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abaft

(adv) on or toward the rear of a ship

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abandon

(v) to leave behind; to give something  
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(v) To lower in position, estimation, or  
the like; degrade.

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abbess

(n) The lady superior of a nunnery.

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abbey

(n) The group of buildings which collectively form the dwelling-place of a society of monks or nuns.

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abbot

(n) The superior of a community of monks.

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abbreviate

(v) to shorten; compress

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abdicate

(v) To give up (royal power or the like).

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