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incl. or (sometimes) **inc.** ▷ *abbreviation* **1** included. **2** including. **3** inclusive.

inclement /ɪŋ'klemənt, ɪn-/ ▷ *adj.*, formal said of weather: stormy or severe; harsh. • **inclemency** *noun* (*inclemencies*). • **inclemently** *adverb*. ① 17c: from Latin *inclemens*, from *clemens* mild.

inclination /ɪŋkli'neɪʃən, ɪn-/ ▷ *noun* **1** (often an **inclination for** or **towards something** or **to do something**) a particular tendency or disposition, especially a liking, interest or preference □ *My own inclination is to wait till tomorrow* □ *had an inclination for chocolate ice-cream*. **2** the degree at which an object slopes away from a horizontal or vertical line or plane. **3** see INCLINE *noun*. **4** an act of inclining or bowing (the head, etc); a bow or nod. **5** the act of inclining; being inclined.

incline /ɪŋ'klaɪn, ɪn-/ ▷ *verb* (*inclined, inclining*) **1** *tr* & *intr* (especially **incline to** or **towards something**) to lean or make someone lean towards (a particular opinion or conduct); to be, or make someone, disposed towards it □ *I incline to agree* □ *He inclined towards the radical approach*. **2** *tr* & *intr* to slope or make something slope from a horizontal or vertical line or direction; to slant. **3** to bow or bend (the head, one's body, etc) forwards or downwards. ▷ *noun* /ɪŋklaɪn, 'ɪn-/ a slope; an inclined plane. Also called **inclination**. • **inclined** *adj* **1** sloping or bent. **2** having a tendency; disposed. ① 14c: from Latin *inclinare* to bend towards.

inclined plane ▷ *noun*, *mech.*, etc a plane surface at an angle to a horizontal surface, used especially as a mechanism for lessening the force needed to raise or lower heavy objects.

inclose see ENCLOSE

inclosure see ENCLOSURE

include /ɪŋ'klu:d, ɪn-/ ▷ *verb* (*included, including*) **1** to take in or consider something or someone along with other things or people, as part of a group □ *I don't include him among my friends* □ *He has five pairs, if you include the blue ones*. **2** to contain or be made up of something, or to have it as parts of its contents □ *The price includes postage and packing*. Opposite of EXCLUDE. • **includable** or **includible** *adj.* • **including** *prep* which includes. • **include me out** *colloq.*, originally & especially US do not include me; count me out. ① 15c: from Latin *includere* to shut in.

inclusion /ɪŋ'klu:ʒən, ɪn-/ ▷ *noun* **1** the act or process of including; the state of being included. **2** something that is included. **3** a small amount of liquid or gas that is encapsulated in a mineral.

inclusive /ɪŋ'klu:sɪv, ɪn-/ ▷ *adj* **1** (usually **inclusive of something**) incorporating it; taking it in □ *inclusive of VAT*. **2** counting the specified limits □ *pages 13 to 27 inclusive*. See also INCLUSIVE RECKONING. **3** comprehensive; all-embracing. • **inclusively** *adverb*. • **inclusiveness** *noun*.

inclusive reckoning ▷ *noun* a method of counting in which both the first and the last term is counted □ *by inclusive reckoning, Easter Sunday is the third day after Good Friday*. Compare EXCLUSIVE RECKONING.

incognito /ɪŋkɒɡ'nɪ:tʊ, ɪn-/ ▷ *adj.*, *adverb* keeping one's identity a secret, eg by using a disguise and a false name. ▷ *noun* (*incognitos*) **1** the disguise and false name of a person who wishes to keep their identity secret. **2** someone who is incognito. ① 17c: Italian (adjective and adverb), meaning 'unknown', from Latin *incognitus* unknown.

incognizant or **incognisant** ▷ *adj.*, formal (especially **incognizant of something**) not aware of it; not knowing. • **incognizance** *noun*. ① 19c: see COGNIZANT.

incoherent ▷ *adj* **1** said of speech or writing: not expressed clearly or logically; difficult to understand and

of clarity in speech or writing. **3** difficulty in expressing oneself. • **incoherently** *adverb*. ① 17c.

incombustible ▷ *adj* incapable of being set alight or burned. ① 15c.

income /'ɪŋkʌm, -kəm, ɪn-/ ▷ *noun* money received over a period of time as payment for work, etc or as interest or profit from shares or investment. See also REVENUE. ① 17c in this sense; 14c, meaning 'an arrival' or 'a coming in'.

incomer ▷ *noun* someone who comes to live in a place, not having been born there.

incomes policy ▷ *noun*, *econ* a government policy designed to curb inflation by controlling wages.

income support ▷ *noun*, *Brit* a state benefit paid to people on low incomes and to the unemployed, and which replaced SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT in 1988, itself being replaced in October 1996 by JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE.

income tax ▷ *noun* a personal tax levied on income, often set as a fixed percentage of income, with increasing percentages being levied on higher levels of income.

incoming ▷ *adj* **1** coming in; approaching □ *the incoming train*. **2** next or following. **3** said of an official, politician, etc: coming in to office □ *the incoming president*. **4** said of interest, etc: accruing. Opposite of OUTGOING.

incommensurable ▷ *adj* (especially **incommensurable with something**) **1** having no common standard or basis and not able to be compared with it. **2** *math* said of a quantity or magnitude: having no common factor with another. • **incommensurability** *noun*. ① 16c: from Latin *incommensurabilis*; see COMMENSURABLE.

incommensurate ▷ *adj* **1** (especially **incommensurate with** or **to something**) out of proportion to it; inadequate for it. **2** INCOMMENSURABLE. • **incommensurately** *adverb*. • **incommensurateness** *noun*. ① 17c: see COMMENSURATE.

incommode /ɪŋkə'moʊd, ɪn-/ ▷ *verb* (*incommoded, incommoding*) formal or old use to cause bother, trouble or inconvenience to someone. ① 16c: from French *incommoder*, from Latin *incommodare*.

incommodious ▷ *adj.*, formal said eg of accommodation: inconvenient or uncomfortable, especially because too small. • **incommodiously** *adverb*. • **incommodiousness** *noun*. ① 16c: see COMMODIOUS.

incommunicado /ɪŋkəm'ju:nɪ'kɑ:dou, ɪn-/ ▷ *adverb*, *adj* said of a person: not able or allowed to communicate with other people, especially when held in solitary confinement □ *He will be strictly incommunicado for a month*. ① 19c: Spanish.

incomparable ▷ *adj* **1** having no equal; above comparison. **2** not comparable; having no common properties or other basis by which to make a comparison. • **incomparability** or **incomparableness** *noun*. • **incomparably** *adverb*. ① 15c.

incompatible ▷ *adj* **1** said of people: unable to live, work or get on together in harmony. **2** (often **incompatible with something**) said of statements, etc: not in agreement; inconsistent. **3** said eg of drugs: not able to be combined; mutually intolerant. **4** said eg of machines, computer software or hardware, etc: incapable of functioning together; not able to operate in combination. • **incompatibility** *noun*. • **incompatibly** *adverb*. ① 16c.

incompetent /ɪn'kɒmpɪtənt/ ▷ *adj* **1** lacking the necessary skill, ability or qualifications, especially for a job. **2** not legally qualified or COMPETENT. ▷ *noun* an incompetent person. • **incompetence** *noun*. • **incompetently** *adverb*. ① 16c.