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|  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 |