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invigilate /ɪnˈvɪdʒɪleɪt/ ▶ v. Brit. supervise candidates during an examination.

– DERIVATIVES **invigilation** n. **invigilator** n.

– ORIGIN C16 (in the general sense ‘watch over’): from L. *invigilat-*, *invigilare* ‘watch over’.

invigorate /ɪnˈvɪɡəreɪt/ ▶ v. give strength or energy to.

– DERIVATIVES **invigorating** adj. **invigoratingly** adv.

invigoration n. **invigorator** n.

– ORIGIN C17: from med. L. *invigorat-*, *invigorare* ‘make strong’.

invincible /ɪnˈvɪnsɪb(ə)l/ ▶ adj. too powerful to be defeated or overcome.

– DERIVATIVES **invincibility** n. **invincibly** adv.

– ORIGIN ME (earlier than *vincible*): via OFr. from L. *invincibilis*, from *in-* ‘not’ + *vincibilis* (see **VINCIBLE**).

in vino veritas /ɪn ˈvɪnəʊ ˈverɪtəs/ ▶ exclam. under the influence of alcohol, a person tells the truth.

– ORIGIN L., lit. ‘truth in wine’.

invioable /ɪnˈvɪəɪəb(ə)l/ ▶ adj. never to be infringed or dishonoured.

– DERIVATIVES **invioability** n. **invioably** adv.

invioate /ɪnˈvɪəɪət/ ▶ adj. free from injury or violation.

– DERIVATIVES **invioacy** n. **invioately** adv.

– ORIGIN ME: from L. *invioatus*, from *in-* ‘not’ + *violare* ‘violate’.

inviscid /ɪnˈvɪsɪd/ ▶ adj. Physics having no or negligible viscosity.

invisible ▶ adj. **1** unable to be seen, either by nature or because concealed. ■ treated as if unable to be seen; ignored. **2** Economics relating to or denoting earnings which a country makes from the sale of services or other items not constituting tangible commodities.

▶ n. (**invisibles**) invisible exports and imports.

– DERIVATIVES **invisibilty** n. **invisibly** adv.

invisible ink ▶ n. a type of ink used to produce writing that cannot be seen until the paper is heated or otherwise treated.

invitation ▶ n. **1** a written or verbal request inviting someone to go somewhere or to do something.

■ the action of inviting. **2** a situation or action inviting a particular outcome or response.

invitational ▶ adj. N. Amer. (especially of a competition) open only to those invited.

invite ▶ v. **1** ask (someone) in a friendly or formal way to go somewhere or to do something. **2** request (something) formally or politely from someone.

■ (of an action or situation) tend to elicit (a particular outcome or response). ▶ n. informal an invitation.

– DERIVATIVES **invitee** n. **inviter** n.

– ORIGIN C16 (earlier (ME) as *invitation*): from OFr. *inviter*, or from L. *invitare*.

inviting ▶ adj. tempting or attractive.

– DERIVATIVES **invitingly** adv.

in vitro /ɪn ˈvɪtrəʊ/ ▶ adj. & adv. Biology (of processes) taking place in a test tube, culture dish, or elsewhere outside a living organism.

– ORIGIN L., lit. ‘in glass’.

in vivo /ɪn ˈvɪvəʊ/ ▶ adv. & adj. Biology (of processes) taking place in a living organism.

– ORIGIN L., ‘in a living thing’.

invocation ▶ n. the action of invoking. ■ an incantation used to invoke a deity or the supernatural. ■ (in the Christian Church) a form of words introducing a prayer, sermon, etc.

– DERIVATIVES **invocatory** /ɪnˈvɒkət(ə)ri/ adj.

invoice ▶ n. a list of goods sent or services provided, with a statement of the sum due. ▶ v. send an invoice to. ■ send an invoice for (goods or services provided).

– ORIGIN C16: orig. the pl. of obs. *invoy*, from obs. Fr. *envoy*, from *envoyer* (see **ENVOY**).

invoke /ɪnˈvəʊk/ ▶ v. **1** call on (a deity or spirit) in prayer or as a witness. ■ summon (a spirit) by charms or incantation. **2** appeal to as an authority or in support of an argument. ■ call earnestly for. **3** Computing cause (a procedure) to be carried out.

– DERIVATIVES **invoker** n.

– ORIGIN C15 (earlier (ME) as *invocation*): from Fr. *invoker*, from L. *invocare*.

involucre /ɪnˈvɒl(j)uːkə/ ▶ n. **1** Anatomy a membranous envelope. **2** Botany a whorl of bracts surrounding an inflorescence or at the base of an umbel.

– ORIGIN C16: from Fr., or from L. *involucrum*, from *involvere* (see **INVOLVE**).

involuntary ▶ adj. **1** done without conscious control.

■ (especially of muscles or nerves) concerned in bodily processes that are not under the control of the will.

2 done against someone’s will.

– DERIVATIVES **involuntarily** adv. **involuntariness** n.

involute /ɪnˈvɒl(j)uːt/ ▶ adj. **1** formal complicated.

2 technical curled spirally. ■ Zoology (of a shell) having the whorls wound closely round the axis. ■ Botany rolled inwards at the edges. ▶ n. Geometry the locus of a point considered as the end of a taut string being unwound from a given curve in the plane of that curve. Compare with **EVOLUTE**.

– ORIGIN C17: from L. *involutus*, past part. of *involvere* (see **INVOLVE**).

involved ▶ adj. complicated or abstruse.

involution ▶ n. **1** Physiology the shrinkage of an organ in old age or when inactive. **2** Mathematics a function, transformation, or operator that is equal to its inverse. **3** formal the process or state of complication.

– DERIVATIVES **involutional** adj.

– ORIGIN ME (in the sense ‘(part) curling inwards’): from L. *involutio(n-)*, from *involvere* (see **INVOLVE**).

involve ▶ v. **1** include as a necessary part or result.

■ cause to experience or participate in an activity or situation. **2** (**be/get involved**) be or become occupied or engrossed in something. **3** (**be involved**) be engaged in an emotional or personal relationship: *Angela was involved with someone else*.

– DERIVATIVES **involvement** n.

– ORIGIN ME (in the senses ‘enfold’ and ‘entangle’): from L. *involvere*, from *in-* ‘into’ + *volvere* ‘to roll’.

involved ▶ adj. difficult to understand; complicated: *a long, involved conversation*.

invulnerable ▶ adj. impossible to harm or damage.

– DERIVATIVES **invulnerability** n. **invulnerably** adv.

– ORIGIN C16 (earlier than *vulnerable*): from L. *invulnerabilis*, from *in-* ‘not’ + *vulnerabilis* (see **VULNERABLE**).

-in-waiting ▶ comb. form **1** denoting a position as attendant to a royal personage: *lady-in-waiting*.

2 awaiting a turn or about to happen: *a political administration-in-waiting*.

inward ▶ adj. directed or proceeding towards the inside.

■ mental or spiritual. ▶ adv. variant of **INWARDS**.

– DERIVATIVES **inwardly** adv. **inwardness** n.

inward investment ▶ n. investment made within a country from outside.

inwards (also **inward**) ▶ adv. towards the inside.

■ into or towards the mind, spirit, or soul.

inwrought /ɪnˈwɒɪt, ɪnˈwɒɪt/ ▶ adj. literary (of a fabric or garment) intricately embroidered.

in-your-face ▶ adj. informal blatantly aggressive or provocative.

– ORIGIN 1970s: from *in your face*, used as a derisive insult.

I/O ▶ abbr. Electronics input-output.

IOC ▶ abbr. International Olympic Committee.

iod- ▶ comb. form variant spelling of **iodo-** shortened before a vowel (as in **iodide**).

iodate /ˈɪədeɪt/ ▶ n. Chemistry a salt or ester of iodic acid.

iodic acid /ˈɪəbdɪk/ ▶ n. Chemistry a crystalline acid with strong oxidizing properties, made by oxidation of iodine. [HIO₃]

iodide /ˈɪədaɪd/ ▶ n. Chemistry a compound of iodine with another element or group: *sodium iodide*.

iodine /ˈɪədiːn, -aɪn, -ɪn/ ▶ n. the chemical element of atomic number 53, a halogen forming black crystals and a violet vapour. (Symbol: I) ■ an antiseptic solution of iodine in alcohol.

– DERIVATIVES **iodinate** v. **iodination** n. **iodize** or **iodise** v.

– ORIGIN C19: from Fr. *iode* (from Gk *iōdēs* ‘violet-coloured’) + **-INE**¹.

iodism /ˈɪədɪz(ə)m/ ▶ n. Medicine iodine poisoning.