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ing woven. **ingrain** carpet a reversible colours interwoven.

ingrain *adj.* 1 deeply rooted; inveterate. 2 (usu. foll. by *in*) deeply embedded. **ingrain** *n.* & *adj.* formal or literary — *n.* an engraving. **ingratitude** *n.* & *adj.* formal or literary — *n.* an ingratitude. [ME *f.* *L. ingratus* (as *IN-1*, *gratus*)]

ingratiate *v.* refl. (usu. foll. by *with*) bring oneself into favour. **ingratiating** *adj.* **ingratiatingly** *adv.* **ingratitude** *n.* [L *in gratiam* into favour]

ingratitude *n.* a lack of due gratitude. [ME *f.* *gratitudo* (as *INGRATE*)]

ingravescent *adj.* Med. (of a disease etc.) growing more severe. **ingravescent** *n.* [L *ingravescent* (as *IN-2*, *gravescent* eavy)]

ingredient *n.* a component part or element in a combination. [ME *f.* *L. ingredi* ingress- enter]

Auguste Dominique (1780–1867), French painter and successor, the most generally admired of Delacroix, and upholder of classical painting, who forbade his students to copy Rubens, and was fully accepted by the Academy in 1862. Ingres is a puzzling figure: sentimental, his nudes have a strong quality, but as a draughtsman he is unequalled for pure form his true heirs are Degas,

the act or right of going in or entering. 2 an eclipse or transit. **ingression** *n.* [L *ingressus* (as *INGREDIENT*)]

ingress *n.* a small exclusive group of people with a

ingrow *adj.* growing inwards, esp. (of a toenail) **ingrown** *adj.* **ingrowth** *n.*

inguinal *adj.* of the groin. **inguinally** *adv.* [L *inguis* groin]

ingulf *v.* tr. 1 swallow greedily. 2 engulf. **ingulf** *n.* [L *ingurgitare* ingurgit- (as *IN-2*, *gurgit*)]

inhabit *v.* tr. (inhabited, inhabiting) (of a person or place) occupy (a region, town, house, etc.). **inhabit** *n.* **inhabitable** *adj.* **inhabitant** *n.* [ME *inhabite*, *enhabite* *f.* OF *enhabiter* (as *IN-2*, *habitare* dwell): see *HABIT*]

inhabitant *n.* (also **inhabitant** *f.* *IN-2*) resident, esp. during a specified period so as to

inhale *v.* tr. a medicinal preparation for inhaling. **inhale** *n.* (often *absol.*) breathe in (air, gas, tobacco, etc.). **inhalation** *n.* [L *inhalare* breathe in]

inhalator *n.* a portable device used for relieving esp.

inharmonious *adj.* esp. Mus. not harmonic. **inharmonious** *adj.* esp. Mus. not harmonious. **inharmoniously** *adv.*

inherit *v.* (often foll. by *in*) 1 exist essentially or as a right or privilege. 2 (of rights etc.) be passed on. [L *inherere* inhaes- (as *IN-2*, *haerere* to adhere)]

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inheritance *n.* (inherited, inheriting) 1 tr. receive (property) by legal descent or

inheritor *n.* (fem. **inheritress** or **inheritrix**). [ME *f.* OF *enheriter* *f.* LL *inhereditare* (as *IN-2*, *L. heres* heredis heir)]

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inheritance *n.* 1 something that is inherited. 2 the act of inheriting. 3 an instance of this. **inheritance** *n.* 1 introduced in the UK in 1986 to replace *Capital Transfer Tax*. [ME *f.* AF *inheritance* *f.* OF *enheriter*: see *INHERIT*]

inhesion *n.* [L *inhi:3(3)n*] *n.* formal the act or fact of inhering. [L *inhi:3(3)n* (as *INHERE*)]

inhibit *v.* tr. (inhibited, inhibiting) 1 hinder, restrain, or prevent (an action or progress). 2 (as *inhibited* *adj.*) subject to inhibition. 3 a (usu. foll. by *from* + verbal noun) forbid or prohibit (a person etc.). b (esp. in ecclesiastical law) forbid (an ecclesiastic) to exercise clerical functions. **inhibitory** *adj.* **inhibitor** *n.* **inhibitory** *adj.* [L *inhibere* (as *IN-2*, *habere* hold)]

inhibition *n.* [L *inhi:3(3)n*] *n.* 1 Psychol. a restraint on the direct expression of an instinct. 2 colloq. an emotional resistance to a thought, an action, etc. (has *inhibitions* about singing in public). 3 Law an order forbidding alteration to property rights. 4 a the act of inhibiting. b the process of being inhibited. [ME *f.* OF *inhibition* or *L. inhibito* (as *INHIBIT*)]

inhomogeneous *adj.* [L *inhomogēus*] *adj.* not homogeneous. **inhomogeneity** *n.* [L *inhomogenia*]

inhospitable *adj.* [L *inhospitābilis*] *adj.* 1 not hospitable. 2 (of a region, coast, etc.) not affording shelter etc. **inhospitableness** *n.* **inhospitably** *adv.* [obs. *f.* (as *IN-1*, *HOSPITABLE*)]

inhospitality *n.* [L *inhospitalitas*] *n.* the act or process of being inhospitable. [L *inhospitalitas* (as *IN-1*, *HOSPITALITY*)]

in-house *adj.* & *adv.* — *adj.* done or existing within an institution, company, etc. (an *in-house* project). — *adv.* internally, without outside assistance.

inhuman *adj.* 1 (of a person, conduct, etc.) brutal; unfeeling; barbarous. 2 not of a human type. **inhumanly** *adv.* [L *inhumanus* (as *IN-1*, *HUMAN*)]

inhumane *adj.* not humane. **inhumanely** *adv.* [L *inhumanus* (see *INHUMAN*) & *f.* *IN-1* + *HUMANE*, orig. = *INHUMAN*]

inhumanity *n.* [L *inhumanitas*] *n.* (pl. *-ies*) 1 brutality, barbarousness; callousness. 2 an inhumane act.

inhume *v.* tr. literary bury. **inhumation** *n.* [L *inhumare* (as *IN-2*, *humus* ground)]

inimical *adj.* (usu. foll. by *to*) 1 hostile. 2 harmful. **inimically** *adv.* [L *inimicus* (as *IN-1*, *amicus* friend)]

inimitable *adj.* impossible to imitate. **inimitability** *n.* **inimitableness** *n.* **inimitably** *adv.* [F *inimitable* or *L. inimitabilis* (as *IN-1*, *imitabilis* imitable)]

iniquity *n.* (pl. *-ies*) 1 wickedness; unrighteousness. 2 a gross injustice. **iniquitous** *adj.* **iniquitously** *adv.* **iniquitousness** *n.* [ME *f.* OF *iniquité* *f.* L *iniquitas* -tatis *f.* *iniquus* (as *IN-1*, *aequus* just)]

initial *adj.* of, existing, or occurring at the beginning (initial stage; initial expenses). — *n.* 1 = initial letter. 2 (usu. in pl.) the first letter or letters of the words of a (esp. a person's) name or names. — *v.* tr. (initialled, initialing) 1 (usu. in pl.) mark or sign with one's initials. 2 (usu. in pl.) mark or sign with one's initials.

initial letter (or **consonant**) a letter or consonant at the beginning of a word. **initial teaching alphabet** a 44-letter phonetic alphabet used to help those beginning to read and write English. **initially** *adv.* [L *initialis* *f.* *initium* beginning *f.* *inire* intr- go in]

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initiate *v.* n. & *adj.* — *v.* 1 (usu. foll. by *into*) to begin (a secret, etc., esp. a new member of a society). 2 (usu. foll. by *into*) to begin (a new member of a society). 3 (usu. foll. by *into*) to begin (a new member of a society). 4 (usu. foll. by *into*) to begin (a new member of a society).

initiate *n.* a person who has been newly initiated into a society. **initiation** *n.* [ME *f.* AF (as *INITIATE*)]

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inheritance /ɪnˈherɪt(ə)ns/ *n.* **1** something that is inherited. **2** a the act of inheriting. **b** an instance of this. □ **inheritance tax** a tax levied on property etc. acquired by gift or inheritance. ¶ Introduced in the UK in 1986 to replace *Capital Transfer Tax*. [ME f. AF *inheritance* f. OF *enheriter*: see INHERIT]

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