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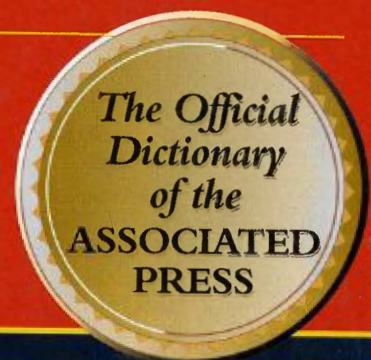
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a circuit, machine, etc. *c*) data or programs entered or to be entered into a computer for processing *d*) any offered information, as an opinion or advice **3** a terminal connection for receiving electric power or signals —*vt.* —*put'*, —*put'-ting* to enter (data) into a computer —*adj.* of or relating to computer input —*in-'put'-ter* *n.*

in-quest (in'kwɛst) *n.* [ME *enqueste* < OFr < VL **inquaesita*, fem. pp. of **inquaerere*: see INQUIRE] **1** a judicial inquiry, as a coroner's investigation of a death **2** the jury or group holding such an inquiry **3** the verdict of such an inquiry

in-qui-etude (in kwɪ'ə tood', -tyōōd') *n.* [ME < MFr *inquiétude* < LL *inquietudo* < L *inquietus*, restless: see IN-2 & QUIET] restless-ness; uneasiness

in-qui-line (in'kwɛ lin', -lin) *n.* [L *inquinus*, inhabitant < *in-*, in + stem of *colere*, to till, dwell: see CULT] an animal, usually an insect, that lives in the nest or abode of another, with or without harm to the host: cf. COMMENSAL —*in-'qui-lin-ism'* (-lin iz'əm) *n.*

in-quire (in kwɪr') *vi.* —*quired'*, —*quir'-ing* [ME *enqueren* < OFr *enquerre* < VL **inquaerere*, for L *inquirere* < *in-*, into + *quaerere*, to seek] **1** to seek information; ask a question or questions **2** to carry out an examination or investigation: usually with *into* —*vt.* to seek information about [to *inquire* the way] —*SYN.* ASK —*inquire after* to pay respects by asking about the health of —*inquire for* **1** to ask to see (someone) **2** to try to get by asking —*in-quir'er* *n.* —*in-quir'-ingly* *adv.*

in-quiry (in'kwɛr ē, in kwɪr'ē, in'kwɪr'ē) *n., pl.* —*quir-ies* [earlier *enquiry* < ME *enquerre*] **1** the act of inquiring **2** an investigation or examination **3** a question; query

in-qui-si-tion (in'kwɛ zish'ən) *n.* [ME *inquisicioun* < OFr *inquisition* < L *inquisitio* < *inquisitus*, pp. of *inquirere*] **1** the act of inquiring; investigation **2** [I-] *R.C.Ch.* *a*) a former general tribunal established in the 13th cent. for the discovery and suppression of heresy and the punishment of heretics *b*) the activities of this tribunal **3 a**) any harsh or arbitrary suppression or punishment of dissidents or nonconformists *b*) any severe or intensive questioning **4 Law a**) an inquest or any judicial inquiry *b*) the written finding of such an inquiry —*in-'qui-si'-tional* *adj.*

in-qui-si-tion-ist (-ist) *n.* INQUISITOR

in-quisi-tive (in kwiz'ə tiv) *adj.* [ME *enquesitif* < OFr *inquisitif* < LL *inquisitivus* < L *inquisitus*, pp. of *inquirere*: see INQUIRE] **1** inclined to ask many questions or seek information; eager to learn **2** asking more questions than is necessary or proper; prying —*SYN.* CURIOUS —*in-quis'-tively* *adv.* —*in-quis'-tiveness* *n.*

in-quisi-tor (in kwiz'ə tər) *n.* [OFr *inquisiteur* < L *inquisitor* < *inquisitus*, pp.: see INQUIRE] **1** an official whose work is examining, or making an inquisition **2** any harsh or prying questioner **3** [I-] an official of the Inquisition

in-quisi-to-rial (in kwiz'ə tɔr'ē əl) *adj.* [ML *inquisitorius*] **1** of or like an inquisitor or inquisition **2** inquisitive; prying —*in-quis'-tō-ri-ally* *adv.*

in re (in rē', in rā') [L] in the matter (of); concerning

in rem (in rem') [L, lit., against the thing] *Law* designating an action or judgment against a thing, as property, as distinguished from one against a person (*in personam*)

-in-residence (in rez'ɪ dɛns) *combining form* appointed to work at, and usually residing at, a given institution, as a college, for a certain period [the English Department's poet-in-residence]

INRI *abbrev.* [L *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*] *Bible* Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews: the inscription placed over Christ's head during the crucifixion Cf. Luke 23:38

in-road (in'rōd') *n.* [IN-1 + ROAD (in obs. sense of "riding")] **1** a sudden invasion or raid **2** any advance; esp., an intrusion or encroachment: usually used in *pl.*

in-rush (in'rush') *n.* a rushing in; inflow; influx

ins *abbrev.* 1 inches **2** insulated **3** insurance

INS *abbrev.* Immigration and Naturalization Service

in sae-cula sae-cu-lo-rum (in sã'koolã lã' sã'koolã lã room') [L, into ages of ages] for ever and ever; for eternity

in-sali-vate (in sal'ə vāt') *vt.* —*vated'*, —*vate'-ing* [IN-1 + SALIVATE] to mix (food) with saliva in chewing

in-sa-lu-bri-ous (in'sã lœ'bri'əs) *adj.* [L *insalubris* + -OUS] not salubrious; not healthful; unwholesome —*in-'sa-lu'-brity* (-brē tē) *n.*

in-sane (in sãn') *adj.* [L *insanus*] **1** not sane; mentally ill or deranged; demented; mad: not a technical term: see INSANITY *2 of or for insane people [an *insane* asylum] **3** very foolish, impractical, extravagant, etc.; senseless —*in-sane'ly* *adv.*

in-sani-tary (in san'ə ter'ē) *adj.* UNSANITARY

in-san-ity (in san'ə tē) *n., pl.* —*-ties* [L *insanitas* < *insanus*] **1** the state of being insane, mental illness or derangement, usually excluding amnesia: not a technical term **2 Law** any form or degree of mental derangement or unsoundness of mind, permanent or temporary, that makes a person incapable of what is regarded legally as normal, rational conduct or judgment: it usually implies a need for hospitalization **3** great folly; extreme senselessness

SYN.—*insanity*, current in popular and legal language but not used technically in medicine (see definition above), implies mental derangement in one who formerly had mental health; *lunacy* specifically suggests periodic spells of insanity, but is now most commonly used in its extended sense of extreme folly; *dementia* is the general term for an acquired mental disorder, now generally one of organic origin, as distinguished from *amentia* (congenital mental deficiency); *psychosis* is the psychiatric term for any of various specialized mental disorders, functional or

organic, in which the personality is seriously disorganized —*ANT.* sanity

in-sa-tiable (in sã'shə bəl, -shē ə-) *adj.* [see IN-2 & SATIATE] constantly wanting more; that cannot be satisfied or appeased; very greedy —*in-sa'-tiabil'-ity* *n.* —*in-sa'-tiably* *adv.*

in-sa-tiate (in sã'shət; -shē ət, -āt) *adj.* [L *insatiatus*] never satisfied; insatiable —*in-sa'-tiate-ly* *adv.* —*in-sa'-tiate-ness* *n.*

in-scape (in'skãp') *n.* the essential quality of a thing, place, person, etc., especially as expressed in an artistic work

in-scribe (in skrib') *vt.* —*scribed'*, —*scrib'-ing* [L *inscribere*: see IN-1 & SCRIBE] **1 a**) to write, mark, or engrave (words, symbols, etc.) on some surface *b*) to write on, mark, or engrave (a surface) **2** to add to the name of (someone) to a list; enroll **3 a**) to dedicate (a book, song, etc.) briefly and informally *b*) to write a short, signed message in (a book, etc. one is presenting as a gift) **4** to fix or impress deeply or lastingly in the mind, memory, etc. **5 Geom.** to draw (a figure) inside another figure so that their boundaries touch at a many points as possible —*in-scrib'er* *n.*

in-scription (in skrip'shən) *n.* [ME *inscripcioun* < L *inscriptio* < *inscriptus*, pp. of *inscribere*] **1** the act of inscribing **2** something inscribed or engraved, as on a coin or monument **3 a**) a brief or informal dedication in a book, etc. *b*) a short, signed message written in a book, etc. one is presenting as a gift —*in-scrip'-tive* *adj.* or *in-scrip'-tional*

in-scru-table (in skrūt'ə bəl) *adj.* [ME < LL(Ec) *inscrutabilis* < L *in-*, not + *scrutari*, to search carefully, examine: see SCRUTINIZE] that cannot be easily understood; completely obscure or mysterious; unathomable; enigmatic —*SYN.* MYSTERIOUS —*in-scru'-tably* *adv.*

in-seam (in'sēm') *n.* an inner seam; specif., the seam from the crotch to the bottom of a trouser leg

in-sect (in'sekt') *n.* [L *insectum* (*animale*), lit., notched (animal), neut. of pp. of *insecare*, to cut into < *in-*, in + *secare*, to cut (see SAW): from the segmented bodies: cf. ENTOMO-] **1** any of a large class (Insecta) of small arthropod animals characterized, in the adult state, by division of the body into head, thorax, and abdomen, three pairs of legs on the thorax, and, usually, two pairs of membranous wings, including beetles, bees, flies, wasps, and mosquitoes **2** popularly, any small arthropod, usually wingless, including spiders, centipedes, pill bugs, and mites **3** an unimportant or contemptible person

in-sect-ar-i-um (in'sek ter'ē əm) *n., pl.* —*-ia* (-ə) [ModL] a place where insects are raised, esp. for study; also *in-sect-ary* (in sek'tə rē, in'sek'-; in'sek ter'ē), *pl.* —*-taries*

in-sect-i-cide (in sek'tə sid') *n.* [INSECT + -CIDE] any substance used to kill insects —*in-sect'-ti-cid'-al* *adj.*

in-sect-i-fuge (in sek'tə fyōōj') *n.* any substance used to repel or drive away insects

in-sect-i-ful (in sek'tə fūl) *adj.* **1** of or like an insect: also *in-sect-i-val* (in'sek tɪ'vəl) **2** consisting of insects

in-sect-i-vore (in sek'tə vōr') *n.* [Fr < ModL *insectivorus*: see fol.] **1** any of an order (Insectivora) of generally small, primitive mammals that are active mainly at night and that feed principally on insects, as moles, shrews, or hedgehogs **2** any animal or plant that feeds on insects

in-sect-i-vo-rous (in'sek tiv'ə rəs) *adj.* [ModL *insectivorus*: see INSECT & -VOROUS] feeding chiefly on insects

in-se-cure (in'si kyoor') *adj.* [ML *insecurus*] not secure; specif., *a*) not safe from danger *b*) not confident; filled with anxieties; apprehensive *c*) not firm or dependable; unreliable —*in-'se-cure'ly* *adv.*

—*in-'se-cu'-rity* *n., pl.* —*-ties*

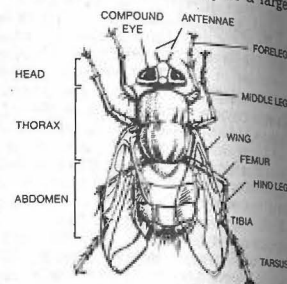
in-sel-berg (in'səl bɜrg', -zəl) *n., pl.* —*-bergs* or —*-berge* (-bɜrgə) an isolated rocky hill or mountain rising above a plain in a hot, dry region: cf. MONADNOCK

in-semi-nate (in sem'ə nāt') *vt.* —*nat'ed*, —*nat'-ing* [L *inseminatus*, pp. of *inseminare*, to sow in < *in-*, in + *seminare*, to sow < *semen*, seed: see SEMEN] **1** to sow seeds in; esp., to impregnate by sexual intercourse or by artificially injecting semen **2** to implant (ideas, etc.) in (the mind, etc.) —*in-sem'-i-na-tion* *n.*

in-sen-sate (in sen'sāt', -sit) *adj.* [LL(Ec) *insensatus*, irrational < L *in-*, IN-2 + *sensatus*, gifted with sense < *sensus*, SENSE] **1** lacking sensation; not feeling, or not capable of feeling, sensation; inanimate **2** without sense or reason; foolish; stupid **3** lacking sensibility; without regard or feeling for others; cold; insensitive —*in-sen'-sate'ly* *adv.* —*in-sen'-sate'-ness* *n.*

in-sen-sible (in sen'sə bəl) *adj.* [OFr < L *insensibilis*: see IN-2 & SENSIBLE] **1** lacking sensation; not having the power to perceive with the senses **2** having lost sensation; unconscious **3** not recognizing or realizing; unaware; indifferent **4** not responsive emotionally; without feeling **5** so small, slight, or gradual as to be virtually imperceptible **6** not intelligible; without meaning: now chiefly in legal use **7** [Obs.] senseless; stupid —*in-sen'-sibil'-ity* *n.* —*in-sen'-sibly* *adv.*

in-sen-si-tive (in sen'sə tiv) *adj.* **1** not sensitive; esp., incapable of being impressed, influenced, or affected; having little or no reaction



INSECT (housefly)