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in-tu-it \in-'tū-ət, -'tyū-\ *vt* (1855) : to know, sense, or understand by intuition — **in-tu-it-able** \-ə-tə-bəl\ *adj*
in-tu-i-tion \in-tū-'i-shən, -tyū-\ *n* [ME *intuycyon*, fr. LL *intuition-*, *intuitio* act of contemplating, fr. L *intuēri* to look at, contemplate, fr. *in-* + *tuēri* to look at] (15c) **1** : quick and ready insight **2 a** : immediate apprehension or cognition **b** : knowledge or conviction gained by intuition **c** : the power or faculty of attaining to direct knowledge or cognition without evident rational thought and inference — **in-tu-i-tion-al** \-'iʃh-nəl, -'i-shə-nəl\ *adj*
in-tu-i-tion-ism \,in-tū-'i-shə-ni-zəm\ *n* (1847) **1 a** : a doctrine that objects of perception are intuitively known to be real **b** : a doctrine that there are basic truths intuitively known **2** : a doctrine that right or wrong or fundamental principles about what is right and wrong can be intuited **3** : a philosophical thesis that human beings have a direct intuitive understanding of mathematics and that rejects the principle that every mathematical statement must be true or false — **in-tu-i-tion-ist** \-ʃh(ə)-nist\ *adj* or *n*
in-tu-i-tive \in-'tū-ə-tiv, -'tyū-\ *adj* (ca. 1645) **1 a** : known or perceived by intuition : directly apprehended <had an ~ awareness of his sister's feelings> **b** : knowable by intuition <~ truths> **c** : based on or agreeing with intuition <~ responses> <makes ~ sense> **d** : readily learned or understood <software with an ~ interface> **2** : knowing or perceiving by intuition **3** : possessing or given to intuition or insight <an ~ mind> — **in-tu-i-tive-ly** *adv* — **in-tu-i-tive-ness** *n*
in-tu-mes-cence \,in-tū-'me-səns(t)s, -tyū-\ *n* [F, fr. L *intumescere* to swell up, fr. *in-* + *tumescere* to swell — more at TUMESCENCE] (1650) : a swollen or enlarged part of a plant or animal; also : the process of swelling up or enlarging
in-tu-mes-cent \-sənt\ *adj* (1953) *of paint* : swelling and charring when exposed to flame
in-tus-sus-cept \,in-tə-sə-'sept\ *vb* [back-formation fr. *intussusception*] *vt* (1802) : to take in by or cause to undergo intussusception; *esp* : INVAGINATE ~ *vi* : to undergo intussusception
in-tus-sus-cep-tion \-'sep-shən\ *n* [L *intus* within + *susception-*, *susceptio* action of undertaking, fr. *suscipere* to take up — more at SUSCEPTIBLE] (1707) : a drawing in of something from without: as **a** : INVAGINATION; *esp* : the slipping of a length of intestine into an adjacent portion usu. producing obstruction **b** : the assimilation of new material and its dispersal among preexistent matter — **in-tus-sus-cep-tive** \-'sep-tiv\ *adj*
In-u-it also **In-nu-it** \i-'nū-wət, -nyū-\ *n* [Inuit *inuit*, pl. of *inuk* person] (1765) **1 pl** Inuit or Inuits also **Innu-it** or **Innuits** **a** (1) : the Eskimo people of No. America and Greenland **(2)** : the Eskimo people of Canada **b** : a member of such people **2 a** : ESKIMO **2 b** : the group of Eskimo dialects spoken from northwestern Canada to Greenland
Inuk \i-'nük\ *n, pl* Inuit [Inuit *inuk*] (1951) : a member of the Inuit people
Inuk-ti-tut \i-'nük-tə-'tüt\ *n* [Inuit, fr. *inuk* person + *-titut* like, in the manner of] (1974) : the group of Eskimo dialects spoken by the Inuit of central and eastern arctic Canada
in-u-lin \in-'yə-lən\ *n* [prob. fr. G *Imulin*, fr. L *inula* elecampane] (1813) : a white plant polysaccharide used esp. to improve the flavor and texture of low-fat and low-sugar processed foods
in-unc-tion \i-'nən(k)-shən\ *n* [ME, fr. L *inunction-*, *inunctio*, fr. *inungere* to anoint — more at ANOINT] (15c) : an act of applying oil or ointment : ANOINTING
in-un-date \i-(j)nən-'dāt\ *vt* -dat-ed; -dat-ing [L *inundatus*, pp. of *inundare*, fr. *in-* + *unda* wave — more at WATER] (1590) **1** : to cover with a flood : OVERFLOW **2** : OVERWHELM <was inundated with phone calls> — **in-un-da-tion** \i-(j)nən-'dā-shən\ *n* — **in-un-da-tor** \i-(j)nən-'dā-tər\ *n* — **in-un-da-to-ry** \i-'nən-də-'tôr-ē\ *adj*
Inu-pi-at \i-'nū-pē-'ät, -nyū-\ also **Inu-pi-aq** \-'äk\ *n* [Inupiat *in^upiaq*, pl. *in^upiat*, lit., real person] (1967) **1 pl** Inupiat or Inupiat also **Inupiaq** or **Inupiaqs** : a member of the Eskimo people of northern Alaska

in-val-i-date \,(j)in-'va-lə-'dāt\ *vt* (1649) : to en or destroy the cogency of *syn* see \-'va-lə-'dā-shən\ *n* — **in-val-i-da-tor** \in-'va-lə-'dā-tər\ *n* — **in-val-i-dism** \in-'və-lə-'di-zəm\ *n* (1794) an invalid
in-val-id-i-ty \,in-və-'li-də-tē, -va-\ *n, pl* -lidity or cogency **2** : incapacitating bo
ISM
in-val-u-able \,(j)in-'val-yə-bəl, -yə-wə-bəl\ *v. + -able*] (1576) : valuable beyond estir ~ assistance — **in-val-u-able-ness** *n*
in-var \in-'vār\ *n, often cap* [fr. *Invar*, a nickel alloy that expands little on heating]
in-vari-able \,(j)in-'vər-ē-ə-bəl\ *adj* (15c) change : CONSTANT <an ~ routine> — **in-vari-able-ly** *adv* — **in-vari-able-ness** *n*
in-vari-ably \-blē\ *adv* (1646) : on every
in-vari-ance \,(j)in-'vər-ē-ən(t)s\ *n* (1878) invariant
in-vari-ant \-ənt\ *adj* (1874) : CONSTANT changed by specified mathematical or I mations <~ factor> — **in-variant** *n*
in-va-sion \in-'vā-zhən\ *n* [ME *invasi* invasion-, *invasio*, fr. L *invadere* to invade] (15c) : incursion of an army for conquest or spread of something usu. hurtful
in-va-sive \-siv, -ziv\ *adj* (1598) **1** : of, military aggression **2** : tending to spread healthy tissue <~ cancer cells> **3** : te entry into the living body (as by incision) <~ diagnostic techniques> — **in-va-sive-ly** *adv*
in-vec-tive \in-'vek-tiv\ *adj* [ME *invect* vectus, pp. of *invehere*] (15c) : of, relating to or abuse — **in-vec-tive-ly** *adv* — **in-vec-tive-ness** *n*
in-vec-tive *n* (1523) **1** : an abusive exp or abusive language : VITUPERATION
in-veigh \in-'vā\ *vi* [L *invehi* to attack, i in, fr. *in-* + *vehere* to carry — more at plain bitterly or vehemently : RAIL — **in-veigh-ment** \-gəl-mənt\ *n* — **in-veigh-ment-ly** *adv*
in-vei-gle \in-'vā-gəl\ *vi* [AF *enveegler*, *aveogler*, a *avogle*, *enveugle* blind, fr. ML *ab oculis* win over by wiles : ENTICE] **2** : to : WANGLE <inveigled her way into a party> — **in-vei-gle-ment** \-gəl-mənt\ *n* — **in-vei-gle-ment-ly** *adv*
in-vent \in-'vent\ *vt* [ME, fr. L *inventu* find, fr. *in-* + *venire* to come — more at DISCOVER] **2** : to devise by thinking something useful for the first time th or of ingenious thinking and experim
in-ven-tress \-'ven-trəs\ *n*
in-ven-tion \in-'ven(t)-shən\ *n* (14c) : productive imagination : INVENTIVE as (1) : a product of the imagination device, contrivance, or process origin **b** : a short keyboard composition feat point **4** : the act or process of inven
in-ven-tive \in-'ven-tiv\ *adj* (15c) **1** : ventions : CREATIVE <an ~ mind> ~ method> — **in-ven-tive-ly** *adv* — **in-ven-tive-ness** *n*
in-ven-to-ry \in-'vən-'tôr-ē\ *n, pl* -ries *inventaire*, *inventorie*, fr. L *inventarius* neut. of *inventus*] (15c) **1 a** : an item : a catalog of the property of an in goods on hand **b** : a survey of nat preferences, attitudes, interests, or e