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indenture (inden'tʃə) *n.* 1 an agreement or contract under seal, esp. one binding an apprentice to a master. 2 an official voucher, certificate, register etc. 3 an indentation. ~*v.t.* (*Hist.*) to bind (esp. an apprentice) by an indenture. **indentureship** *n.*

independence (indipen'dəns) *n.* the quality or state of being independent (from, of).

■ *n.* autarchy, autonomy, freedom, home rule, liberty, self-determination, self-government, self-reliance, self-rule, self-sufficiency, sovereignty. **ANTONYMS:** bondage, dependence.

independent *a.* 1 a not dependent upon or subject to the control or authority of another. **b** free to manage one's own affairs without the interference of others. 2 **a** able to support oneself financially. **b** making it possible to live comfortably without having to work (*an independent income*). 3 confident and capable of acting by oneself. 4 unwilling to accept help from others. 5 not affiliated with or part of a larger organization. 6 not depending on anything for its value, agency etc. 7 not funded by the state (*an independent school*). ~*n.* a person who exercises their judgement and choice of action without dependence on any person, party etc. **independently** *adv.*

■ *a.* 1 a autocratic, autonomous, free, liberated, self-determining, self-governing, sovereign. 3 bold, confident, self-assured, self-confident, self-contained, self-reliant, self-sufficient, self-supporting, unaided. **ANTONYMS:** dependent. 5 separate, unaffiliated, unconnected. **ANTONYMS:** subsidiary.

in-depth *a.* detailed, thorough, comprehensive.

indescribable (indiskri'bəbəl) *a.* 1 too fine, bad etc. to be described. 2 vague, imprecise. **indescribability** (-bil'i-) *n.* **indescribably** *adv.*

■ *a.* 1 beyond description, ineffable, inexpressible, unutterable. **ANTONYMS:** commonplace. 2 imprecise, indefinable, inexact, vague.

■ **indispensable** common misspelling of **INDISPENSABLE**.

indestructible (indistrük'tibəl) *a.* incapable of being destroyed. **indestructibility** (-bil'i-) *n.* **indestructibly** *adv.*

■ *a.* abiding, durable, enduring, everlasting, immortal, immutable, imperishable, incorruptible, indelible, indissoluble, lasting, long-lasting, non-perishable, perennial, permanent, unalterable, unbreakable, undying, unfading. **ANTONYMS:** impermanent, perishable.

indeterminable (inditə'minəbəl) *a.* 1 that cannot be determined or defined. 2 (of a dispute etc.) that cannot be terminated. **indeterminably** *adv.*

indeterminate (inditə'minət) *a.* 1 not fixed or limited in scope, nature etc. 2 indefinite, not precise. 3 (*Math.*) having no fixed value. **indeterminacy** (-si), **indeterminateness** *n.* **indeterminately** *adv.*

■ *a.* 1 uncertain, undetermined, unfixed, unknown, unlimited, unsettled. **ANTONYMS:** fixed, limited. 2 confused, imprecise, indefinite, inexact, obscure, undefined, vague. **ANTONYMS:** definite, precise.

indeterminate vowel *n.* a vowel with an obscure or slurred sound, such as the *a* in *advice*; a schwa.

indetermination (inditəminə'shen) *n.* 1 lack of determination, vacillation. 2 the state of being indeterminate.

index (in'deks) *n.* (*pl.* **indexes**, **indices** (-disēzj)) 1 a list of names, subjects, places etc. in alphabetical order, with page references, usu. at the back of a book. 2 **CARD INDEX**. 3 **THUMB INDEX**. 4 a numerical scale indicating variations in the cost of living, wages etc., by reference to a given base level. 5 (*Math.*) an exponent (indicating powers of multiplication). 6 (*Med., Physics*) a number expressing a ratio or property (*cranial refractive index*). 7 a pointer on a dial, watch etc. 8 a sign or indicator. 9 (*Comput.*) a value that identifies an element in a set of data. 10 a printed symbol in the shape of a pointing hand, used to point to a note, paragraph etc. ~*v.t.* 1 to provide (a book) with an index. 2 to enter (a word etc.) in an index. 3 to relate (interest rates, wages etc.) to an index. **indexation** (-sā'shen) *n.* **indexer** *n.* **indexical** (-dek'i-) *a.*

■ *n.* 1 catalogue, directory, file, guide, key, list, listing, table. 7 hand, needle, pointer. 8 clue, hint, indication, indicator, mark, pointer, sign, symptom, token.

index finger *n.* the forefinger.

index-linked *a.* (of wages, pensions etc.) increasing or decreasing in direct relation to changes in an index, esp. the cost of living index. **index-linking** *n.*

Indian (in'diən) *a.* 1 of or relating to India or the Indian subcontinent (India, Pakistan and Bangladesh). 2 of or relating to the aboriginal inhabitants of America. ~*n.* 1 a native or inhabitant

of India. 2 an American Indian. 3 any of the languages spoken by the aboriginal peoples of America.

Indian club *n.* either of two bottle-shaped clubs used in gymnastic exercises to develop the arm muscles.

Indian corn *n.* maize.

Indian elephant *n.* the elephant, *Elephas maximus*, that lives in India and SE Asia and is smaller than the African elephant.

Indian file *n.* single file.

Indian hemp *n.* the plant *Cannabis sativa*.

Indian ink *n.* 1 a black pigment, composed of lamp black and animal glue, orig. made in China and Japan. 2 a black liquid ink made from this.

Indian summer *n.* 1 summer-like weather, occurring in late autumn. 2 a time of calm or of renewed success or activity towards the end of a particular period, e.g. the end of a person's life.

India paper *n.* 1 a fine paper, originally imported from China, used by engravers for taking proofs. 2 a very thin tough opaque paper, used esp. for printing Bibles.

India rubber *n.* a soft, elastic substance obtained from the coagulated juice of certain tropical plants; rubber.

Indic (in'dik) *a.* of or relating to the Indian branch of the Indo-European languages.

indicate (in'dikāt) *v.t.* 1 to show, to point out. 2 to be a sign or token of. 3 (*usu. pass.*) to require; to call for. 4 to state briefly, to suggest. 5 (of an instrument) to show a reading of. ~*v.i.* to show which way one is going to turn using an indicator. **indicatory** (indik'atari, in'dikātari) *a.*

■ *v.t.* 1 designate, mark, point out, point to, show, specify. 2 bespeak, betoken, denote, evince, signify. 3 call for, demand, need, recommend, require. 4 hint, imply, intimate, suggest. 5 disclose, display, express, read, record, show, state, tell.

indication (-ā'shen) *n.* 1 the act of indicating. 2 something which indicates or suggests. 3 something that is indicated as advisable or suitable. 4 a reading shown by a gauge etc.

■ *n.* 2 clue, evidence, explanation, forewarning, hint, index, inkling, intimation, manifestation, mark, note, omen, portent, sign, signal, suggestion, symbol, symptom, token, warning. 4 degree, measure, reading.

indicative (-dik'ə-) *a.* 1 serving as a sign or indication (of); suggestive (of). 2 (*Gram.*) (of a mood of verbs) expressing fact. ~*n.* 1 the indicative mood. 2 a verb in this mood. **indicatively** *adv.*

indicator *n.* 1 a person who or something which indicates. 2 a device for indicating the times of departure etc. of trains. 3 a device, esp. a flashing light, on a vehicle to show an intention to change direction.

indices *INDEX*.

indict (indit') *v.t.* to charge (a person) with a crime or misdemeanour, esp. by means of an indictment. **indicter** *n.*

■ *v.t.* accuse, arraign, charge, impeach, incriminate, inculpate, prosecute, summon. **ANTONYMS:** acquit.

indictable *a.* 1 (of a person) liable to be indicted. 2 (of an offence) forming a ground of indictment.

indictée (-itē) *n.* a person indicted.

indictment *n.* 1 the act of indicting. 2 a formal accusation of a crime or misdemeanour, presented upon oath by the grand jury to a court. 3 the document embodying this. 4 something that provides a reason for condemnation (*a damning indictment of government policy*).

■ *n.* 2 accusation, allegation, arraignment, charge, impeachment, prosecution, summons. **ANTONYMS:** acquittal.

indie (in'di) *a.* (*coll.*) (of pop music) produced by a small independent record company. ~*n.* 1 an independent record company. 2 an independent film company.

indifference *n.* 1 lack of interest or attention (to or towards). 2 impartiality, neutrality. 3 unimportance, insignificance.

■ *n.* 1 aloofness, apathy, carelessness, coolness, detachment, disinterest, disregard, heedlessness, impassivity, inattention, insensibility, listlessness, negligence, nonchalance, unconcern. **ANTONYMS:** concern, enthusiasm. 2 dispassion, even-handedness, fairness, impartiality, neutrality, objectivity. **ANTONYMS:** bias, partiality. 3 inconsequence, insignificance, irrelevance, triviality, unimportance. **ANTONYMS:** importance.

indifferent (indif'rənt) *a.* 1 unconcerned, apathetic (*They were indifferent to our plight*). 2 having no inclination or disinclination

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