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dispose

[verb](#)

dis·pose | \ di-'spōz \ \
disposed; disposing

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Definition of *dispose*

(Entry 1 of 2)

[transitive verb](#)

1 : to give a tendency to : [incline](#) faulty diet disposes one to sickness
 2a : to put in place : set in readiness : [arrange](#) *disposing* troops for withdrawal
 b obsolete : [regulate](#)
 c : [bestow](#)

[intransitive verb](#)

1 : to settle a matter finally
 2 obsolete : to come to terms
 dispose of
 1 : to place, distribute, or arrange especially in an orderly way *disposing of* the weapons in the new fort
 2a : to transfer to the control of another *disposing of* personal property to a total stranger
 b(1) : to get rid of how to *dispose of* toxic waste
 (2) : to deal with conclusively *disposed of* the matter efficiently

dispose

[noun](#)

Definition of *dispose* (Entry 2 of 2)

1 obsolete : [disposal](#)

2 obsolete

a : [disposition](#)

b : [demeanor](#)

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Verb

disposer noun

Synonyms for *dispose*

Synonyms: Verb

[depose](#), [deposit](#), [emplace](#), [fix](#), [lay](#), [place](#), [position](#), [put](#), [set](#), [set up](#), [situate](#), [stick](#)

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Choose the Right Synonym for *dispose*

Verb

[incline](#), [bias](#), [dispose](#), [predispose](#) mean to influence one to have or take an attitude toward something. [incline](#) implies a tendency to favor one of two or more actions or conclusions. I *incline* to agree [bias](#) suggests a settled and predictable leaning



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in one direction and connotes unfair prejudice. the experience *biased* him against foreigners [dispose](#) suggests an affecting of one's mood or temper so as to incline one toward something. her nature *disposes* her to trust others [predispose](#) implies the operation of a disposing influence well in advance of the opportunity to manifest itself. does fictional violence *predispose* them to accept real violence?

Examples of *dispose* in a Sentence

Verb

looking for the perfect spot to *dispose* the new knickknack *disposed* the surgical instruments in the exact order in which they would be needed

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First Known Use of *dispose*

Verb

14th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1](#)

Noun

1590, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

History and Etymology for *dispose*

Verb and Noun

Middle English, from Anglo-French *desposer*, from Latin *disponere* to arrange (perfect indicative *disposui*), from *dis-* + *ponere* to put — more at [position](#)

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[verb](#)



English Language Learners Definition of *dispose*

formal


: to cause (someone) to be likely to do or have something

: to put (someone or something) in a particular position or place

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[verb](#)

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Kids Definition of *dispose*

: to put in place : [arrange](#) Campsites were *disposed* around the lake.
dispose of

1 : to finish with The matter was quickly *disposed of*.

2 : to get rid of Please *dispose of* trash properly.

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ineffable 

incapable of being expressed in words