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stow /bɪstəʊ/ *v. tr.* 1 (foll. by *on, upon*) confer (a gift, ht, etc.). 2 deposit. □ **be-stow-al** *n.*

strew /bɪstrəʊ/ *v. tr.* (*past part.* **bestrewed** /be-strəʊd/) 1 (foll. by *with*) cover or partly cover surface. 2 scatter (things) about. 3 lie scattered.

stride /bɪstrɪd/ *v. tr.* (*past* **bestrode** /-strɒd/; *past part.* **stridden** /-strɪd'n/) 1 sit astride on. 2 stand astride.

seller *n.* a book or other item that has sold in large numbers.

bet *v.* & *n.* • *v.* (**betting**; *past* and *past part.* **bet** or **tied**) 1 *intr.* (foll. by *on* or *against* with ref. to the game) risk a sum of money, etc., against another's bet the basis of the outcome of an uncertain event. 2 *r.* risk (an amount) on such an outcome (*bet \$10 on horse race*). 3 *tr.* risk a sum of money against (a person). 4 *tr. colloq.* feel sure (*bet they've forgotten it*). • *n.* 1 the act of betting (*make a bet*). 2 the money, or stake (*put a bet on*). 3 *colloq.* an opinion (*my bet that he won't come*). 4 *colloq.* a choice or course of action (*she's our best bet*). □ **you bet** *colloq.* you may be sure.

ta /báyo, be-/ *n.* 1 the second letter of the Greek alphabet (Β, β). 2 the second member of a series.

ta-block-er *n.* *Pharm.* a drug that prevents the stimulation of increased cardiac action, used to reduce high blood pressure.

take /bɪtəɪk/ *v. refl.* (*past* **betook** /bɪtəʊk/; *past part.* **staken** /bɪtəɪkən/) (foll. by *to*) go to (a place or person).

ta-par-ti-cle *n.* (also **be-ta**) a fast-moving electron emitted by radioactive decay of substances (originally named as rays).

ta-tron /báyo'trɒn, be-/ *n.* *Physics* an apparatus for accelerating electrons in a circular path by magnetic induction.

tel /beɪtəl/ *n.* the leaf of the Asian evergreen climbing plant *Piper betle*, chewed in parts of Asia with the reca nut.

tel nut *n.* the areca nut.

te noire /bet nwaár/ *n.* (*pl.* **bêtes noires** *pronunc.* *ame*) a person or thing one particularly dislikes or fears; a bugbear.

te-tide /bɪtɪd/ *v. poet.* (only in *infin.* and 3rd *sing. subj.*) *tr.* happen to (*woe betide him*). 2 *intr.* happen (*whate'er woe betide*).

to-ken /bɪtəʊkən/ *v. tr.* 1 be a sign of; indicate. 2 assure.

took *past* of **BETAKE**.

tray /bɪtráɪ/ *v. tr.* 1 place (a person, one's country, etc.) in the power of an enemy. 2 be disloyal to (another person, etc.). 3 reveal involuntarily (*his shaking hand betrayed his fear*). 4 lead into error. □ **be-tray-al** *n.* **be-tray-er** *n.*

troth /bɪtróθ, -tráwθ/ *v. tr.* (usu. as **betrothed** *adj.*) bind with a promise to marry. □ **be-troth-al** *n.*

bet-ter /bétər/ *adj., adv., n., & v.* • *adj.* (*compar.* of **GOOD**). 1 of a more excellent or outstanding or desirable kind (*a better product*). 2 partly or fully recovered from illness (*feeling better*). • *adv.* (*compar.* of **WELL**). 1 in a better manner (*she sings better*). 2 to a greater degree (*like it better*). 3 more usefully or advantageously (*is better forgotten*). • *n.* 1 that which is better (*the better of the two*). 2 (usu. in *pl.*; *prec.* by *my, etc.*) one's superior in ability or rank (*take notice of your betters*). • *v.* 1 *tr.* improve on; surpass. 2 *tr.* make better; improve. 3 *refl.* improve one's position; etc. □ **the better part** of most of. **get the better** of defeat; outwit; win an advantage over. **go one better** 1 outbid, etc., by one. 2 outdo another person. **had better** would find it wiser to do. □ **bet-ter-ment** *n.*

et-ter half *n. colloq.* one's wife or husband.

bet-ting /béɪtɪŋ/ *n.* 1 gambling by risking money on an unpredictable outcome. 2 the odds offered in this.

bet-ter /bétər/ *n.* (also **bet-ter**) a person who bets.

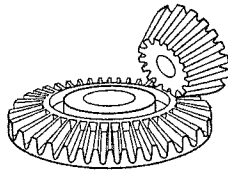
be-tween /bɪtwi:n/ *prep. & adv.* • *prep.* 1 **a** at or to a point in the area or interval bounded by two or more other points in space, time, etc. (*stopped between Boston and Providence; we must meet between now and Friday*). **b** along the extent of such an interval (*there are five shops between here and the main road; works best between five and six; the numbers between 10 and 20*). 2 separating, physically or conceptually (*the distance between here and the moon; the difference between right and wrong*). 3 **a** by combining the resources of (*between us we could afford it*). **b** as the joint resources of (*\$5 between them*). **c** by joint or reciprocal action (*an agreement between us*). 4 to and from (*runs between New York and L.A.*). 5 taking one and rejecting the other of (*decide between eating here and going out*). • *adv.* (also **in between**) at a point or in the area bounded by two or more other points in space, time, sequence, etc. (*not fat or thin but in between*).

► **1. Between** is used in speaking of only two things, people, etc.: *We must choose between two equally unattractive alternatives.* **Among** is used when more than two are involved: *Agreement on landscaping was reached among all the neighbors.* But where there are more than two parties involved, **between** may be proper to emphasize the relationship of pairs within the group or the sense 'shared by': *There is close friendship between the members of the club; relations between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.* 2. *Between you and I, between you and he, etc., are incorrect; between should be followed only by the objective case: me, her, him, them.*

be-twixt /bɪtwɪks/ *prep. & adv.* archaic *between*. □ **be-twixt and between** *colloq.* neither one thing nor the other.

be-vel /bévəl/ *n. & v.* • *n.* 1 a slope from the horizontal or vertical in carpentry and stonework. 2 (in full **bevel square**) a tool for marking angles in carpentry and stonework. • *v.* (**beveled, beveling** or **bevelled, beveling**) 1 *tr.* reduce (a square edge) to a sloping edge. 2 *intr.* slope at an angle; slant.

be-vel gear *n.* a gear working another gear at an angle to it by means of beveled wheels.



bevel gears

be-ve-er-age /bévəriɪ, bévriɪ/ *n.* a drink (*hot beverage; alcoholic beverage*).

be-vy /béveɪ/ *n.* (*pl.* **-ies**) 1 a flock of quails or larks. 2 a company or group (orig. of women).

be-wail /biwáɪl/ *v. tr.* 1 greatly regret or lament. 2 wail over; mourn for.

be-ware /biwáɪr/ *v.* (only in *imper.* or *infin.*) 1 *intr.* (often foll. by *of, or that, lest, etc.* + clause) be cautious; take heed (*beware of the dog; told us to beware; beware that you don't fall*). 2 *tr.* be cautious of (*beware the Ides of March*).

be-wil-der /biwɪldər/ *v. tr.* perplex or confuse. □ **be-wil-dered-ly** *adv.* **be-wil-der-ing** *adj.* **be-wil-der-ment** *n.*

be-witch /biwɪtʃ/ *v. tr.* 1 enchant; greatly delight. 2 cast a spell on. □ **be-witch-ing** *adj.* **be-witch-ing-ly** *adv.*

be-yond /biyɒnd/ *prep., adv., & n.* • *prep.* 1 at or to the farther side of (*beyond the river*). 2 outside the scope,

range, or understanding of (*beyond repair; beyond a joke; it is beyond me*). 3 more than. • *adv.* 1 at or to the farther side. 2 farther on. • *n.* (*prec.* by *the*) the unknown after death.

bez-el /bézəl/ *n.* 1 the sloped edge of a chisel. 2 the oblique faces of a cut gem. 3 a groove holding a watch crystal or gem.

Bi *symb. Chem.* the element bismuth.

bi- /bi/ *comb. form* (often **bin-** before a vowel) forming nouns and adjectives meaning: 1 having two; a thing having two (*bilateral; biplane*). 2 **a** occurring twice in every one or once in every two (*biweekly*). **b** lasting for two (*biennial*). 3 doubly; in two ways (*biconcave*). 4 *Chem.* a substance having a double proportion of the acid, etc., indicated by the simple word (*bicarbonate*).

bi-an-nu-al /bi-ányúəl/ *adj.* occurring, appearing, etc., twice a year. □ **bi-an-nu-ally** *adv.*

► see note at **BIENNIAL**.

bi-as /biəs/ *n. & v.* • *n.* 1 (often foll. by *toward, against*) a predisposition or prejudice. 2 *Statistics* a systematic distortion of a statistical result due to a factor not allowed for in its derivation. 3 an edge cut obliquely across the weave of a fabric. • *v. tr.* (**biased, biasing; biased, biasing**) 1 (esp. as **biased adj.**) influence (usu. unfairly); prejudice. 2 give a bias to. □ **on the bias** obliquely; diagonally.

bi-ath-let-ic /bi-áθlɒn, -lɒn/ *n.* *Sports* an athletic contest comprising skiing and shooting or cycling and running. □ **bi-ath-lete** *n.*

bib /bɪb/ *n.* 1 a piece of cloth or plastic fastened round a child's neck to keep the clothes clean while eating. 2 the top front part of an apron, overalls, etc.

bi-be-let /bébeɪl/ *n.* a small curio or artistic trinket.

Bi-ble /bɪbəl/ *n.* 1 **a** the Christian scriptures consisting of the Old and New Testaments. **b** the Jewish scriptures. **c** (**bible**) any copy of these (*three bibles on the table*). 2 (**bible**) *colloq.* any authoritative book (*the woodworker's bible*).

Bible belt *n.* the area of the southern and central US where fundamentalist Protestant beliefs prevail.

bi-bli-cal /bɪblɪkəl/ *adj.* 1 of, concerning, or contained in the Bible. 2 resembling the language of the Authorized Version of the Bible. □ **bi-bli-cal-ly** *adv.*

biblio- /bɪbleɪ/ *comb. form* denoting a book or books.

bi-bli-og-ra-phy /bɪbleɪɒgrəfi/ *n.* (*pl.* **-phies**) 1 **a** a list of the books referred to in a scholarly work. **b** a list of the books of a specific author or publisher, or on a specific subject, etc. 2 **a** the history or description of books, including authors, editions, etc. **b** any book containing such information. □ **bi-bli-og-ra-pher** *n.*

bi-bli-o-graph-ic /-leɪɒgrəfɪk/ *adj.* **bi-bli-o-graph-ical** *adj.*

bi-bli-o-phil /bɪbleɪɒfɪl/ *n.* a person who collects or is fond of books.

bi-bu-lous /bɪbyʊləs/ *adj.* given to drinking alcohol.

bi-cam-er-al /bɪkámərəl/ *adj.* (of a parliament or legislative body) having two chambers. □ **bi-cam-er-al-ism** *n.*

bi-car-bo-nate /bɪkɑːrbənaɪt/ *n.* 1 *Chem.* any acid salt of carbonic acid. 2 (in full **bicarbonate of soda**) sodium bicarbonate used as an antacid or in baking powder.

bi-cen-ten-ar-y /bɪsɛntənəri, bɪsɛntənəri/ *n. & adj.* esp. *Brit.* = **BICENTENNIAL**.

bi-cen-ten-ni-al /bɪsɛntɛnɛəl/ *n. & adj.* • *n.* 1 a two-hundredth anniversary. 2 a celebration of this. • *adj.* 1 lasting two hundred years or occurring every two hundred years. 2 of or concerning a bicentennial.

bi-ceps /bɪsɛps/ *n.* (*pl.* same) a muscle having two heads

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suspend the continuity of. □ **in-ter-rupt-i-ble** *adj.* **in-ter-rupt-ion** /-rúpshən/ *n.* **in-ter-rupt-ive** *adj.* **in-ter-rupt-ory** *adj.*
in-ter-sect /intərsékt/ *v.* 1 *tr.* divide (a thing) by passing or lying across it. 2 *intr.* (of lines, roads, etc.) cross or cut each other.
in-ter-section /intərsékshən/ *n.* 1 the act of intersecting. 2 a place where two roads intersect. 3 a point or line common to lines or planes that intersect. □ **in-ter-sectional** *adj.*
in-ter-spere /intərsþérs/ *v.tr.* 1 (often foll. by *between, among*) scatter; place here and there. 2 (foll. by *with*) diversify (a thing or things with others so scattered). □ **in-ter-sper-sion** /-þérzhən/ *n.*
in-ter-state *adj.* & *n.* • *adj.* /intərstáyt/ existing or carried on between states, esp. of the US. • *n.* /intərstáyt/ a limited access highway that is part of the US Interstate Highway System.
in-ter-stel-lar /intərstéltər/ *adj.* occurring or situated between stars.
in-ter-stice /intərstís/ *n.* 1 an intervening space. 2 a chink or crevice.
in-ter-sti-tial /intərstíshəl/ *adj.* of, forming, or occupying interstices. □ **in-ter-sti-tial-ly** *adv.*
in-ter-twine /intərtwín/ *v.* 1 *tr.* (often foll. by *with*) entwine (together). 2 *intr.* become entwined. □ **in-ter-twine-ment** *n.*
in-ter-val /intərvəl/ *n.* 1 an intervening time or space. 2 *Brit.* a pause or break, esp. between the parts of a theatrical or musical performance. 3 the difference in pitch between two sounds. 4 the distance between persons or things in respect of qualities. □ **at intervals** here and there; now and then. □ **in-ter-val-lic** /-vállik/ *adj.*
in-ter-vene /intərvéin/ *v.intr.* (often foll. by *between, in*) 1 occur in time between events. 2 interfere; come between so as to prevent or modify the result or course of events. 3 be situated between things. 4 come in as an extraneous factor or thing. □ **in-ter-ven-er** *n.* **in-ter-ven-ient** *adj.* **in-ter-ve-nor** *n.*
in-ter-ven-tion /intərvénshən/ *n.* 1 the act or an instance of intervening. 2 interference, esp. by a state in another's affairs. 3 mediation.
in-ter-ven-tion-ist /intərvénshəníst/ *n.* a person who favors intervention. □ **in-ter-ven-tion-ism** *n.*
in-ter-view /intərvyú/ *n.* & *v.* • *n.* 1 an oral examination of an applicant for employment, a college place, etc. 2 a conversation between a reporter, etc., and a person of public interest, used as a basis of a broadcast or publication. 3 a meeting of persons face to face, esp. for consultation. • *v.tr.* 1 hold an interview with. 2 question to discover the opinions or experience of (a person). □ **in-ter-view-ee** /-vyú-éé/ *n.* **in-ter-view-er** *n.*
in-ter-weave /intərwéiv/ *v.tr.* (*past -wove /-wóv/; past part. -woven /-wóvən/*) 1 (often foll. by *with*) weave together. 2 blend intimately.
in-tes-tate /intéstáyt, -tət/ *adj.* & *n.* • *adj.* (of a person) not having made a will before death. • *n.* a person who has died intestate. □ **in-tes-ta-cy** /-téstásee/ *n.*
in-tes-tine /intéstín/ *n.* (in *sing.* or *pl.*) the lower part of the alimentary canal from the end of the stomach to the anus. □ **in-tes-ti-nal** *adj.*
in-ti-ma-cy /intímásee/ *n.* (*pl. -cies*) 1 the state of being intimate. 2 an intimate act, esp. sexual intercourse. 3 an intimate remark; an endearment.
in-ti-mate /intímət/ *adj.* & *n.* • *adj.* 1 closely acquainted; familiar; close (*an intimate friend; an intimate relationship*). 2 private and personal (*intimate thoughts*). 3 (usu. foll. by *with*) having sexual relations. 4 (of knowledge) detailed; thorough. 5 (of a relationship be-

tween things) close. 6 (of mixing, etc.) thorough. 7 essential; intrinsic. 8 (of a place, etc.) friendly; promoting close personal relationships. • *n.* a very close friend. □ **in-ti-mate-ly** *adv.*
in-ti-mate /intímáyt/ *v.tr.* 1 (often foll. by *that + clause*) state or make known. 2 imply; hint. □ **in-ti-mat-er** *n.*
in-ti-ma-tion /-máyshən/ *n.*
in-tim-i-date /intímídáyt/ *v.tr.* frighten or overawe, esp. to subdue or influence. □ **in-tim-i-da-tion** /-dáyshən/ *n.* **in-tim-i-da-tor** *n.*
in-to /intó/ *prep.* 1 expressing motion or direction to a point on or within (*walked into a tree; ran into the house*). 2 expressing direction of attention or concern (*will look into it*). 3 expressing a change of state (*turned into a dragon; separated into groups; forced into cooperation*). 4 *colloq.* interested in; knowledgeable about (*is really into art*).
in-to-ler-a-ble /intótlərəbəl/ *adj.* that cannot be endured. □ **in-to-ler-a-ble-ness** *n.* **in-to-ler-a-bly** *adv.*
in-to-ler-ant /intótlərənt/ *adj.* not tolerant, esp. of views, beliefs, or behavior differing from one's own. □ **in-to-ler-ance** /-rəns/ *n.* **in-to-ler-ant-ly** *adv.*
in-to-na-tion /intónáyshən/ *n.* 1 modulation of the voice; accent. 2 the act of intoning. 3 accuracy of pitch in playing or singing (*has good intonation*).
in-tone /intón/ *v.tr.* 1 recite (prayers, etc.) with prolonged sounds, esp. in a monotone. 2 utter with a particular tone. □ **in-ton-er** *n.*
in-to-to /in tótó/ *adv.* completely.
in-tox-i-cant /intóksíkənt/ *adj.* & *n.* • *adj.* intoxicating. • *n.* an intoxicating substance.
in-tox-i-cate /intóksíkayt/ *v.tr.* 1 make drunk. 2 excite or elate beyond self-control. □ **in-tox-i-ca-tion** /-káyshən/ *n.*
in-tox-i-cat-ing /intóksíkaytíng/ *adj.* 1 liable to cause intoxication; alcoholic. 2 exhilarating; exciting. □ **in-tox-i-cat-ing-ly** *adv.*
intr. *abbr.* intransitive.
intra- /intrə/ *prefix* forming adjectives usu. from adjectives, meaning 'on the inside, within' (*intramural*).
in-trac-ta-ble /intráktəbəl/ *adj.* 1 hard to control or deal with. 2 difficult; stubborn. □ **in-trac-ta-bil-i-ty** *n.* **in-trac-ta-ble-ness** *n.* **in-trac-ta-bly** *adv.*
in-tra-mu-ral /intrəmyúərəl/ *adj.* 1 situated or done within walls. 2 taking place among or involving students of one university or college, etc. □ **in-tra-mu-ral-ly** *adv.*
in-tran-si-gent /intránsijənt, -tránz- / *adj.* & *n.* • *adj.* uncompromising; stubborn. • *n.* an intransigent person. □ **in-tran-si-gence** /-jəns/ *n.* **in-tran-si-gen-cy** *n.* **in-tran-si-gent-ly** *adv.*
in-tran-si-tive /intránsítív, -tránz- / *adj.* (of a verb or sense of a verb) that does not take or require a direct object (whether expressed or implied), e.g., *look in look at the sky* (opp. **TRANSITIVE**). □ **in-tran-si-tive-ly** *adv.* **in-tran-si-tiv-i-ty** /-tívíteel/ *n.*
in-tra-u-ter-ine de-vice *n.* a device inserted into the uterus that provides birth control by preventing implantation. *Abbr.*: IUD.
in-tra-ve-nous /intrəvénoʊs/ *adj.* in or into a vein or veins. □ **in-tra-ve-nous-ly** *adv.*
in-trep-id /intrépid/ *adj.* fearless; very brave. □ **in-trep-id-ly** *adv.*
in-tri-cate /intríkít/ *adj.* very complicated; perplexingly detailed or obscure. □ **in-tri-ca-cy** /-kəsee/ *n.* (*pl. -cies*). **in-tri-cate-ly** *adv.*
in-trigue *v.* & *n.* • *v.* /intréég/ (*intrigues, intrigued, intriguing*) 1 *intr.* (foll. by *with*) a carry on an underhand plot. b use secret influence. 2 *tr.* arouse the curiosity of; fascinate. • *n.* /intréég, in- / 1 an underhand plot or plotting. 2 *archaic* a secret love affair. □ **in-tri-guer** /intréégər/ *n.* **in-tri-guing** /intréégíng/ *adj.* (esp. in sense 2 of *v.*). **in-tri-guing-ly** *adv.*

in-trin-sic /intrínzík/ *adj.* inherent; e. naturally (opp. **EXTRINSIC**). □ **in-trin-**
intro- /intrə/ *comb. form* into (*introgn*).
intro. *abbr.* 1 introduction. 2 introduct
in-tro-duce /intrədúds, -dyúds/ *v.tr.* 1 (a person or oneself) known by name formally. 2 announce or present. 3 bring (a custom, idea, etc.) into us of legislation) before a legislative ass (to) draw the attention or extend the (a person) to a subject. 6 insert; pls usher in; bring forward. 8 begin; occ start of. □ **in-tro-duc-er** *n.* **in-tro-duc-tion** /intrədúktshən/ *n.* 1 t stance of introducing; the process of l 2 a formal presentation of one perso explanatory section at the beginnin preliminary section in a piece of mus ically different from the main sectio tory treatise on a subject. 6 a thing ir **in-tro-duc-to-ry** /intrədúktəree/ *adj.* s troduction; preliminary.
in-tro-spec-tion /intrəspékshən/ *n.* the observation of one's own mental and esses, etc. □ **in-tro-spec-tive** *adj.* **in-adv. **in-tro-spec-tive-ness** *n.*
in-tro-vert /intrəvərt/ *n.* & *adj.* • *n.* 1 *P* predominantly concerned with his thoughts and feelings rather than with 2 a shy, inwardly thoughtful person. • **vert-ed** (-tid) typical or characteristic □ **in-tro-ver-sion** /-vərzshən, -shən/ *n.* /-vórsív/ *adj.* **in-tro-vert-ed** *adj.* **in-tro-v-adj.**
in-trude /intrúdd/ *v.* (foll. by *on, upon, in* uninvited or unwanted; force oneself at ers. 2 *tr.* thrust or force (something un person. □ **in-trud-ing-ly** *adv.*
in-truder /intrúddər/ *n.* a person who in to a building with criminal intent.
in-tru-sion /intrúzhən/ *n.* 1 the act or intruding. 2 an unwanted interruption, influx of molten rock between or throu but not reaching the surface.
in-tru-sive /intrúsbív/ *adj.* 1 that intrud intrude. 2 characterized by intrusion. □ **adv. **in-tru-sive-ness** *n.*
in-tu-it /intóit, -tyóó- / *v.* 1 *tr.* know by int receive knowledge by direct perception. **ble** *adj.*
in-tu-i-tion /intú-íshən, -tyóó- / *n.* 1 imm bension by the mind without reasoning. apprehension by a sense. 3 immediate in tu-i-tion-al *adj.*
in-tu-i-tive /intúóitív, -tyóó- / *adj.* 1 of, char or possessing intuition. 2 perceived by int tu-i-tive-ly *adv.* **in-tu-i-tive-ness** *n.*
in-u-it /ínyóó-it/ *n.* (also **in-NU-IT**) (*pl.* same N. American Eskimo).
in-un-date /inundáyt/ *v.tr.* (often foll. by *u 2 overwhelm (inundated with inquiries). c tion /-dáyshən/ *n.*
in-ure /ínyóóv/ *v.tr.* (often in *passive*; foll. b tom (a person) to something esp. unplea ure-ment *n.*
in-uter-o /in yóótróó/ *adv.* in the womb; b **in vac-u-o** /in vákýúóó-ó/ *adv.* in a vacuum.
in-vade /inváyv/ *v.tr.* (often *absol.*) 1 enter etc.) under arms to control or subdue it. 2 to. 3 (of a disease) attack (a body, etc.). 4 en on (a person's rights, esp. privacy). □ **in-v- inva-lid** /inválid/ *n.* & *v.* • *n.* 1 a person er disabled by illness or injury. 2 (*attrib.*) &*****