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abase	Behave in a way that belittles or degrades (someone). <i>I watched my colleagues abasing themselves before the board of trustees.</i>
<u>abate</u>	Make less active or intense. <i>Nothing abated his crusading zeal.</i>
adulterate	Corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance; often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>The brewer is said to adulterate his beer.</i>
<u>curtail</u>	Terminate or abbreviate before its intended or proper end or its full extent. <i>Curtail drinking in school.</i>
debase	Corrupt debase or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>The King was forced to debase the coinage.</i>
decrease	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>He decreased his staff.</i>
decrement	A process of becoming smaller or shorter. <i>Relaxation produces a decrement in sympathetic nervous activity.</i>
<u>defame</u>	Damage the good reputation of (someone); slander or libel. <i>He claimed that the article defamed his family.</i>
degrade	Wear down (rock) and cause it to disintegrate. <i>He was degraded from his high estate.</i>
<u>demote</u>	Move (someone) to a lower position or rank, usually as a punishment. <i>She was demoted because she always speaks up.</i>
detract	Cause someone or something to be distracted or diverted from. <i>His bad manners detract from his good character.</i>
dilute	Corrupt, debase, or make impure by adding a foreign or inferior substance; often by replacing valuable ingredients with inferior ones. <i>Dilute acetic acid.</i>

diminish	Make or become less. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i>
diminution	The statement of a theme in notes of lesser duration (usually half the length of the original). <i>The disease shows no signs of diminution.</i>
downplay	Understate the importance or quality of. <i>This report downplays the seriousness of global warming.</i>
dwindle	Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength. <i>Traffic has dwindled to a trickle.</i>
lessen	Decrease in size, extent, or range. <i>The warmth of the afternoon lessened.</i>
lower	In or into a lower position. <i>The sun sank lower.</i>
minimize	Represent or estimate at less than the true value or importance. <i>They may minimize or even overlook the importance of such beliefs.</i>
reduce	Reduce in size reduce physically. <i>She has been reduced to near poverty.</i>
reducible	Capable of being reduced- Edmund Wilson. <i>Shakespeare s major soliloquies are not reducible to categories.</i>
reduction	The action of remedying a dislocation or fracture by returning the affected part of the body to its normal position. <i>The reaction is limited to reduction to the hydrocarbon.</i>
relegate	Assign an inferior rank or position to. <i>United were relegated to division two.</i>
retrench	Reduce (something) in extent or quantity. <i>If people are forced to retrench their expenditure trade will suffer.</i>
rundown	An analysis or summary of something by a knowledgeable person. <i>He gave his teammates a rundown on the opposition.</i>
shrinkage	The amount by which something shrinks. <i>The material lost 2 inches per yard in shrinkage.</i>
under	Under water. <i>See under for further discussion.</i>
understate	Describe or represent (something) as being smaller or less good or important than it really is. <i>The press have understated the extent of the problem.</i>
undervalue	Lose in value. <i>Through overfamiliarity it is easy to undervalue this concerto.</i>

weaken

Lessen in force or effect.
*The fever **weakened** his body.*

