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be-nef-i-cence (bə-nĕf'ĭ-səns) *n.* 1. The quality of being charitable or kind. 2. A charitable act or gift. —**be-nef'i-cent** *adj.*
ben-e-ficial (bĕn'ə-fĭsh'əl) *adj.* Bringing benefit: helpful. * *syns*: ADVANTAGEOUS, BENIGNANT, FAVORABLE, GOOD, PROPITIOUS, SALUTARY —**ben'e-ficial-ly** *adv.*
ben-e-fici-ary (bĕn'ə-fĭsh'ĕ-ĕr'ĕ, -fĭsh'ə-rĕ) *n., pl. -ies.* The recipient of a benefit, as income from a will or trust fund.
ben-e-fit (bĕn'ə-fit) *n.* 1. An advantage. 2. Aid: help. 3. A payment made or an entitlement available in accordance with a wage agreement, insurance contract, or public assistance program. 4. A fund-raising public entertainment or social event. —*v.* **fit-ed, fit-ting** or **fit-ted, fit-ting.** 1. To be helpful or advantageous to. 2. To profit.
be-nev-o-lence (bə-nĕv'ə-ləns) *n.* 1. An inclination to do charitable or kind acts. 2. A charitable act. —**be-nev'o-lent** *adj.* —**be-nev'o-lent-ly** *adv.*
be-night-ed (bi-nĭt'ĭd) *adj.* 1. Overtaken by night. 2. In a state of ignorance. —**be-night'ed-ly** *adv.* —**be-night'ed-ness** *n.*
be-nign (bi-nĭn') *adj.* 1. Having a kind disposition: gentle. 2. Tending to promote well-being: beneficial. 3. *Pathol.* Not malignant. —**be-nign'ly** *adv.*
be-nig-nant (bi-nĭg'nənt) *adj.* 1. Favorable: beneficial. 2. Kindly disposed: gracious. —**be-nig'nant-ly** *adv.*
ben-i-son (bĕn'ĭ-zən) *n.* A benediction: blessing.
ben-ny (bĕn'ĕ) *n., pl. -nies.* *Slang.* An amphetamine tablet.
bent (bĕnt) *adj.* 1. Not straight: crooked. 2. On a fixed course of action: determined. —*n.* A tendency, disposition, or inclination: propensity.
ben-thos (bĕn'thōs') *n.* 1. The bottom of a sea or a lake. 2. The organisms living there. —**ben'thic, ben-thon'ic** *adj.*
bent-wood (bĕnt'wōd') *n.* Wood that has been steamed until pliable and then bent and shaped. —**bent'wood' adj.**
be-numb (bi-nūm') *v.* 1. To make numb, esp. by cold. 2. To make inactive: dull.
Ben-z-drine (bĕn'zĭ-drĕn') A trademark formerly used for a brand of amphetamine.
ben-zene (bĕn'zĕn', bĕn'zĕn') *n.* A colorless, flammable liquid made from petroleum and used in detergents, insecticides, and motor fuels.
ben-zine (bĕn'zĕn', bĕn'zĕn') *also* **ben-zin** (bĕn'zĭn) *n.* 1. Ligroin. 2. Benzene.
ben-zo-ate (bĕn'zō-āt', -it) *n.* An ester or salt of benzoic acid.
ben-zo-caine (bĕn'zō-kān') *n.* A crystalline ester used as a local anesthetic.
ben-zo-ic acid (bĕn'zō'ĭk) *n.* A white, crystalline, organic acid used to season tobacco and in perfumes, germicides, and dentifrices.
ben-zo-in (bĕn'zō-in, -zoin') *n.* Any of several resins containing benzoic acid, derived as a gum from trees of the genus *Styrax* and used in ointments, perfumes, and medicine.

ben-zol (bĕn'zōl', -zōl') *n.* Benzene.
be-queath (bi-kwĕth', -kwĕth') *v.* 1. *Law.* To leave or give by will. 2. To pass on; hand down. —**be-queath'al** *n.* —**be-queath'er** *n.* —**be-queath'ment** *n.*
be-quest (bi-kwĕst') *n.* 1. The act of bequeathing. 2. Something bequeathed.
be-rate (bi-rāt') *v.* **rat-ed, rat-ing.** To scold harshly: upbraid.
ber-ceuse (bĕr-sĕz') *n., pl. -ceuses* (-sĕz') A lullaby.
be-leave (bi-rĕv') *v.* **re-aved** or **reft** (-rĕft') **re-av-ing.** To deprive of (something), esp. loved one by death. —**be-reaved'** *n. & adj.* —**be-reave'ment** *n.*
be-reft (bi-rĕft') *v. p. t. & p. p. of* BEREAVE, *adj.* 1. Lacking or deprived of something <bereft of dignity> 2. Bereaved.
be-ret (ba-rā', bĕr'ā') *n.* A soft, round, usu. woolen cap that has no brim.
berg (bĕrg) *n.* An iceberg.
ber-ga-mot (bĕr'gā-mōt') *n.* A small, spiny tree, *Citrus aurantium bergamia*, bearing pear-shaped fruit whose rind yields an aromatic oil that is used in perfumery.
ber-i-ber-i (bĕr'ĕ-bĕr'ĕ) *n.* A thiamine-deficiency disease, endemic in E and S Asia and characterized by partial paralysis of the extremities, emaciation, and anemia.
ber-ke-li-um (bĕr-kĕ'lĕ-əm, bĕrk'ĭĕ-əm) *n.* *Symbol* Bk A synthetic radioactive element.
berm (bĕrm) *n.* 1. A raised bank or path, as along a roadway or canal. 2. A protective mound or bank of earth.
Bermuda onion *n.* A large, yellow-skinned onion having a mild flavor.
Bermuda shorts *pl. n.* Shorts ending just above the knees.
ber-ry (bĕr'ĕ) *n., pl. -ries.* 1. A usu. fleshy, edible fruit, as the strawberry or raspberry. 2. *Bot.* A fleshy fruit, as the grape or tomato, that develops from a single ovary but has several or many seeds. 3. A seed or dried kernel, as that of the coffee plant. —*v.* **ried, -ry-ing.** To gather berries.
ber-serk (bĕr-sĕrk', -zĭrk') *adj.* 1. Destructively or frenziedly violent. 2. Deranged. —**ber-serk' adv.**
berth (bĕrth) *n.* 1. A built-in bed or bunk on a ship or train. 2. A space at a wharf for a ship to dock. 3. Sufficient space for a ship to maneuver. 4. A position of employment, esp. on a ship. —*v.* 1. To dock (a ship). 2. To provide with a berth.
ber-yl (bĕr'əl) *n.* A mineral composed chiefly of beryllium, silicon, and oxygen that occurs in hexagonal prisms, is the major source of beryllium, and is used as a gem. —**ber'yl-line** (-ə-lĭn, -lĭm') *adj.*
be-ryl-li-um (bə-rĭl'ĭĕ-əm) *n.* *Symbol* Be A lightweight, corrosion-resistant, rigid, steel-gray metallic element.
be-seech (bi-sĕch') *v.* **-sought** (-sōt') or **-seched, -sech-ing.** To request earnestly or entreat. —**be-seech'er** *n.*
be-seem (bi-sĕm') *v.* *Archaic.* To be suitable for: befit.

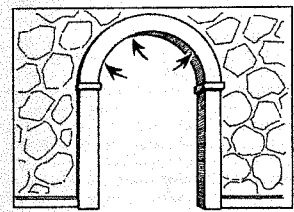
be-set (bi-sĕt') *v.* 1. To attack from all sides: assail. 2. To trouble persistently: harass <beset by doubts>
be-side (bi-sĭd') *prep.* 1. Next to: at the side of. 2. In comparison with. 3. Except for. 4. Wide of: apart from <beside the point> —*adv.* *Archaic.* In addition to.
be-siege (bi-sĭdz') *adv.* 1. In addition: also. 2. Furthermore: moreover. 3. Else: otherwise. —*prep.* 1. In addition to. 2. Other than: except.
be-siege (bi-sĕj') *v.* 1. To encircle with troops: lay siege to. 2. To crowd around. 3. To importune or harass, as with requests.
be-smear (bi-smĭr') *v.* To smear.
be-smirch (bi-smĭrch') *v.* To soil: sully. —**be-smirch'er** *n.* —**be-smirch'ment** *n.*
be-som (bĕz'əm) *n.* A bundle of twigs attached to a handle and used as a broom.
be-sot (bi-sōt') *v.* **-sot-ted, -sot-ting.** To stupefy or muddle with or as if with liquor.
be-spat-ter (bi-spāt'ər) *v.* To soil by splashing, as with mud.
be-speak (bi-spĕk') *v.* 1. To be an indication of: signify. 2. To reserve. 3. To foretell.
be-spect-a-cled (bi-spĕk'tə-kald) *adj.* Wearing eyeglasses.
be-sprinkle (bi-sprĭng'kəl) *v.* To sprinkle.
best (bĕst) *adj. superl. of* GOOD. 1. Exceeding all others in excellence or quality <the best chocolate> 2. Most satisfactory, suitable, useful, or desirable <the best procedure> 3. Greatest: largest <spent the best part of a day studying> —*adv. superl. of* WELL. 1. Most advantageously. 2. To the greatest extent or degree: most. —*n.* 1. Something that is best. 2. The best condition, manner, or quality <look your best> <act your best> 3. One's best efforts <always does her best> 4. One's best clothing. 5. One's warmest wishes: regards. —*v.* To get the better of: surpass.
be-stial (bĕs'chəl, bĕst'yal) *adj.* 1. Of, relating to, or like an animal. 2. Having the manners or qualities of a brute: savage. —**be-sti-al'i-ty** *n.* —**be-st'ial-ly** *adv.*
be-sti-ary (bĕs'chĕ-ĕr'ĕ, bĕs'ĕ-) *n., pl. -ies.* A medieval collection of allegorical fables about real and imaginary animals, each fable having a moral.
be-stir (bi-stĭr') *v.* To cause to become active: rouse.
best man *n.* The principal attendant of a bridegroom.
be-stow (bi-stō') *v.* To give or present, esp. as an honor: confer. —**be-stow'al** *n.*
be-strew (bi-strō') *v.* To strew.
be-stride (bi-strĭd') *v.* 1. To straddle. 2. To step over. 3. To tower over.
best seller *n.* A product, as a book, that is among those sold in the greatest numbers. —**best-sell'ing** *adj.*
bet (bĕt) *n.* 1. A wager. 2. The fact, event, or outcome on which a wager is made. 3. An object or amount risked in a wager: stake. —*v.* **bet** or **bet-ted, bet-ting.** 1. To stake (eg., an amount) in a bet. 2. To make a bet

on (an outcome or a contestant). 3. To maintain confidently.
be-ta-car-o-tene (bĕ'tə-kār'ə-tĕn', bĕ'-) *n.* One of the isomeric forms of carotene that is widely distributed in nature.
be-take (bi-tāk') *v.* To cause (oneself) to go or move.
beta particle *n.* A high-speed electron or positron, usu. emitted by an atomic nucleus undergoing radioactive decay.
beta ray *n.* A stream of beta particles, esp. a stream of electrons.
beta rhythm *also* **beta wave.** *n.* The second most common waveform observed in electroencephalograms of the adult brain, occurring at a frequency of 13 to 30 oscillations per second and associated with an alert waking state.
be-ta-tron (bĕ'tə-trŏn', bĕ'-) *n.* An accelerator capable of raising electrons to energies of up to several hundred million electron volts.
bet-tel (bĕt'l) *n.* A climbing Asian plant, *Piper betle*, whose leaves are wrapped around the betel nut and chewed for a slightly inebriating effect.
betel nut *also* **bet-el-nut** (bĕt'l-nūt') *n.* The seed of the fruit of the betel palm.
betel palm *n.* A tropical Asian palm cultivated for its seeds.
bĕte noire (bĕt nwār') *n.* One particularly disliked or to be avoided.
be-think (bi-thĭngk') *v.* To remind (oneself): remember.
be-tide (bi-tĭd') *v.* To happen to or take place.
be-times (bi-tĭmz') *adv.* 1. In good time: early. 2. *Archaic.* Soon: quickly.
be-to-ken (bi-tō'kən) *v.* To be or give a portent or sign of.
be-tray (bi-trā') *v.* 1a. To be a traitor to or commit treason against. b. To be unfaithful or disloyal to. 2. To make known accidentally. 3. To reveal: indicate. 4. To lead astray: deceive. —**be-tray'al** *n.* —**be-tray'er** *n.*
be-troth (bi-trōth', -trōth') *v.* To promise to marry. —**be-troth'al** *n.*
be-trothed (bi-trōthd', -trōth') *n.* A person to whom one is engaged to be married.
bet-ter! (bĕt'ər) *adj. compar. of* GOOD. 1. Higher in quality or greater in excellence. 2. More satisfactory, suitable, useful, or desirable. 3. Greater: larger. 4. More healthy than before. —*adv. compar. of* WELL. 1. In a more excellent manner. 2. To a greater degree or extent. 3. To greater advantage or use. 4. In excess of: more <better than a mile>. —*n.* 1. Something better. 2. A superior; as in position, class, or intelligence. —*v.* 1. To improve. 2. To surpass: exceed.
bet-ter? (bĕt'ər) *n. var. of* BETTOR.
bet-ter-ment (bĕt'tər-mĕnt) *n.* An improvement.
bet-tor *also* **bet-ter** (bĕt'ər) *n.* One who bets.
be-tween (bi-twĕn') *prep.* 1. In the interval or position separating. 2. Connecting spatially <a route between Dallas and Fort Worth> 3a. By the combined effect or effort

in-ter-nec-ine (in'tar-nēs'ēn', -in', -in, -nē-sin') *adj.* 1. Mutually destructive. 2. Of or relating to struggle within a group.
in-ter-nōe (in'tūr-nē') *n.* A person who is interned or confined.
in-ter-net (in'tar-nēt') *n.* An interconnected system of networks that connects computers around the world.
in-ter-nist (in'tūr'nist, in-tūr'-) *n.* A physician specializing in internal medicine.
in-ter-per-son-al (in'tar-pūr'sa-nəl) *adj.* Between persons <interpersonal relationships> —in'tar-per'son-al-ly *adv.*
in-ter-plan-e-tar-y (in'tar-plan'i-tēr'ē) *adj.* Between planets.
in-ter-play (in'tar-plā') *n.* Action and reaction; interaction. —in'ter-play' *v.*
in-ter-po-late (in'tār'pō-lāt') *v.* -lat-ed, -lat-ing. 1. To insert between other things or elements. 2. To change (a text) by introducing additional material. —in'ter-po-la'tion *n.* —in'tar-po-la'tor *n.*
in-ter-pose (in'tar-pōz') *v.* 1. To insert between parts. 2. To introduce (e.g., a comment) into a conversation or speech. 3. To put (oneself) in; intrude. 4. To intervene. —in'ter-pōs'er *n.* —in'ter-pō-si'tion (-paz-izh'ən) *n.*
in-ter-pret (in-tūr'prīt) *v.* 1. To clarify the meaning of by explaining or restating. 2. To represent or delineate the meaning of, esp. by artistic performance <an actress interpreting a role> 3. To translate. —in'ter-pret-a-ble *adj.* —in'ter-pret-a'tion *n.* —in'ter-pret'er *n.*
in-ter-pre-ta-tive (in-tūr'prī-tā'tiv) *also* **in-ter-pre-tive** (-prī-tiv) *adj.* Of or based on interpreting; explanatory. —in'ter-pre-ta-tive-ly *adv.*
in-ter-ra-cial (in'tar-rā'shəl) *adj.* Between different races.
in-ter-reg-num (in'tar-rēg'nəm) *n., pl.* -nums or -na (-nə). 1. A period of time between 2 successive reigns. 2. A lapse in continuity. —in'ter-reg'nal *adj.*
in-ter-re-late (in'tar-rī-lāt') *v.* To put into or have a mutual relationship. —in'ter-re-la-tion *n.* —in'ter-re-la'tion-ship' *n.*
in-ter-ro-gate (in-tēr'gāt') *v.* -gat-ed, -gat-ing. To question formally. —in'ter-ro-ga-tion *n.* —in'ter-ro-ga'tor *n.*
in-ter-ro-ga-tive (in'tar-rōg'a-tiv) *adj.* 1. Being, suggesting, or asking a question. 2. Used to ask a question <an interrogative pronoun> —in'ter-ro-ga-tive *n.* —in'ter-ro-ga-tive-ly *adv.*
in-ter-ro-ga-to-ry (in'tar-rōg'a-tōr'ē) *adj.* Interrogative.
in-ter-rupt (in'tar-rūpt') *v.* 1. To break the progress or continuity of. 2. To impede or stop by breaking in on. 3. To break in while someone else is speaking or performing. —in'ter-rup't'er *n.* —in'ter-rup'tion *n.* —in'ter-rup'tive *adj.*
in-ter-scho-las-tic (in'tar-skō-lās'tik) *adj.* Occurring or conducted between or among schools.

in-ter-sect (in'tar-sēkt') *v.* 1. To cut through or across. 2. To form an intersection (with).
in-ter-sec-tion (in'tar-sēk'shon) *n.* 1. The act or point of intersecting. 2. A place where streets or roads intersect. 3. *Math.* The point or locus of points common to 2 or more geometric elements.
in-ter-sp-er-se (in'tar-spūrs') *v.* -spers-ed, -spers-ing. 1. To scatter among other things. 2. To provide with things distributed at intervals. —in'ter-sp-er'sion *n.*
in-ter-state (in'tar-stāt') *adj.* Between or connecting 2 or more states. —*n.* An interstate highway.
in-ter-stel-lar (in'tar-stēl'ar) *adj.* Between the stars.
in-ter-stice (in-tūr'stīs) *n., pl.* -stices (-stī-sēz', -sīz). A small space between things; opening <the interstices of a net> —in'ter-sti'tial (in'tar-stīsh'əl) *adj.*
in-ter-twine (in'tar-twīn') *v.* To twine together. —in'ter-twine'ment *n.*
in-ter-ur-ban (in'tar-ūr'bən) *adj.* Situated between or connecting urban areas.
in-ter-val (in'tar-vəl) *n.* 1. A space between 2 points or objects. 2. A period of time between 2 events or moments. 3. *Mus.* The difference, usu. expressed in the number of steps, between 2 pitches. 4. *Math.* A set containing all the numbers between a pair of given numbers.
in-ter-vale (in'tar-vāl') *n.* *Regional.* A tract of low-lying land, esp. along a river.
in-ter-vene (in'tar-vēn') *v.* -ven-ed, -ven-ing. 1. To appear, come, or lie between things, esp. as an unrelated or disruptive circumstance. 2. To enter or come between so as to modify <The police intervened to break up the fight.> 3. To interfere, often with force, in a foreign dispute or conflict. —in'ter-ven'tion (-vēm'shən) *n.*
in-ter-view (in'tar-vyō') *n.* 1. A formal personal meeting, esp. one arranged for formal discussion or to evaluate an applicant. 2. A conversation, as one conducted by a reporter, to elicit information. —in'ter-view' *v.* —in'ter-view'er *n.*
in-ter-weave (in'tar-wēv') *v.* 1. To weave together. 2. To blend together; intertwine.
in-tes-tate (in-tēs'tāt', -tīt) *adj.* 1. Having made no legal will. 2. Not disposed of by a will. —in-tes'ta-cy (-tā-sē) *n.*
in-tes-tine (in-tēs'tīn) *n.* *often* **intestines.** The part of the alimentary canal from the stomach to the anus. —in-tes'ti-nal *adj.* —in-tes'ti-nal-ly *adv.*
in-ti-fa-da (in'tā-fā'da) *n.* A late 20th-century Palestinian uprising in protest of Israeli occupation.
in-ti-mate¹ (in'tā-mīt) *adj.* 1. Characterized by very close association or familiarity. 2. Essential; fundamental. 3. Affording privacy and informality <an intimate café> 4. Very personal. —*n.* An intimate friend. —in'ti-ma-cy, in'ti-mate-ness *n.* —in'ti-mate-ly *adv.*

in-ti-mate² (in'tā-māt') *v.* -mat-ed, -mat-ing. To communicate indirectly; imply artfully. —in'ti-mat'er *n.* —in'ti-ma'tion *n.*
in-tim-i-date (in-tīm'i-dāt') *v.* -dat-ed, -dat-ing. 1. To make fearful; frighten. 2. To discourage, coerce, or suppress by or as if by threatening. —in-tīm'i-da'tion *n.* —in-tīm'i-da'tor *n.*
in-to (in'tō) *prep.* 1. To the inside of. 2. To the activity or occupation of <went into medicine> 3. To the condition of. 4. So as to be in <enter into an agreement> 5. To a point in the course of <lasted into the next week> 6. Against <ran into a wall> 7. *Informal.* Interested in; involved with <a friend who is into yoga>
in-tol-er-a-ble (in-tōl'ar-ə-bəl) *adj.* 1. Not tolerable; unbearable. 2. Inordinate; excessive. —in-tol'er-a-bly *adv.*
in-tol-er-ant (in-tōl'ar-ənt) *adj.* 1. Not tolerant, as of opposing views; bigoted. 2. Not able to endure <intolerant of hot weather> —in-tol'er-ance *n.* —in-tol'er-ant-ly *adv.*
in-to-na-tion (in'tō-nā'shən) *n.* 1. The act of intoning. 2. A manner of speaking or producing tones. 3. The ranging of pitch in speech, esp. as an element of meaning.
in-tone (in-tōn') *v.* -toned, -ton-ing. 1. To recite in a chanting voice. 2. To utter in a monotone. —in-ton'er *n.*
in-to-to (in tō'tō) *adv.* Totally; in full.
in-tox-i-cate (in-tōk'si-kāt') *v.* -cat-ed, -cat-ing. 1. To stimulate or stupefy, esp. with alcohol. 2. To excite; exhilarate. —in-tox'i-cant (-kant) *n.* —in-tox'i-ca'tion *n.*
intra- *pref.* Within <intramural>
in-tra-cell-u-lar (in'tar-sēl'yə-lar) *adj.* Within a cell or cells.
in-tra-cos-tal (in'tar-kōs'tl) *adj.* On the inner surface of a rib or ribs.
in-tra-cra-ni-al (in'tar-krā'nē-əl) *adj.* Within the skull.
in-trac-ta-ble (in-trāk'tə-bəl) *adj.* 1. Hard to manage; obstinate. 2. Difficult to treat or cure <an intractable virus>
in-tra-dos (in'tar-dōs', -dō', -in-trā'dōs', -dōs') *n., pl.* -dos (-dōz') or -dos-es (-dōs-iz) The inner curve of an arch.



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in-tra-mu-ral (in'tar-myōōr'əl) *adj.* Carried on or being within a school or other institution <intramural sports>

in-tra-mus-cu-lar (in'tar-mūs'kyə-lar) *adj.* Within a muscle.
in-tra-net (in'tar-nēt') *n.* A restricted-access computer network, as within an organization.
in-tran-si-gent (in-trān'sə-jənt) *adj.* Not willing to moderate a position; uncompromising. —in-tran'si-gence, in-tran'si-gen-cy *n.* —in-tran'si-gent *n.*
in-tran-si-tive (in-trān'si-tiv) *adj.* Designating a verb that does not require a direct object to complete its meaning, as *run* in the sentence *They run.* —*n.* An intransitive verb. —in-tran'si-tive-ly *adv.* —in-tran'si-tive-ness *n.*
in-tra-oc-u-lar (in'tar-ōk'yə-lar) *adj.* Within the eyeball.
in-tra-state (in'tar-stāt') *adj.* Within a state.
in-tra-u-ter-ine (in'tar-yōō'tar-in, -tō-rin') *adj.* Within the uterus.
intrauterine device *n.* A metal or plastic loop, ring, or spiral inserted into the uterus as a contraceptive.
in-tra-ve-nous (in'tar-vē'nəs) *adj.* Within a vein. —in'tar-ve'nous-ly *adv.*
in-trep-id (in-trēp'id) *adj.* Outstandingly courageous; fearless. —in-trēp'id-ly *adv.* —in-trēp'id-ness *n.*
in-tri-cate (in'tri-kit) *adj.* 1. Having many elaborately arranged parts or elements; complex. 2. Difficult to solve or comprehend. —in'tri-ca-cy (-kə-sē) *n.* —in'tri-cate-ly *adv.*
in-trigue (in'trēg', in-trēg') *n.* 1a. A furtive maneuver or plan; plot. b. Involvement in such plots. 2. A clandestine love affair. —*v.* (in-trēg') -trigued, -trigu-ing. 1. To engage in intrigues; plot. 2. To effect by scheming. 3. To stimulate the interest or curiosity of. —in-trigu'er *n.*
in-trin-sic (in-trīn'sik) *adj.* Of or relating to the fundamental nature of a thing; inherent. —in-trīn'si-cal-ly *adv.*
in-tro-duce (in'trō-dōōs', -dyōōs') *v.* -duced, -duc-ing. 1. To present (a person) by name to another; make acquainted. 2. To bring into use or practice for the first time <introduce reforms> 3. To bring in and establish in a new environment. 4. To insert or inject. 5. To bring to another's notice. 6. To begin; preface. * *SYMS:* INAUGURATE, INITIATE, INSTITUTE, LAUNCH, ORIGINATE —in'tro-duc'er *n.* —in'tro-duc'tion (-dūk'shən) *n.* —in'tro-duc'to-ry *adj.*
in-tro-it *also* **in-tro-it** (in'trō'īt, -troit', in-trō'īt) *n.* 1. A psalm or hymn sung at the beginning of a service. 2. *Rom. Cath. Ch.* The beginning of the proper of the Mass.
in-tro-mit (in'trō-mīt') *v.* -mit-ted, -mit-ting. To cause or allow to enter; admit. —in'tro-mis'sion *n.* —in'tro-mit'tent *adj.* —in'tro-mit'ter *n.*
in-tro-spec-tion (in'trō-spēk'shən) *n.* Examination of one's thoughts and feelings. —in'tro-spec't' *v.* —in'tro-spec'tive *adj.* —in'tro-spec'tive-ly *adv.*