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- other plane, usually that of the ecliptic. **8 Physics.** another name for **dip** (sense 27). ▶ **inclinational** *adj*
- incline** *vb* (ɪn'klaɪn) **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). ♦ *n* ('ɪnklaɪn, ɪn'klaɪn). **5** an inclined surface or slope; gradient. **6** short for **inclined railway**. [C13: from Latin *inclinare* to cause to lean, from *clinare* to bend; see **LEAN**]
▶ **incliner** *n*
- inclined** (ɪn'klaɪnd) *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** (ɪn'klɪnɒmɪtə) *n* **1** an aircraft instrument for indicating the angle that an aircraft makes with the horizontal. **2** another name for **dip circle**.
- incline** (ɪn'klaɪz) *vb* a less common spelling of **enclose**. ▶ **in'closable** *adj*
▶ **in'closer** *n* ▶ **in'closure** *n*
- include** (ɪn'kluːd) *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** (ɪn'kluːdɪd) *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** (ɪn'kluːʒən) *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: $x \subset y$. **4b** *strict or proper inclusion.* the relation that obtains between two sets when the first includes the second but not vice versa. Symbol: $x \subsetneq y$. **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** (ɪn'kluːsɪv) *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). ▶ **in'clusively** *adv* ▶ **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** (ɪn'kɔːsəbəl) *adj* **1** unable to be coerced or compelled. **2** (of a gas) not capable of being liquefied by pressure alone.
- incog.** *abbrev. for* incognito.
- incogitable** (ɪn'kɔːdʒɪtəbəl) *adj* *Rare.* not to be contemplated; unthinkable.
▶ **in,cogita'bility** *n*
- incogitant** (ɪn'kɔːdʒɪtənt) *adj* *Rare.* thoughtless. [C17: from Latin *incogitāns*, from *in-*¹ + *cogitare* to think]
- incognito** (ɪn'kɔːgnɪtəʊ, ɪn'kɔːgnɪtəʊ) or (*fem*) **incognita** *adv, adj* (*postpositive*) **1** under an assumed name or appearance; in disguise. ♦ *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** (ɪn'kɔːgnɪzənt) *adj* (*when postpositive*, often foll. by *of*) unaware (of). ▶ **in'cognizance** *n*
- incoherent** (ɪn'kɔːhərənt) *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.* ▶ **inco'herence**, **inco'herency**, or **inco'herentness** *n* ▶ **inco'herently** *adv*
- incombustible** (ɪn'kɔːmbʌstəbəl) *adj* **1** not capable of being burnt; fireproof. ♦ *n* **2** an incombustible object or material. ▶ **in'combusti'bility** or **in'combustibleness** *n* ▶ **in'combustibly** *adv*
- income** (ɪn'kʌm, 'ɪnkəm) *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** (ɪn'kʌmə) *n* a person who comes to live in a place in which he was not born.
- incoming** (ɪn'kʌmɪŋ) *adj* **1** coming in; entering. **2** about to come into office; succeeding. **3** (of interest, dividends, etc.) being received; accruing. ♦ *n* **4** the act of coming in; entrance. **5** (*usually pl*) income or revenue.
- incommensurable** (ɪn'kɔːmənsjərəbəl) *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 $\sqrt{2}$. **3b** not having units of the same dimension. **3c** unrelated to another measurement by integral multiples. ♦ *n* **4** something incommensurable. ▶ **in'com,mensura'bility** or **in'com'mensurableness** *n* ▶ **in'com'mensurably** *adv*
- incommensurate** (ɪn'kɔːmənsjərət) *adj* **1** (when *postpositive*, often foll. by *with*) not commensurate; disproportionate. **2** incommensurable. ▶ **in'com'mensurately** *adv* ▶ **in'com'mensurateness** *n*
- incommod** (ɪn'kɔːməʊd) *vb* (*tr*) to bother, disturb, or inconvenience. [C16: from Latin *incommodare* to be troublesome, from *incommodus* inconvenient, from *in-*¹ + *commodus* convenient; see **COMMODO**]
- incommodious** (ɪn'kɔːməʊdɪəs) *adj* **1** insufficiently spacious; cramped. **2** troublesome or inconvenient. ▶ **in'com'modiously** *adv* ▶ **in'com'modiousness** *n*
- incommodity** (ɪn'kɔːmədɪtɪ) *n, pl -ties.* a less common word for **inconvenience**.
- incommunicable** (ɪn'kɔːmjʊ:nɪkəbəl) *adj* **1** incapable of being communicated. **2** an obsolete word for **incommunicative**. ▶ **in'com,munica'bility** or **in'com'municableness** *n* ▶ **in'com'municably** *adv*
- incomunicado** (ɪn'kɔːmjʊ:nɪ'kɑːdəʊ) *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-*, **COMMUNICATE**]
- incommunicative** (ɪn'kɔːmjʊ:nɪkətɪv) *adj* tending not to communicate with others; taciturn. ▶ **in'com'municatively** *adv* ▶ **in'com'municativeness** *n*
- incommutable** (ɪn'kɔːmjʊ:təbəl) *adj* incapable of being commuted; unalterable. ▶ **in'com,muta'bility** or **in'com'mutableness** *n* ▶ **in'com'mutably** *adv*
- incomparable** (ɪn'kɔːmpərəbəl, -prəbəl) *adj* **1** beyond or above comparison; matchless; unequalled. **2** lacking a basis for comparison; not having qualities or features that can be compared. ▶ **in'compara'bility** or **in'comparableness** *n* ▶ **in'comparably** *adv*
- incompatible** (ɪn'kɔːmpætəbəl) *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). ♦ *n* **8** (*often pl*) a person or thing that is incompatible with another. ▶ **in'com,pati'bility** or **in'com'patibleness** *n* ▶ **in'com'patibly** *adv*
- incompetent** (ɪn'kɔːmpɪtənt) *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. ♦ *n* **5** an incompetent person. ▶ **in'competence** or **in'competency** *n* ▶ **in'competently** *adv*
- incomplete** (ɪn'kɔːmpliːt) *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. ▶ **in'com'pletely** *adv* ▶ **in'com'pleteness** or **in'com'pletion** *n*
- incompliant** (ɪn'kɔːmplaɪənt) *adj* not compliant; unyielding or inflexible. ▶ **in'com'pliance** or **in'com'pliance** *n* ▶ **in'com'pliantly** *adv*
- incomprehensible** (ɪn'kɔːmpri'hensəbəl, ɪn'kɔːm-) *adj* **1** incapable of being understood; unintelligible. **2** *Archaic.* limitless; boundless. ▶ **in'compre,hensi'bility** or **in'compre'hensibleness** *n* ▶ **in'compre'hensibly** *adv*
- incomprehension** (ɪn'kɔːmpri'hensjən, ɪn'kɔːm-) *n* inability or failure to comprehend; lack of understanding.
- incomprehensive** (ɪn'kɔːmpri'hensɪv, ɪn'kɔːm-) *adj* not comprehensive; limited in range or scope. ▶ **in'compre'hensively** *adv* ▶ **in'compre'hensiveness** *n*
- incompressible** (ɪn'kɔːmpresəbəl) *adj* incapable of being compressed or condensed. ▶ **in'com,pressi'bility** or **in'com'pressibleness** *n* ▶ **in'com'pressibly** *adv*
- incomputable** (ɪn'kɔːmpju:təbəl) *adj* incapable of being computed; incalculable. ▶ **in'com,puta'bility** *n* ▶ **in'com'putably** *adv*
- inconceivable** (ɪn'kɔːnsi:vəbəl) *adj* incapable of being conceived, imagined, or considered. ▶ **in'con,ceiva'bility** or **in'con'ceivableness** *n* ▶ **in'con'ceivably** *adv*
- inconclusive** (ɪn'kɔːn'kluːsɪv) *adj* not conclusive or decisive; not finally settled; indeterminate. ▶ **in'con'clusively** *adv* ▶ **in'con'clusiveness** *n*
- incondensable** or **incondensible** (ɪn'kɔːn'densəbəl) *adj* incapable of being condensed. ▶ **in'con,densa'bility** or **in'con,densi'bility** *n*
- incondite** (ɪn'kɔːndɪt, -daɪt) *adj* *Rare.* **1** poorly constructed or composed. **2** rough or crude. [C17: from Latin *inconditus*, from *in-*¹ + *conditus*, from *con-*