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in-ter-plan-e-tary \in-tar-'pla-na-ter-ē\ *adj*: existing, carried on, or operating between planets (<~ space)

in-ter-play \in-tar-'plā\ *n*: INTERACTION

in-ter-po-late \in-tar-'pō-lāt\ *vb* -lat-ed; -lat-ing 1: to change (as a text) by inserting new or foreign matter 2: to insert (as words) into a text or into a conversation 3: to estimate values of (data or a function) between two known values — **in-ter-po-la-tion** \in-tar-'pō-lā-shən\ *n*

in-ter-pose \in-tar-'pōz\ *vb* -posed; -pos-ing 1: to place between 2: to thrust in: INTRUDE, INTERRUPT 3: to inject between parts of a conversation or argument 4: to come or be between

• **Synonyms** INTERFERE, INTERCEDE, INTERMEDIATE, INTERVENE — **in-ter-po-si-tion** \in-tar-'pō-zhən\ *n*

in-ter-pret \in-tar-'prēt\ *vb* 1: to explain the meaning of; *also*: to act as an interpreter: TRANSLATE 2: to understand according to individual belief, judgment, or interest 3: to represent artistically — **in-ter-pret-er** *n* — **in-ter-pret-ive** \in-tar-'prē-tiv\ *adj*

in-ter-pre-ta-tion \in-tar-'prē-tā-shən\ *n* 1: EXPLANATION 2: an instance of artistic interpretation in performance or adaptation — **in-ter-pre-ta-tive** \in-tar-'prē-tā-tiv\ *adj*

in-ter-ra-cial \in-tar-'rā-shəl\ *adj*: of, involving, or designed for members of different races

in-ter-reg-num \in-tar-'reg-nəm\ *n*, *pl* -nums or -na \-nə\ 1: the time during which a throne is vacant between two successive reigns or regimes 2: a pause in a continuous series

in-ter-re-late \in-tar-'rē-lāt\ *vb*: to bring into or have a mutual relationship — **in-ter-re-lat-ed-ness** \-lā-tād-nəs\ *n* — **in-ter-re-la-tion** \-lā-shən\ *n* — **in-ter-re-la-tion-ship** *n*

interrog *abbr* interrogative

in-ter-ro-gate \in-tar-'a-gāt\ *vb* -gat-ed; -gat-ing: to question esp. formally and systematically — **in-ter-ro-ga-tion** \in-tar-'a-gā-shən\ *n* — **in-ter-ro-ga-tor** \in-tar-'a-gā-tər\ *n*

in-ter-ro-ga-tive \in-tar-'rā-gā-tiv\ *adj*: asking a question (<~ sentence) — **in-ter-ro-ga-tive-ly** *adv*

in-ter-ro-ga-to-ry \in-tar-'rā-gā-tōr-ē\ *adj*: INTERROGATIVE

in-ter-rupt \in-tar-'rapt\ *vb* 1: to stop or hinder by breaking in 2: to break the uniformity or continuity of 3: to break in by speaking while another is speaking — **in-ter-rupt-er** *n* — **in-ter-rup-tion** \in-tar-'rāp-shən\ *n* — **in-ter-rup-tive** \in-tar-'rāp-tiv\ *adj*

in-ter-scho-las-tic \in-tar-'ska-'las-tik\ *adj*: existing or carried on between schools

in-ter-sect \in-tar-'sekt\ *vb* 1: to divide by passing through or across 2: to meet and cross (as at a point); *also*: OVERLAP — **in-ter-sec-tion** \in-tar-'sek-shən\ *n*

in-ter-spere \in-tar-'spərs\ *vb* -spersed; -spers-ing 1: to place something at in-

tervals in or among 2: to insert at intervals among other things — **in-ter-sper-sion** \in-tar-'spərs-zhən\ *n*

in-ter-state \in-tar-'stāt\ *adj*: relating to, including, or connecting two or more states esp. of the U.S.

in-ter-state \in-tar-'stāt\ *n*: an interstate highway

in-ter-stel-lar \in-tar-'ste-lār\ *adj*: located or taking place among the stars

in-ter-stice \in-tar-'stās\ *n*, *pl* -stic-es \-stā-'sēz, -stā-səz\ 1: a space that intervenes between things: CHINK — **in-ter-sti-tial** \in-tar-'sti-shəl\ *adj*

in-ter-tid-al \in-tar-'tī-d'ē\ *adj*: of, relating to, or being the area that is above low tide mark but exposed to tidal flooding (<life in the ~ mud>)

in-ter-twine \in-tar-'twīn\ *vb*: to twine or cause to twine about one another: INTERLACE — **in-ter-twine-ment** *n*

in-ter-twist \in-tar-'twīst\ *vb*: INTERTWINE

in-ter-ur-ban \in-tar-'hən\ *adj*: connecting cities or towns

in-ter-val \in-tar-'vāl\ *n* [ME *intervalle*, fr. AF & L; AF *entreval*, fr. L *intervallum* space between ramparts, **interval** fr. *inter-* between + *vallum* rampart] 1: a space of time between events or states: PAUSE 2: a space between objects, units, or states 3: the difference in pitch between two tones

in-ter-vene \in-tar-'vēn\ *vb* -vened; -ven-ing 1: to occur, fall, or come between points of time or between events 2: to enter or appear as an unrelated feature or circumstance (<rain *intervened* and we postponed the trip>) 3: to come in or between in order to stop, settle, or modify (<~ in a quarrel>) 4: to occur or lie between two things — **in-ter-ven-tion** \in-tar-'vēn-shən\ *n*

in-ter-ven-tion-ism \in-tar-'vēn-'chā-nī-zəm\ *n*: interference by one country in the political affairs of another — **in-ter-ven-tion-ist** \in-tar-'vēn-'chā-nīst\ *n* or *adj*

in-ter-view \in-tar-'vyū\ *n* 1: a formal consultation usu. to evaluate qualifications 2: a meeting at which a writer or reporter obtains information from a person; *also*: the recorded or written account of such a meeting — **in-ter-view-ee** \in-tar-'(i)vyū-'ē\ *n* — **in-ter-view-er** *n*

in-ter-vo-cal-ic \in-tar-'vō-'ka-lik\ *adj*: immediately preceded and immediately followed by a vowel

in-ter-weave \in-tar-'wēv\ *vb* -wove \-wōv\ *also* -weaved; -wo-ven \-wō-vən\ *also* -weaved; -weav-ing: to weave or blend together: INTERTWINE, INTERMINGLE — **interwoven** *adj*

in-tes-tate \in-'tes-'tāt, -tāt\ *adj* 1: having made no valid will (<died ~>) 2: not disposed of by will (<~ estate>)

in-tes-tine \in-'tes-tən\ *n*: the tubular part of the alimentary canal that extends from stomach to anus and consists of a long narrow upper part (**small intestine**) followed by a broader shorter lower part (**large intestine**) — **in-tes-ti-nal** \in-tə-'nəl\ *adj*