

to learn; inquiring. —**in'quisitively** adv. —**in'quisitiveness** n.
inquisitor (in'kwizitor) n. 1. a person who
 queries, esp. deeply, searchingly, or ruthlessly.
 2. (who cap.) an official of the ecclesiastical
 court of the Inquisition.

**a tiny white insect
 crawling over
 the black small print
 of my great dictionary**

to bring the Crucifixion). [**L.** Jesus of
 Nazareth, King of the Jews]

inroad ('in,ru:əd) n. 1. an invasion or hostile
 attack or incursion. 2. an encroachment or
 intrusion.

inrush ('in,ruʃ) n. a sudden usually
 overwhelming inward flow or rush; influx. —**in-
 rushing** n. adv.

in. abbrev. for 1. inches. 2. insulated. 3.
 insurance.

insane (in'seɪn) adj. 1. a. mentally deranged;
 mad; of unsound mind. b. (as collective n.
 marked by the) the insane. 2. characteristic of
 a person of unsound mind; an insane stare. 3.
 impossible; very foolish; stupid. —**in'sanely**
 adv. —**in'saneess** n.

insanitary (in'senitari, -tri) adj. not sanitary;
 dirty; infected.

insanity (in'seniti) n. pl. -ties. 1. relatively
 transient disorder of the mind; state or
 condition of being insane. 2. utter folly; stupidity.

insatiable (in'seɪʃəbəl, -fɪ-) or **insatiate**
 (in'seɪʃi) adj. not able to be satisfied or satiated;
 never or unappeasable. —**in,satia'bility** or
in,satiableness n. —**in'satiably** or **in'satiately**
 adv.

inscape ('inskeɪp) n. the essential inner nature
 of a person, object, etc., as expressed in literary
 or music works. [**C19**: < **IN** + -scape, as in
landscape; coined by Gerard Manley Hopkins
 (1844-33), **E**, poet]

inscribe (in'skraɪb) vb. (**tr.**) 1. to make, carve,
 or engrave (writing, letters, etc.) on (a surface
 such as wood, stone, or paper). 2. to enter (a
 name) on a list or in a register. 3. to sign one's
 name as (a book, etc.) before presentation to
 another person. 4. to draw (a geometric
 construction) inside another construction so that
 the two are in contact but do not intersect. [**C18**:
 < **L.** **inscribere**; see **INSCRIPTION**] —**in'scribable**
 adj. —**in'scribability** n. —**in'scriber** n.

inscription (in'skripʃən) n. 1. something
 inscribed, esp. words carved or engraved on a
 durable surface. 2. a signature or brief dedication
 in a book or on a work of art. 3. the act of
 inscribing. [**C14**: < **L.** **inscriptio** a writing upon, <
inscribere to write upon, < **IN** + **scribere** to
 write] —**in'scriptional** or **in'scriptive** adj.
 —**in'scriptively** adv.

inscrutable (in'skru:təbəl) adj. mysterious or
 enigmatic; incomprehensible. [**C15**: < **LL.** < **L.**
in + **scrutari** to examine] —**in,scruta'bility** or
in,scrutableness n. —**in'scrutably** adv.

insect ('ɪnsɛkt) n. 1. any of a class of small air-
 breathing arthropods, having a body divided into
 head, thorax, and abdomen, three pairs of legs,
 and (in most species) two pairs of wings. 2.
 (used) any similar invertebrate, such as a
 spider, tick, or centipede. 3. a contemptible,
 odious, or insignificant person. [**C17**: < **L.**
insectum (animal that has been) cut into, insect,
 < **insecare** < **IN** + **secare** to cut] —**in'sectile**
 adj. —**insect-like** adj.

insectarium (in'sɛk'tɔ:riəm) or **insectary**
 (in'sɛktəri) n. pl. -taria, -taria (-'tɔ:riə), or
 -aries, a place where living insects are kept,
 bred, and studied.

insecticide (in'sɛkti,said) n. a substance used

to destroy insect pests. —**in,secti'cidal** adj.

insectivore (in'sɛkti,vɔ:ə) n. 1. any of an order
 of placental mammals, being typically small, with
 simple teeth, and feeding on invertebrates. The
 group includes shrews, moles, and hedgehogs. 2.
 any animal or plant that derives nourishment
 from insects. —**insectivorous** adj.

insecure (in'si:kjʊə) adj. 1. anxious or afraid;
 not confident or certain. 2. not adequately
 protected; an insecure fortress. 3. unstable or
 shaky. —**insecurely** adv. —**insecureness**
 n. —**insecureity** n.

inselberg ('ɪnzl,bɜ:ɡ) n. an isolated rocky hill
 rising abruptly from a flat plain. [**< G.** < **Insel**
 island + **Berg** mountain]

inseminate (in'semɪneɪt) vb. (**tr.**) 1. to
 impregnate (a female) with semen. 2. to
 introduce (ideas or attitudes) into the mind of (a
 person or group). [**C17**: < **L.** **inseminare**, < **IN** +
seminare to sow, < **semen** seed] —**in,semi'nation**
 n. —**in'seminator** n.

insensate (in'senseɪt, -sɪt) adj. 1. lacking
 sensation or consciousness. 2. insensitive;
 unfeeling. 3. foolish; senseless. —**in'sensately**
 adv. —**in'sensateness** n.

insensible (in'sensəbəl) adj. 1. lacking
 sensation or consciousness. 2. (foll. by *of or to*)
 unaware (of) or indifferent (to): *insensible to*
suffering. 3. thoughtless or callous. 4. a less
 common word for **imperceptible**. —**in,sen-
 sibility** or **in,sensibility** n. —**in'sensibly**
 adv.

insentient (in'senʃɪənt) adj. lacking
 consciousness or senses; inanimate. —**in'sentience**
 n.

insert vb. (in'sɜ:t). (**tr.**) 1. to put in or
 between; introduce. 2. to introduce into text, as
 in a newspaper; interpolate. —**n.** ('ɪnsɜ:t). 3.
 something inserted. 4. a. a folded section placed
 in another for binding in with a book. b. a
 printed sheet, esp. one bearing advertising,
 placed loose between the leaves of a book,
 periodical, etc. [**C18**: < **L.** **inserere** to plant in, <
IN + **serere** to join] —**in'sertable** adj. —**in-
 serter** n.

insertion (in'sɜ:ʃən) n. 1. the act of inserting or
 something that is inserted. 2. a word, sentence,
 correction, etc., inserted into text, such as a
 newspaper. 3. a strip of lace, embroidery, etc.,
 between two pieces of material. 4. **Anat.**
 the point or manner of attachment of a muscle to
 the bone that it moves. —**in'sertional** adj.

in-service adj. denoting training that is given to
 employees during the course of employment: *in-
 service training for teachers*.

insectorial (in'sɛksɪəriəl) adj. 1. (of feet or
 claws) adapted for perching. 2. (of birds) having
 insectorial feet. [**C19**: < **NL.** **insectoris** birds that
 perch, < **L.** **perchers**, < **insidere** to sit upon]

inset vb. (in'set), -setting, -set. 1. (**tr.**) to set or
 place in or within; insert. —**n.** ('ɪnset). 2.
 something inserted. 3. **Printing.** a. a small map
 or diagram set within the borders of a larger one.
 b. another name for **insert** (sense 4). 4. a piece
 of fabric inserted into a garment, as to shape it or
 for decoration. —**in,setter** n.

inshore ('ɪnʃɔ:) adj. 1. in or on the water, but
 close to the shore: *inshore weather*. —**adv.** **adj.**
 2. towards the shore from the water: *an inshore
 wind*; *we swam inshore*.

inside n. ('ɪn'saɪd). 1. the interior; inner or
 enclosed part or surface. 2. the side of a path
 away from the road or adjacent to a wall. 3. (also
pl.) **Inf.** the internal organs of the body, esp. the
 stomach and bowels. 4. **inside of**, in a period of
 time less than; within. 5. **inside out**, with the
 inside facing outwards. 6. **know (something)**

**lost in my search for words
 I forgot it
 and shut the book
 to look under P to Z**

Little davy king