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called also *expected* esp. when the usual response is nonadaptive —
 called also *displacement activity, displacement behavior*
dis-plant (di-'splant) *v* [MF *desplanter*, fr. *des-* + *planter* to plant, fr. *L. plantare*] (15c) 1: DISPLACE, REMOVE 2: SUPPLANT
dis-play (di-'splā) *v* [ME, fr. AF *desplaier*, *desploier*, lit., to unfold — more at **DEPLOY**] *v* (14c) 1 a: to put or spread before the view (~ the flag) b: to make evident (~ed great skill) c: to exhibit ostentatiously (~lied to ~ his erudition) 2 *obs*: *DESCRY* ~ *vi* 1 *obs*: SHOW OFF 2: to make a breeding display (penguins ~ed and copulated) *syn* *see* SHOW — **dis-play-able** \-'splā-a-bəl/ *adj*
display *n*, often *attrib* (1665) 1 a (1): a setting or presentation of something in open view (a fireworks ~) (2): a clear sign or evidence : EXHIBITION (a ~ of courage) b: ostentatious show c: type, composition, or printing designed to catch the eye d: an eye-catching arrangement by which something is exhibited (a ~ of artifacts) — often used with *on* (her early paintings are currently *on* ~) e: an electronic device (as a cathode-ray tube) that presents information in visual form; also: the visual information 2: a pattern of behavior exhibited esp. by male birds in the breeding season
dis-please \di-'plēz/ *v* [ME *displezen*, fr. AF *despleisir*, *desplere*, fr. *des-* + *plēsir* to please — more at **PLEASE**] *v* (14c) 1: to incur the disapproval or dislike of esp. by annoying (their gossip ~s her) 2: to be offensive to (abstract art ~s him) (3) *vi*: to give displeasure (behave ~ingly) — **dis-pleas-ure** \di-'plē-zhər, -'plā-/ *n* (15c) 1: the feeling of one that is displeased : DISFAVOR 2: DISCOMFORT, UNHAPPINESS 3 *archaic*: OFFENSE, INJURY
dis-plode (di-'splōd) *v*, **dis-plod-ed**; **dis-plod-ing** [L *displodere*, fr. *dis-* + *plaudere* to clap, applaud] (1667) *archaic*: EXPLODE — **dis-plo-sion** \-'splō-zhən/ *n*
dis-port (di-'spōrt) *n* (14c) *archaic*: SPORT, PASTIME
dis-port *v* [ME, fr. AF *desporter*, to carry away, comfort, entertain, fr. *des-* + *porter* to carry, fr. *L. portare* — more at **FARE**] *v* (14c) 1: DIVERT, AMUSE 2: DISPLAY ~ *vi*: to amuse oneself in light or lively fashion : FROLIC — **dis-port-ment** \-'mōnt/ *n*
dis-pos-able \di-'spō-zə-bəl/ *adj* (1643) 1: subject to or available for disposal; *specif*: referring to an individual after deduction of taxes and necessary living expenses (~ income) 2: designed to be used once and then thrown away (~ diapers) — **dis-pos-abil-ity** \-'spō-zə-'bi-lə-tē/ *n*
disposable *n* (1963): something that is disposable
dis-pos-al \di-'spō-zəl/ *n* (1630) 1: the power or authority to dispose or make use of as one chooses (~ the car was at my ~) 2: the act or process of disposing; as a: (orderly placement or) distribution b: REGULATION, ADMINISTRATION c: the act or action of presenting or disposing of something (~ of favors) d: systematic destruction; esp.: destruction or transformation of garbage [garbage disposal unit] e: a device used to reduce waste matter (as by grinding)
dis-pose \di-'spōz/ *v*, **dis-posed**; **dis-pos-ing** [ME, fr. AF *desposer*, fr. *L. disponere* to arrange (perf. indic. *disposui*), fr. *dis-* + *ponere* to put — more at **POSITION**] *v* (14c) 1: to give a tendency to : INCLINE (faulty diet ~s one to sickness) 2 a: to put in place : set in readiness : ARRANGE (disposing troops for withdrawal) b *obs*: REGULATE c: BESTOW ~ *vi* 1: to settle a matter finally 2 *obs*: to come to terms *syn* *see* INCLINE — **dis-pos-er** *n* — **dis-posal** of 1: to place, distribute, or arrange esp. in an orderly way 2 a: 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 *n* (1590) 1 *obs*: DISPOSAL 2 *obs* a: DISPOSITION b: DE-MEANOR
dis-po-si-tion \di-'spō-'zi-shən/ *n* [ME, fr. AF, fr. L *dispositio*-, *dispositio*, fr. *disponere*] (14c) 1: the act or the power of disposing or of the state of being disposed; as a: ADMINISTRATION, CONTROL b: final arrangement : SETTLEMENT (the ~ of the case) c (1): transfer to the care or possession of another (2): the power of such transfer d: orderly arrangement 2 a: prevailing tendency, mood, or inclination b: temperamental manner c: the tendency of something to act in a certain manner under given circumstances — **dis-po-si-tion-al** \-'zi-'shənəl, -'zi-'shə-nəl/ *adj*
disposition \di-'spō-zhən/ *n*, *TEMPERAMENT*, TEMPER, CHARACTER, PERSONALITY mean the dominant quality or qualities distinguishing a person or group. DISPOSITION implies customary moods and attitude toward the life around one (a cheerful disposition). TEMPERAMENT implies a pattern of innate characteristics associated with one's specific physical and nervous organization (an artistic temperament). TEMPER implies the qualities acquired through experience that determine how a person or group meets difficulties or handles situations (a resilient temper). CHARACTER applies to the aggregate of moral qualities by which a person is judged apart from intelligence, competence, or special talents (strength of character). PERSONALITY applies to an aggregate of qualities that distinguish one as a person (a somber personality).
dis-pos-i-tive \di-'spā-zə-tiv/ *adj* (ca. 1618): directed toward or effecting disposition (as of a case) (~ evidence)
dis-pos-sess \di-'spō-zes/ *also* -'ses/ *v* [MF *despossesser*, fr. *des-* + *possessor* to possess] (15c) : to put out of possession or occupancy (~ed the nobles of their land) — **dis-pos-sess-ion** \-'ze-'shən/ *also* -'sē-/ *n* — **dis-pos-ses-sor** \-'ze-'sər/ *also* -'sē-/ *n*
dis-pos-sessed \-'zest/ *also* -'sɛst/ *adj* (15c): deprived of homes, possessions, and security
dis-pos-sure \di-'spō-zhər/ *n* (1569) *archaic*: DISPOSAL, DISPOSITION
dis-praise \di-'praɪz/ *v* [ME *dispraisen*, fr. AF *despreisier*, *despreisier*, fr. *des-* + *preisier* to praise] (13c) : to comment on with disapproval or censure — **dis-praise** *n* — **dis-prais-er** *n* — **dis-prais-ing-ly** \-'praɪ-zɪŋ-/ *adv*
dispread \di-'spred/ *v* (1590) : to spread abroad or out

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