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re·cede¹  (rĭ-sēd)

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intr.v. **re·ced·ed**, **re·ced·ing**, **re·cedes**

1. To move back or away from a limit, point, or mark: *waited for the floodwaters to recede.*
2. To slope away from a point of reference: *a man with a chin that recedes.*
3. To become or seem to become more distant and fainter or less distinct: *Eventually, my unhappy memories of the place receded.*
4. To decrease or diminish: *Fuel prices will recede after the holiday.*

[Middle English *receden*, from Old French *receder*, from Latin *recēdere* : *re-*, *re-* + *cēdere*, to go; see **ked-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

Synonyms: **recede**¹, **ebb**, **retract**, **retreat**

These verbs mean to move backward or away from a limit or position: *a glacier that has receded*; *waters that ebb at low tide*; *a turtle that retracted into its shell*; *an army that retreated to avoid defeat*.

Antonym: [advance](#)

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re·cede²  (rē-sēd)

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tr.v. **re·ced·ed**, **re·ced·ing**, **re·cedes**

To yield or grant to one formerly in possession; *cede (something) back*.

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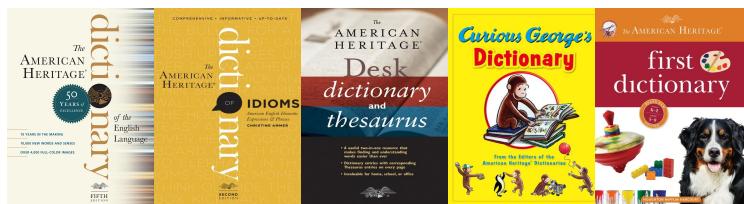
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