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6. *Brit. a.*, to issue (a loan) in the form of shares with registered stockholders. *b.* to sell (stocks). *c.* to buy (stocks). [1545-55; < L *inscribere*, equiv. to *in-* + *scribere* to write; see *SCRIBER*] — *in-scrib/a-ble*, *adj.*  
*in-scrib/a-ble-ness*, *n.* — *in-scrib'er*, *n.*

**in-scrip-tion** (in skrip'shan), *n.* 1. something inscribed. 2. a historical, religious, or other record cut, impressed, painted, or written on stone, brick, metal, or other hard surface. 3. a brief, usually informal dedication, as of a book or a work of art. 4. a note, as a dedication, that is written and signed by hand in a book. 5. the act of inscribing. 6. *Pharm.* the part of a prescription indicating the drugs and the amounts to be mixed. 7. *Brit. a.* an issue of securities or stocks. *b.* a block of shares in a stock, as bought or sold by one person. 8. Also called **legend**. *Numis.* the lettering in the field of a coin, medal, etc. [1350-1400; ME *inscriptio*(um) < L *inscriptio*-(s) of *inscripsiō*, equiv. to *inscripsi*(us) ptp. of *inscribere* to INSCRIBE) + *-iōn*-ION] — *in-scrip-tional*, *adj.* — *in-scrip-tion-less*, *adj.*

**in-scrip-tive** (in skrip'tiv), *adj.* of, pertaining to, or of the nature of an inscription. [1730-40; < L *inscriptus*] ptp. of *inscribere* (see INSCRIPTION) + *-ivē*] — *in-scrip-tive-ly*, *adv.*

**in-scrroll** (in skrōl'), *v.t.* enroll.

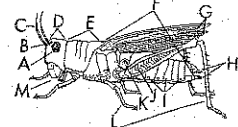
**in-scrutable** (in skrōt'ə bəl), *adj.* 1. incapable of being investigated, analyzed, or scrutinized; impenetrable. 2. not easily understood; mysterious; unfathomable; an *inscrutable smile*. 3. incapable of being seen through physically; smoothly impenetrable: *the inscrutable depths of the ocean*. [1400-50; late ME < LL *inscrutabilis*. See *IN-* + *SCRUTABLE*] — *in-scruta-bil/i-ty*, *in-scruta-bil-ity*, *n.* — *in-scruta-bly*, *adv.*

**in-sculp** (in skulp'), *v.t.* *Archaic.* to carve in or on something; engrave. [1400-50; late ME < L *insculpere*, equiv. to *in-* + *sculpere* to carve; see *SCULPTOR*]

**in-seam** (in'sēm'), *n.* 1. an inside or inner seam of a garment, esp. the seam of a trouser leg that runs from the crotch down to the bottom of the leg. — *adj.* 2. of or pertaining to such a seam: *inseam measurements*. 3. (of a pocket) placed at or sewn to an opening in the seam of a garment, usually the side seam, so as to lie completely inside the garment. [1905-10; *IN-* + *SEAM*]

**in-sect** (in'sekt), *n.* 1. any animal of the class *Insecta*, comprising small, air-breathing arthropods having the body divided into three parts (head, thorax, and abdomen), and having three pairs of legs and usually two pairs of wings. 2. any small arthropod, such as a spider, tick, or centipede, having a superficial, general similarity to the insects. Cf. **arachnid**. 3. a contemptible or unimportant person. — *adj.* 4. of, pertaining to, like, or used for or against insects: *an insect bite*; *insect powder*. [1595-1605; < L *insectum*, *n.* use of neut. of *insectus* ptp. of *insecare* to incise, cut (cf. *SEGMENT*); trans. of Gk *entomon* insect, lit., notched or incised one; see *ENTOMO-*] — *in-sect-i-val* (in'sekt tī'vəl), *adj.*

**insect** (grasshopper)  
 A, compound eye; B, simple eye; C, antenna; D, head; E, thorax; F, abdomen; G, wings; H, ovipositor; I, spiracle; J, femur; K, ears; L, legs; M, palpus



*person.* 2. not confident or certain; uneasy; anxious: *He was insecure about the examination.* 3. not secure; exposed or liable to loss, risk, or danger: *an insecure stock portfolio.* 4. not firmly or reliably placed or fastened: *an insecure ladder.* [1640-50; < ML *insecurus*. See *IN-* + *SECURE*] — *in-se-cure-ly*, *adv.* — *in-se-cure-ness*, *n.* — *Syn.* 3. *risky*. See **uncertain**.

**in-se-cu-rity** (in'si kyōōr'ē tē), *n., pl. -ties*. 1. lack of confidence or assurance; self-doubt: *He is plagued by insecurity.* 2. the quality or state of being insecure; instability: *the insecurity of her financial position.* 3. something insecure: *the many insecurities of life.* [1640-50; < ML *insecūritās*. See *INSECURE*, *-ITY*] — *Syn.* 2. *precariousness*, *shakiness*, *vulnerability*.

**in-sel-berg** (in'sal bērg', -zəl-), *n.* *Physical Geog.* *monadnock* (def. 1). [1895-1900; < G, equiv. to *Insel* island + *Berg* mountain]

**in-sem-i-nate** (in sem'ē nāt'), *v.t., -nated, -nating*. 1. to inject semen into (the female reproductive tract); impregnate. 2. to sow; implant seed into. 3. to sow as seed in something; implant: *to inseminate youth with new ideas*. [1615-25; < L *inseminatus* ptp. of *inseminare* to implant, impregnate, equiv. to *in-* + *seminatus* (equiv. to *semināre*) to sow, deriv. of *semen* seed (cf. *SEMEN*) + *-tus* ptp. suffix.] — *in-sem-i-na-tion*, *n.*

**in-sem-i-na-tor** (in sem'ē nā'tər), *n.* *Vet. Med.* a technician who introduces prepared semen into the genital tract of breeding animals, esp. cows and mares, for artificial insemination. [1940-45; *INSEMINATE* + *-OR*']

**in-sen-sate** (in sen'sāt-, -sīt), *adj.* 1. not endowed with sensation; inanimate: *insensate stone*. 2. without human feeling or sensitivity; cold; cruel; brutal. 3. without sense, understanding, or judgment; foolish. [1510-20; < LL *insensātus* irrational. See *IN-* + *SENSATE*] — *in-sen-sate-ly*, *adv.* — *in-sen-sate-ness*, *n.* — *Syn.* 1. *lifeless*, *inorganic*. 2. *insensible*. 3. *stupid*, *irrational*, *senseless*, *witless*, *dumb*.

**in-sen-si-ble** (in sen'sē bəl), *adj.* 1. incapable of feeling or perceiving; deprived of sensation; unconscious, as a person after a violent blow. 2. without or not subject to a particular feeling or sensation: *insensible to shame*; *insensible to the cold*. 3. unaware; unconscious; inappreciative: *We are not insensible of your kindness.* 4. not perceptible by the senses; imperceptible: *insensible transitions*. 5. unresponsive in feeling. 6. not susceptible of emotion or passion; void of any feeling. 7. not endowed with feeling or sensation, as matter; inanimate. [1550-1400; ME < L *insensibilis*. See *IN-* + *SENSIBLE*] — *in-sen-si-bly*, *adv.* — *in-sen-si-bil/i-ty*, *n.* — *Syn.* 5, 6. *apathetic*, *unfeeling*, *indifferent*, *cool*; *dull*, *passionless*, *emotionless*, *torpid*.

**in-sen-si-tive** (in sen'si tiv), *adj.* 1. deficient in human sensibility, acuteness of feeling, or consideration; unfeeling; callous: *an insensitive person*. 2. not physically sensitive: *insensitive skin*. 3. not affected by physical or chemical agencies or influences: *insensitive to light*. 4. not readily responsive or aware: *insensitive to the needs of the peasants*. [1600-10; *IN-* + *SENSITIVE*] — *in-sen-si-tive-ness*, *in-sen-si-tiv/i-ty*, *n.*

**in-sen-tient** (in sen'shē ant-, -shənt), *adj.* not sentient; without sensation or feeling; inanimate. [1755-65; *IN-* + *SENTIENT*] — *in-sen-ti-ence*, *in-sen-ti-en-cy*, *n.*

**insep.**, inseparable.

**in-sep-a-ra-ble** (in sep'ə rə bəl-, -sep'rə-), *adj.* 1. incapable of being separated, parted, or disjointed: *inseparable companions*. — *n.* Usually, **inseparables**. 2. inseparable objects, qualities, etc. 3. inseparable companions or friends. [1350-1400; ME < L *inseparabilis*. See *IN-* + *SEPARABLE*] — *in-sep-a-ra-bil/i-ty*, *in-sep-a-ra-ble-ness*, *n.* — *in-sep-a-ra-bly*, *adv.*

**in-sert** (v. in sūrt'; n. in sūrt'), *v.t., v.i.* 1. to put or place in: *to insert a key in a lock*. 2. to introduce or cause to be introduced into the body of something: *to insert an extra paragraph in an article*. — *n.* 3. something inserted or to be inserted. 4. an extra leaf or section, printed independently, for binding or tipping into a book or periodical, esp. a leaf or section consisting of an illustration or advertisement printed on different paper. 5. any small picture, device, etc., surrounded partly or completely by body type. 6. a paper, circular, etc., placed within the folds of a newspaper or the leaves of a book, periodical, etc. 7. *Motion Pictures, Television.* a cut-in. [1520-30; < L *insertus* ptp. of *inserere* to put in, insert, equiv. to *in-* + *ser-* (s. of *serere* to link together) + *-tus* ptp. suffix.] — *in-sert-a-ble*, *adj.* — *in-sert'er*, *n.*

**in-sert-ed** (in sūrt'ed), *adj.* 1. *Bot.* (esp. of the parts of a flower) attached to or growing out of some part. 2. *Anat.* having an insertion, as a muscle, tendon, or ligament; attached, as the end of a muscle that moves a bone. [1590-1600; *INSERT* + *-ED*']

**in-ser-tion** (in sūrt'shan), *n.* 1. the act of inserting: *the insertion of a coin in a vending machine*. 2. something inserted: *an insertion in the middle of a paragraph*. 3. *Bot., Zool.* a. the manner or place of attachment, as of an organ. *b.* attachment of a part or organ, with special reference to the site or manner of such attachment. 4. lace, embroidery, or the like, to be sewn at each edge between parts of other material. 5. *Aerospace.* injection (def. 6). [1570-80; < LL *insertiō*-(s) of *insertiō*]. See *INSERT*, *-ION*] — *in-ser-tion-al*, *adj.*

**in-ser-vi-ce** (in sūrt'vis, in sūrt'is), *adj.* taking place while one is employed: *an in-service training program*. [1925-30]

**in-ses-so-ri-al** (in'sē sōr'ē ə l-, -sōr'-), *adj.* 1. adapted for perching, as a bird's foot. 2. habitually perching, as a bird. 3. of or pertaining to birds that perch. [1830-40; < NL *insessor(es)* the perching birds (L *perchers*, equiv. to *in-* + *sed-* var. s. of *insidere* to settle on (in- + *sed-* to sit down) + *-torēs*, pl. of *-tor* + *-tor*) + *-IAL*]

**in-set** (n. in'set'; v. in'set'), *n., v.*

mental panel. — *v.t.* 6. to set in or insert, as an inset: *to inset a panel in a dress*. 7. to insert an inset in: *to inset a mounting with jewels*. [bef. 900; ME *insetten* to insert, OE *insettan* to initiate; see *IN-*, *SET*] — *in'set'ter*, *n.*

**in'set in/i-tial**, *Print.* an initial letter, esp. of the first word of a chapter or other section of a book, magazine, etc., larger than the body type and occupying two or more lines in depth, causing body type to be set around it. Also called **drop initial**.

**in-sev-er-a-ble** (in sev'ər ə bəl-, -sev'rə-), *adj.* unable to be severed or separated: *an inseverable alliance*. [1655-65; *IN-* + *SEVERABLE*] — *in-sev-er-a-bly*, *adv.*

**in-sheathe** (in shēth'), *v.t., -sheathed, -sheathing, -ensheathe*. Also, **in-sheath** (in shēth').

**in-shore** (in'shōr', -shōr'), *adj.* 1. close or closer to the shore. 2. lying near the shore; operating or carried on close to the shore: *inshore fishing*. — *adv.* 3. toward the shore: *They went closer inshore*. [1695-1705; *IN-* + *SHORE*']

**in-shrine** (in shrin'), *v.t., -shrined, -shrining, -en-shrine*.

**in-side** (prep. in'sid', in'sid'; *adv.* in'sid'; *n.* in'sid'; *adj.* in'sid', in'-, in'sid'), *prep.* 1. on the inner side or part of; within: *inside the circle*; *inside the envelope*. 2. prior to the elapse of; within: *He promised to arrive inside an hour*. — *adv.* 3. in or into the inner part: *Please go inside*. 4. indoors: *They play inside on rainy days*. 5. within one's heart, reason, etc.; by true nature; basically: *I know inside that he's not guilty*. *Inside, she's really very shy*. 6. *Slang.* in prison. 7. **inside of**, *Informal.* within the space or period of: *Our car broke down inside of a mile*. — *n.* 8. the inner or internal part; interior: *the inside of the house*. 9. the inner side or surface: *the inside of the hand*. 10. *Usually, insides.* the money to the inside of his jacket. 11. *Usually, insides.* *Informal.* the inner parts of the body, esp. the stomach and intestines: *The coffee scalded my insides*. 11. a select or inner circle of power, prestige, etc.: *a man on the inside*. 12. the shortest of several parallel, curving tracks or lanes; the part of an oval track closest to the inner rail: *The horse came up fast on the inside*. 13. the inward nature, mind, feelings, etc. 14. *Slang.* confidential or secret information. 15. an inside passenger or place in a coach, carriage, etc. 16. **inside out**, *a.* with the inner side reversed to face the outside. *b.* thoroughly; completely. — *adj.* 17. situated or being on or in the inside; interior; internal: *an inside seat*. 18. acting, employed, done, or originating within a building or place: *He used to work on the dock but now he has an inside job*. 19. derived from the inner circle of those concerned in and having private knowledge of a situation: *inside information*. 20. *Baseball.* (of a pitched ball) passing between home plate and the batter: *The pitch was low and inside*. [1350-1400; ME; see *IN*, *SIDE*'] — *Syn.* 8. **INSIDE**, **INTERIOR** both refer to the inner part or space within something. **INSIDE** is a common word, and is used with reference to things of any size, small or large: *the inside of a pocket*. **INTERIOR**, somewhat more formal, denotes the inner part or the space or regions within; it usually suggests considerable size or extent, and sometimes a richness of decoration: *the interior of a country*, *of the earth*, *of a cathedral*. — *Ant.* 8. *outside*, *exterior*.

**in/side cal/i-per**, a caliper whose legs turn outward so that it can accurately measure inside dimensions, as the inside diameter of a pipe. See *ILLU.* under **caliper**.

**in/side for/ward**, *Soccer.* one of two attacking players whose usual position is between the center forward and one of the wings. [1895-1900]

**in/side job'**, a crime committed by or in collusion with a person or persons closely associated with the victim: *The robbery seemed an inside job, because there was no evidence of forced entry*. [1905-10]

**in/side loop'**, *Aeron.* a loop during which the top of the airplane is on the inner side of the curve described by the course of flight. Cf. **outside loop**.

**in-sid-er** (in'sid'ər), *n.* 1. a person who is a member of a group, organization, society, etc. 2. a person belonging to a limited circle of persons who understand the actual facts in a situation or share private knowledge: *insiders knew that the president would veto the bill*. 3. a person who has some special advantage or influence. 4. a person in possession of corporate information not generally available to the public, as a director, an accountant, or other officer or employee of a corporation. [1820-30; *IN-* + *SIDE* + *-ER*']

**in/sider trad'ing**, the illegal buying and selling of securities by persons acting on privileged information. [1965-70] — *in/sider trad'er*, *n.*

**in/side straight'**. 1. *Poker.* a set of four cards, as the five, seven, eight, and nine, requiring one card of a denomination next above or below the second or third ranking cards of the set to make a straight. 2. **draw to an inside straight**, to build up hopes for something that has little or no chance of happening.

**in/side track'**. 1. the inner, or shorter, track of a racecourse. 2. an advantageous position in a competitive situation. [1855-60, *Amer.*]

**in-sid-i-ous** (in sid'ē ə s), *adj.* 1. intended to entrap or beguile: *an insidious plan*. 2. stealthily treacherous or deceitful: *an insidious enemy*. 3. operating or proceeding in an inconspicuous or seemingly harmless way but actually with grave effect: *an insidious disease*. [1535-45; < L *insidiosus* deceitful, equiv. to *insidi*(as) (pl.) an ambush (deriv. of *insidere* to sit in or on) + *-osus* (-ous)] — *in-sid-i-ously*, *adv.* — *in-sid-i-ous-ness*, *n.* — *Syn.* 1. *corrupting*. 2. *artful*, *cunning*, *wily*, *subtle*, *crafty*.

**in-sight** (in'sit'), *n.* 1. an instance of apprehending the true nature of a thing, esp. through intuitive under-

CONCISE ETYMOLOGY KEY: <, descended or borrowed from; >, whence; b, blend of; blended; c, cognate with; cf., compare; deriv., derivative; equiv., equivalent; imit., imitative; pl., plural; s, suffix; v, verb.