



debase

(verb)

To **debase** something means to reduce its value or quality.

Etymology: mid 16th century (in the sense 'humiliate, belittle'): from de- 'down' + the obsolete verb *base* (compare with *abase*), expressing the notion 'bring down completely'.



Synonyms

- Dishonour
- Disgrace
- Degrade

Sentences containing the verb 'debase'

- The large raise that he gave himself **debased** his motives for running the charity.
- Her rude and aggressive manner **debased** the positive reference she got from her previous employer.



French translation:
Déprécier ou dévaloriser (items)
Abaisser (person)

Antonyms

- Glorify
- Elevate
- Honour