

Metrodorus project

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Dehorting -- that's a new one for me, but traces right back to the latin as opposite of exhort - which isn't so archaic!

Dehorting is the present participle/gerund of the rare/archaic verb "dehort". Meaning To dehort = to strongly advise against something, to dissuade, or to urge someone not to do a particular action.

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It is essentially the opposite of "exhort" (which means to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something). Examples

- "His friends tried to dehort him from quitting his job impulsively."
- "The coach was dehorting the team from using risky plays."
- "Parents often dehort their children from dangerous habits."

Notes

- It's a formal, literary, or somewhat obsolete word derived from Latin *dehortārī* ("to dissuade").
- You won't see it in everyday modern English very often — "dissuade," "discourage," or "advise against" are the common replacements.
- It occasionally appears in older literature, philosophical texts (e.g., Hobbes), or as a deliberate stylistic choice for its precision.