

disprove
 [dis'pru:v] v (disproved [-{dis'pru:v}d] disproved, disproven)
 опровергать; доказывать ложность (чего-л.)

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dis·prove [disprove disproves disproved disproving] BrE [ˌdɪs'pruːv] NAmE
 [ˌdɪs'pruːv] verb ~ sth

to show that sth is wrong or false
 • The theory has now been disproved

Opp: ↑prove

Verb forms:

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| present simple | |
| I / you / we / they | disprove |
| | BrE / ˌdɪs'pruːv/ |
| | NAmE / ˌdɪs'pruːv/ |
| he / she / it | disproves |
| | BrE / ˌdɪs'pruːvz/ |
| | NAmE / ˌdɪs'pruːvz/ |
| past simple, past participle | disproved |
| | BrE / ˌdɪs'pruːvd/ |
| | NAmE / ˌdɪs'pruːvd/ |
| -ing form | disproving |
| | BrE / ˌdɪs'pruːvɪŋ/ |
| | NAmE / ˌdɪs'pruːvɪŋ/ |

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **desprover**.

Thesaurus:

disprove verb T

• It took over six months to disprove the allegations.

discredit • **invalidate** • **demolish** • **explode** • **debunk** • |formal **refute** • • **rebut** • • **confound** •

Opp: prove Opp: confirm

disprove/discredit/invalidate/demolish/explode/debunk/refute a **theory**

disprove/invalidate/demolish/explode/debunk/refute a **myth**

disprove/discredit/invalidate/demolish/refute/rebut/confound an **argument**

disprove/discredit/invalidate/demolish/explode/refute/rebut a **claims**

Disprove, refute or rebut? **Disprove** is the most frequent of these words and is used especially for scientific or historical matters. **Refute** is used to talk about arguments or accusations; **rebut** is used especially to talk about accusations.

Example Bank:

- It is difficult to confirm or disprove the existence of such a group.
- It took over two months to disprove the allegation.
- One of their conclusions was soon disproved by events.

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dis·prove /dɪs'pruːv/ BrE NAmE verb [transitive]

[Word Family: verb: ↑prove ≠ ↑disprove; noun: ↑proof, adjective: ↑proven ≠ ↑unproven]

to show that something is wrong or not true **OPP** prove:

These figures disproved Smith's argument.

—**disproof** /-'pruːf/ noun [uncountable and countable] formal

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 RANGE: **12k DISPROVE** 640
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 disproves 50
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 COCA 500k Unlemmatized
 290 **42034**³⁰⁷ vvi
 46 **108785**⁵⁰ vv0