

Need another word that means the same as “recede”? Find 32 synonyms and 30 related words for “recede” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Recede” are: draw back, move back, pull away, pull back, retire, retreat, withdraw, drop off, fall back, fall behind, go back, move further off, move away, pull out of, back out of, beg off, bow out of, scratch from, diminish, lessen, grow less, decrease, dwindle, fade, abate, subside, ebb, wane, fall off, taper off, peter out, shrink

Recede as a Verb

Definitions of "Recede" as a verb

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “recede” as a verb can have the following definitions:

- *Retreat.*
- *Become faint or more distant.*
- *Pull back or move away or backward.*
- *Go or move back or further away from a previous position.*
- *Withdraw from (a promise or agreement).*
- *(of a man's hair) cease to grow at the temples and above the forehead.*
- *(of a man) begin to go bald.*
- *(of a facial feature) slope backwards.*
- *(of a quality, feeling, or possibility) gradually diminish.*



Synonyms of "Recede" as a verb (32 Words)

<u>abate</u>	Make less active or intense. <i>The storm abated.</i>
back out of	Strengthen by providing with a back or backing.
beg off	Make a solicitation or entreaty for something; request urgently or persistently.
bow out of	Bend one's back forward from the waist on down.
decrease	Decrease in size extent or range. <i>The population of the area has decreased radically.</i>
diminish	Make or become less. <i>The pain will gradually diminish.</i>
draw back	Cause to localize at one point.
drop off	Let fall to the ground.

dwindle

Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength.

*Traffic has **dwindled** to a trickle.*

ebb

Hem in fish with stakes and nets so as to prevent them from going back into the sea with the ebb.

*The patient's strength **ebbed** away.*

fade

(of a radio signal) gradually lose intensity.

*The signal **faded** away.*

fall back

Fall from clouds.

fall behind

Fall or flow in a certain way.

fall off

Begin vigorously.

go back

Make a certain noise or sound.

grow less

Become larger, greater, or bigger; expand or gain.

lessen

Decrease in size, extent, or range.

*The years have **lessened** the gap in age between us.*

move away

Change location; move, travel, or proceed, also metaphorically.

move back

Move so as to change position, perform a nontranslational motion.

move further off

Perform an action, or work out or perform (an action).

peter out

Be made known; be disclosed or revealed.

pull away

Take sides with; align oneself with; show strong sympathy for.

pull back

Steer into a certain direction.

pull out of

Bring take or pull out of a container or from under a cover.

retire

Make someone retire.

*The judge finished his summing up and the jury **retired**.*

retreat

Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity.

*The French **retreated** in disarray.*

scratch from

Remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line.

shrink

Draw back, as with fear or pain.

*Hot water will **shrink** the sweater.*

subside

Lapse into silence or inactivity.

*Anthony and Mark **subsided** into mirth.*

taper off

Give a point to.

wane

(of a state or feeling) decrease in vigour or extent; become weaker.

*Interest in his novels **waned**.*

withdraw

Withdraw from active participation.

*He failed to **withdraw** his remarks and apologize.*



Usage Examples of "Recede" as a verb

- *His dark hair was receding a little.*
- *His chin receded sharply from his lower lip.*
- *The prospects of an early end to the war receded.*
- *The unhappy memories of her childhood receded as she grew older.*
- *Fred was receding a bit.*
- *His footsteps receded down the corridor.*
- *The floodwaters had receded.*
- *He felt no inclination to recede from the agreement into which he had entered.*



Associations of "Recede" (30 Words)

abandon	Leave someone who needs or counts on you; leave in the lurch. <i>We abandoned the old car in the empty parking lot.</i>
abandonment	The act of giving something up. <i>His abandonment of his wife and children left them penniless.</i>
<u>abate</u>	Make (something) less intense. <i>The storm abated.</i>
abdicate	Fail to fulfil or undertake (a responsibility or duty). <i>Ferdinand abdicated the throne in favour of the emperor's brother.</i>
abjure	Solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim). <i>MPs were urged to abjure their Jacobite allegiance.</i>
<u>disavow</u>	Deny any responsibility or support for. <i>The union leaders resisted pressure to disavow picket line violence.</i>

disclaim	Make a disclaimer about. <i>The earl disclaimed his title.</i>
disown	Cast off. <i>Lovell s rich family had disowned him because of his marriage.</i>
ebb	Hem in fish with stakes and nets so as to prevent them from going back into the sea with the ebb. <i>The tide was on the ebb.</i>
foreswear	Do without or cease to hold or adhere to. <i>I am foreswearing women forever.</i>
forgo	Lose (s.th.) or lose the right to (s.th.) by some error, offense, or crime. <i>She wanted to forgo the tea and leave while they could.</i>
forswear	Commit perjury; swear falsely. <i>The country has not forsworn nuclear weapons.</i>
presidency	The role of the priest or minister who conducts a Eucharist. <i>The presidency of the United States.</i>
quit	Leave (a place), usually permanently. <i>She quit her job in a pizza restaurant.</i>
recant	Say that one no longer holds an opinion or belief, especially one considered heretical. <i>Galileo was forced to recant his assertion that the earth orbited the sun.</i>
relinquish	Voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up. <i>Relinquish your grip on the rope you won t fall.</i>
renounce	Cast off. <i>Isabella offered to renounce her son s claim to the French Crown.</i>
repudiate	Deny the truth or validity of. <i>She has repudiated policies associated with previous party leaders.</i>
resign	Leave (a job, post, or position) voluntarily. <i>Resign a claim to the throne.</i>
resignation	The acceptance of something undesirable but inevitable. <i>He announced his resignation.</i>
retire	Make someone retire. <i>The general retired all his troops.</i>
retirement	Withdrawal from your position or occupation. <i>He announced his retirement from international football.</i>
retract	Withdraw (a statement or accusation) as untrue or unjustified. <i>The parish council was forced to retract a previous resolution.</i>

retreat	Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity. <i>Their country retreat in Ireland.</i>
subside	(of a building or other structure) sink lower into the ground. <i>Patrick subsided into his seat.</i>
subsidence	An abatement in intensity or degree (as in the manifestations of a disease). <i>The race was abandoned because of subsidence of the track.</i>
<u>surrender</u>	The action of surrendering to an opponent or powerful influence. <i>He surrendered himself to the mood of the hills.</i>
tide	There are usually two high and two low tides each day. <i>He could not control the growing tide of violence.</i>
<u>waive</u>	Refrain from insisting on or using (a right or claim). <i>Her tuition fees would be waived.</i>
withdraw	Withdraw from active participation. <i>For the cocaine user it is possible to withdraw without medication.</i>

