʊz/

His breaches were made of leather

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