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Root word

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5. believability	believe	
6. disagreeable	agree	
7. triangular	triangle	
8. characterization	character	
9. revolution	revolt	
10. disappearance	appear	