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en *noun* PRINTING a measure equal to half the width of a letter m in a particular font. Compare **em**

EN *abbreviation* ENVIRON endangered species

enable *verb* 1. to make it possible for someone to do something ○ *Isolation valves are fitted to enable servicing and maintenance to be carried out.* ○ *A spooling program enables editing work to be carried out while printing is going on.* 2. ELECTRONICS to use an electronic signal to start a process or access a function on a chip or circuit

enabled *adjective* COMPUT referring to a function or menu item that is available to the user ○ *If an option on a menu appears in grey text rather than black, this indicates that these are not enabled and that you cannot use the option.*

enabling signal *noun* a signal that starts a process or allows one to take place

enamel *noun* the smooth, white, hard coating over the visible part of a tooth that protrudes out of the gum

encapsulated *adjective* COMPUT referring to something contained within something else

encapsulated Postscript *noun* COMPUT Postscript commands that describe an image or page contained within a file that can be placed within a graphics or DTP program

encapsulation *noun* 1. COMPUT a system of sending a frame of data in one format within a frame of another format 2. the enclosure of something inside something else, especially for protection

encipher *verb* to convert plain text into a secure coded form by means of a cipher system ○ *Our competitors cannot understand our files – they have all been enciphered.* Opposite **decipher**

enclose *verb* to surround something on all sides or close something in ○ *The housing encloses the various mechanical parts.* ○ *Fuses form a weak link in a circuit and are usually made of a strip of tinned copper enclosed in a glass tube.*

enclosed object *noun* a graphic object that is closed on all sides and so can be filled with a colour or pattern

enclosure *noun* 1. an area surrounded by a fence 2. COMPUT a protective casing for equipment

encode *verb* to put data into code ○ *Weather information is encoded to allow large amounts of information to be given in a short time.*

encoder *noun* COMPUT a device that can translate data from one format to another

encounter *verb* to meet something unexpected or unwanted ○ *Severe icing can be encountered in wave cloud.*

encroach on *verb* to come close to and gradually cover something ○ *The town is spreading beyond the by-pass, encroaching on good quality farming land.* ○ *Trees are spreading down the mountain and encroaching on the lower more fertile land in the valleys.*

encrypt *verb* to convert plain text to a secure coded form using a cipher system ○ *The encrypted text can be sent along ordinary telephone lines, and no-one will be able to understand it.* Also called **encipher**

end *noun* 1. a final point or last part ○ *at the end of the data transmission* 2. COMPUT a statement or character to indicate the last word of a source file ■ *verb* COMPUT to finish something or to stop

end about carry *noun* COMPUT the most significant digit added into the least significant place, used in BCD arithmetic. Also called **end around carry**

end about shift *noun* COMPUT data movement to the left or right in a word during which the bits falling outside the word boundary are discarded and replaced with zeros

endanger *verb* to put something in danger ○ *Pollution from the factory is endangering the aquatic life in the lakes.*

endangered species *noun* ENVIRON a species that is facing a risk of extinction in the wild, usually taken to be when fewer than 250 mature individuals exist. Abbreviation **EN** (NOTE: The plural is **endangered species**.)

COMMENT: The categories of the degree of risk of extinction as drawn up by the IUCN are: 1. Critically Endangered (CR) – in danger of extinction (fewer than 50 mature individuals) and unlikely to survive if the causal factors continue to operate. 2. Endangered (EN) – in danger of extinction (fewer than 250 mature individuals). 3. Vulnerable (VU) – fewer than 1,000 ma-