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ibidem: in the same place (abbreviated *ibid.*)

iconoclast: someone who attacks traditional beliefs or institutions

id est: that is (abbreviated *i.e.*)

idealism: the view that fundamental reality is mind-dependent or mental in nature (thus non-spatial and non-sensuous); subjective idealism holds that to be is to be perceived; objective idealism maintains that there is no categorical distinction between the knower and what he knows - that both are part of absolute thought

idée directrice: directed by an idea or purpose; e.g., Divine Providence

idée fixe: fixed idea

identity: the condition of being the same; the identity principle (law of logic) is a principle which asserts that if any statement is true then it is true

idolatry: to think wrong thoughts about the true God; to worship anything other than the one, true, triune, and living God

idyll: a rustic, romantic interlude; poetry or prose that celebrates simple pastoral life

ignoble: dishonorable in nature; to be base or low

ignominious: shameful or disgraceful; public humiliation or failure

ignoramus: ignorant of

illicit: illegal, wrongful

illuminate: to brighten with light; to enlighten or elucidate; to decorate (a manuscript)

imbibe: to drink

imbroglio: an entanglement or complicated misunderstanding

imbue: to saturate or flow throughout by absorption

immaculate: totally unblemished, spotlessly clean

immaterial: of no consequence, unimportant; of a different substance than matter; spirit

immolate: to kill as if as a sacrifice, especially by fire

immutable: incapable of change; unchanging

impalpable: impossible to perceive through use of the sense of touch

imparity: inequality; disparity

impartial: fair, equal, unbiased

impasse: a position or situation from where there is no escape; deadlock

impassivity: apathy, unresponsiveness

impeccable: flawless; virtually perfect

imperative: essential, obligatory, or mandatory

imperceptible: impossible to perceive, inaudible or incomprehensible

imperious: haughty; urgent

impertinent: rude, brash

imperturbable: cannot be disconcerted, disturbed, or excited

impervious: impenetrable; impossible to alter or affect

impetuous: acting hastily or impulsively

implacable: unbending, resolute

implication: a relation that holds between the antecedent and the consequent of a true conditional or hypothetical argument; a material implication is a truth-functional relation that *may* connect two statements

implicit: implied or understood

implore: to beseech or beg for fervently

importunate: demanding or impatient in issuing repeated requests

impregnable: stubbornly resistant

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impropriety: incorrectness
impugn: to brand as false in argument or discourse
impunity: freedom from punishment or penalty
in memoriam: in memory of
in toto: altogether
inadvertent: unintentional
inane: pointless or lacking in substance
incarnate: embodied; something that takes the bodily or physical form
inception: beginning
incessant: unceasing
inchoate: only partly formed or formulated
incipient: at an early stage
incise: to carve into, to engrave
inclement: harsh
incognito: hidden or unknown
incommensurate: non-proportional (Ancient Greek mathematics); out of alignment
incongruous: unlikely
inconsistent: characterized by a set of propositions that cannot all be true together or any argument having contradictory premises
incorporeal: lacking form
incorrigible: impossible to manage or reform
inculcate: to instill (learning) by means of repetition or instruction
inculpate: to incriminate
incursion: a hostile entrance into a territory; a foray into an activity or venture
indefatigable: tireless
indelible: unremovable
indelicate: blunt, undisguised
indemnify: to protect from or provide compensation for damages
indigenous: an innate, inherent, natural, or original characteristic
indolent: lazy, as a way of life
induction: inferring with probability a general conclusion from particular premises
inductive validity: an inference is inductively valid when the premises provide some reasonable ground for the conclusion, though not necessarily a conclusive one
inebriated: intoxicated
inevitable: unable to be avoided
inference: a logical movement in thought which draws a conclusion from premises
ineffable: beyond the capacity of expression; forbidden as a subject of conversation
ineluctable: unavoidable; impossible to overcome
inept: inappropriate
inertia: the quality of being inert or sluggish; in physics, the tendency of an object to resist change unless acted on by an outside force
inexorable: defying explanation or interpretation
infallible: incapable of error or mistake
infer: to gather by reasoning
infernal: pertaining to hell; fiendish, devilish
infidel: a person who does not accede to a particular set of religious beliefs
infidelity: the quality or act of having been untrue or inconsistent with a given standard
infrastructure: foundation; underlying base

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ingrate: an ungrateful person

inherent: intrinsic; necessary

inimical: unfavorable, harmful

inimitable: incapable of being imitated, matchless

iniquity: immoral action or injustice

innate idea: a concept known *a priori* and characterized by universality and necessity

innocuous: harmless

inoculate: to graft onto; to facilitate the buildup of resistance to a disease by introducing a minuscule sample of its virus into the body

inopportune: awkward, untimely

inscrutability: quality of being extremely difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious

insensible: unaware, incognizant; unconscious, out cold

insidious: enticing yet harmful

insipid: flavorless, uninteresting

insinuate: hint or intimate; to creep in

insolence: an attitude or behavior that is bold and disrespectful

insoluble: unable to be solved; indissoluble

insubordinate: failing to accept or obey proper authority

insular: narrow or isolated in attitude or viewpoint

insurgence: revolt or uprising

integrity: from integritas meaning soundness or whole; in mathematics, integral means “to sum to a whole”

intercede: to step in, to moderate; to mediate or negotiate on behalf of someone else; to live for another

interim: meanwhile (**interval**)

intercalate: to insert

interject: to insert between other things

intermittent: characterized by a cycle of stopping and starting

interpolator: to interject, interpose, or intercalate

interpose: to place between

intransigent: unwilling to compromise

intrepid: brave

intrinsically: essentially, inherently

introspection: self-examination

intuition: direct, immediate (non-discursive) knowledge

inundate: to overwhelm; to flood

invalid: not valid; characterizing a deduction argument that fails to provide conclusive grounds for the truth of its conclusion

invective: insulting, abusive language

inveigh: to protest strongly

inverse probability: the relationship between the conditional probability of “a given b,” and of “b given a.”

inveterate: deep-rooted

invigorate: to give energy to, to stimulate

invocation: the process or act of asking a higher power (e.g., God) for help

ipse dixit: he himself has spoken

ipso facto: by the fact itself

irascible: easily provoked into anger, hot-headed

iridescent: possessing rainbow-like colors

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irrelevant: not relevant or pertinent; an irrelevant conclusion is an informal logical fallacy committed when the premises of an argument purporting to establish one conclusion are actually directed toward the establishment of another conclusion

“is” of identity: is the same object as

“is” of predication: part of a predicate indicating the application of the property expressed by the rest of it