

recoil *(re-coil)*

Definition

v. and n.1 to draw or start back as in disgust or horror; 2.to move sharply in the opposite direction from an expended force as a rifle moves against one's shoulder when fired

Example Sentence

The turtle will **recoil** into its shell when frightened.

Synonyms

draw back; withdraw; react

Antonyms

confront

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