

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'etud', -tyōd') n. [ME < MFr *inquiétude* < LL *inquietudo* < L *inquietus*, restless; see IN- & QUIET] restlessness; uneasiness

in-qui-line (in'kwɪ'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') vt. —quired', —quir-ing [ME *inqueren* < 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 about 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'kwɪr'ɪ, in'kwɪr'ɪ, in'kwɪr'ɪ) n., pl. —in-quiries [earlier *enquery* < ME *enquerre*] 1 the act of inquiring 2 an investigation or examination 3 a question; query

in-qui-si-tion (in'kwɪz'ɪʃən) n. [ME *inquisitoun* < OFr *inquisitio* < L *inquisitio* < *inquisitus*, pp. of *inquirere*] 1 the act of inquiring; investigation 2 [L-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'kwɪz'ɪ-tɪv) adj. [ME *enquestif* < 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-quisi-tively adv. —in-quisi-tive-ness n.

in-quisi-tor (in'kwɪz'ɪ-tɔr) n. [OFr *inquisiteur* < L *inquisitor* < *inquisitus*, pp. of *inquirere*] 1 an official whose work is examining, or making an inquisition 2 any harsh or prying questioner 3 [L] an official of the Inquisition

in-quisi-to-ri-al (in'kwɪz'ɪ-tɔr'ɪ-əl) adj. [L *inquisitorius*] 1 of or like an inquisitor or inquisition 2 inquisitive; prying —in-quisi-to-ri-ally adv.

in re (in rē, in rā) [L] in the matter (of); concerning
in rem (in rɛm) [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-dəns) 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 *Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*] Bible Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews: the inscription placed over Christ's head during the crucifixion Cf. Luks 23:38

in-road (in'rōd') n. [IN- + 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'rʌʃ) 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 sāk'ʊ-lā sāk'ʊ-lō-rŭm) [L, into ages of ages] for ever and ever; for eternity

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

in-sal-u-bri-ous (in'se-lŭ-brē-əs) adj. [L *insalubris* + -OUS] not salubrious; not healthful; unwholesome —in-sal-u-bri-ty (-brē-tē) n.

in-sane (in sän') 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-san-i-tary (in san'ə-ter'ɪ) 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 amnesia (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-sat-i-able (in sās'hə-bəl, -shə-ə) adj. [see IN-² & SATISFIED] wanting more; that cannot be satisfied or appeased —in-sat'i-abil'i-ty n. —in-sat'i-ably adv.

in-sa-tiate (in sās'hat; -shə-ət, -āt) adj. [L *insatiatus*] satisfied; insatiable —in-sa-tiate-ly adv. —in-sa-tiate-ness n.

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

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

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

in-scru-table (in skrŭt'ə-bəl) adj. [ME < LL(Ec) *in-scrutabilis*, not + *scrutari*, to search carefully, examine; see SCRUTINIZE] cannot be easily understood; completely obscure or unfathomable; enigmatic —SYN. MYSTERIOUS —in-scru-table-ly adv.

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

in-sect (in'sekt') n. [L *insectum (animale)*, lit., notched neut. of pp. of *insecare*, to cut into < in-, in + *secare*, to cut (SAW²): from the segmented bodies: cf. ENTOMO-] 1 any member of the 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'sekt'ar'ē-əm) n., pl. -ia (-ə) [ModL] a place where insects are raised, esp. for study; also in-sect-ary (in'sekt'ə-rɪ) n. —in-sect-ary (in'sekt'ə-rɪ) n. —in-sect-ary (in'sekt'ə-rɪ) n. —in-sect-ary (in'sekt'ə-rɪ) n. —in-sect-ary (in'sekt'ə-rɪ) n.

in-sect-i-cide (in'sekt'ɪ-sɪd') n. [L *insectum* + -CID-] any substance used to kill insects —in-sect'i-ci-dal adj.

in-sect-i-fuge (in'sekt'ɪ-fyŭj') n. any substance used to drive away insects

in-sect-ile (in'sekt'ɪ-l) adj. 1 of or like an insect; also (in'sekt'ɪ-vəl) 2 consisting of insects

in-sect-i-vore (in'sekt'ɪ-vɔr') n. [Fr < ModL *insectivora*] 1 any of an order (Insectivora) of generally small, mammalian animals that are active mainly at night and that feed on insects, as moles, shrews, or hedgehogs 2 any animal that feeds on insects

in-sect-i-vo-rous (in'sekt'ɪ-vɔr'əs) adj. [ModL *insectivorus* & -VOROUS] feeding chiefly on insects

in-se-cure (in'si-kyŭr') adj. [ML *insecurus*] not secure; not safe from danger b) not confident; filled with anxious apprehension c) not firm or dependable; unreliable —in-se-cure-ly adv. —in-se-cure-ri-ty n., pl. -ties

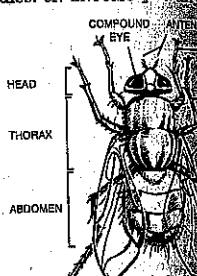
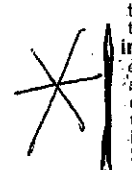
in-sel-berg (in'sel'berg, -zel-) n., pl. -bergs or -berges an isolated rocky hill or mountain rising above a plain; esp., a hot, dry region: cf. MONADNOCK

in-sem-i-nate (in sem'ə-nāt') vt. —nated', —inat-ing [L *inseminatus*, pp. of *inseminare*, to sow in < in-, in + *semen*, seed; see SEMEN] 1 to sow seeds in, esp. by sowing 2 to fertilize by sexual intercourse or by artificially injecting sperm into (an egg) 3 to implant (ideas, etc.) in (the mind, etc.) —in-sem-i-nat'ion n.

in-sen-sate (in sen'sāt', -sɪt) adj. [LL(Ec) *insensatus*, from in-, in- + *sensatus*, gifted with sense < *sensus*; see SENSE] 1 lacking sensation; not having the power of feeling; insentient 2 without sense or reason; foolish; stupid 3 lacking sympathy; without regard or feeling for others; cold; insensitive —in-sen-sate'ly adv. —in-sen-sate'ness n.

in-sen-si-ble (in sen'sə-bəl) adj. [OFr < L *insensibilis*, from in-, in- + *sensibilis*, lacking sensation; see SENSIBLE] 1 lacking sensation; not having the power of feeling 2 with the senses 2 having lost sensation; unconscious; not realizing or aware; indifferent 4 not responsive; without feeling 5 so small, slight, or gradual as to be imperceptible 6 not intelligible; without meaning —in-sen-si-bil'i-ty n. —in-sen-si-bil'i-ty n. —in-sen-si-bil'i-ty n. —in-sen-si-bil'i-ty n.

in-sen-si-tive (in sen'sə-tɪv) adj. 1 not sensitive; not being impressed, influenced, or affected; having little or no



INSECT (housefly)