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v. **ret·ro·ced·ed**, **ret·ro·ced·ing**, **ret·ro·cedes**

v.*intr.*

To go back; recede.

v.*tr.*

To cede or give back (a territory, for example); return.

[Latin *retrōcēdere* : *retrō-*, retro- + *cēdere*, to go; see **ked-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ret'rō·ces sion (-sĕsh ən) *n.*

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