

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)

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| abate | 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. |

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| <u>dwindle</u> | Diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength. <i>Traffic has dwindled to a trickle.</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 patient's strength ebbed away.</i> |
| <u>fade</u> | (of a radio signal) gradually lose intensity. <i>The signal faded away.</i> |
| 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. <i>The years have lessened the gap in age between us.</i> |
| 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. <i>The judge finished his summing up and the jury retired.</i> |
| retreat | Make a retreat from an earlier commitment or activity. <i>The French retreated in disarray.</i> |
| scratch from | Remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line. |
| <u>shrink</u> | Draw back, as with fear or pain. <i>Hot water will shrink the sweater.</i> |
| subside | Lapse into silence or inactivity. <i>Anthony and Mark subsided into mirth.</i> |
| taper off | Give a point to. |
| wane | (of a state or feeling) decrease in vigour or extent; become weaker. <i>Interest in his novels waned.</i> |
| withdraw | Withdraw from active participation. <i>He failed to withdraw his remarks and apologize.</i> |



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

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

