aback ADVERB
▷ taken aback
Ron was taken aback by my question.
surprised, astonished, startled,
shocked, disconcerted,
dumbfounded

abandon VERB
1 Eventually, even his wife abandoned him.
desert, leave, leave behind, strand
(informal) dump, ditch
(old use) forsake
Idiom turn your back on
2 They abandoned their plan to move to France.
give up, scrap, drop, cancel, abort,
discard, renounce, relinquish

abbreviate VERB
Saint is often abbreviated to St.
shorten, reduce, abridge, contract

abbreviation NOUN

abdomen NOUN
See stomach

abduct VERB
Seth claims he was abducted by aliens.
kidnap, seize, capture, carry off
(informal) snatch

abide VERB
Vampires cannot abide sunlight.
bear, stand, endure, tolerate,
stomach, put up with
(informal) hack
(British informal) stick