

If you come across a word you don't know, you can often understand it by breaking it into smaller pieces. "Decoding" the word by removing prefixes and suffixes until there is a root word that you know is a good way to improve your vocabulary.

antidisestablishmentarianism

The prefix ANTI means against, *as in antibiotic*

The prefix DIS means undo, *as in dismiss*

The suffix ARY means related to, *as in revolutionary*

The suffix IAN means belonging to, *as in Canadian*

The suffix ISM means ideology, *as in communism*

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the ideology of people who are connected with being against undoing the establishment.

In the 1870s, the Church of England was the state church. Some people did not want it to be the state church. The people who felt it should remain the way it was (that is, they were against undoing the establishment) were called antidisestablishmentarians.