

 abash	difficult to understand; obscure
 abate	declare (someone) free from guilt, obligation, or punishment
 abdicate	(of a monarch) renounce one's throne / fail to fulfil or undertake (a responsibility or duty)
 abject	(of something unpleasant or severe) become less intense or widespread
 abnegate	failing to produce the intended result
 abortive	make (someone) feel embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed
 abridge	renounce or reject (something desired or valuable)
 absolve	shorten (a piece of writing) without losing the sense
 abstruse	(of something bad) experienced or present to the maximum degree
 abysmal	extremely bad; appalling / very deep