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other plane, usually that of the ecliptic. 8 *Physics*. another name for **dip** (sense 27). , inclinational *adj*

- **incline** vb (m'klam). 1 to deviate or cause to deviate from a particular plane, esp. a vertical or horizontal plane; slope or slant. 2 (when tr, may take an infinitive) to be disposed or cause to be disposed (towards some attitude or to do something): he inclines towards levity; that does not incline me to think that you are right. 3 to bend or lower (part of the body, esp. the head), as in a bow or in order to listen. 4 **incline one's ear.** to listen favourably (to). \blacklozenge n ('Inklam, m'klam). 5 an inclined surface or slope; gradient. 6 short for **inclined railway**. [C13: from Latin *inclīnāre* to cause to lean, from *clīnāre* to bend; see LEAN']
- inclined (m'klamd) adj 1 (postpositive; often foll. by to) having a disposition; tending. 2 sloping or slanting.
- inclined plane n a plane whose angle to the horizontal is less than a right angle.
- inclined railway n Chiefly U.S. a cable railway used on particularly steep inclines unsuitable for normal adhesion locomotives.
- **inclinometer** (,inklr'nomite) *n* **1** an aircraft instrument for indicating the angle that an aircraft makes with the horizontal. **2** another name for **dip circle**.
- **inclose** (m'klauz) vb a less common spelling of **enclose**. \blacktriangleright **in'closable** adj \triangleright **in'closer** n \triangleright **in'closure** n
- include (m'klu:d) vb (tr) 1 to have as contents or part of the contents; be made up of or contain. 2 to add as part of something else; put in as part of a set, group, or category. 3 to contain as a secondary or minor ingredient or element. [C15 (in the sense: to enclose): from Latin inclūdere to enclose, from IN⁻² + claudere to close] ▶ in'cludable or in'cludible adj
- **included** (in'klu:drd) adj (of the stamens or pistils of a flower) not protruding beyond the corolla. in'cludedness n
- include out vb (tr, adv) Informal. to exclude: you can include me out of that deal.
- **inclusion** (m'klu:3ən) n **1** the act of including or the state of being included. **2** something included. **3** *Geology*. a solid fragment, liquid globule, or pocket of gas enclosed in a mineral or rock. **4** *Maths*. **4a** the relation between two sets that obtains when all the members of the first are members of the second. Symbol: $x \subseteq y$. **4b** strict or proper inclusion. the relation that obtains between two sets when the first includes the second but not vice versa. Symbol: $x \subset y$. **5** *Engineering*, a foreign particle in a metal, such as a particle of metal oxide.
- inclusion body *n Pathol*. any of the small particles found in cells infected with certain viruses.
- **inclusive** (m'klu:sv) *adj* 1 (*postpositive*; foll. by *of*) considered together (with): *capital inclusive of profit.* 2 (*postpositive*) including the limits specified: *Monday to Friday.inclusive is five days.* 3 comprehensive. 4 *Logic.* (of a disjunction) true if at least one of its component propositions is true. Compare **exclusive** (sense 10). \blacktriangleright in clusively $adv \rightarrow$ in clusiveness *n*
- **inclusive language** *n* language that avoids the use of certain expressions or words that might be considered to exclude particular groups of people, esp. gender-specific words, such as "man", "mankind", and masculine pronouns, the use of which might be considered to exclude women.
- inclusive or n Logic. the connective that gives the value true to a disjunction if either or both of the disjuncts are true. Also called: inclusive disjunction. Compare exclusive or.
- incoercible (,Inkau's:səb^al) *adj* 1 unable to be coerced or compelled. 2 (of a gas) not capable of being liquefied by pressure alone.

incogitant (m'kod3tent) adj Rare, thoughtless. [C17: from Latin incogitans, from IN-¹ + cogitare to think]

- **incognito** (,Inkog'ni:təu, In'kognrtəu) *or* (*fem*) **incognita** *adv*, *adj* (*postposi-tive*) 1 under an assumed name or appearance; in disguise. \blacklozenge *n*, *pl*-tos *or* (*fem*) -tas. 2 a person who is incognito. 3 the assumed name or disguise of such a person. [C17: from Italian, from Latin *incognitus* unknown, from IN-¹ + *cognitus* known]
- incognizant (in'kognizant) adj (when postpositive, often foll. by of) unaware (of). > in'cognizance n
- **incoherent** (,inkau'hiarant) *adj* 1 lacking in clarity or organization; disordered. **2** unable to express oneself clearly; inarticulate. **3** *Physics*. (of two or more waves) having the same frequency but not the same phase: *incoherent light*. \blacktriangleright ,incoherence, ,incoherency, *or* ,incoherentness $n \triangleright$,incoherently *adv*
- incombustible (,ınkəm'bʌstəb³l) adj 1 not capable of being burnt; fireproof.
 ♦ n 2 an incombustible object or material. ► ,incom,busti'bility or ,incom'bustibleness n ► ,incom'bustibly adv
- income ('mkAm, 'mkəm) *n* 1 the amount of monetary or other returns, either earned or unearned, accruing over a given period of time. **2** receipts; revenue. **3** *Rare.* an inflow or influx. [C13 (in the sense: arrival, entrance): from Old English *incumen* a coming in]
- **income bond** *n* a bond that pays interest at a rate in direct proportion to the issuer's earnings.
- **income group** *n* a group in a given population having incomes within a certain range.
- incomer ('inkAmə) *n* a person who comes to live in a place in which he was not born

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- **incoming** ('In, kAmm) *adj* 1 coming in; entering. **2** about to come into office; succeeding. **3** (of interest, dividends, etc.) being received; accruing. $\blacklozenge n 4$ the act of coming in; entrance. **5** (*usually pl*) income or revenue.
- **incommensurable** (,Inkə'menJərəb⁹]) *adj* 1 incapable of being judged, measured, or considered comparatively. **2** (*postpositive*; foll. by *with*) not in accordance; incommensurate. **3** *Maths.* **3a** not having a common factor other than 1, such as 2 and $\sqrt{-5}$. **3b** not having units of the same dimension. **3c** unrelated to another measurement by integral multiples. $\blacklozenge n 4$ something incommensurable. \blacktriangleright , incom,mensura'bility *or*, incom'mensurableness $n \triangleright$, incom'mensurable *adv*.
- incommensurate (,ınkə'menJərit) adj 1 (when postpositive, often foll. by with) not commensurate; disproportionate. 2 incommensurable. ► ,incom'mensurately adv ► ,incom'mensurateness n
- **incommode** (,Inkə'məud) vb (tr) to bother, disturb, or inconvenience. [C16: from Latin *incommodāre* to be troublesome, from *incommodus* inconvenient, from IN-¹ + commodus convenient; see COMMODE]
- incommodious (,ınkə'məudıəs) adj 1 insufficiently spacious; cramped. 2 troublesome or inconvenient. ► ,incom'modiously adv ► ,incom'modiousness n
- incommodity (,inka'mpdrti) n, pl -ties. a less common word for inconvenience.
- **incommunicable** $(,nka^{\dagger}mju:n:kab^{\exists}]$ *adj* 1 incapable of being communicated. 2 an obsolete word for incommunicative. \blacktriangleright ,incommunicability *or* ,incommunicableness *n* \blacktriangleright ,incommunicably *adv*
- incommunicado (,rnka,mju:nr'ko:dau) adv, adj (postpositive) deprived of communication with other people, as while in solitary confinement. [C19: from Spanish incomunicado, from incomunicar to deprive of communication; see IN-¹, COMMUNICATE]
- incommunicative (,Inkə'mju:Inkətıv) adj tending not to communicate with others; taciturn. >,incom'municatively adv >,incom'municativeness n
- incommutable (,rnkə'mju:təb^al) *adj* incapable of being commuted; unalterable. ►,incom,muta'bility *or*,incom'mutableness *n* ►,incom'mutably *adv*
- **incomparable** (m'komparab²], -prab²]) *adj* 1 beyond or above comparison; matchless; unequalled. 2 lacking a basis for comparison; not having qualities or features that can be compared. \blacktriangleright in, compara'bility *or* in'comparableness $n \triangleright$ in'comparably *adv*
- **incompatible** (,Ink&m'pætəb^a) *adj* 1 incapable of living or existing together in peace or harmony; conflicting or antagonistic. 2 opposed in nature or quality; inconsistent. 3 (of an office, position, etc.) only able to be held by one person at a time. 4 *Med.* (esp. of two drugs or two types of blood) incapable of being combined or used together; antagonistic. 5 *Logic.* (of two propositions) unable to be both true at the same time. 6 (of plants) 6a not capable of forming successful grafts. 6b incapable of self-fertilization. 7 *Maths.* another word for inconsistent (sense 4). \Rightarrow n 8 (often pl) a person or thing that is incompatible with another. \Rightarrow ,incom, patibility or ,incom'patibleness $n \Rightarrow$, Incom'patibly *adv*
- **incompetent** (m'komprtənt) *adj* 1 not possessing the necessary ability, skill, etc. to do or carry out a task; incapable. 2 marked by lack of ability, skill, etc. 3 *Law*. not legally qualified: *an incompetent witness*. 4 (of rock strata, folds, etc.) yielding readily to pressure so as to undergo structural deformation. $\blacklozenge n 5$ an incompetent person. \blacktriangleright in competence *or* in competency $n \triangleright$ in competently *adv*
- **incomplete** (,mkəm'pli:t) adj 1 not complete or finished. 2 not completely developed; imperfect. 3 *Logic*. 3a (of a formal theory) not so constructed that the addition of a non-theorem to the axioms renders it inconsistent. 3b (of an expression) not having a reference of its own but requiring completion by another expression. \blacktriangleright ,incom'pletely $adv \vdash$, incom'pleteness or ,incom'pleteness or , incom'pleteness or , incom'
- **incompliant** (,mkəm'plarənt) adj not compliant; unyielding or inflexible. \blacktriangleright , incom'pliance ar, incom'pliancy $n \models$, incom'pliantly adv
- incomprehensible (,ınkomprı'hensəbⁿ], ın,kom-) adj 1 incapable of being understood; unintelligible. 2 Archaic. limitless; boundless. ▶ ,incompre,hensi'bility or ,incompre'hensibleness n ▶ ,incompre'hensibly adv incomprehension (,ınkomprı'henʃən, ın,kom-) n inability or failure to com-
- prehend; lack of understanding. **incomprehensive** (,mkompri'hensiv, m,kom-) *adj* not comprehensive; limited in range or scope. incompre'hensively *adv* incompre'hensiveness *n*
- incompressible (,ınkəm'presəb^al) *adj* incapable of being compressed or condensed. ► ,incom,pressi'bility *or* ,incom'pressibleness *n* ► ,incom'pressibly *adv*
- incomputable (,ınkəm'pju:təb^al) adj incapable of being computed; incalculable. ► ,incom,puta'bility n ► ,incom'putably adv
- inconceivable (,inkan'si:vab^al) adj incapable of being conceived, imagined, or considered. ►, incon,ceiva'bility or ,incon'ceivableness n ►, incon'ceivably adv
- **inconclusive** (,inkan'klu:srv) *adj* not conclusive or decisive; not finally settled; indeterminate. \blacktriangleright , incon'clusively *adv* \blacktriangleright , incon'clusiveness *n*
- incondensable or incondensible (,Inkan'densab^al) adj incapable of being condensed.
 , incon,densa'bility or ,incon,densi'bility n
- incondite (In'kondit, -dait) adj Rare. 1 poorly constructed or composed. 2 rough or crude. [C17: from Latin inconditus, from IN-¹ + conditus, from con-