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tr.v. **in·ter·ca·lat·ed**, **in·ter·ca·lat·ing**, **in·ter·ca·lates**

1. To insert (a day or month) in a calendar.
2. To insert, interpose, or interpolate.

[Latin *intercalāre*, *intercalāt-* : *inter-*, *inter-* + *calāre*, to proclaim; see **kə-lə**-² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

in·ter'ca·la *tion* *n.*

in·ter ca·la'tive *adj.*

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