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de·gres·sion  (dĭ-grĕsh ən, dē-)

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n.

A descent by stages or steps.

[Middle English, from Medieval Latin *dēgressiō*, *dēgressiōn*-, descent, from Latin *dēgressus*, past participle of *dēgredī*, to step down : *dē*-, *de*- + *gradī*, to step; see **ghredh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

de·gres sive *adj.*

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