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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:sv, 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** /ɪŋkəmju: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.