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parliament 2 [often passive] ~sth (formal) to perform a play or act a part in a play: *scenes from history enacted by local residents* 3 **be enacted** (formal) to take place **SYN** play out: *They seemed unaware of the drama being enacted a few feet away from them.* 4 ~sth to put sth into practice: *This involves identifying problems and enacting solutions.*

en-act-ment /ɪˈnæktmənt/ noun [U, C] (law) the process of a law becoming official; a law which has been made official

en-amel /ɪˈnæml/ noun 1 [U, C] a substance that is melted onto metal, pots, etc. and forms a hard shiny surface to protect or decorate them; an object made from enamel: *a chipped enamel bowl* 2 a handle inlaid with enamel 3 an exhibition of enamels and jewellery 2 [U] the hard white outer layer of a tooth 3 (also **e-namel 'paint'**) [U, C] a type of paint that dries to leave a hard shiny surface

en-am-elled (especially US **en am eled**) /ɪˈnæmld/ adj. [usually before noun] covered or decorated with enamel

en-am-oured (especially US **en amored**) /ɪˈnæməd; NAmE -əd/ adj. 1 (formal) (often in negative sentences) liking sth a lot: ~of sth *He was less than enamoured of the music.* ~with sth (humorous): *I'm not exactly enamoured with the idea of spending a whole day with them.* 2 ~of/with sb (literary) in love with sb

en bloc /ɪˈbɒk; NAmE -ɑːˈblɔːk/ adv. (from French) as a group rather than separately: *There are reports of teachers resigning en bloc.*

enc. = ENCL.

en-camp /ɪnˈkæmp/ verb [I, T] (formal) if a group of people encamp or are encamped somewhere, they set up a camp or have set up a camp there

en-camp-ment /ɪnˈkæmpmənt/ noun a group of tents, HUTS, etc. where people live together, usually for only a short period of time: *a military encampment*

en-cap-su-late /ɪnˈkæpsjuleɪt/ verb ~sth (in sth) (formal) to express the most important parts of sth in a few words, a small space or a single object **SYN** sum up: *The poem encapsulates many of the central themes of her writing.* ▶ **en cap su la tion** noun [U, C]

en-case /ɪnˈkeɪs/ verb [often passive] ~sth (in sth) (formal) to surround or cover sth completely, especially to protect it: *The reactor is encased in concrete and steel.*

en-cash /ɪnˈkæʃ/ verb ~sth (BrE, formal) to exchange a cheque, etc. for money **SYN** cash ▶ **en-cash-ment** noun [U, C]

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en-ceph-al-it-is /enˌsefəˈlaɪtəs; -ˌkefə-/ noun [U] (medical) a condition in which the brain becomes swollen, caused by an infection or ALLERGIC reaction

en-ceph-al-op-athy /enˌsefəˈlɒpəθi; -ˌkefə-; NAmE -ˈlɑːp-/ noun [U] (medical) a disease in which the functioning of the brain is affected by infection, BLOOD POISONING, etc. > SEE ALSO BSE

en-chant /ɪnˈtʃænt; NAmE -ˈtʃænt/ verb 1 ~sb (formal) to attract sb strongly and make them feel very interested, excited, etc. **SYN** delight 2 ~sb/sth to place sb/sth under a magic SPELL (= magic words that have special powers) **SYN** bewitch

en-chant-ed /ɪnˈtʃɑːntɪd; NAmE -ˈtʃæntɪd/ adj. 1 placed under a SPELL (= magic words that have special powers): *an enchanted forest/kingdom* 2 (formal) filled with great pleasure **SYN** delighted: *He was enchanted to see her again after so long.*

en-chant-er /ɪnˈtʃɑːntə(r); NAmE -ˈtʃæ-n-/ noun (in stories) a man who has magic powers that he uses to control people

en-chant-ing /ɪnˈtʃɑːntɪŋ; NAmE -ˈtʃæntɪŋ/ adj. attractive and pleasing **SYN** delightful: *an enchanting view* ▶ **en-chant-ing-ly** adv.

en-chant-ment /ɪnˈtʃɑːntmənt; NAmE -ˈtʃænt-/ noun 1 [U] (formal) a feeling of great pleasure 2 [U] the state of being under a magic SPELL: *It was a place of deep mystery*

and enchantment. 3 [C] (literary) = SPELL: *They had been turned to stone by an enchantment.*

en-chant-ress /ɪnˈtʃɑːntrəs; NAmE -ˈtʃæn-/ noun 1 (in stories) a woman who has magic powers that she uses to control people 2 (literary) a woman that men find very attractive and interesting

en-chil-ada /ˌentʃɪˈlɑːdɑː/ noun (from Spanish) a Mexican dish consisting of a TORTILLA filled with meat and covered with a spicy sauce

the whole enchil'ada (informal) the whole thing; everything > MORE AT BIG adj

en-cir-cle /ɪnˈsɜːkl; NAmE ɪnˈsɜːrkl/ verb ~sb/sth (formal) to surround sb/sth completely in a circle: *Jack's arms encircled her waist.* > *The island is encircled by a coral reef.* ▶ **en-circle-ment** noun [U]

encl. (also **enc.**) abbr. (business) enclosed (used on business letters to show that another document is being sent in the same envelope)

en-clave /ˈenklerɪv/ noun an area of a country or city where the people have a different religion, culture or NATIONALITY from those who live in the country or city that surrounds it

en-close /ɪnˈkləʊz; NAmE ɪnˈklouz/ verb 1 [usually passive] ~sth (in/with sth) to build a wall, fence, etc. around sth: *The yard had been enclosed with iron railings.* > *The land was enclosed in the seventeenth century (= in Britain, when public land was made private property).* > (figurative) *All translated words should be enclosed in brackets.* 2 ~sth (especially of a wall, fence, etc.) to surround sth: *Low hedges enclosed the flower beds.* > (figurative) *She felt his arms enclose her.* 3 ~sth (with sth) to put sth in the same envelope, package, etc. as sth else: *Please return the completed form, enclosing a recent photograph.*

en-closed /ɪnˈkləʊzd; NAmE ɪnˈklouzɪd/ adj. 1 with walls, etc. all around: *Do not use this substance in an enclosed space.* 2 (abbr. **encl.**) sent with a letter, etc: *Please complete the enclosed application form.* > *Please find enclosed a cheque for £100.* 3 (of religious communities) having little contact with the outside world

en-clos-ure /ɪnˈkləʊʒə(r); NAmE -ˈkloʊ-/ noun 1 [C] a piece of land that is surrounded by a fence or wall and is used for a particular purpose: *a wildlife enclosure* 2 [U, C] the act of placing a fence or wall around a piece of land: *the enclosure of common land in the seventeenth century* 3 [C] something that is placed in an envelope with a letter

en-code /ɪnˈkəʊd; NAmE ɪnˈkoud/ verb 1 ~sth to change ordinary language into letters, symbols, etc. in order to send secret messages 2 ~sth (computing) to change information into a form that can be processed by a computer 3 ~sth (linguistics) to express the meaning of sth in a foreign language > COMPARE DECODE

en-co-mium /enˈkəʊmɪəm; NAmE -ˈkoum-/ noun (pl. **en-co-miums** or **en-co-mia** /enˈkəʊmɪə; NAmE -ˈkoum-/ (formal)) a speech or piece of writing that praises sb or sth highly

en-com-pass /ɪnˈkæmpəs/ verb (formal) 1 ~sth to include a large number or range of things: *The job encompasses a wide range of responsibilities.* > *The group encompasses all ages.* 2 ~sth to surround or cover sth completely: *The fog soon encompassed the whole valley.*

en-core /ˈɒŋkɔː(r); NAmE ˈɑːŋ-/ noun, exclamation ■ **noun** an extra short performance given at the end of a concert or other performance; a request for this made by an audience calling out: *She played a Chopin waltz as an encore.* > *The group got three encores.*

■ **exclamation** an audience calls out **encore!** at the end of a concert to ask the performer to play or sing another piece of music

en-counter ⓘ **AWL** /ɪnˈkaʊntə(r)/ verb, noun ■ **verb** 1 ⓘ ~sth to experience sth, especially sth unpleasant or difficult, while you are trying to do sth else **SYN** meet, run into: *We encountered a number of difficulties in the first week.* > *I had never encountered such resistance before.* 2 ⓘ ~sb/sth (formal) to meet sb, or discover or experience sth, especially sb/sth new, unusual or unexpected **SYN** come across: *She was the most remarkable woman he had ever encountered.*