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**quad** - a structural unit, consisting of four separate conductors twisted together.

**quad selector** - a device that allows viewing of pictures from four separate cameras on one CCTV monitor at the same time.

**qualitative** - relating to that which is characteristic of something and which makes it what it is.

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**quality assurance** - the ensuring of high accuracy and reliability of tests.

**quality circles** - a management technique that involves workers in the decision-making process. The method typically uses committees that spend part of their time suggesting solutions to problems.

**quantitative** - relating to, concerning, or based on the amount or number of something, capable of being measured or expressed in numerical terms.

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**quartzoid bulb** - a fire detection device that operates on a thermostatic principle. When air temperature around the bulb reaches a rated point the bulb will break, causing an alarm.

**quasi-contract** - a legal doctrine applied to situations in which there is no specifically drawn contract. It prevents unjust enrichment or injustice by treating the situation as if a contract actually had been in effect.

**quasi-crime** - an offense not classified as a crime but is in the nature of a wrong against the public, and which is frequently punished by a fine, forfeiture, or similar penalty.

**query** - in computer operations, the process by which a master station asks a slave station to identify itself and to give its status.

**questioned document** - a document whose genuineness is disputed, normally because of origin, authenticity, age or the circumstances under which the document was written.

**queue** - a line or list formed by items in a system waiting for service. A lineup of operations or input signals in a system, waiting for processing in sequence.

**quick assets** - assets that are quickly convertible into cash.

**quick entry** - a no-knock, and often forcible, entry made by law-enforcement officers into a place where criminal activity is present.

**quick match** - a cord impregnated with black powder and used as a fast-burning fuse.

**quick plant** - an audio bugging transmitter that is easily installed or dropped in the target area.

**quiescent** - the time when no signal is applied to a circuit; in an intrusion detector, the time where there is no movement in the detection zone.

**quiet air** - airwaves undisturbed by radio transmissions.

**quorum** - the number (as a majority) of officers or members of a body that when duly assembled is legally competent to transact business. (2) a select group.

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