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A, a /eɪ/ *n* (pl **A's, a's** /eɪz/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cafang hmaisai bik: 'Ann' begins with (an) A/A'. **2** (*music*) C major ihsin aw ruknak. **3** cazirnak ih ca thiam bik lam: get (an) A/A' in biology. **4** cahnah tan tikih siardan (used to designate a range of standard paper sizes): [attrib] an A4 folder, ie 297x210 mm. **5** (idm) **A1** /eɪ 'wʌn/ (*infml*) a tha bik: An A1 dinner o I'm feeling A1, ie kan dam zet. **from A to B** hmunkhat in hmunkhat ah: I don't care what a car looks like as long as it gets me from A to B. **From A to Z** a thuhla tha ten a thei thlul: know a subject from A to Z.

□ **A-OK** /eɪ ə'keɪ/ *adj* [usu pred] (*US infml*) a tha zet.

A-road /eɪ rəʊd/ *n* (*Brit*) lamzin thupi: There's a good A-road going North—the A1.

A-side *n* awkhumnak datpia hmaikhat lam.

a² /eɪ *strong form* eɪ/ (also **an** /ən; *strong form* æn/) *indef art* (consonant thawn thok mi tɔngfang thawn hman a si. Vowels thawn a thok lekhaw **an** hman a si) **1** pakhat (khat) tican a si: a man, hotel, girl, committee, unit, U-turn (Cf some men, hotels, girls, etc) o an egg, aunt, uncle, hour, X-ray, MP, L-plate (Cf some eggs, aunts, uncles, hours, etc) o I can only carry two at a time. o There's a book on the table—is that the one you want? **2** (*abstract noun thawn hman a si*): There was still an abundance of food when we arrived. o We're looking for someone with a good knowledge of German. **3 any, every** pakhat khat: A horse is a quadrupeds. (Cf Horses are quadrupeds.) rang hmuahhmuah in ke li an nei o An owl can see in the dark (Cf Owls can see...) **4 one single** = pakhat: He didn't tell us a thing about his holiday. **5** (used with *ns* followed by *of* + *possess det* + *n* + 's): a friend of my father's, ie one of my father's friends o a habit of Sally's, ie one of Sally's habits. **6** (used in front of two *ns* seen as a unit): a cup and saucer o a knife and fork. **7** *cuizat*, *cuizat ciar* **to or for each**; **per**: £2 a gallon o 800 words a day o 50p a pound. **8** (*often derog*) *nautat nawn tɔng a si*: My boss is a little Napoleon. **9** (used with *sb's* name to show that the speaker does not know the person) vek, *nautat deuh ih hman mi a si*: Do we know a Tim Smith? o A Mrs Green is waiting to see you. o A Doctor Simpson telephoned. **10** *sinak sim tikih hman a si*: My mother is a solicitor. o My father is a Fulham supporter. o It was a Volvo, not a Saab. **11** *ih zukmi, ih tuahmi*: The painting my grandfather gave me turned out to be a Constable.

NOTE ON USAGE: Note that the sound of the first letter of an abbreviation, not its spelling,

determines the form and pronunciation of the article before it: an MP o an SRN o a UHF radio o the /ði/ NSPCC o the /ðə/ USA.

a- *pref* **1** (with *ns, adjs* and *advs*) lo, lo in: *atheist* o *atypical* o *asexually*. ⇨ Usage at UN-. **2** (with *vs* forming *adjs*) in the state or process of: *awake* o *asleep* o *ablaze* o *adrift*.

abbr **1** ampere(s): 13A, eg on a fuse. **2** answer. Cf q. **3** (in academic degrees) Associate of: ARCM, ie Associate of the Royal College of Music. Cf F 2.

A /eɪ/ *symb* (*Brit*) (of roads) zalampi hmainsinnak: the A40 to Oxford o an A-road. Cf B.

AA /eɪ 'eɪ/ *abbr* **1** (*US*) Alcoholics Anonymous. **2** (*Brit*) Automobile Association: members of the AA.

AAA /eɪ eɪ 'eɪ/ *abbr* **1** (also *the three A's*) (*Brit*) Amateur Athletic Association. **2** (*US*) American Automobile Association.

AB /eɪ 'bi:/ *abbr* **1** (*Brit*) able-bodied seaman. **2** (*US*) Bachelor of Arts.

aback /ə'bæk/ *adv* (phr v) **take sb aback** ⇨ TAKE.

abacus /'æbəkəs/ *n* (pl **-cuses** /-kəsɪz/) kanaan tuatnak ih hmanmi thimu vek thilmu hlum tlar; a zat siarnak thilmu hlum tlar.

abaft /ə'baft; US ə'bæft/ *adv* (*nautical*) ah, lawngih a mei lam ah.

▷ **abaft prep** (*nautical*) lawngih a mei lam zawng: *abaft the mainmast*.

abandon /ə'bændən/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] taanta, tiansan: a baby abandoned by its parents o an abandoned car, dwelling, fort, village o give orders to abandon ship, ie to leave a sinking ship. (b) [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth/sb (to sb)** mi laak dingah taanta: They abandoned their lands and property to the invading forces. **2** [Tn] baang, tuah nawn lo; baansan: *abandon a project, plan, scheme, etc* o *urge people who smoke to abandon the habit* o *He abandoned all hope*, ie stopped hoping. o *The match was abandoned because of bad weather*. **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself to sth** (*fml*) yield completely to (an emotion or impulse) thilnung ih duhnak/tuarnak lam ah mah le mah pe-aw: *He abandoned himself to despair*.

▷ **abandon** (also **abandonment**) *n* [U] thilnung zalennak: *dance with wild/gay abandon*.

abandoned *adj* [usu attrib] (of people or behaviour) ziaza sia, ningzak neilo, mi hnnon mi; tansan mi.

abandonment *n* [U] **1** tansannak, bansannak, hnnonnak: *her abandonment of the idea*. **2** = ABANDON *n*.

abase /ə'beɪs/ *v* [Tn] ~ **oneself/sb** *nautat*, hmaisong ningzakter. **abasement** *n* [U].

abashed /ə'bæʃt/ *adj* [pred] ~ (at/by sth) ningzak,

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mualpho, ziang ti ding theilo ih ummi: *His boss's criticism left him feeling rather abashed.*

abate /ə'beɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] (of wind, noise, pain, etc) zor deuh, mal deuh, kiam deuh: *The ship sailed when the storm had abated.* ○ *People are campaigning to abate the noise in our cities.*

▷ **abatement** *n* [U].

abattoir /'æbətwa:(r); US 'æbət'wa:r/ *n* = SLAUGHTERHOUSE (SLAUGHTER).

abess /'æbes/ *n* metilah (nunau phungki) umnak inn a hotu bik.

abbey /'æbi/ *n* **1** [C] phungki le metilah pawl umnak inn. **2** [CGp] inn khat um phungki pawl, a silole metilah. **3** [C] biakinn le phungki inn a rak si dah mi inn: *Westminster Abbey.*

abbot /'æbət/ *n* phungki pawl hotu (hmun khat ih ummi) phungki lu bik.

abbr (also **abbrev**) *abbr* abbreviated; abbreviation.

abbreviate /ə'bri:vɪeɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (to **sth**) tawiter, a tawinak ih ngan: *In writing, the title 'Doctor' is abbreviated to 'Dr'.*

▷ **abbreviation** /ə'bri:vɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] a tawinak.

2 [C] a tawizawng ih ngan mi: *'Sept' is an abbreviation for 'September'.* ○ *'GB' is the abbreviation offor 'Great Britain'.*

ABC /eɪ bi: 'si:/ *n* [sing] **1** cafang; Roman cafang A in Z tiang: *Does the boy know his ABC?* **2** a hramthoknak, a ol bik mi thu: *the ABC of gardening.* **3** (idm) **easy as ABC** ⇒ EASY¹.

ABC /eɪ bi: 'si:/ *abbr* **1** American Broadcasting Company: *watch ABC.* **2** Australian Broadcasting Commission.

abdicate /'æbdɪkət/ *v* **1** siangpahrang hnaŕuan in suak: *King Edward VIII abdicated in 1936.* **2** [Tn] (*fml*) upa hnaŕuan ihsin baang: *He's abdicated all responsibility in the affair.*

▷ **abdication** /'æbdɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

abdomen /'æbdəmən/ *n* **1** pumpi, pum. Cf INTESTINE. **2** cucuk kharbok ih a hngawng tanglam hmuahhmuah: *head, thorax and abdomen.*

▷ **abdominal** /'æbdəmɪnəl/ *adj* pumpi lam, pumsung lam: *abdominal pains* ○ *an abdominal operation.* **abdominally** /n/ *adv.*

abduct /əb'dʌkt, æb-/ *v* [Tn] hraamhraam ih hruai hlo (milai), buum hruai hlo, nunau tlaanpi.

▷ **abduction** /əb'dʌkʃn, æb-/ *n* [U, C]. **abductor** *n.*

abeam /ə'bi:m/ *adv* (*nautical*) lawng ruangpi thawn a ruangin: *The lighthouse was abeam of the ship.*

aberrant /æ'berənt/ *adj* a dik ti ih cohlan mi thlunlo mi, ti keel mi thawn zawngaw lo: *aberrant behaviour.*

aberration /'æbərə'eɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] a si, a dik ti mi ihsin pialnak: *steal sth in a moment of aberration.* (b) [C] nuncan le ziaza sia ih umnak; thinslung hloh duaknak: *Owing to a strange mental aberration he forgot his own name.* **2** famkim

lonak: *an aberration in the computer.*

abet /ə'bet/ *v* (-tt-) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (in **sth**) thil sual tuah dingah forh, bawm: *He was abetted in these illegal activities by his wife.* (b) [Tn] sualnak tuah dingih rak forh: *You are abetting theft.* **2** (idm) **aid and abet** ⇒ AID.

▷ **abetter**, (*esp law*) **abettor** *ns.*

abeyance /ə'beɪəns/ *n* [U] (idm) **be in abeyance**; **fall/go into abeyance** malte sung reel lo/tuah lo ih baangta/cawl ta: *The question is in abeyance, ie left unanswered, eg until more information is obtained.* ○ *This law falls into abeyance when the country's security is threatened.*

abhor /əb'hɔ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [Tn] hua nasa, duhlo, fi: *abhor terrorism, terrorists.*

▷ **abhorrence** /əb'hɔ:rəns; US -'hɔ:r-/ *n* [U] huatnak le fihnak: *have an abhorrence of war.*

abhorrent /əb'hɔ:rənt; US -'hɔ:r/ *adj* ~ (to **sb**) huattlai, fihnung: *Violence is abhorrent to his gentle nature.*

abide /ə'baɪd/ *v* (*pt, pp abided*; in sense **3** **abode** /ə'bəʊd; US ə'bəʊd/) **1** [Tn] (*esp* with can/could, in negative sentences or questions) tuar thei: *I can't abide that man.* ○ *how could you abide such conditions?* **2** [Ipr] ~ **by sth** thlun zom, thu ngai: *abide by* (ie keep) *a promise* ○ *abide by* (ie observe) *an agreement, verdict, ruling, etc* ○ *You'll have to abide by* (ie accept) *the referee's decision.* **3** [Ipr] (*arch*) hnenah um ringring, sungah um ringring: *abide at a place* ○ *abide with sb.*

▷ **abiding** *adj* a hmun mi, thlun zom mi: *an abiding friendship, hatred, mistrust, etc.*

ability /ə'bɪləti/ *n* [U] (thil) tithainak, (ruahnak le thazaang in): *a machine with the ability to cope with large loads* ○ *He has the ability to do the work.* **2** (a) [U] tithiamnak, thiamnak: *a woman of great ability.* (b) [U, C] thiamnak: *have a great musical ability* ○ *We found him work more suited to his abilities.* **3** (idm) **to the best of one's ability** ⇒ BEST³.

abject /'æbdʒekt/ *adj* **1** (dinhmun) zaangfahza, ruahsan ding neilo, beidong mi, vansanglam mi: *living in abject poverty/misery.* **2** (milai nuncan, cangvaih daan) zohsia, nauthlaak a si mi: *an abject coward* ○ *an abject* (ie very humble) *apology.*

▷ **abjectly** *adv.*

abjure /əb'dʒʊə(r)/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) (biakmi, ruahnak le ngenmi) siatcam ih bansan; bansan dingih tiamkam: *abjure one's religion.*

▷ **abjuration** /'æbdʒʊə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

ablative /'æblətɪv/ *n* (*usu sing*) (*grammar*) special form of a noun, a pronoun or an adjective used (in some inflected languages) to indicate or describe *esp* the agent or instrument of an action.

▷ **ablative** *adj.*

ablaut /'æblaʊt/ *n* [U] (*linguistics*) vowel thleng

- awk daan (eg *drive, drove, driven*).
- ablaze** /ə'bleɪz/ *adj* [pred] **1** a alh, a kaang, a hlio mi: *set sth ablaze* ○ *The whole building was soon ablaze.* **2** ~ (with sth) (fig) (a) a tleu pempem: *The palace was ablaze with lights.* (b) a kangin a kaang: *His face was ablaze with anger.*
- able**¹ /ə'ibl/ *adj* **be** ~ **to do sth** (used as a modal *v*) tithei: *The child is not yet able to write.* ○ *Will you be able to come?* ○ *You are better able to do it than I (am).*
- able**² /ə'ibl/ *adj* (-r, -st /eɪblɪst/) thiam: *an able worker* ○ *the ablest/most able student in the class.*
▷ **ably** /eɪblɪ/ *adv* ti thei zet in: *They have done their work very ably.*
□ **able-bodied** /-bɒdɪd/ *adj* a harhdam, a cakmi.
able (-bodied) **seaman** (abbr **AB**) hnaʔuan thiam ding le cak zet dingih zirhmi lawng hnaʔuan. ⇒ App 9.
- able, -ible** *suff* **1** (with *ns* forming *adjs*) hmailam bettu: *fashionable* ○ *comfortable.* **2** (with *vs* forming *adjs*) (a) a si thei men, a si rori ding: *eatable* ○ *payable* ○ *reducible.* (b) si thei: *changeable* ○ *perishable.*
▷ **-ability, -ibility** (forming uncountable *ns*): *profitability* ○ *reversibility.* **-ably, -ibly** (forming *advs*): *noticeably* ○ *incredibly.*
- ablution** /ə'blu:ʃn/ *n* (usu *pl*); (*fml* or *joc*) taksa ruangpum thianfaiater nak (biaknak thu ah): *perform one's ablutions*, ie wash oneself.
- ABM** /eɪ br:'em/ *abbr* anti-ballistic-missile; missile dungpian rocket kaptu hmin ih a tawi zawng (pukpi tum zet).
- abnegation** /æbnɪ'geɪʃn/ *n* [U] (*fml*) **1** mah le mah eel-awknak, thuzir thupom hngong. **2** (also **self-abnegation**) pumpek-awknak.
- abnormal** /æb'nɔ:m/ *adj* a si keel ih um lomi, a lamdang mi: *abnormal specimens, weather conditions, behaviour* ○ *be physically/mentally abnormal.*
▷ **abnormality** /æb'nɔ:'mælətɪ/ *n* [U, C].
abnormally /æb'nɔ:məlɪ/ *adv*: *abnormally large feet.*
- Abo** /æbəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ *s*) (Δ Austral *sl* offensive) = **ABORIGINAL.**
- aboard** /ə'bɔ:d/ *adv part, prep* on or into the ship, an aircraft, a train or (esp *US*) a bus = lawng, vanzam, tlangleeng parah, sungah lut, to: *We went/climbed aboard.* ○ *All aboard!* ie The ship, etc is about to depart. ○ *He was already aboard the ship.*
- abode**¹ /ə'bəʊd/ *n* [*sing*] (*fml* or *rhet* or *joc*) **1** inn, umhmun inn: *one's place of abode*, ie where one lives ○ *Welcome to our humble abode!* **2** (idm) **no fixed abode/address** ⇒ **FIX**¹.
- abode**² *pt, pp* of **ABIDE** 3.
- abolish** /ə'bɒlɪʃ/ *v* [Tn] siatbal (thu, daan), cemter: *Should the death penalty be abolished?*
▷ **abolition** /,æbə'lɪʃn/ *n* [U] siatbálnak, cemternak: *the abolition of slavery.*
- abolitionist** /,æbə'lɪʃənɪst/ *n* daan siatbal duhtu (esp of capital punishment).
- A-bomb** /eɪ bɒm/ *n* = **ATOMIC BOMB** (**ATOMIC**).
- abominable** /ə'bɒmɪnəbl/; *US* -mən-/ *adj* **1** ~ (to sb) (*fml*) fihnungza, ningsinza: *Your behaviour is abominable to me.* **2** (*infml*) nuam lo zet: *abominable weather, food, music.*
▷ **abominably** /ə'bɒmɪnəblɪ; *US* -mən-/ *adv.*
□ **Abominable Snowman** = **YETI** ramsa phunkhat.
- abominate** /ə'bɒmɪneɪt; *US* -mən-/ *v* [Tn] hua, duh lo, fih: *I abominate facism.*
▷ **abomination** /ə'bɒmɪ'nneɪʃn; *US* -mən-/ *n* **1** [U] fih le huat: *hold sth in abomination.* **2** [C] huatmi (thil, milai): *That new concrete building is an abomination.*
- aboriginal** /,æbə'rɪdʒənəl/ *adj* (esp of people) a tir te'n rak um ciatu, ram hluumtu: *aboriginal inhabitants, plants.*
▷ **aboriginal** *n* **1** a tirte'n rak hluumtu. **2** (also **Aboriginal**) a tir ihsin Australia ram hluumtu milai.
- aborigines** /,æbə'rɪdʒəni:z/ *n* [*pl*] a tir te ih ram hluumtu milai, esp (**Aborigines**) Australia ram rak hluum tiirtu mipun pawl.
▷ **aborigine** /,æbə'rɪdʒəni/ *n* (*infml*) ram rak hluum hmaisabiktu.
- abort** /ə'bɔ:t/ *v* **1** (*medical*) (a) [Tn] fa siat, fa siatter, paai mi fa that: *abort an expectant mother, a deformed foetus, the pregnancy.* (b) [I] Faa siat: *She aborted after four months.* **2** [I, Tn] tuahsuak thei hlaan ih baang: *abort a space mission*, ie cancel it in space, usu because of mechanical trouble ○ *abort a computer program.*
▷ **aborted** *adj* **1** pitling lo mi, tuahsuak lo mi. **2** (*biology*) pitlinglo ih ʔangmi; rudimentary: *Thorns are aborted branches.*
- abortion** /ə'bɔ:ʃn/ **1** (a) [U] nau inn ih fa siatternak (zarh 28 sungah): *Many people are anti-abortion.* (b) [C]: *operation to terminate a pregnancy* ○ *She had an abortion.* Cf **MISCARRIAGE** 1. **2** [C] tuahsuak thei lomi hnaʔuan, thilti.
▷ **abortionist** /ə'bɔ:ʃənɪst/ *n* dan lo ih (thupte ih) nau siatsaktu.
- abortive** /ə'bɔ:tɪv/ *adj* ʔhahnem santlai lomi; tisuak lomi; hlawhtling lomi: *an abortive attempt, coup, mission* ○ *plans that proved abortive.*
▷ **abortively** *adv.*
- abound** /ə'baʊnd/ *v* **1** [I] a tampi, tam: *Oranges abound here all the year round.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **in/with sth** tampi nei, a khat: *The river abounds in/with fish.*
- about**¹ /ə'baʊt/ *adv* **1** (also esp *US* **around**) hrawng, tluk: *It costs about £10.* ○ *He's about the same height as you.* ○ *She drove for about ten miles.* ○ *They waited for about an hour.* **2**

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(*infml*) zik te: *I'm (just) about ready.* **3** (*infml*) (in understatements): *I've had just about enough*, ie quite enough. ◦ *He's been promoted, and about time too*, ie it ought to have happened earlier. **4** (idm) **that's about it/the size of it** (*infml*) cu cu ka hmuhdan a si.

about² /ə'baʊt/ *adv part* (in senses 1, 2 and 3 *esp Brit*; in these senses also, *esp US, around*) **1** (a) kim veel, hrawng, khatlam khatlam ah: *The children were rushing about.* ◦ *The boys were climbing about on the rocks.* (b) khat lam khat lam ah, hmun kip: *books lying about on the floor* ◦ *people sitting about on the grass.* **3** a nai ah: *She's somewhere about.* **4** dunglet hoih: *put the ship about*, ie so as to face in the opposite direction ◦ *About turn!* dunglet her = Turn to face the opposite way (as a military command). ◻ **about-turn** (*US about-face*) *n* **1** dunglam her: **2** (*fig*) khawruah thleng saal: *These new measures indicate an about-turn in government policy.*

about³ /ə'baʊt/ *prep* (in senses 1, 2 and 5 *US around; Brit also around* in these senses) **1** (a) kiangkap, kim veel ah, khatlam, khatlam ah; hmun dangdang ah: *walking about the town* ◦ *travelling about the world* ◦ *Look about you.* (b) hmun kip ah; khatlam khatlam ah: *papers strewn about the room.* **2** a nai ah; hlat lo: *She's somewhere about the place.* ◦ *I dropped the key somewhere about here.* **3** thuhla: *a book about flowers* ◦ *Tell me about it.* ◦ *What is he so angry about?* ◦ *He is careless about his personal appearance.* ⇨ Usage. **4** pakhatkhat ruangah; pakhatkhat ruat/ciah: *And while you're about it...*, ie while you're doing that... ◦ *Mind what you're about*, ie Be careful. **5** hrawngah: *He arrived (at) about ten o'clock.* **6** (idm) **be about to do sth** tuah zik: *As I was about to say when you interrupted me...* ◦ *We're about to start.* ◦ *I'm not about to admit defeat*, ie I have no intention of doing so. **How/what about...?** (a) mi ruahnak suut tikih hmanmi: *What about his qualifications* (ie Is he qualified) *for a job?* (b) ruahnak pek tikah hman mi a si: *How about going to France for our holidays?*

NOTE ON USAGE: Both **about** and **on** can mean 'on the subject of.' A book, film or lecture **on** Chinese art, education or prehistory suggests a serious, academic presentation. A book, discussion or TV programme **about** China, schools or dinosaurs is of more general interest and more informal.

above¹ /ə'baʊv/ *adv* **1** tlunlam ah, a sannak ah: *My bedroom is immediately above.* ◦ *Put the biscuits on the shelf above.* ◦ *Seen from above, the fields looked like a geometrical pattern.* ◦ *A voice called down to us from above.* **2** tlunlam

ih (ngaan mi thu): *in the above, paragraph* ◦ *As was stated above ...* ◦ *See above, page 97.* **3** (*rhet*) van ram ah: *the powers above* ◦ *blessings from above* ◦ *gone above.* Cf **BELOW**, **UNDER**, **UNDERNEATH**.

◻ **above-mentioned, above-named** *adjs* tuandeuh ih ngaanmi; kawhzomi; a tlun ih ngan zomi. Cf **UNDERMENTIONED**.

above² /ə'baʊv/ *prep* **1** (a) tlun ah: *The sun rose above the horizon.* ◦ *The water came above our knees.* ◦ *We were flying above the clouds.* (Cf *We were flying over/across the Sahara.*) (b) a sangsawn dinhmun, tuavo tivek ah: *A captain in the Navy ranks above a captain in the Army.* ◦ *She married above her*, ie married sb from a higher social class than herself. **2** (thil pakhat hnak in) tam deuh, sang deuh, rit deuh etc: *The temperature has been above the average recently.* ◦ *There's nothing in this shop above/over a dollar.* ◦ *It weighs above/over ten tons.* ◦ *Applicants must be above/over the age of 18.* **3** (*fml*) ziangdang hnak in: *Should a soldier value honour above life?* **4** ruah ban har: *He is above suspicion*, ie is not suspected because he is completely trusted. ◦ *Her behaviour was above/beyond reproach.* **5** thamban lo (cu vek men a si lo): *She wouldn't lie — she's above that.* ◦ *She is above deceit*, ie is not deceitful. ◦ *Although she's the manager, she's not above asking* (ie isn't too proud to ask) *for advice from her staff.* **6** tiva hna lam: *the waterfall above the bridge.* **7** (idm) **above all** a thupi bik ah: *He longs above all (else) to see his family again.* **above oneself** a hngal tukmi. Cf **BELOW**, **UNDER**, **UNDERNEATH**. ◻ **above-board** *adv, adj* **ABOVE BOARD** (**BOARD**¹).

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** When they indicate a position higher than something, **above** and **over** can often be used in the same way: *They built a new room above/over the garage.* **2** When there is movement across something, only **over** can be used: *She threw the ball over the fence* ◦ *jump over the stream.* **3** **Over** can also mean 'covering': *Pull the sheet over the body.* ◦ *Throw the water over the flames.* **4** **Over** and **above** can mean 'more than' in number, measurement, etc. **Above** is generally used in relation to a minimum or standard: *2000ft above sea-level* ◦ *above average intelligence/height* ◦ *two degrees above zero* ◦ *He's over fifty.* ◦ *She's been here over two hours.*

abracadabra /æbrəkə'dæbrə/n, *interj* mitkher tongkam, dawi tongkam: *'Abracadabra,' said the conjuror as he pulled the rabbit from the hat.*

abrade /ə'breɪd/ *v* [Tn] (skin, fabric, rock, etc) a tolh, hnawt ruangah hawk.

abrasion /ə'brɪʒn/ *n* **1** [U] a tolhmi. **2** [C] a tolhna.

abrasive /ə'breɪsɪv/ *adj* **1** a hraapmi; hnawt tik ih thil a tɔlhter theimi: *abrasive substances, surfaces, materials.* **2** (*fig*) mi thinlung natter thei, a hraangmi: *an abrasive person, personality, tone of voice.*

▷ **abrasive** *n* [U, C] thil hnawtnak, kawpaat.

abreast /ə'breɪst/ *adv* **1** ~ (of sb/sth) aartlang in: *cycling two abreast* ○ *The boat came abreast of us and signalled us to stop.* **2** (*idm*) **Be/keep abreast of sth** man (thuhla ah) thuhla ah mi man: *You should read the newspapers to keep abreast of current affairs.*

abridge /ə'brɪdʒ/ *v* [Tn] tawiter (cangan mi); tɔngfang mal deuh hmangih ngan tawi: *an abridged edition/version of 'War and Peace'.*

▷ **abridgement** (also **abridgment**) *n* **1** [U] tawiter mi. **2** [C] tawiter mi cabu.

abroad /ə'brɔ:d/ *adv* **1** mah ih ram langkah, ramdang ah: *be, go, live, travel abroad* ○ *visitors (who have come) from abroad*, ie from another country. **2** hmunkip ah: *There's a rumour abroad that ...*, ie People saying that ... **3** (*arch* or *rhet*) inn lenglam ah: *Have you ventured abroad yet today?*

abrogate /æbrə'geɪt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) siatsal, baang: *abrogate a law, custom, treaty.*

▷ **abrogation** /æbrə'geɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

abrupt /ə'brʌpt/ *adj* **1** rinlopi, hruak: *a road with many abrupt turns* ○ *an abrupt ending, change, departure.* **2** (a) (of speech, etc) a tluang lo, a peh aw lo: *short abrupt sentences* ○ *an abrupt style of writing.* (b) (of behaviour) a ti vukvi, hringhro sia: *He has an abrupt manner*, ie makes no attempt to be polite. **3** (of a slope) a hraap zetmi.

▷ **abruptly** *adv.* **abruptness** *n* [U].

abscess /'æbses/ *n* hma hnaikhuarmi, khuaihi hma: *abscesses on the gums.*

abscond /əb'skɒnd/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (from...) relh; thup aw: *He absconded from the country.* **2** [Ipr] ~ with sth (mah thil a si lo mi) thiar hlo; tlanpi hlo: *He absconded with £8000 stolen from his employer.*

abseil /'æbsɛɪl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] hridai vawk phah in kaak, khaam hraap zet tum: *abseil down the mountain.*

▷ **abseil** *n* cuti ih tumnak.

absence /'æbsəns/ *n* **1** ~ (from ...) (a) [U] umlo-sung; pelh; pelhsolh: *His repeated absence (from school) is worrying.* ○ *It happened during/in your absence.* ○ *In the absence of the manager (ie While he is away) I shall be in charge.* ○ *during his absence in America*, ie while he was there. (b) [C] umlo sung: *numerous absences from school* ○ *throughout his long absence* ○ *after an absence of three months.* Cf PRESENCE. **2** [U] um lo, tel lo: *the absence of definite proof.* **3** (*idm*) **absence of mind** ziang ka tuah ti thei lo; thu hngilh. **conspicuous by one's absence** ⇒ CONSPICUOUS. **leave of absence** ⇒ LEAVE².

absent¹ /'æbsənt/ *adj* **1** ~ (from sth) (a) um lo: *be absent from school, a meeting, work* ○ *absent friends.* (b) a um lo lualli: *Love was totally absent from his childhood.* **2** ruat lemlo: *an absent expression, look, etc.*

□ **absent-minded** *adj* thu/thil hngilh thei zet: *become absent-minded with age.* **absent-mindedly** *adv.* **absent-mindedness** *n* [U].

absent² /əb'sent/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ oneself (from sth) (*fml*) tel lo, hleen, umlo: *He deliberately absented himself from the meeting.*

absentee /'æbsən'ti:/ *n* umlotu, hleentu pelhtu.

▷ **absenteeism** /'æbsən'ti:zəm/ *n* [U] a ruang um lemlo ih, tlawngko, asilole, hnaʃuan hleen theunak.

□ **absentee ballot** (US) khual lamhla tlawn ding ruangah mee rak pe ciatu (absentee voters).

absentee landlord mi a hlanmi inn ah um lo, ra zoh lemlotu inn neitu.

absinthe (also **absinth**) /'æbsɪnθ/ *n* [U] thinghram le hrampi dangdang rawimi zukha.

absolute /'æbsəlu:t/ *adj* **1** (a) a zate'n, a kim mi: *have absolute trust in a person* ○ *tell the absolute truth* ○ *absolute ignorance, silence* ○ *You're an absolute fool!* (b) thungai, rinhlele umlo: *have absolute proof* ○ *It's an absolute fact.* **2** rikhih um lo: *absolute power.* **3** rikhih neilo huham, thu neihnak: *an absolute ruler*, aana ih mi uktu. **4** mi ringlo, mahte ding thei: *There is no absolute standard for beauty.*

▷ **the absolute** *n* [sing] (*philosophy*) zianghman rinsan lo ih mahte a dingmi ti ih ruahnak.

□ **absolute majority** a hrek hnakh tam sawn. **absolute zero** a daihnak a niam theibik tiang.

absolutely /'æbsəlu:tli/ *adv* **1** (kim) thepthepp in, hrimhrim: *It's absolutely impossible.* ○ *You're absolutely right.* **2** suup ui mi um lo in, rikhih umlo in: *I absolutely refuse.* ○ *He believes absolutely that...* **3** a then lawng siloin: *The term is being used absolutely.* **4** (asi lamih simnak): *It's absolutely pouring down.* ○ *He did absolutely no work*, ie no work at all. **5** (*infml*) a si rori: *'Don't you agree?' 'Oh, absolutely!'*

absolution /'æbsəlu:ʃn/ *n* [U] (esp in the Christian Church) sualthlah sak zo ti ih thuthannak: *grant sb absolution* ○ *pronounce absolution.*

absolutism /'æbsəlu:ʃn/ *n* [U] (*politics*) (a) acozah thuneihnak ah rikhih mi nei lo ih thuneihnak. (b) rikhih mi neilo thuneihnak neitu acozah.

▷ **absolutist** *n.*

absolve /əb'zɒlv/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (from/of sth) **1** (*fml* esp *law*) a mawh lo ti ih thu suah: *The court absolved the accused man (from all responsibility for her death).* **2** ngaidamnak pe: *absolve repentant sinners.*

absorb /əb'sɔ:b/ *v* [Tn] **1** (a) zuuk, dawk: *absorb heat* ○ *Plants absorb oxygen.* ○ *Dry sand absorbs water.* ○ *Aspirin is quickly absorbed by/into the*

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body ◦ *Clever children absorb knowledge easily.* (b) kom cih, telh cih: *The larger firm absorbed the smaller one.* ◦ *The surrounding villages have been absorbed by/into the growing city.* **2** kiamter, rak malter: *Buffers absorbed most of the shock.* **3** thinlung khawruah hmuah hman̄g ðeh, hiip ðeh: *His business absorbs him.*

▷ **absorb** *adj* thinlung hmuah hlo ðeh, hiip ðeh, phum ðeh: *absorbed in her book.*

absorbent /-ənt/ *n, adj* (substance) tidai maw, thil ciin maw zuuktheitu; thil zuuk: *absorbent cotton wool.*

absorbing *adj* mi zuuk thei; mi thinlung a hiip thei mi: *an absorbing film.*

absorption /əb'sɔ:pʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (by/in sth) sungih phum awknak: *His work suffered because of his total absorption in sport.*

abstain /əb'steɪn/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) **1** kham aw; suup; tuah lo ih hrial. **2** me thlak lo ih um: *At the last election he abstained (from voting/the vote).*

▷ **abstainer** *n* zu tep lotu, zu in lotu, zu hrialtu: *total abstainer*, ie one who never takes alcoholic drinks.

abstemious /əb'sti:mɪəs/ *adj* in le ei a suup aw mi: *an abstemious person, meal* ◦ *abstemious habits.*

▷ **abstemiously** *adv.* **abstemiousness** *n* [U].

abstention /əb'stenʃn/ *n* (a) [U] ~ (from sth) mee thla lo ih um; thil pakhatkhat tuah lo ih hrialnak. (b) [C] me thla lotu pawl: *five votes in favour of the proposal, three against and two abstentions.*

abstinence /'æbstɪnəns/ *n* [U] ~ (from sth) rawl/ zu hrialnak, suupnak: *total abstinence.*

▷ **abstinent** /'æbstɪnənt/ *adj* [usu pred].

abstract¹ /'æbstrækt/ *adj* **1** thinlung le ruahnak lawngih theih mi; a pumrua hmuh theih lo mi: *We may talk beautiful things, but beauty (mawinak) itself is abstract.* ◦ *He has some abstract (ie vague, impractical) notion of wanting to change the world.* **2** (of art) a um ngaingai mi silo, ruahnak ih rinmi zuk: *an abstract painting, painter.* Cf CONCRETE¹ **1**.

□ **abstract noun** eg *goodness* (thatnak), *freedom* (zalennak).

abstract² /'æbstrækt/ *n* **1** khawruahnak. **2** khawruah daan tahtimnak: *a painter of abstracts.* **3** a tawinak in lak ih nganmi thu/cabu: *an abstract of the lecture.* **4** (idm) in the **abstract** si sehla ti ih khawruahmi: *Consider the problem in the abstract*, ie as if it had no relation to any specific object, person, fact, etc.

abstract³ /əb'strækt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from sth) a sungin lak, ðen dangdang ah ret: *abstract metal from ore.* **2** [Tn] cabu sung thu a tawizawng in ngan.

abstracted /əb'stræktɪd/ *adj* thu dangdang rak ruat, thu ngai lo.

▷ **abstractedly** *adv.*

abstraction /əb'strækʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ of sth (from sth) lakhlonak; dirhlo mi. **2** [C] ruahnak menmen: *lose oneself in abstractions*, ie become unrealistic in one's thinking. **3** [U] thu hngilhna.

abstruse /əb'stru:s/ *adj* theih har.

▷ **abstrusely** *adv.* **abstruseness** *n* [U].

absurd /əb'sɜ:d/ *adj* **1** a si theilo mi, aat thu, hnihsuak: *What an absurd suggestion!* ◦ *It was absurd of you to suggest such a thing.* **2** aat thlak hnih suak za: *That uniform makes them look absurd.*

▷ **absurdity** *n* [U, C]. **absurdly** *adv.*

abundance /ə'ʌndəns/ *n* [U, sing] tamngaipi, ðulmi hnakh tamsawn: *There was good food in abundance/an abundance of good food at the party.*

abundant /ə'bʌndənt/ *adj* **1** tam, a tawk hnakh ih tam, duh zat hnakh ih tam; tlamtling mi, a hleifuan mi: *an abundant supply of fruit* ◦ *We have abundant proof of his guilt.* **2** [pred] ~ in sth tampi nei: *a land abundant in minerals.*

▷ **abundantly** *adv* tam zet in, tlamtling in, a tawk hnakh tam in: *be abundantly supplied with fruit* ◦ *He's made his views abundantly (ie very) clear.*

abuse¹ /ə'bju:z/ *v* [Tn] **1** hmangsual, a si lo lam ih hman̄g: *abuse one's authority, sb's hospitality, the confidence placed in one.* **2** tuah sia: *a much abused wife.* Cf MISUSE. **3** to, ðong siat ciamco.

abuse² /ə'bju:s/ *n* **1** (a) [U] hmansualnak, mi tuah siatnak, ðongsia ih mi tawhnak; rolungbun: *drug abuse* ◦ *child abuse.* (b) [C] ~ of sth hman̄g: *an abuse of trust, privilege, authority.* **2** a dinglo le thilsual: *put a stop to political abuses.* **3** [U] ðong sia.

abusive /ə'bju:sɪv/ *adj* (of speech or a person) ðongsia mi; ðongsia ih mi to thei, mi soisel hman̄g: *abusive language, remarks, etc* ◦ *He became abusive*, ie began uttering angry insults, curses, etc.

▷ **abusively** *adv.*

abut /ə'bʌt/ *v* (-tt-) [Ipr] ~ on/against sth (of land or a building) lo ram/ramri peh aw; a dang inn a peh aw: *His land abuts on the motorway.* ◦ *Their house abuts against ours.*

abutment /ə'bʌtmənt/ *n* (engineering) thilrit rak dotu/domtu (lilawn ti vekah).

abysmal /ə'bɪzməl/ *adj* **1** (infml) a sia zet mi, a ðhalo zet mi: *live in abysmal conditions* ◦ *His manners are abysmal.* **2** zet, tuk, lawmmam: *abysmal ignorance.*

▷ **abysmally** *adv.*

abyss /ə'bɪs/ *n* tawnet neilo kua: (fig) *an abyss of ignorance, despair, loneliness, etc.*

AC (also **ac**) /eɪ 'si:/ *abbr* alternating current. Cf DC **3**.

a/c *abbr* (commerce) account (current): *Charge to a/c 319054* ◦ *a/c payee only*, ie on cheques.

acacia /ə'keɪfə/ *n* akesia thing, lawithing phun, a paar a raang/aire mi thinkung.

academic /ˌækə'demɪk/ *adj* **1** [attrib] (phunhra tlawng le phunsang tlawng ih) cazirnak lam: *the academic year* = cazirkum. ◦ *academic freedom*, tlawng cazirnak ih zalennak. **2** cazir lam, cet/kut tuah tello ca lawng zirnak lam: *academic subjects*. **3** si sehla tinak lawng; tuah thei lomi: *a matter of academic concern*. ◦ *The question is purely academic*, ie not relevant to practical affairs but still interesting.

▷ **academic** *n* phunsaang tlawng, (college, university) ih zirhtu (saya).

academically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

academician /ə,kædə'mɪʃn/ *n* thiamsang pawl pawlkom sungtel.

academy /ə'kædəmɪ/ *n* **1** a hleice ih thilzirnak tlawng: *an academy of music* ◦ *a naval/military academy*. **2** (in Scotland) phunlai tlawng. **3** (usu **Academy**) thil hleice thiam pawlkom: *The Royal Academy (of Arts)*.

□ **Academy Award** thuanthucawn lamih a thiambik pek mi akademi laksawng (kum tin pek mi). Cf OSCAR.

ACAS /ə'ɪkæz/ *abbr* (Brit) Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

accede /ək'siːd/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (to sth) (*fm*) **1** (a) hnaʔuan kai: *accede to the chancellorship*. (b) siangpahrang cang: *Queen Victoria acceded to the throne in 1837*. **2** lungkim (dilmi, thu suahpi mi parah).

accelerando /æk,selə'rændəv/ *adv, adj, n* (*pl -dos or -di*) (*music*) awnmawi, hla tivek a vuak rang deuh vivo.

▷ **accelerando** *n* (*pl ~s*) awnmawi, hla tivek a vuak rang deuh vivo in tum/sak daan. Cf RALLETANDO.

accelerate /ək'selə'reɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] zamrangter sin, nawt: *accelerating the rate of growth*. **2** [I] feh rang sin: *The car accelerated as it overtook me*. Cf DECELERATE.

▷ **acceleration** /ək'selə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** zamran: *an acceleration in the rate of economic growth*. **2** ran tertheih mi: *a car with good acceleration*.

accelerator /ək'selə'reɪtə(r)/ *n* zamrang tertu, khulrang tertu thilri (mawʔawka ta vek). **2** (physics) tha thunnakih arang tertu. **3** (*chemistry*) chemical thil a rang tertu.

accent /'æksənt, 'æksənt/ *n* **1** [C] awsuah, kamsem: *In the word 'today' the accent is on the second syllable*. **2** [C] ʔong tik ih nasa deuh ih aw suahmi, ʔong mi: *accent mark* = vowel aw suah daan hmnsinak. **3** [C, U] bulpaak, lole, mi hnamkhat ih awsuah/kamsem: *speak English with a foreign accent* ◦ *have an American accent* ◦ *a voice without (a trace of) accent*. Cf DIALECT.

4 [C usu *sing*, U] thupiitter, nasater deuh: *In all our products the accent is on quality*.

▷ **accent** /ək'sent/ *v* [Tn] **1** nasa deuh ih awsuah ter. **2** ʔongfang ah awsuah daan ngaan.

accentuate /ək'sentʃueɪt/ *v* [Tn] langter, laarter deuh, thupit ter deuh: *The tight jumper only accentuated his fat stomach*.

▷ **accentuation** /ək'sentʃueɪʃn/ *n* [U].

accept /ək'sept/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] cohlang: *accept a gift, a piece of advice, an apology*. (b) [I, Tn] saang (kut in): *She offered him a lift and he accepted (it)*. ◦ *He proposed marriage and she accepted (him)*. **2** ti dingih lungkim: *accept the judge's decision* ◦ *I accept the proposed changes*. **3** [Tn] a si ti ih pom; cohlan: *He accepts blame for the accident*, ie agrees that it was his fault. ◦ *You must accept the consequences of your action*. **4** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth** (as sth) rak cohlaang: *I cannot accept that he is to blame*. ◦ *We do not accept your explanation/what you have said*. ◦ *Can we accept his account as the true version?* ◦ *It is an accepted fact*, ie sth that everyone thinks is true. **5** [Tn] cohlaang; pawl sungah telhve: *He was never really accepted by his classmates*.

acceptable /ək'septəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb) **1** (a) cohlaan tlaak: *Is the proposal acceptable to you?* (b) duh um zet: *A cup of tea would be most acceptable*. **2** tuarkhop: *an acceptable risk, sacrifice*.

▷ **acceptability** /ək'septə'bɪləti/ *n* [U]. **acceptably** /-blɪ/ *adv*.

acceptance /ək'septəns/ *n* **1** [C, U] cohlaannak: *Since we sent out the invitations we've received five acceptances and one refusal*. **2** [U] lungkimnak: *The new laws gained widespread acceptance*. **3** [C] (*commerce*) (a) tangka dilmi cek ding lungkim. (b) cumi dilnak.

acceptor /ək'septə(r)/ *n* (*physic*) electron hlei deuh ih a lakthei tu atom or molecule.

access /'ækses/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (to sth) hmun pakhat ih luh theinak, feh theinak: *The only access to the farmhouse is across the fields*. ◦ *The village is easy/difficult of access*, ie easy/difficult to reach. **2** ~ (to sth/sb) luh theihnak, ton theinak: *get access to classified information* ◦ *Students must have access to a good library*. ◦ *Only high officials had access to the president*.

▷ **access** *v* [Tn] (*computing*) computer file sung thuhla thun/file sung ihsin thuhla laak: *She accessed three different files to find the correct information*. ◦ *The files were accessed every day to keep them up to date*.

□ **access road** **1** (*esp US*) = SLIP-ROAD (SLIP). **2** fehnak ziin.

access time (*computing*) computer ah khum tikih a reimi tikcu zat.

accessible /ək'sesəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb) ton theih, hmuh theih, feh theih: *a beach accessible only from the sea* ◦ *documents not accessible to the public*.

▷ **accessibility** /ək'sesə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

accession /æk'seɪʃn/ *n* ~ (to sth) **1** [U] bawi ʔuan thawhnak; lal lukhuh khumternak: *celebrating the queen's accession (to the throne)*. **2** (a) [C] beetcih mi: *recent accessions to the art gallery*.

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(b) [U] telhchih mi: *the accession of new members to the party.*

▷ **accession** *v* [Tn] cabu thar library cabu ah ngankhum.

accessory /æk'sesəri/ *n* **1** (usu *pl*) (a) hmanṭul thil hleifuan tete: *bicycle accessories*, eg lamp, pump, etc. (b) taikap, zaal tivek nunau thuamhnaw terek pawl. **2** (also **accessory**) ~ (to sth) (*law*) thu sual tuah rak bawmtu: *He was charged with being an accessory to murder.* **3** (idm) **accessory before/after the fact** (*law*) amah a tel lo nain, thilsual tuah rak bawmtu, bawm lehtu.

▷ **accessory** *adj* a dang, beet mi.

accident /æksɪdənt/ *n* **1** [C] tuahmawh, ti pang: *be killed in a car/road accident* ○ *I had a slight accident at home and broke some crockery.* ○ *He's very late—I do hope he hasn't met with an accident.* ○ [attrib] *accident insurance.* **2** [U] tikcu ṭha, can ṭha, bawngvan: *By accident of birth* (ie Because of where he happened to be born) *he is entitled to British citizenship.* **3** (idm) **accidents will happen** (*saying*) vanduinak thilcang thenkhat cu a um dingmi hrimhrim a si ti ih cohlan a ṭul. **by accident** bawngvan ruangah, ruahlo pi ah: *I only found it by accident.*

a chapter of accidents ⇒ CHAPTER. **without accident** himte'n.

□ **accident-prone** *adj* [usu *pred*] tuah mawh tong thei cuang.

accidental /æksɪ'dentl/ *adj* ti pangmi, rin lo ih cangmi: *a verdict of accidental death.* ○ *an accidental meeting with a friend.*

acclaim /ə'kleɪm/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] lawm ih au ciamco: *acclaim the winner of a race.* (b) [esp *passive*: Tn, Cn. *n/a*] ~ **sb/sth (as sth)** a si ti ih langter, a maksakzia theihpi: *a much acclaimed performance* ○ *It was acclaimed as a great discovery.* **2** [Cn. *n*] (*fml*) upat pek: *They acclaimed him king.*

▷ **acclaim** *n* [U] lungtho zet ih hmuaknak, rak lomnak: *The book received great critical acclaim.*

acclamation /ækə'meɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] au phah ih rak lom ciamconak: *elected by acclamation*, ie without voting. **2** [C usu *pl*] awn au thawn lungkim pitnak: *the acclamations of the crowd.*

acclimatize, -ise /ə'klaɪmətaɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (oneself/sb/sth)

(to sth) nikhua thar, umhmun thar ih um zongsang, umdan remcang tata: *It takes months to acclimatize/become acclimatized to life in a tropical climate.*

▷ **acclimatization, -isation** /ə'klaɪmətaɪzɪʃn; US -tɪz-/ *n* [U].

acclivity /ə'klɪvətɪ/ *n* (*fml*) so kai, a solam. Cf DECLIVITY.

accolade /ækəleɪd; US ˌækə'leɪd/ *n* **1** sunlawihnak: *To be chosen to represent their*

country is the highest accolade for most athletes. **2** (*knight*) pacang ralṭha upatnak.

accommodate /ə'kɒmədeɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] riahnak hmun, umhmun rak pek: *This hotel can accommodate up to 500 guests.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth to sth** remcaang dingih thleng le tuah ṭha: *I will accommodate my plans to yours.* **3** (*fml*) (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (with sth)** thil le ri in rak bawm: *The bank will accommodate you with a loan.* (b) rak zaangfah; bawm: *I shall endeavour to accommodate you whenever possible.* **4** [Tn] (*fml*) ruat sak: *accommodate the special needs of minority groups.*

▷ **accommodating** *adj* (of a person) pawl nuam, mi bawm duh.

accommodation /ə'kɒmədeɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] umnak, umhmun: *find suitable, temporary, permanent, etc accommodation* ○ *Hotel accommodation is scarce.* ○ *Wanted, accommodation for a young married couple.* (b) **accommodations** [*pl*] (US) rawl ngah cihmi khual inn (riahbuuk). **2** [U] ~ (of sth to sth) (*fml*) remcan ternak: *the accommodation of my plans to yours.* **3** [C] (*fml*) [C] (*fml*) khat lam khat lam remcang veve ih thiltuah: *The two sides failed to agree on every point but came to an accommodation.*

□ **accommodation address** alaang teih umnak hmunlawng ca-ik par ih ngannak.

accommodation ladder lawng fate ihsin tangphawlawng pehzomnak kailawn.

accompaniment /ə'kɒmpənɪmənt/ *n* **1** mahte rak thluun aw mi thil: *White wine provided the perfect accompaniment to the meal.* **2** (*music*) hla sak tikih rak bawmtu awnmawi (piano, violin, etc): *singing with (a) piano accompaniment.*

accompanist /ə'kɒmpənɪst/ *n* hlasak tikih awnmawi rak tum saktu.

accompany /ə'kɒmpəni/ *v* (*pt, pp -ied*) **1** [Tn] fehpi, thluun: *I must ask you to accompany me to the police station.* ○ *He was accompanied on the expedition by his wife.* ○ *Warships will accompany the convoy.* **2** [esp *passive*: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (by/with sth)** (a) tel cih: *fever accompanied with delirium* ○ *strong winds accompanied by heavy rain.* (b) bet cih, telh: *Each application should be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (at/on sth)** (*music*) hlasaktu awnmawi thawn rak sak bawm: *The singer was accompanied at/on the piano by her sister.*

accomplice /ə'kɒmplɪs; US ə'kɒm-/ *n* thil sual tuah rak phiarpitu, sual bawmtu: *The police arrested him and his two accomplices.*

accomplish /ə'kɒmplɪʃmənt; US ə'kɒbm-/ *v* [Tn] **1** tuah suak thei, ti suak, hlen suak: *accomplish one's aim, a task* ○ *a man who will never accomplish anything.* **2** (idm) **an accomplished fact** a si zo mi; a um zo mi (thuhla).

▷ **accomplished** *adj* **1** ~ (in sth) hla, zuk

suai, awnmawi, thil tum, rawl suan, tivek a thiam mi: *an accomplished dancer, cook, poet, etc* ○ *be accomplished in music.* **2** tong, zukuai, awnmawi lamih zirhthat mi milai: *an accomplished young lady.*

accomplishment /ə'kʌmplɪʃmənt/; US ə'kɒm/ n **1** [C] hnaʔuan har zet pakhat caan lak tahrat ih ʔansuaknak: *It was one of the President's greatest accomplishment.* ○ *The series of paintings is quite an accomplishment.* **2** [C, U] kut thiamnak, lole, a hleice ih thil ti theinak: *Drawing and singing were among her many accomplishments.* **3** [U] (fml) theh vuarvinak, neh vuarvinak: *Money will be crucial to the accomplishment of our objective.*

accord¹ /ə'kɔ:d/ n **1** remtuahnak, lungkimnak: *an accord between countries/with another country.* **2** (idm) **in accord (with sth/sb)** rem aw in: *Such an act would not be in accord with our policy.* ○ *They live in perfect accord with each other.* **of one's own accord** mah thu in, zo ih fial loin: *He joined the army of his own accord.* **with one accord** zate lung kim in: *With one accord they all stood up and cheered.*

accord² /ə'kɔ:d/ v **1** [Pr] ~ **with sth** (fml) (of a thing) a rem aw, a kaih aw: *His behaviour does not accord with his principles.* ○ *What you say does not accord with the previous evidence.* **2** [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth to sb** (fml) pe, siang: *accord sb permission/accord permission to sb* ○ *The tribute accorded him was fully deserved.*

accordance /ə'kɔ:dəns/ n (idm) **in accordance with sth** thawn remcang in, bangtuk in: *in accordance with sb's wishes* ○ *act in accordance with custom, the regulations, the law.*

according /ə'kɔ:dɪŋ/ **1 according to prep** (a) as stated by (sb) or in (sth) ti mi vekin, sim mi bangtuk in: *According to John you were in Edinburgh last week.* ○ *You've been in prison six times according to our records.* (b) **bangin**: *act according to one's principles* ○ *Everything went according to plan.* ○ *The work was done according to her instructions.* (c) thawn deeng aw in/kaih aw in: *salary according to qualifications and experience* ○ *Arrange the exhibits according to size.* **2 according as conj** (fml) vekin: *Everyone contributes according as he is able.*

▷ **accordingly adv** **1** simmi vekin: *I've told you what the situation is; you must act accordingly.* **2** curuangah.

accordion /ə'kɔ:dɪən/ n (also **piano accordion**) akawdian; awnmawi phun khat, ʔaang ah thlain (orh) ih tum mi piano vek.

accost /ə'kɔ:st/; US ə'kɔ:st/ v [Tn] (a) ralʔha zet ih pan le biak: *She was accosted by a complete stranger.* (b) taksa zuarnu ih zorh, leem.

account¹ /ə'kaʊnt/ n **1** (abbr **a/c**) tangka lut-suak cazin: *send in/render an account* ○ *keep the*

accounts, ie keep a detailed record of money spent and received ○ *The accounts show a profit of £9000.* **2** (abbr **a/c**) baan (Bank) ih tangka ret: *have an account at/with that bank, ie keep money there and use its facilities* ○ *open/close an account* ○ *pay money into/draw money out of an account.* ○ *I have £200 in my account.* ○ *Will you pay cash or shall I charge it to your account* (eg at a shop or restaurant)? **3** a thuhla simfiannak: *She gave the police a full account of the incident.* ○ *Don't believe the newspaper account* (of what happened). ○ *Keep an account of your daily activities.* **4** (idm) **by/from all accounts** simmi vek: *I've never been there but it is, by all accounts, a lovely place.* **call sb to account** ⇒ CALL². **give a good, poor, etc account of oneself** mah le mah simʔha, sim sia: *Our team gave a splendid account of themselves to win the match.* **leave sth out of account/consideration** ⇒ LEAVE¹. **of great, small, no, some, etc account** thupitnak/thupit lonak: *a man of no account.* **on account** (a) tangka rak suahsung: *I'll give you £20 on account.* (b) a baakin: *buy sth on account.* **on account of sth; on this/that account** ruangah: *We delayed our departure on account of the bad weather.* **on no account; not on any account** ziangtin a si khal le: *Don't on any account leave the prisoner unguarded.* **on one's own account** (a) mah hrang (siat le ʔhat ah): *work on one's own account.* (b) mah le mah hrang: *I was worried on my own account, not yours.* **on sb's account** cumi/khami ruangah: *Don't change your plans on my account.* **put/turn sth to good account** hmangʔha (tangka, thiamnak): *He turned his artistic gifts to good account by becoming a sculptor.* **render an account of oneself, etc** ⇒ RENDER. **settle one's/an account (with sb)** ⇒ SETTLE. **square one's account/accounts with sb** ⇒ SQUARE. **take account of sth; take sth into account** ruatcih ve, telhcih ve: *When judging his performance, don't take his age into account.*

account² /ə'kaʊnt/ v **1** [Cn- a] ruat, ret: *In English law a man is accounted innocent until he is proved guilty.* **2** [Ipr] ~ (to sb) **for sth** thuhla simfiang: *We must account (to our employer) for every penny we spend during a business trip.* **3** (idm) **there's no accounting for taste** (saying) ziangah milai in duh mi le duhlo mi dangdang an nei ti hi sim fiang a theih lo. **4** (phr v) **account for sth** a ruangah simfiang: *His illness accounts for his absence.* ○ *Please account for your disgraceful conduct.* **account for sth/sb** siatsuah, that: *Our anti-aircraft guns accounted for five enemy bombers.*

accountable /ə'kaʊntəbl/ adj [pred] ~ (to sb) (for sth) poinak nei, mawhpurh nei, simfiang ding ʔuanvo nei: *Who are you accountable to in the organization?* ○ *He is mentally ill and cannot be held accountable for his actions.*

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accountant

accountant /ə'kaʊntənt/ *n* tangka cazin kaitu. ▷
accountancy /ə'kaʊntənsi/ *n* [U] tangka cazin hnaʔuan.

accoutrements /ə'ku:trəmənts/ (*US* **accouterments** /ə'ku:tərmənts/) *n* [pl] **1** thuum thil. **2** ralkap thuum thil pawl (hriam naam le hnipuan siarlo).

accredit /ə'kredit/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr usu passive] ~ **sth to sb** / ~ **sb with sth** a si ti ih theihesak, cohlan sak: *He is accredited with having first introduced this word into the language.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb to/at ...**; ~ **sb to sb** (*fml*) a si ti ih cohlan sak: *He was accredited to/at Madrid/accredited to the Spanish king.* **3** [Tn] mi ih zumnak ngah (ruahnakpekna, simsuahmi parah).

▷ **accredited** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** theihthiamnak pek (zung ca thawn) theihpinak pekmi: *our accredited representative.* **2** zummi: *the accredited theories.* **3** a si dingmi a tlin ti ih lungkim sakmi.

accretion /ə'kri:ʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (a) ʔhanlen vivonak. (b) cuvek ʔhanglian tertu thil. **2** [C] (a) beet vivo ruangih ʔhanlennak. (b) a dang pakhat ah komih ʔhanlennak, tumter, pungzaiter: *a chimney blocked by an accretion of soot.*

accrue /ə'kru:/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (from sth) pungzai: *the power and wealth which accrued to the prince* ○ *Interest will accrue if you keep your money in a savings account.*

▷ **accrual** *n* [U, C].

accumulate /ə'kju:mjələt/ *v* **1** [Tn] khawl tam vivo, beet vivo: *accumulate books, a library* ○ *accumulate enough evidence to ensure his conviction* ○ *By investing wisely she accumulated a fortune.* ○ *My savings are accumulating interest.* **2** [I] a zat karhtam vivo: *Dust and dirt soon accumulate if a house is not cleaned.*

▷ **accumulation** /ə'kju:mjələʃn/ *n* [C, U]: *the accumulation of money, knowledge, experience* ○ *an accumulation of unwanted rubbish.*

accumulative /ə'kju:mjələtɪv; *US* -lətɪv/ *adj* khawlzai vivo mi, beet vivo mi: *accumulative interest* ○ *the accumulative effects of eating too much.*

accumulator /ə'kju:mjələtə(r)/ *n* **1** (*Brit*) meitha rak khawltu betari. **2** (*esp Brit*) a thuahtuah tangka thaapmi (rang tlanzuamnak le a dangah). **3** nambat pawl rak khawltu khompiuʔa sungih thil.

accuracy /ə'ækjərəsi/ *n* [U] a cekci, a kheng, ʔhelh umlo, a dikciah: *predict sth with great accuracy* ○ *It is impossible to say with any (degree of) accuracy how many are affected.*

accurate /ə'ækjərət/ *adj* **1** ʔhelhlo, a hman: *an accurate clock, map, weighing machine* ○ *accurate statistics, measurements, calculations, etc* ○ *His description was accurate.* **2** ʔhelh lomii: *take accurate aim* ○ *Journalists are not always accurate (in what they write).*

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▷ **accurately** *adv.*

accursed /ə'kɜ:sɪd/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] (*infml*) huat zawng, huattlai: *those accursed neighbours of ours* ○ *this accursed weather.* **2** (*dated*) camsiat mi.

accusation /æ'kjuzəʃn/ *n* **1** [U] mawh thluknak; sual puh-nak: *prevent an accusation of an innocent person.* **2** [C] mi pakhat ih sualnak, sualtuahmi simnak: *Accusations of corruption have made/brought/laid against him.*

accusative /ə'kjuzətɪv/ *n* (*usu sing*) (*grammar*) special form of a noun, a pronoun or an adjective used (in some inflected languages) when it is the direct object of a verb.

▷ **accusative** *adj* of or in the accusative: *The accusative forms of the pronouns 'I', 'we' and 'she' are 'me', 'us' and 'her'.*

accuse /ə'kɜ:sɪd/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (of sth)** puh, mawh thluk: *accuse sb of cheating, cowardice, theft.*

▷ **accusatory** /ə'kjuzətəri; *US* -təri/ *adj* mawh thluknak a simi: *accusatory remarks, glances.*

the accused *n* (*pl unchanged*) sual puhmi, mawhthluk tuartu: *The accused was/were acquitted of the charge.*

accuser *n.*

accusingly /ə'kjuzɪŋli/ *adv* sual puhnak thawn: *look, point, etc accusingly at sb.*

accustom /ə'kʌstəm/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sb/ sth to sth** zongsang, cawng ngah: *He quickly accustomed himself to this new way of life.*

▷ **accustomed** *adj* **1** [attrib] tuah keel; tiʔhang mi: *He took his accustomed seat by the fire.* **2** [pred] ~ **to sth** zongsang, suan ngah, ti keel: *I soon got accustomed to his strange ways.* ○ *He quickly became accustomed to the local food.* ○ *My eyes slowly grew accustomed to the gloom.* ○ *This is not the kind of treatment I am accustomed to, ie not the kind I usually receive.*

ace /eis/ *n* **1** phe ih cuang mi A: *the ace of spades.* **2** (*infml*) a thiam bik (milai): *an ace pilot, footballer, marksman, etc.* **3** (in tennis) kham theih lo ih a ʔhami pek hmaisai bik tennis bawhlung pahnih lakih pakhat khat. **4** (*idm*) (have) **an ace up one's sleeve**; *US* (have) **an ace in the hole** (*infml*) thup te'n reet ʔha. **play one's ace** thiamkatawp suah. **within an ace of sth/doing sth** zikte: *He was within an ace of death/being killed.*

acerbic /ə'sɜ:bɪk/ *adj* (*fml*) (*esp of speech or manner*) aw hrang, ʔonghrang: *an acerbic remark, tone, etc.*

▷ **acerbity** /ə'sɜ:bətɪ/ *n* [U, C].

acetate /æ'seɪt/ *n* **1** [U, C] (*chemistry*) acetic acid ihsin ngahmi compound. **2** [C] (also **acetate silk**) pat femte phunkhat.

acetic /ə'seɪtɪk/ *adj* a thur mi.

□ **acetic acid** shalakayi tithur sungih a thur le a rim a suaktertu.

acetone /æ'seɪtəʊn/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) inn sii sihnih

ih rawimi pianrong neilo sii phunkhat.

acetylene /ə'setili:n/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) tleuzet ih a kaang mi pianrong neilo daat khu, thir tannak le thir pehnak ih hmanmi.

ache /æɪk/ *n* (often in *compounds*) ʔam nat, natfah: *backache* ◦ *earache* ◦ *headache* ◦ *stomach-ache* ◦ *toothache* ◦ *tummy-ache* ◦ *My body was all aches and pains.* ◦ *He has an ache in his/the chest.*

▷ **ache** *v* **1** [I] a ʔam; a na (a faak): *My head aches/is aching.* ◦ *I'm aching all over.* ◦ (*fig*) *It makes my heart ache* (ie makes me sad) *to see her suffer.* **2** [Ipr, It] ~ **for sb/sth** ngazet; caak zet: *He was aching for home/to go home.*

achy /'eɪkɪ/ *adj* (*informal*) a ʔammi; anam, a faakmi.

achieve /ə'tʃi:v/ *v* [Tn] **1** tuahsuak thei (teimaknak, ralʔhatnak thawn): *achieve success, one's ambition, notoriety, peace of mind.* **2** [C] tuahsuak thei, ti suak, hlawhtling: *I've achieved only half of what I'd hoped to do.*

▷ **achievable** *adj* (of an objective) tisuak theih awm, tuahsuak theih a si mi.

achievement *n* **1** [U] tuahsuaknak, hlawhtlinnak: *the achievement of one's aims.* **2** [C] tuahsuaknak, tisuak mi, hlawhtlin mi: *the greatest scientific achievement of the decade.* ⇒ Usage at ACT¹.

Achilles /ə'kɪli:z/ *n* (idm) **an/one's Achilles' heel** a niarnak bik hmun, a ʔawntaihnak bik zawn (Greek hminthang Achilles raldo nakah a kedil thal in an sai ngah ih a thi): *Vanity is his Achilles' heel.*

□ **Achilles' tendon** kedil le puarpum pehtu thahripi.

achy ⇒ ACHE.

acid¹ /'æsi:d/ *n* **1** [U, C] (*chemistry*) hydrogen a tel mi thil: *Vinegar contains acetic acid.* ◦ *Some acids burn holes in wood.* Cf ALKALI. **2** [C] thil-thur (asid). **3** [U] (*sl*) = LSD. **4** (idm) **the acid test** sinak langtertu hniksaknak: *The acid test of a good driver is whether he remains calm in an emergency.*

▷ **acidic** /ə'sɪdɪk/ *adj* asid vek.

acidosis /'æsi:dəʊsɪs/ *n* [U] thii le tit sungih asid a thur dat tamtuknak.

□ **acid rain** asid tel ruahti.

acid² /'æsi:d/ *adj* **1** asid a simi, a thurmi: *A lemon is an acid fruit.* ◦ *Vinegar has an acid taste.* **2** (*fig*) a nasa; mi ningnatter thei: *an acid wit* ◦ *His remarks were rather acid.* **3** (*chemistry*) acid thil nei. Cf ALKALINE (ALKALI).

▷ **acidify** /ə'sɪdaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -ied*) [I, Tn] (**cause sth to**) thurter.

acidity /ə'sɪdəti/ *n* [U] a thurnak: *suffer from acidity of the stomach.*

acidly *adv* mi ningnatter phah in.

acidulous /ə'sɪdʒələs; US -ɪdzəl-/ *adj* a kha deuh, sia kha deuh.

▷ **acidulated** /ə'sɪdʒələtɪd; US -ɪdzəl-/ *adj* thurter deuh.

acknowledge /ə'kɒnɪdʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Cn-a, Cn-t] a si ti ih cohlang: *acknowledge the need for reform* ◦ *a generally acknowledged fact* ◦ *He acknowledged it to be true/that it was true.* ◦ *They refused to acknowledge defeat/that they were defeated/themselves beaten.* **2** (ca) ka ngah ti ih sim sal: *acknowledge* (receipt of) *a letter.* **3** [Tn] theithiam: *acknowledge help* ◦ *His services to the country were never officially acknowledged.* **4** [Tn] theihnak langter: *I was standing right next to her, but she didn't even acknowledge me/my presence.* **5** (a) [Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sb (as sth)** cohlaang: *Stephen acknowledged Henry as* (ie recognized his claim to be) *his heir.* ◦ *He was generally acknowledged to be the finest poet in the land.* (b) [Tn] theih thiamnak pe, cohlaang: *The country acknowledged his claim to the throne.*

▷ **acknowledgement** (also **acknowledgment**) *n* **1** [U] theih thiamnak: *We are sending you some money in acknowledgement of your valuable help.* **2** [C] (a) kan ngah a si ti ca leh kirkak: *I didn't receive an acknowledgement of my application.* (b) pakhat khat tuahmi thungrulnak: *These flowers are a small acknowledgement of your great kindness.* **3** [C, U] rak bawmtu pawl hnenih cangantu ih lungawi thusimnak (cabu sungih nganmi): *Her theory was quoted without (an) acknowledgement.*

acme /'ækmɪ/ *n* (usu *sing*) a sangbik ʔhansonak, a fankimbik hmun: *reach the acme of success.*

acne /'æknɪ/ *n* [U] vun hma, arsik nat: *Many adolescents suffer from/have acne.*

acolyte /'ækələɪt/ *n* **1** biakkhawm tiki pastor (puithiam) rak bawmtu. **2** bawmtu, dungthlun ʔha.

aconite /'ækəaɪt/ *n* **1** [C, U] a hram ah tur a nei mi pangpar phunkhat.

acorn /'eɪkɔ:n/ *n* **1** ʔhiil rah. **2** (idm) **big, etc oaks from little acorns grow** ⇒ OAK.

acoustic /ə'ku:stɪk/ *adj* **1** (a) hna ih theih mi (aw). (b) hna ih ʔhate'n theihthei mi. **2** [usu attrib] (of a musical instrument) electric tello mi: *an acoustic guitar.*

▷ **acoustic** *n* [sing] = ACOUSTICS: *The hall has a fine acoustic.*

acoustically *adv*: *The hall is excellent acoustically.*

acoustics (also **acoustic**) *n* **1** [pl] aw thawngʔha le sia phurtu inn khaanpi ih siat le ʔhatnak: *The acoustics of the concert hall are excellent.* **2** [sing v] aw thawn pehpar mi ʔha takih zirkak.

acquaint /ə'kweɪnt/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/oneself with sth** theithiam, theiter: *Please acquaint me with the facts of the case.* ◦ *The lawyer acquainted himself with the details of his client's business affairs.*

▷ **acquainted** *adj* [pred] **1** ~ **with sth**

acquaintance

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theithiam: *Are you acquainted with the works of Shakespeare?* ◦ *You will soon become fully acquainted with the procedures.* **2** ~ (with sb) bulpak in theithiam aw: *I am not acquainted with the lady.* ◦ *We are/be acquainted.* ◦ *Let's get better acquainted.*

acquaintance /ə'kwɛɪntəns/ *n* **1** [U] ~ with sth/sb (often slight) theihthiamnak: *He has some little acquaintance with the Japanese language.* **2** hmel theih, theihthiammi milai: *He has a wide circle of acquaintances.* ◦ *She's an old acquaintance, ie I've known her for a long time.* **3** (idm) **have a nodding acquaintance with sb/sth** ⇒ NOD. **make sb's acquaintance/make the acquaintance of sb** mi pakhat thei: *I made his acquaintance at a party.* **on (further) acquaintance** reipi theih hnu ah: *His manner seemed unpleasant at first, but he improved on further acquaintance.* **scrape an acquaintance with sb** ⇒ SCRAPE¹.

acquiesce /ækwi'es/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) (fml) ʈɔng tamlo ih cohlang: *Her parents will never acquiesce in such an unsuitable marriage.*

▷ **acquiescence** /ækwi'esns/ *n* [U].

acquiescent /-¹esnt/ *adj* cohlan hluahhlo mi: *an acquiescent nature* ◦ *She is too acquiescent, ie too ready to comply.*

acquire /ə'kwɪə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) ngah (taimaknak thawn): *acquire a good knowledge of English, an antique painting, a taste for brandy, a reputation for dishonesty.* (b) ngah: *My sister couldn't take her desk with her to the new house: that's how I come to acquire it.* **2** (idm) **an acquired taste** nuam tete ih ngah mi: *Abstract art is an acquired taste.*

acquisition /ækwi'zɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ngah mi: *the acquisition of antiques, knowledge, a fortune.* **2** [C] ngah mi thil: *the library's most recent acquisitions, ie books it has obtained recently* ◦ *The school has a valuable new acquisition (ie a valuable new teacher) in Mr Smith.*

acquisitive /ə'kwɪzətɪv/ *adj* (often derog) nei duh, ngah duh, duh-aam (nautatnak deuh ih hman mi ʈɔng): *an acquisitive collector.*

▷ **acquisitively** *adv.* **acquisitiveness** *n* [U].

acquit /ə'kwɪt/ *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (of sth) a sual lo ti ih phuangsuaq, mawh lo ti ih thu faiter; mawhpuhnak ihsin thlah: *The jury acquitted him of (the charge of) murder.* Cf CONVICT. **2** [Tn] ~ oneself well, badly, etc nung cang, thil tuah: *He acquitted himself bravely in the battle.*

▷ **acquittal** /ə'kwɪt/ *n* (law) **1** [C] mawhpuhnak ihsin thlahnak: *There were three convictions and two acquittals in court today.* **2** [U] sualpuhmi faiternak: *Lack of evidence resulted in their acquittal.*

acre /eɪkə(r)/ *n* **1** ekah; kaih 4804 square yards; 4050 sq meters; lam 35 (pi 210) velkim: *a three-acre wood.* **2** lo ram, hmun ram: *rolling acres*

of farm land.

▷ **acreage** /'ækəri:dʒ/ *n* [U] acre tahnak thawn tahmi area kulh: *What is the acreage of the farm?*

acrid /'ækri:d/ *adj* **1** a kha mi: *acrid fumes from burning rubber* ◦ *Vinegar smells acrid.* **2** thinsia mi: *an acrid dispute.*

▷ **acridity** /'ækri:dəti/ *n* [U].

acrimony /'ækri:məni; US -məʊni/ *n* [U] ʈɔng sia, tidan sia: *The dispute was settled without acrimony.*

▷ **acrimonious** /'ækri:məniəs/ *adj* (esp of quarrels) a siakha mi: *an acrimonious meeting, discussion, atmosphere.* **acrimoniously** *adv.*

acrobat /'ækroʊbæt/ *n* sarkas ih teltu/taksa cangvaihnak harsa le lamdang hmuhtu.

▷ **acrobatic** /'ækroʊbætɪk/ *adj* acrobat vek: *acrobatic feats, skills.* **acrobatically** *adv.*

acrobatics *n* **1** [pl] a har zetmi taksa cangvaihdan, phun dangih pet le zuandan: *perform/do acrobatics* ◦ *Her acrobatics were greeted with loud applause.* **2** [sing v] pet le zuan thiamnak: *Acrobatics takes a long time to learn.*

acronym /'ækronɪm/ *n* ʈɔngfang thoknak cangfang pawl hmangih ʈɔngfang thar nganmi, eg UNESCO /ju:'neskəʊ/, ie United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

acropolis /ə'krɒpəlɪs/ *n* khuahlan Greek pawl ih ralhruang a sannak bik hmun: *Many tourist visit the Acropolis in Athens.*

across¹ /ə'krɒs; US ə'krɔ:s/ *adv part 1* khatlam in khatlam ah, a tan zawng in (a phei in), a hmaitan in: *Can you swim across?* ◦ *Will you row me across?* ◦ *I helped the blind man across.* ◦ *Come across to my office this afternoon.* **2** khatlam ah: *We leave Dover at ten and we should be across in France by midnight.* **3** khatlam in khatlam tiang: *The river is half a mile across, ie wide.*

□ **across from** *prep* (esp US) hmaitan ah, hmai ah: *Just across from our house there's a school.*

across² /ə'krɒs; US ə'krɔ:s/ *prep 1* kaan in: *walk across the street* ◦ *row sb across a lake.* **2** khatlam ah: *We shall soon be across the Channel.* ◦ *He shouted to me from across the room.* ◦ *My house is just across the street.* **3** khatlam kam in khatlam ah: *a bridge across the river* ◦ *Draw a line across the page.* **4** khat lam le khat lam sih aw in; caiceh aw in: *He sat with his arms across his chest.*

acrostic /ə'krɒstɪk; US -'krɔ:s-/ *n* a word game. ʈɔngfang thawn lehnak.

acrylic /ə'krɪlɪk/ *adj* puanthan tuahnak ih hmanmi sii phunkhat.

▷ **acrylic** *n* [U, C] puanthan.

act¹ /ækt/ *n* **1** (a) [C] tuahmi, tuahnak: *It is an act of kindness/a kind act to help a blind man across the street.* ◦ *This dreadful murder is surely the act of a madman.* (b) **(the) Acts (of the Apostles)** [pl] (in the Bible) Tirhthlah pawlh

hnaʔuannak thuhla. ⇨ Usage. **2** [C] thuanthu cawn: *a play in five acts* ○ *The hero dies in Act 4, Scene 3.* **3** [C] cawnmi thuanthu tawite: *a circus act* ○ *a song and dance act.* **4** [C] daan: *an Act of Parliament* ○ *Parliament has passed an act which makes such sports illegal.* **5** [C] (*infml*) angaigai asilomi; cawng, tuahter aw: *Don't take her seriously—it's all an act.* ○ *She's just putting on an act, ie only pretending.* **6** (*idm*) **an act of God** (*law*) minung ih ukneh thei lo thil a cangmi - thlisia, leimin linghnin le a dang tla: *insure against all loss or damage including that caused by an act of God.* **be/get in on the act** (*infml*) mai hlawknak hrangih telve, thil tuah: *She has made a lot of money from her business and now her family want to get in on the act too.* **do a disappearing act** ⇨ DISAPPEAR. (**catch sb in the (very) act (of doing sth) (discover sb)** tuah laifang kai ngah: *I caught her in the act (of reading my letters).* ○ *In the act of bending down, he slopped and hurt his back.* **read the Riot Act** ⇨ READ.

NOTE ON USAGE: 1 An **act** or **action** can be good or bad. The words are close in meaning and sometimes identical: *a generous act/action* ○ *the acts/actions of a monster*. When speaking about general behaviour, **actions** is used: *He is impulsive in his actions*. An **act** is often specified: *Helping the homeless is an act of mercy*. **Deed** is more formal and often refers to major acts: *be guilty of many foul deeds* ○ *He spent his whole life doing good deeds.* **2 Exploit, feat and achievement** are all desirable or noteworthy actions. Both **feat** and **achievement** emphasize the difficulty of accomplishing something mental or physical: *Coming top in the exam was quite an achievement.* ○ *The new bridge is a feat of engineering.* **Exploit** relates to the performance of a physical action or series of actions which are often brave or daring: *The travelers wrote an account of their dangerous exploits in the Andes.*

act² /ækt/ v **1** [I] (**a**) tuah, ti: *The time for talking is past; we must act at once.* ○ *The girl's life was saved because the doctors acted so promptly.* ○ *You acted (ie behaved) wisely by/in ignoring such bad advice.* (**b**) zunglam ʔuan vekin ʔuan, tuah: *The police refused to act without more evidence.* **2** (**a**) [I] thuanthu cawng: *Have you ever acted?* ○ *She acts well.* (**b**) [Ln, Tn] tel, cawng (thuanthu cawn ah, film ah): *Who is acting (the part of) Hamlet?* (**c**) [Ln, I] titer aw, mi thu cawng: *He's not really angry—he's just acting (the stern father).* **3** (*idm*) **act/play the fool** ⇨ FOOL. **act/play the goat** ⇨ GOAT. **4** (*phr v*) **act as sb/sth** pakhat ʔuan dingmi vekih rak ʔuan: *I don't understand their language; you'll*

have to act as interpreter.

▷ **acting** n [U] (art or occupation of) thuanthu cawn: *She did a lot of acting while she was at college.*

acting /'æktɪŋ/ adj [attrib] rak ai-awh, mi pakhat um lo sungih rak ʔuan sung: *the acting manager, headmistress, etc.*

actinism /'æktɪnɪzəm/ n [U] property of short-wave radiation that produces chemical changes, as in photography.

action /'æksjən/ n **1** [U] (**a**) tuahmi, cangvaihnak: *I only like films that have got plenty of action.* ○ *The time has come for action.* ○ *a man of action*, ie one who achieves much by being decisive and energetic. (**b**) [C] thil tuah: *Her quick action saved his life.* ○ *You must judge a person by his actions, not by what he says.* ⇨ Usage at ACT¹. **2** [U] thuanthu le lemcawn sungih a cangmi: *The action is set in France.* **3** [*sing*] ~ **on sth** cangvaihn hnaʔuannak: *The action of salt on ice causes it to melt.* **4** [U] raldo awk: *killed in action* ○ *the destruction caused by enemy action* ○ *He saw (ie was involved in) action in North Africa.* **5** [C] thuthen zungih thuthlen (tayacuai); thukhing: *He brought on action against her.* **6** [C] (**a**) hnaʔuannak: *study the action of the liver.* (**b**) rang, milek tivek pawl ih cangvaihn dan: *a fast bowler with a fine action.* (**c**) meithal, piano, nazipi tivek cet pawl sunglam cangvaihn dan. **7** (*idm*) **actions speak louder than words** (*saying*) ʔong hnak in tuahmi in a langter sawn. **course of action** ⇨ COURSE. **in action** cangvaihn lai; tuah lai: *I've heard she's a marvellous player but I've never seen her in action.* **into action** tuannakah, a tak ah cangter: *put a plan into action* ○ *At daybreak the troops went into action*, ie started fighting. **out of action** cangvai thei nawn lo: *This machine is out of action.* ○ *The enemy guns put many of our tanks out of action.* ○ *I've been out of action for several weeks with a broken leg.* **a piece/slice of the action** (*infml*) a miat duh ih sumtuahnak ah telvenak: *I'm only putting money into this scheme if I get a slice of the action.* **swing into action** ⇨ SWING¹. **take action** thil cangmi parah tuah ve: *Immediate action must be taken to stop the fire spreading.* **take evasive action** ⇨ EVASIVE. **where the action is** (*infml*) hnaʔuan a tam, a nuam, a hlawk ti ih ruahmi hmun: *Life in the country can be dull — London is where all the action is.*

▷ **actionable** adj zung thlenpi tlak, thukhin tlak, tazacuai tlak: *Be careful what you say — your remarks may be actionable.*

□ **action group** naingnganzi cangvaitu ding ih tuahmi mibur (a hleice in ramhruiainak thu ah).

action painting zukuwaitu in rong a duhduh in thuh ih zuk suai daan.

action replay lemcawn (züksin) a thok in hmuh

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action stations ralkap pawl kah awknak ding hmun: (fig) *Action stations, I can hear the boss coming!*
activate /æktiveɪt/ v [Tn] **1** cangvaiter: *The burglar alarm was activated by mistake.* **2** (physics) make (sth) radioactive. **3** (chemistry) zamrang te'n cangter.
▷ **activation** /æktɪ'veɪʃn/ n [U].
active /æktɪv/ adj **1** (a) cangvai thei zet, tawzaang: *Although he's quite old he's still very active.* ○ *lead an active life*, (ie one full of energetically involved) in *local politics*. (b) a khul a rang; tawzaang, zuanzang: *have an active brain.* **2** a caang reromi, ðuan reromi: *an active volcano*, ie one that erupts occasionally. **3** um menlo ih cangvaimi: *the active ingredients* ○ *active resistance.* **4** radio active. **5** (grammar) of the form of a verb whose grammatical subject is the person or thing that performs the action, as in *He was driving the car* and *The children ate the cake*. Cf PASSIVE.
▷ **active** n [sing] (also **active voice**) (grammar) verb hman dan a si: *In the sentence 'She cleaned the car' the verb is in the active.* Cf PASSIVE VOICE (PASSIVE).
actively adv: *actively involved in the project* ○ *Your proposal is being actively considered.*
activeness n [U].
□ **active service** (US also **active duty**) hlawhleeng hnañuan: *be on active service.*
active voice = ACTIVE n.
activist /æktɪvɪst/ n nasa takih cangvaitu (a bikin ramhruai nakah).
activity /æktɪvəti/ n **1** [U] (a) cangvaih rutvonak, thinthawhnak. (b) cangvaihnak; hnañuan; tuahmi: *The house has been full of activity all day.* **2** [C esp pl] tuahmi; cangvaihnak; hnañuan: *outdoor, recreational, sporting, classroom activities* ○ *Her activities include tennis and painting.* ○ *Sailing is an activity I much enjoy.*
actor /æktə(r)/ n thuanthu cawngtu pa; ekñha.
actress /æktɪs/ n nunau thuanthu cawngtu; ekñhes.
actual /æktʃuəl/ adj a ngaingai, a taktak, a cekci: *What were his actual words?* ○ *The actual cost was much higher than we had expected.* ○ *He looks younger than his wife, but in actual fact he's a lot older.* ⇒ Usage at NEW.
▷ **actually** /æktʃuəli/ adv **1** a ngaingai in, a cekci in; a taktak in: *What did he actually say?* ○ *Actually, I'm busy at the moment — can I phone you back?* ○ *the political party actually in power.* **2** taktak: *He actually expected me to pay for his ticket.* ○ *She not only entered the competition — she actually won it!*
actuality /æktʃuələti/ n **1** [U] a ngai, a tak. **2** **actualities** [pl] a um taktak nak.
actuary /æktʃuəri/ n US -tʃuəri/ n amahkhan tuahnak ih thil umtuzia ðuattu.

▷ **actuarial** /æktʃuəriəl/ adj.
actuate /æktʃueɪt/ v [Tn] (fml) **1** ceet cangvaiter, ðuanter. **2** tuahter; forhñal: *He was actuated solely by greed.*
acuity /ə'kju:əti/ n [U] (fml) thilthei, theih zet nak; thilnung tuakto cak zet.
acumen /ækjʊmən, also ə'kju:mən/ n [U] thilnung fimnak, zamrang ih thil thei thiam le thleidan thiamnak, thilnung var: *business acumen* ○ *have/show/display great political acumen.*
acupuncture /'ɒkjʊpʌŋktʃə(r)/ n [U] (medical) ðhimsun ih nat bawlnak le damternak.
▷ **acupuncturist** n ðhimsun ih nat bawltu le thloptu.
acute /ə'kju:t/ adj (-r, -st) **1** nasazet: *suffer acute hardship* ○ *There's an acute shortage of water.* **2** (a) (of feelings or the senses) thei, thei zet, thei thei zet, (hnaar fimzet): *suffer acute pain, embarrassment, remorse, etc* ○ *Dogs have an acute sense of smell.* (b) fimkhur, thil hmuthei: *He is an acute observer.* ○ *Her judgement is acute.* **3** nat besia, naa tuk: *acute appendicitis* ○ *an acute patient*, ie one whose illness has reached this stage. Cf CHRONIC.
▷ **acutely** adv: *I am acutely aware of the difficulty we face.* **acuteness** n [U].
□ **acute accent** aw suah hminsinnak: café ah 'e' par ih ta vek.
acute angle dikari 90 hnak ih mal kel, conkiang zum vek.
-acy ⇒ -cy.
AD /əɪ 'di:/ abbr (Latin *anno domini*) in the year of our Lord. Kan Bawipa kum sunghah; Jesuh suahhnu: *in (the year) 55 AD/AD 55.* Cf BC 1.
ad /æd/ n (infml) = ADVERTISEMENT (ADVERTISE): *put an ad in the local paper.*
adage /ædɪdʒ/ n pipa thufim, ðongfim.
adagio /ə'da:dʒɪəv/ adj, adv (music) fung deuh in; nuam ngai te le mawi zet (ngai nuam zet) in.
▷ **adagio** n (pl -gios) fung deuh ih tum/sak.
Adam /'ɒdəm/ n **1** (in the Bible) a hmaisabik mipa (milai). **2** (idm) **not know sb from Adam** ⇒ KNOW.
□ **Adam's apple** or-fok, hrok bawk, zula.
adamant /'ædəmənt/ adj (esp of a person or his manner) tum rori, titum eueu, forhñal theih lo, thilnung hak/ruh: *an adamant refusal* ○ *She was quite adamant that she would not come.* ○ *On this point I am adamant*, ie my decision will not change.
▷ **adamantly** adv.
adapt /ə'dæpt/ v **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ **sth** (for **sth**) remcaang dingih tuah, remcangter: *This machine has been specially adapted for use underwater.* ○ *These styles can be adapted to suit individual tastes.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (for **sth**) TV, radio, lemcawn tivekih hman dingah ca nganmi remñha, thleng deuh. **2** [I, I-pr, Tn-pr] ~ (oneself) (to **sth**) thilthar thawn remcangter: *Our eyes slowly adapted to the dark.* ○ *She*

adapted (herself) quickly to the new climate.

▷ **adaptable** *adj* (a) (*approx*) remcang dingih thleng-aw thiammi: *He is not very adaptable, ie does not adapt easily to new circumstances, etc.* (b) remcang ih um thiam. **adaptability** /ə, dæptə'bɪləti/ *n* [U]. **adaptation** /ædæp'teɪʃn/ *n* ~ (of sth) (for/to sth) **1** [U] (*esp biology*) remcang dingih thleng-awknak. **2** [C] remcang dingih thlengmi: *an adaptation for children of a play by Shakespeare.*

adaptor *n* **1** pehzom awlo dingih rak tuahmi a peh tertu thil. **2** socket pakhat ah electric tha pawl pehzomnak ih hmanmi plak phun khat. **3** (also **adAPTER**) zompehtu (milai).

ADC /əɪ di: 'si/ *abbr* aid-de-camp bawi upa riantu.

add /æd/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to sth) kom, beet: *Whisk the egg and then add the flour.* ◦ *He added his signature (to the petition).* ◦ *If the tea is too strong, add some more water.* ◦ *Many words have been added to this edition of the dictionary.* ◦ *This was an added (ie extra, further) disappointment.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ A to B; ~ A and B (together) numbat kom: *If you add 5 and 5 (together), you get 10.* ◦ *Add 9 to the total.* Cf **SUBTRACT**. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf] ~ sth (to sth) sim beet: *I have nothing to add to my earlier statement.* ◦ *'And don't be late,' she added.* ◦ *As a postscript to his letter he added that he loved her.* **4** (idm) **add fuel to the flames** nasater sinsin. **add insult to injury** nater sinsin, lquarter sin. **5** (phr *v*) **add sth in** phulh, cok. **add sth on (to sth)** telh: *add on a 10% service charge.* **add to sth** beet: *The bad weather only added to our difficulties.* ◦ *The house has been added to (ie New rooms, etc have been built on to it) from time to time.* **add up** (*infml*) a dik a bang: *His story just doesn't add up—he must be lying.* **add (sth) up** a zaten kom theh: *The waiter can't add up.* ◦ *Add up all the money I owe you.* **add up to sth** (a) a kim: *These numbers add up to 100.* (b) a khihhmuh; bang-aw: *These clues don't really add up to very much, ie give us very little information.*

addendum /ə'dendəm/ *n* (pl -da /-də/) **1** [C] bet dingmi thil; kom dingmi. **2 addenda** [sing or pl *v*] cabu a netnak lam ih ngan betmi.

adder /'ædə(r)/ *n* turnei rul phunkhat.

addict /'ædɪkt/ *n* **1** zu le ritnak pawl baang thei lo, a tuah pehtu: *a heroin addict.* **2** cuai, aatpi: *a chess, TV, football addict.*

▷ **addicted** /'ædɪktɪd/ *adj* [pred] ~ (to sth) **1** zongsangmi, thil cuaimi, thlah thei lo: *become addicted to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, etc.* **2** thil cuai, zongsang: *be addicted to TV soap operas.*

addiction /'ædɪkʃn/ *n* [U, C] ~ (to sth) cuainak, zongsangnak: *heroin addiction* ◦ *overcome one's addiction to alcohol.*

addictive /'ædɪktɪv/ *adj* zongsang thei, cuaithei,

leem thei: *addictive drugs* ◦ *Coffee is addictive in a mild way.*

addition /ə'dɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] kommi (nambat tla). **2** [C] ~ (to sth) betcihmi, kom betmi: *Such an outfit would be a useful addition to my wardrobe.* ◦ *They've just had an addition to the family, ie another child.* ◦ *Ann will be a very useful addition to our team.* **3** (idm) **in addition (to sth)** hlei-ah, tlun-ah: *In addition (to the names on the list) there are six other applicants.*

▷ **additional** /-fənəl/ *adj* betmi a dang: *additional charges, candidates, supplies.* **additionally** /-fənəli/ *adv.*

additive /'ædɪtɪv/ *n* a tampi lakih rawimi thil malte tak: *chemical additives in food* ◦ *food additives, ie to add colour or flavour to the food or to preserve it.*

▷ **additive** *adj* betmi.

addle /'ædl/ *v* **1** [Tn] buai, hnok: *My brain feels addled.* **2** (a) a dah (arti), a keuh theilo. (b) [Tn] (arti) dah ter: *addled egg.*

address¹ /'ædres; US 'ædres/ *n* **1** umnak hmun: *Tell me if you change your address.* ◦ *My home/business address is 3 West St, Oxford.* **2** zapi hmai ih thu sim. **3** (*computing*) computer ih thuhla hawlnak hmuhtu. **4** (idm) **a form of address** ⇒ FORM¹.

address² /'ædres/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth ca a rak ngahtu dingih hmin le umnak hmun cadip parih nganmi: *The card was wrongly addressed to (us at) our old home (to sb/sth)* **2** [Tn] mi zapi a silole mi pakhat hnenah thu sim: *The chairman will now address the meeting.* **3** [Tn-pr] ~ sth to sb/sth kuat (thuhla): *Please address all complaints to the manager.* **4** [Cn-n/a] hmin, lole hnaʔuan hmin thawn ko: *Don't address me as 'Colonel': I'm only a major.* **5** [Tn-pr] ~ oneself to sth (*fml*) thinlung pe: *It is time we addressed ourselves to the main item on the agenda.* **6** (golf) kauhti (bawlungte) thawi dingin bat. **7** (*computing*) thuhla pakhat khat computer sungah khum ih hawl sal ol dingin pek mi hmin.

▷ **addressee** /'ædre'si:/ *n* cakuat tivek a ngahtu.

adduce /'ædju:s; US 'ədu:s/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) thungai a si ti langter dingah, mi theih dingih suahpi: *I could adduce several reasons for his strange behaviour.*

-ade *suff* (with countable ns forming uncountable ns) thingrah phunkhat ihsin in ding ti tuahmi: *orangeade.*

adenoids /'ædɪnɔɪdz; US -dən-/ *n* [pl] (*anatomy*) hnar le or/dang lakih taksa neem: *have one's adenoids out, ie by a surgical operation* ◦ (*infml*) *She's got adenoids, ie is suffering from an inflammation of the adenoids.*

▷ **adenoidal** /'ædɪ'nɔɪdl/ *adj* **1** adenoids a simi. **2** adenoids nat ngahmi: *an adenoidal child, voice.*

adept /'ædept, ədept/ *adj* ~ (in sth); ~ (at/in doing

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sth (thil tuah) thiam: *She's adept at growing roses.*

▷ **adept** *n* ~ (at/in **sth**) thilthiam: *He's an adept in carpentry.*

adequate /ædɪkwət/ *adj* ~ (to/for **sth**) a daih, a tawk: *take adequate precautions* ○ *Our accommodation is barely adequate.* ○ *Their earnings are adequate (to their needs).* ○ *Your work is adequate but I'm sure you could do better.* ○ *She has adequate grounds for a divorce.*

▷ **adequacy** /ædɪkwəsi/ *n* [U].

adequately *adv*: *Are you adequately insured?*

adhere /əd'hɪə(r)/ *v* (fml) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (to **sth**) kop, bek; pom ringring, ben ringring: *Paste is used to make one surface adhere to another.* **2** [Ipr] ~ to **sth** (a) thlun ringring, bawm ringring (thu) (dan): *adhere to one's opinions, a promise, a political party.* (b) thluun: *adhere to one's principles, a treaty, a schedule, the rules.*

adherent /əd'hɪərənt/ *n* thluntu, pawl bawmtu, thu tantu: *The movement is gaining more and more adherents.*

▷ **adherent** *adj* ~ (to **sth**) a erh thei, a kop theimi: *an adherent surface.*

adherence /-rəns/ *n* [U] ~ (to **sth**): *their strict adherence to their religion.*

adhesion /əd'hɪ:zən/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (to **sth**) beet, erh, cihmi. **2** [U] (fml) ~ (to **sth**) rak bomnak; (paṭi tivatek). **3** (medical) (a) [U] hma ruangah, lole, a thlin ruangah a kop aw lo dingmi taksa a kopcihtertu. (b) [C] cu ti ih a kopcihmi taksa: *Painful adhesions caused by a wound that is slow to heal.*

adhesive /əd'hɪ:si:v/ *adj* kop, betcih theimi, a erh theimi: *adhesive side of a stamp* ○ *adhesive tape/plaster.*

▷ **adhesive** *n* [C, U] thil erhnak: *quick-drying adhesives.* Cf CEMENT 2, GLUE.

ad hoc /æd 'hɒk/ *adj, adv* (Latin) **1** a hleice ih tuahruakmi thil pakhat tumtah ruangih tuahmi: *appoint an ad hoc committee to deal with the affair.* **2** a hlankhan ih ruat cianak um loin: *Problems were solved on an ad hoc basis.* ○ *Points of policy are decided ad hoc.*

adieu /ə'dju:; US ə'du:/ *interj, n* (pl **adieux** or **adieux** /ə'dju:z; US ə'du:z/) (arch or fml) **1** (French) goodbye tican a si, na hnen ah Pathian um seh! dam te'n: *Bidding them adieu we departed.* **2** (idm) **make one's adieux** dam te'n tiih cibai buuk.

ad infinitum /æd ,ɪnfɪ'nɪtəm/ *adv* (Latin) a kumkhua in; cem ni um loin: *I don't want to go on working here ad infinitum.*

adipose /ædɪpəʊs/ *adj* [usu attrib] a thau mi, sa thau: *a layer of adipose tissue under the skin.* ▷

adiposity /ædɪ'pɒsəti/ *n* [U].

Adj abbr Adjutant.

adjacent /ə'dʒeɪsnt/ *adj* ~ (to **sth**) a kiang, a naih, a sang: *We work in adjacent rooms.* ○ *My room*

is adjacent to his.

▷ **adjacency** /-snsɪ/ *n* [U]. **adjacently** *adv.*

□ **adjacent angles** (geometry) riin pakhat ṭawm-aw mi kilhmun pawl.

adjective /ædʒɪktɪv/ *n* (grammar) minung, lole, thilri ziangvek a si ti simtu ṭongfang: *old, rotten, foreign, in an old house, rotten apples, foreign names.*

▷ **adjectival** /ædʒɪk'taɪvl/ *adj* adjective vek: *an adjectival phrase/clause.*

adjectivally /ædʒɪk'taɪvəl/ *adv.*

adjoin /ə'dʒɔɪn/ *v* [I, Tn] a peh zom aw, a sang aw: *We heard laughter in the adjoining room.* ○ *The playing-field adjoins the school.*

adjourn /ə'dʒɔ:ɪn/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn usu passive] baanglawk, ni ṭhin (miṭing ni): *The trial was adjourned for a week/until the following week.* (b) [I] meeting thureel cawllawk: *The court will adjourn for lunch.* ○ *Let's adjourn until tomorrow.* **2** [Ipr] ~ to... hmunkhat ah feh in um tlang: *After dinner we all adjourned to the lounge.*

▷ **adjournment** *n* [C, U]: *The judge granted us a short adjournment.*

adjudge /ə'dʒʌdʒ/ *v* (fml) **1** (also **adjudicate**) [Tf, Ca-n, Cn-t] thu ṭhen: *The court adjudged that she was guilty.* ○ *The court adjudged her (to be) guilty.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth to sb** thil pakhat mi pakhat pe: *The court adjudged legal damages to her.*

adjudicate /ə'dʒv:dikeɪt/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] thuṭhentu ṭuan (zungah): *Would you please adjudicate on who should get the prize?* (b) [Tn] thuṭhen, thu sat: *adjudicate sb's claim for damages.* **2** [Tf, Cn-a, Cn-t] = ADJUDGE 1.

▷ **adjudication** /ə'dʒu:drɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

adjudicator *n* thu ṭhentu.

adjunct /ə'dʒʌŋkt/ *n* **1** ~ (to/of **sth**) beet cihmi, beetmi (a thupi lo sawn). **2** (grammar) adverb or adverbial phrase added to a clause or sentence to modify the meaning of the verb.

adjure /ə'dʒʊə(r)/ *v* [Dn-t] (fml) fial, zaangfah dil: *I adjure you to tell the truth before this court.*

▷ **adjuration** /ædʒʊə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

adjust /ə'dʒʌst/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) ret fel, remh, a umhmun ah remte ih ree: *She carefully adjusted her clothes and her hair before going out.* (b) hman theih dingah malte thleng: *adjust the rear mirror, the focus of a camera, the sights of a gun* ○ *Please do not adjust your set, eg as a warning on a TV screen that the controls do not need to be changed.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth/oneself) (to **sth**) thil umtu daan thar thawn remcang ih um, remcang awter: *former soldiers who have difficulty in adjusting to civilian life* ○ *The body quickly adjusts (itself) to changes in temperature.* **3** [Tn] cawhkuan pek ding zat thu ṭhen.

▷ **adjustable** *adj* remtheihmi: *adjustable seat-belts.*

- adjustment** *n* [C, U] remþhatnak: *I've made a few minor adjustments to the seating plan.* ○ *Some adjustment of the lens may be necessary.*
- adjutant** /'ædzʊtənt/ *n* ralkap batalian sung thu tawreltu ralbawi bo thum.
 □ **Adjutant General** (tət-ye-bogyoke) general ralbawipi ih thusuah pawl a tawreltu army general.
adjutant bird India ram ih um hmur saupi nei vate phunkhat.
- ad lib** /æd 'lɪb/ *adj* (infml) rinlopi zapi hmai ih tɔŋgmi: *an ad lib* (ie improvised) *performance.*
 ▷ **ad lib** *adv* (infml) **1** rinlopi in: *I had forgotten to bring my notes and had to speak ad lib.* **2** mah duh in, zalen zet in: *We were told to help ourselves to the food ad lib.*
ad lib *v* [I] (-bb-) (infml) rinlopi tɔŋg: *The actress often forgot her lines but was very good at ad libbing.*
- Adm** *abbr* Admiral: *Adm (Richard) Hill.*
- adman** /'ædmæn/ *n* (pl **admen** /'ædmen/) (infml) thilri lei le zuar ah thuthantu.
- admass** /'ædmæs/ *n* [sing] (dated Brit) thuthanmi zum/lung oltu mipi pawl.
- administer** /əd'mɪnɪstə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Dn-pr] (fml) ~ **sth** (to sb) pe, pek, tuahter: *administer punishment, justice, comfort* ○ *administer relief to famine victims* ○ *administer the last rites to a dying man* ○ *administer an oath to sb*, ie hear him swear it officially. (b) [Tn] hmang: *administer the law.* **2** [Tn] hoha, uk, khuakhang: *administer a charity, a trust fund, an estate* ○ *administer* (ie govern) *a country.*
- administration** /əd'mɪnɪ'streɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (of sth) khawkhannak: *be responsible for the administration of justice, the law, charitable aid, an oath, a remedy.* **2** [U] tawrelnak; uknak: *He works in hospital administration.* ○ *Head teachers are more involved in administration than in teaching.* **3** (often **the Administration**) [C] acozah: *during the Reagan Administration* ○ *Successive administrations have failed to solve the country's economic problems.*
- administrative** /əd'mɪnɪ'strətɪv/ *adj* uknak lam, khawkhannak lam, tawrelnak lam: *an administrative post, problem* ○ *Her duties are purely administrative.*
 ▷ **administratively** *adv*: *administratively complicated.*
- administrator** /əd'mɪnɪ'streɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) khawkhangtu, tawreltu. (b) khawkhang laireeltu: *She's an excellent administrator.* **2** (law) mi pakhat ih thilri sumsaw tawrelsaktu ih retmi upadi thiam.
- admirable** /'ædmərəbəl/ *adj* uar tlak, duh tlak, a tɔhazet: *an admirable performance* ○ *His handling of the situation was admirable.*
 ▷ **admirably** /-əbəl/ *adv.*
- admiral** /'ædmərəl/ *n* (a) tipar ralkap ukto ralbawipi (bochuk), tipar ralkap lawng burkhat ukto bawi: *rear-admiral* ○ *vice-admiral* ○ *The admiral visits the ships under his command by helicopter.* (b) **Admiral** tipar ralkap ukto.
 ▷ **admiralty** /-əltɪ/ *n* [Gp] the Admiralty (Brit) tipar ralkap zungpi.
 □ **Admiral of the Fleet** (US **Fleet Admiral**) Tipar ralkap burkhat ukto ralbawipi (general).
- admiration** /'ædmə'reɪʃn/ **1** [U] upatnak, uarnak: *Her handling of the crisis fills me with admiration.* ○ *I have great admiration for his courage.* ○ *They looked in silent admiration at the painting.* **2** [sing] uarmi milai/thilri: *He was the admiration of his whole family.* **3** (idm) **a mutual admiration society** ⇒ MUTUAL.
- admire** /əd'maɪə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tsg] ~ **sb/sth** (for sth) uar, upat: *They admired our garden.* ○ *I admire him for his success in business.* **2** [Tn] uar, daw: *Aren't you going to admire my new hat?*
 ▷ **admirer** *n* (a) upattu: *I am not a great admirer of her work.* (b) uartu: *She has many admirers.*
admiring *adj* uarnak langter: *give sb/receive admiring glances* ○ *be welcomed by admiring fans.* **admiringly** *adv.*
- admissible** /əd'mɪsəbl/ *adj* **1** (law) cohlan theih: *admissible evidence.* **2** (fml) saantheih, cohlantheih, ruat theih: *Such behaviour is not admissible among our staff.*
 ▷ **admissibility** /əd'mɪsəbəlɪti/ *n* [U]. **admissibly** /əd'mɪsəbəlɪ/ *adv.*
- admission** /əd'mɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (to/into sth) tlawng, pawlkom ih luhnak, luhkhuan: *Admission (to the club) is restricted to members only.* ○ *Admission to British universities depends on examination results.* ○ *A week after his admission into the army, he fell ill.* ○ *Do they charge for admission?* ○ *How does one gain admission to the State Apartments?* **2** [U] luh man tangka: *You have to pay £2 admission.* **3** [U] ~ (of sth); ~ (that...) dik a si ti phuannak: *an admission that one has lied* ○ *Her resignation amounts to an admission of failure.* **4** (idm) **by/on one's own admission** mahte phuanawknak bangin: *He is a coward by his own admission.*
- admit** /əd'mɪt/ *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (into/ to sth) (a) lutter: *That man is not to be admitted.* ○ *Each ticket admits two people to the party.* ○ *The small window admitted very little light.* (b) sizung, tlawng tivek ah lutter: *The school admits sixty new boys and girls every year.* ○ *He was admitted to hospital with minor burns.* **2** [Tn] lutter; umnak pe: *The theatre admits only 250 people.* **3** [Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tnt, Tg] ~ **to sth/doing sth** (a tɔha lomi) a si ti ih phuang: *George would never admit to being wrong.* ○ *The prisoner has admitted his guilt.* ○ *I admit my mistake/that I was wrong.* ○ *I admit (that) you have a point.* ○ *He admitted having stolen the car.* ○ *It is now generally admitted to have been* (ie Most people

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agree and accept that it was) *a mistake*. **4** [Ipr] ~ **of sth** (fml) pe thei, um thei: *His conduct admits of no excuse*. ○ *The plan does not admit of improvement*, ie cannot be improved. **5** (idm) **be admitted to sb's presence** (fml) mi pakhat (mi upa) hmaika ah lutter.

▷ **admitted** adj [attrib] mahte phuan awknak bangin: *an admitted liar*. **admittedly** adv phuanṭul vekin: *Admittedly, he didn't know that at the time*. ○ *Admittedly, I've never actually been there*.

admittance /əd'mɪtəns/ n [U] luh siannak: *No admittance — keep out! I was refused admittance to the house*.

admixture /æd'mɪkstʃə(r)/ n (fml) (a) [C] phulhmi; thlah betmi; cokrawimi. (b) [U] cokrawi dan.

admonish /əd'mɒnɪʃ/ v (fml) ~ **sb (for/against sth)** hriing, kawkw, nunsim: *The teacher admonished the boys for being lazy*. **2** [Dn-t] ruahnak pek, forh: *She admonished us to seek professional help*.

▷ **admonishment, admonition** /ædmə'nɪʃn/ ns [U, C] (fml) ralrin peknak, nunsimnak.

admonitory /əd'mɒnɪtri/; US -tɔ:ri/ adj (fml) kawknak, nunsimnak a simi: *an admonitory letter, tone of voice*.

ad nauseam /æd'nɔ:ziæm/ (Latin) ning khop ko: *play the same four records ad nauseam*, ie again and again so that it becomes irritating.

ado /ə'du:/ n [U] harsatnak, buainak, a ṭullomi cangvaihnak: *Without more/much/further ado, we set off*. ○ *It was all much ado about nothing*.

adobe /ə'dəʊbi/ n [U] **1** fangcang kungro le leitlak rawi ih tuahmi tlakrawh (phahlei): [attrib] *adobe houses*. **2** phahlei tuahnak ṭha leilung.

adolescence /ədə'lesns/ n [U] nauhak lai le upat karlak tikcu, tleirawl caan: *during (one's) adolescence*.

▷ **adolescent** /ədə'lesnt/ adj tleirawl laifang: *adolescent boys, crises, attitudes*. — *n nauhak lai le upat karlak tikcu (kum 13 in kum 17 karlak hrawng tleirawl)*.

adopt /ə'dɒpt/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (as sth)** faa ih tuah, mah faate canter: *Having no children of their own they decided to adopt an orphan*. ○ *Paul's mother had him adopted because she couldn't look after him herself*. ○ *He is their adopted son*. Cf FOSTER **2**. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb as sth** hril, palai ah hril: *She has been adopted as Labour candidate for York*. **3** hmanṅ: *adopt a name, a custom, an idea, a style of dress* ○ *adopt a hard line towards terrorists* ○ *her adopted country*, ie not her native country but the one in which she has chosen to live. **4** [Tn] cohlang, nemhngət: *Congress has adopted the new measures*.

▷ **adoption** /ə'dɒpʃn/ n [U, C] cohlaannak, faa ih canternak: *offer a child for adoption* ○ *her adoption as Labour candidate for York* ○ *the*

country of her adoption ○ *This textbook has had adoptions* (ie been officially chosen for special study) *in many countries*.

adoptive adj [usu attrib] faa canternak lam: *his adoptive parents*.

adorable /ə'dɔ:rəbl/ adj duhnung, lungmuiza: *What an adorable child!* ○ *Your dress is absolutely adorable*. ○ *My darling, you are adorable*.

▷ **adorably** /-əblɪ/ adv.

adore /ə'dɔ:(r)/ v **1** [Tn] (a) duhdaw zet le upat zet: *He adores his wife and children*. (b) (Pathian) biak. **2** [Tn, Tg] (infml) (thil) duh tuk: *adore ice-cream, Paris, skiing* ○ *I simply adore that dress!*

▷ **adoration** /ədə'reɪʃn/ n [U] duhdawtnak nasa zet; upat nakih biaknak: *be filled with adoration* ○ *They knelt in adoration of their gods*.

adoring adj [usu attrib] mi duhdawt thiam tuk: *his adoring grandmother* ○ *give sb an adoring look*.

adoringly adv.

adorn /ə'dɔ:n/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb/oneself (with sth)** thuam-aw, ceimawi: *admire the paintings that adorn the walls* ○ *The dancer was adorned with flowers*.

▷ **adornment** n **1** [U] ceimawinak, thawm-awknak: *a simple dress without adornment*. **2** [C] ceimawinak ih hman mi thil: *Many adornments were carved on the temple walls*.

adrenal /ə'dri:nl/ adj (anatomy) kal (kailing) kiang te.

□ **adrenal gland** (anatomy) hawmun suahtu kal kiangih taksa dipte.

adrenalin /ə'drenəlɪn/ n [U] (medical) (a) adrenal (kailing kiang um taksa dipte) ih suahtu hawmun dat. (b) tuahcop mi hawmun dat.

adrift /ə'drɪft/ adj [pred] **1** (a) tidai parah khatlam khatlam ah fen (lawng), (lawng kha) thli ih soih rero: *cut a boat adrift from its moorings* ○ *The survivors were adrift on a raft for six days*. (b) (fig) tumtah neilo vak dualdo mi: *young people adrift in our big cities* ○ *turn sb adrift*, ie send sb away without help or support. **2** (infml) (a) hren lomi, thlahmi: *Part of the car's bumper had come adrift*. (b) a diklo; apalh: *Our plans went badly adrift*.

adroit /ə'drɔɪt/ adj ~ (at/in sth) thiam, fimkhur: *the minister's adroit handling of the crisis* ○ *He soon became adroit at steering the boat*. Cf MALADROIT.

▷ **adroitly** adv. **adroitness** n [U].

adsorb /æd'sɔ:b/ v [Tn] a zuuk, a hawp: *Iron adsorbs oxygen*.

▷ **adsorbent** /-ənt/ adj. **adsorption** /əd'sɔ:pʃn/ n [U].

ADT /er di: 'ti/ abbr (in Canada, Puerto Rico and Bermuda) Atlantic Daylight Time.

adulation /ædʒʊ'leɪʃn/; US ædʒʊl/ n [U] uartuknak, a hleihluat ih thangṭhatnak: *the fan's adulation of their favourite pop stars*.

▷ **adulatory** adj.

adult /'ɒdʌlt, also ə'dʌlt/ *adj* **1** (a) pitling: *adult monkeys*. (b) upa zo, ruahnak le taksa lam ih upa zo/pitling mi: *His behaviour is not particularly adult*. **2** (law) mee pethei; nupi pasal nei thei.

▷ **adult** *n* pitling zo milai, ramsa: *These films are suitable for adults only*. ○ *The bear was a fully grown adult*. ○ [attrib] *adult education*, ie for those over the usual school age.

adulthood *n* [U] pitlinnak, upa zomi sinak: *reach adulthood*.

adulterate /ə'dʌltərəɪt/ *v* [Tn] ṭhalo deuh dingah thil rawi: *adulterated milk*, tidai rawi mi cawhnawi.

▷ **adulteration** /ə'dʌltərəɪʃn/ *n* [U].

adultery /ə'dʌltəri/ *n* [U] mai nupi mai pasal a silo mi thawn nupa pawlawknak; uiretnak: *commit adultery*.

▷ **adulterer** /ə'dʌltərə(r)/ *n* (mipa) (*fem adulteress* /ə'dʌltəris/) *n* uiretu (nunau).

adulterous /ə'dʌltərəs/ *adj* uire a si mi: *have an adulterous affair with sb*.

adumbrate /æ'dʌmbreɪt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** (thu) thu a tlangpi, lole, ra thlithlam ih langter. **2** a thlithlam sim cia.

▷ **adumbration** /æ'dʌm'breɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

advance¹ /əd'vɑːns; US -'væns/ *n* **1** [C usu *sing*] hmainornak: *The enemy's advance was halted*.

2 (a) ṭhansonak: *the continued advance of civilization*. (b) [C] ~ (in sth) ṭhansonak: *recent advances in medical science*. **3** [C] ~ (on sth) a man ṭhannak: *'Any advance on (ie Who will offer more than) £20?' called the auctioneer*. ○ *Share prices showed significant advances today*. **4** [C] rak peksungmi tangka: *The bank gave/made her an advance of £500*. ○ *She asked for an advance on her salary*. **5** **advances** [pl] ~ (to sb) lungkimnak ngah dingih pan; nor: *He made advances to her*. ○ *She rejected his advances*. **6** (idm) **in advance (of sth)** rak ti/tuah cia, hlankhan in: *The rent must be paid in advance*. ○ *Send your luggage on in advance*. ○ *It's impossible to know in advance what will happen*. ○ *Galileo's ideas were well in advance of the age in which he lived*.

▷ **advance** *adj* [attrib] **1** rak fehsung: *the advance party*, ie a group (of explorers, soldiers, etc) sent on ahead. **2** rak pe/tuah sungmi: *give sb advance warning/notice of sth* ○ *make an advance booking*, ie reserve a hotel room, a seat in a theatre, etc before the time when it is needed ○ *an advance copy of a new book*, ie one supplied before publication.

advance² /əd'vɑːns; US -'væns/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, In/pr] ~ (on/towards sb/sth) hmai ah nor, nam: *The mob advanced towards/on us shouting angrily*. ○ *Our troops have advanced two miles*. (b) ṭhangso: *advance in one's career* ○ *Has civilization advanced during this century?* **2** [Tn] hmai ah re: *The general advanced his troops*

at night. ○ *He advanced his queen to threaten his opponent's king*, ie in a game of chess. Cf RETREAT 1. **3** ṭhangso dingah bawm, ṭuan, thil man kai: *Such conduct is unlikely to advance your interests*. **4** [Tn] (*fml*) kan thei ti ih thu suahpi: *Scientists have advanced a new theory to explain this phenomenon*. **5** [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** tangka peksung: *The bank advanced me £2000*. ○ *He asked his employer to advance him a month's salary*. **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] a naih lamah nikhiah rak ṭhawn: *The date of the meeting was advanced from 10 to 3 June*. Cf POSTPONE 1. **7** (a) [Tn] ṭhan, tamter. (b) [I] ṭhangter (thil man, ect): *Property values continue to advance rapidly*.

▷ **advanced** *adj* **1** kum tam, kum upa: *be advanced in years* ○ *She died at an advanced age*. **2** a sangdeuh, a hramthok a silomi: *advanced studies*. **3** a thar zet ih zaraan cohlan thei hrih lomi: *have advanced ideas*.

□ **advanced credit** (also **advanced standing**) (US) hmundang ih zir zomi par ah phunsaang tlawng ih hmat pekmi.

Advanced level (also **A level** /'eɪ levl/) (*in Britain*) GCE (General Certificate of Education) examinations camibuai ih hmat saang deuh. Cf A/S LEVEL, ORDINARY LEVEL (ORDINARY), GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (GENERAL).

advancement /əd'vɑːnsmənt; US -'vænsmənt/ *n* [U] **1** ṭhansonak; hmai nornak: *the advancement of learning*. **2** upa kainak: *The job offers good opportunities for advancement*.

advantage /əd'vɑːntɪdʒ; US -'væn/ *n* **1** (a) [C] ~ (over sb) hlawk deuhnak, miat deuhnak, ṭhathnemnak: *gain an advantage over an opponent* ○ *He has the advantage of a steady job*. ○ *Her French upbringing gives her certain advantages over other students in her class*. (b) hlawnak ṭhathnemnak: *There is little advantage in buying a dictionary if you can't read*. **2** [sing] tennis nehnik ding hmat bang awk hnu lehsal tik ah pakhat ih ngah hmaisami hmat: [attrib] *Becker reached advantage point several times before losing the game*. **3** (idm) **have the advantage of sb** cuang deuh, hleih deuh: *You have the advantage of me, I'm afraid*, eg said when a stranger addresses one by name. **take advantage of sth/sb** (a) hmang ṭha: *They took full advantage of the hotel's facilities*. (b) hmang luar, a miat rak la: *She took advantage of my generosity*, ie took more than I had intended to give. ○ *He's using his charm to try to take advantage of her*, ie seduce her. **to advantage** ṭhatnak lam: *The picture may be seen to (its best) advantage against a plain wall*. **to sb's advantage** ṭhathnempi (amiat, bomnak): *The agreement is/works to our advantage*. **turn sth to one's (own) advantage** mah bulpak ṭhatnak ih hmang, ṭhathnempi zet.

▷ **advantage** *v* [Tn] (*fml*) ṭhathnem ter;

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hlawkter.
advantageous /ædvən'teɪdʒəs/ *adj* ~ (to sb) ʃhahnem, hlawk um. **advantageously** *adv*.
advent /ædvənt/ *n* [sing] **1** the ~ of sth/sb ratnak (milai), thlennak: *With the advent of the new chairman, the company began to prosper.* **2** **Advent** (a) Christmas hlan nipi zarhli sung: [attrib] *Advent hymns.* (b) [Bible] Bawi Jesuh Khrih ratnak.
 ▷ **Adventist** /ædvəntɪst, US əd'ventɪst/ Khrih ratnak a naih thlang tih zumtu pawlkhat.
adventitious /ædven'tɪʃəs/ *adj* (fml) ruah cia lo, rinlo ih a cangmi: *an adventitious occurrence.*
adventure /əd'ventʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] tuksumza thil danglam tuah: *have an adventure* ○ *her adventures in Africa.* **2** [U] tuah dahlomi; ʃihnung thil tuahnak, ti-ngamnak: *a love/spirit/sense of adventure* ○ *a life full of adventure* ○ [attrib] *adventure stories.*
 ▷ **adventurer** (fem **adventuress**) /əd'ventʃərəs/ *n* **1** tuksumza thil thar tuahtu. **2** (often derog) mah ʃathnəmnak hawltu (nautatnak lam ih hman).
adventurous *adj* **1** thil tingam zet: *adventurous children.* **2** ʃihnungza thawn a khatmi: *an adventurous holiday.* **adventurously** *adv*.
 □ **adventure playground** lehnak thilri um tualrawn.
adverb /ædvɜːb/ *n* (grammar) cangvaih daan simtu: *In 'speak kindly', 'incredibly deep', 'just in time' and 'too quickly', 'kindly', 'incredibly', 'just' and 'too' are all adverbs.*
 ▷ **adverbial** /æd'vɜːbiəl/ *adj* *adverb* vek: *'Very quickly indeed' is an adverbial phrase.*
adverbially /æd'vɜːbiəli/ *adv*.
adversary /ædvəsəri; US -səri/ *n* raal, zuamtu: *He defeated his old adversary.*
adverse /ædvɜːs/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (a) a silo zawng: *adverse winds, weather conditions, circumstances.* (b) duhlo zawng, ralden: *adverse criticism* ○ *an adverse reaction to the proposals.* **2** ʃihphaan um, siatsuah thei: *the adverse effects of drugs.*
 ▷ **adversely** *adv*: *His health was adversely affected by the climate.*
adversity /əd'vɜːsəti/ *n* **1** [U] duhlo zawng thil; buainak: *remain cheerful in adversity* ○ *face adversity with courage.* **2** [C] vansiatnak: *She overcame many adversities.*
advert /ædvɜːt/ *n* (Brit infml) = ADVERTISEMENT 2 (ADVERTISE).
advertise /ædvətaɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn] zapi theihter, taarlang, than: *advertise a meeting a concert, a job* ○ *It may be safer not to advertise your presence.* **2** [I, Tn] ʃhatnak sim le porh ih than: *advertise on TV, in a news paper* ○ *advertise soap, one's house, one's services.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **for sb/sth** thuthang ca ah than: *I must advertise for a new secretary.*

▷ **advertisement** /əd'vɜːtɪsmənt; US ,ædvər'taɪzmənt/ *n* **1** [U] thuthanmi: [attrib] *a national advertising page.* **2** [C] (also **advert, ad**) ~ (for sb/sth) zapi theihternak: *If you want to sell your old sofa, why not put an advertisement in the local paper?*
advertiser *n* thu thantu; thu taarlangtu.
advertising *n* [U] **1** thuthannak lam hnaʃuan: [attrib] *a national advertising campaign.* **2** thilri zuar ʃha thei ding ih thuthannak hnaʃuan: *He works in advertising.* ○ *Cigarette advertising should be banned.* ○ [attrib] *advertising revenue.*
advice /əd'vaɪz/ *n* [U] **1** ruahnak pek (ziang tuah ding ti), thu ron: *act on/follow/take sb's advice, ie do what sb suggests* ○ *You should take legal advice. My advice to you would be to wait.* ○ *If you take my advice you'll see a doctor.* ○ *Let me give you a piece/a bit/a few words/a word of advice....* **2** (esp commerce) ca thawn theihternak: *We received advice that the goods had been dispatched.* ○ [attrib] *an advice note.*
advisable /əd'vaɪzəbl/ *adj* [usu pred] lungkimpitlak asimi/thlun mawi, a ʃhami: *Do you think it advisable to wait?*
 ▷ **advisability** /əd'vaɪzə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].
advise /əd'vaɪz/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw, Tg, Dn-f, Dn-w Dn-t] ~ (sb) **against sth/doing sth; ~ sb (on sth)** ruahnak pek (ziang tuah dingti), thu ron: *The doctor advised (me to take) a complete rest.* ○ *They advised her against marrying quickly.* ○ *She advises the Government on economic affairs.* ○ *We advised that they should start early/ advised them to start early.* ○ *I'd advise taking a different approach.* ○ *You would be well advised (ie sensible) to stay indoors.* ○ *Can you advise (me) what to do next?* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-f, Dn-w] ~ **sb (of sth)** (esp commerce) ca thawn theihter: *Please advise us of the dispatch of the goods/when the goods are dispatched.*
 ▷ **advisedly** /əd'vaɪzɪdli/ *adv* (fml) ruat ciamciam hnu ah: *I use these words advisedly.*
adviser (also esp US **advisor**) *n* ~ (to sb) (on sth) ruahnak petu: *serve as special adviser to the President.*
advisory /əd'vaɪzəri/ *adj* ruahnak pektheinak nei: *an advisory committee, body, role.*
advocacy /əd'vəkəsi/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (of sth) dinpinak, lungkimpinak, bomnak: *She is well known for her advocacy of women's rights.* **2** (law) sih-ni hnaʃuan.
advocate /əd'vəkət/ *v* [Tn, Tf, Tg, Tsg] (thuhla ah) ʃan, bawm: *I advocate a policy of gradual reform.* ○ *Do you advocate banning cars in the city centre?*
 ▷ **advocate** /əd'vəkət/ *n* **1** ~ (of sth) (thuhla ah) dinpitu, sih-ni, bawmtu: *a lifelong advocate of disarmament.* **2** ʃanpitu, sih-ni. Cf BARRISTER, SOLICITOR. **3** (idm) **devil's advocate** ⇨ DEVIL.

advt *abbr* advertisement.

adze (US **adz**) /ædz/ *n* hreitlung, lettama hrei.

aegis /i:dzis/ *n* (idm) **under the aegis of sb/sth** mi kilhinnak/mi bawmnak tangih um: *Medical supplies are being flown in under the aegis of the Red Cross.*

aeon (also **eon**) /i:ən/ *n* san-mureeng: *The earth was formed aeons ago.*

aerate /eəreit/ *v* [Tn] **1** carbon dioxide tidai ah beet: *aerated water.* **2** thli lut dingih tuah: *aerate the soil by digging it.*

▷ **aeration** /eəreitʃn/ *n* [U].

aerial¹ /eəriəl/ (US **antenna**) *n* radio aw kaihnaak thirhri.

aerial² /eəriəl/ *adj* thli ihsin, vanzuang lam ihsin: *aerial bombardment, photography, reconnaissance.* **2** thlaimi: *an aerial railway.* **3** (arch) thli vek.

aerie = EYRIE.

aero- *comb form* thli, asilole, vanzam lam: *aerodynamic* ○ *aerospace.*

aerobatics /eərəbætiks/ *n* [pl] (suk le so, linglet ih zam tivek) vanzam thiam zet le ral̩tha zet ih zampiahnaak: *The aerobatics were the best part of the show.* **2** [sing v] hiti vek thiltuah thiamnaak: *Aerobatics is a dangerous sport.*

▷ **aerobic** *adj.*

aerobics /eərəʊbiks/ *n* [pl] (thli tampi hawp thei dingah) harhdamnnaak hrangih taksa cangvaihnaak phunkhat.

aerodrome /eərədrəʊm/ *n* (dated esp Brit) vanzamleng colhhmun, tualrawn fate.

aerodynamics /eərəʊdaɪnæmiks/ *n* [pl, usu sing v] thli lak ih thil fehmi rak namtu thazaang thuhla zirnnaak.

▷ **aerodynamic** *adj.*

aeronautics /eərənɔ:tkɪks/ *n* [pl, usu sing v] van ih vanzamleng zamdan zirnnaak.

▷ **aeronautic, aeronautical** /-nɔ:tkɪk/ *adjs*: *aeronautical engineering, skills.*

aeroplane /eərəpleɪn/ (US **airplane** /eərpʌneɪn/) *n* vanzam, vanzamleng.

aerosol /eərəsɒl/; US -sɔ:l/ *n* (a) [U] sikahnaak pung tivek sungih (thlithawn) retmi sii: [attrib] *an aerosol can.* (b) [C] cucik kharbaw thahnaak sii tivek pawl: *Deodorants are available as aerosols or roll-ons.*

aerospace /eərəʊspeɪs/ *n* [U] **1** leilung tuamtu thli le tlunvan, boruak. **2** vanzamleng tuahnaak lam: [attrib] *the aerospace industry.*

aesthete /i:sθi:t/ (US also **esthete** /esθi:t/) *n* (sometimes derog) zukuai lam le mawinak lam theithiam cuangtu/ka theithiam cuang a titu.

aesthetic /i:sθetik/ (US **esthetic** /esθetik/) *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (a) zukuai lam le mawinak lam uar daan: *aesthetic standards* ○ *an aesthetic sense.* (b) a mawinak uar thiam: *an aesthetic person.* **2** a mawi, uar um: *aesthetic design* ○ *Their furniture was more aesthetic than*

practical.

▷ **aesthetically** (US also **es-**) /-klɪ/ *adv*: *aesthetically pleasing.*

aestheticism /i:sθetisizəm/ (US also **es-**) *n* [U].

aesthetics (US also **es-**) *n* [sing v] mawinak le zukuai lam thawn pehpar ih khawruah daan.

aetiology (US also **etiology**) /i:ti'ɒlədʒi/ *n* [U]

1 ziangruang ah hi tin a cang thei ti ih a thu hrampi zingzoi daan zirnnaak. **2** (medicine) nat suahnaak thuhla zirnnaak: *the aetiology of malaria.*

afar /ə'fɑ:(r)/ *adv* **1** a hlatnaak ah: *lights visible afar off.* **2** (idm) **from afar** lam hlatpi ihsin: *news from afar.*

affable /æfəbl/ *adj* **1** (mawite le duhnungih) mi pawlthiam: *affable to everybody* ○ *an affable reply.* **2** biak ol: *He found her parents very affable.*

▷ **affability** /æfəbɪləti/ *n* [U]. **affably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*

affair /æfəɪr/ *n* **1** [sing] thuhla: *It's not my affair,* ie I am not interested in or responsible for it.

2 affairs [pl] (a) tuah dingmi thuhla, hnaʔuan: *put one's affair in order.* (b) mizapi theih ding thuhla pawl: *current/foreign/world affairs* ○ *affairs of state.* **3** [C esp sing] (a) thil cangmi: *We must try to forget this sad affair.* ○ *The press exaggerated the whole affair wildly.* (b) (bulpak thu, thil pakhat, hmun pakhat thu) thil cangmi: *the Suez affair.* (c) puai, nun nomnaak: *The wedding was a very grand affair.* **4** [C] (infml) (following an *adj*) langter hleicemi thil: *Her hat was an amazing affair of ribbons and feathers.* (5) [C] thit-awknak um lo ih nu le pa pawl aw: *She's having an affair with her boss.* **6** (idm) **a state of affairs** ⇨ STATE.

affect¹ /ə'feə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** khuhneh, nen, rawt: *The tax increases have affected us all.* ○ *The change in climate may affect your health,* ie be bad for you. ○ *Their opinion will not affect my decision.* **2** (of disease) natter, hmater: *Cancer had affected his lungs.* **3** riahsiater: *We were deeply affected by the news of her death.*

▷ **affecting** mi thinlung a tham, a hlenmi: *an affecting appeal for help.* **affectingly** *adv.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Affect** is a verb meaning 'have an influence on': *Alcohol affects drivers' concentration.* **Effect** is a noun meaning 'result or influence': *Alcohol has a very bad effect on drivers.* It is also a (formal) verb meaning 'accomplish': *They effected their escape in the middle of the night.*

affect² /ə'fekt/ *v* [Tn] (often derog) langter hrim: *affect bright colours, bow ties* ○ *He affects a pretentious use of language,* ie tries to impress people by using obscure words, etc. **2** (a) [Tn, Tt] thiam/ti/thei ter-aw: *affect not to know sth/*

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affect ignorance of sth ○ *She affected a foreign accent.* (b) si-ter aw; cawng: *She affects the helpless female.*
 ▷ **affected** /ə'fektɪd/ *adj* a tak a si lomi, tuahcop, cawncop: *an affected politeness, cheerfulness, etc* ○ *a highly affected style of writing* ○ *Do try not to be so affected.*
affection /ə'fekʃən/ *n* **1** [C, U] (instances of) titer aw mi ðong, ziaza, umdan: *His little affections irritated her.* ○ *I detest all affection.* **2** [C] ~ (of sth) siter-awknak, tuahcopnak: *an affection of interest, indifference, etc.*
affection /ə'fekʃən/ *n* **1** [U, C usu pl] ~ (for/toward sb/sth) ngainatnak, duhnak: *He felt great affection for his sister.* ○ *The old king was held in great affection.* ○ *I tried to win her affection(s).* **2** [C] (dated) nat: *an affection of the throat.*
affectionate /ə'fekʃənət/ *adj* ~ (towards sb) lainat, duhdawt thinpem, ngainatnak nei: *an affectionate child* ○ *affectionate kisses, words, smiles* ○ *He is very affectionate towards his children.*
 ▷ **affectionately** *adv*: *He patted her affectionately on the head.* ○ *Yours affectionately*, ie used at the end of a letter to a close relative or friend.
affiance /ə'faɪəns/ *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (to sb) (dated or fml) ðit-um dingih hamcia, zuthawl than, remzu in: *He is affianced to the princess*, ie engaged to marry her.
affidavit /æ'fɪdɪvɪt/ *n* (law) a dik a si ti in siatcamnak thawn nganmi thuðennak zungih cohlaan theimi ca: *swear/make/take/sign an affidavit.*
affiliate /ə'fɪliət/ *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (to/with sb/sth) pomcih, pawlih telhve: *We are affiliated with the national group.* ○ *The College is affiliated to the University.*
 ▷ **affiliate** /ə'fɪliət/ *n* pomcih mi, hualcih mi: *affiliate members.*
affiliation /ə'fɪli'eɪʃən/ *n* **1** [U] pomcihnak, pom-awknak. **2** [C] pomcihmi sungtel: *The society has many affiliations throughout the country.*
 □ **affiliation order** (law) lakfaa cawm dingin a pa hnenih pekmi zungca.
affinity /ə'fɪnətɪ/ *n* **1** [U, C] ~ (with sb/sth); ~ (between A and B) bang-awknak, pehzomnak: *There is (a) close affinity between Italian and Spanish.* ○ *Early man shows certain affinities with the ape.* **2** [C] ~ (to/for sb/sth); ~ (between A and B) thil pakhat, lole, mi pakhat duhnak, duhdawtnak: *They share a special affinity.* ○ *She has a strong affinity for Beethoven.* **3** [C] ~ (with sb) sungkhat sinak: *He was not an impartial witness because of his affinity with the accused.* **4** [C] ~ (for sth) (chemistry) thil pahnih kom-awk theinak: *the affinity of salt for water.*
affirm /ə'fɜ:m/ *v* **1** [U, C] ~ (with sb/sth); ~ (between A and B) hngetter, a si ti ih nem hnget:

She affirmed her innocence. ○ *He affirmed that he was responsible.* Cf DENY. **2** [I] (law) thuðennak zungah a singai ti ih sim suak.
 ▷ **affirmation** /ə'fɜ:m'eɪʃən/ *n* **1** [C, U] hngehternak, a singai ti ih simnak: *The poem is a joyous affirmation of the power of love.* **2** [C] (a) hngettermi thil. (b) (law) thuðentu zungah a si ngaingai ti ih simmi (siatcam ðul loin).
affirmative /ə'fɜ:mətɪv/ *adj* (of words, etc) a si lam lungkimmi: *an affirmative reply, nod, reaction.* Cf NEGATIVE.
 ▷ **affirmative** *n* **1** lungkimnak ðongkam. **2** (idm) in the affirmative (fml) a si lam, lungkim lam: *He answered in the affirmative*, ie said 'yes'.
affirmatively *adv*.
affix¹ /ə'fɪks/ *v* (fml) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to/on sth) **1** bencih, beekter cih: *affix a stamp to an envelope* ○ *affix a seal on a document.* **2** beeci: *affix one's signature to a contract.*
affix² /ə'fɪks/ *n* (grammar) ðongfang thoknak le a netnak ih betmi: *un-, -esque, and -less in unkind, picturesque and hopeless.*
afflict /ə'flɪkt/ *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (with sth) nat le thusia le buainak ih tlunhawah: *She is afflicted with (ie suffers from) arthritis.* ○ *Severe drought has afflicted the countryside.*
 ▷ **affliction** /ə'flɪkʃən/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] natnak, tuarnak, retheih zonzaihna: *help people in affliction.* **2** [C] nattertu, zonzaih petu: *Blindness can be a terrible affliction.*
affluence /æ'fluəns/ *n* [U] thilri, sumstaw tam neihsak: *lennak: live in/live a life of affluence* ○ *He quickly rose to affluence*, ie became wealthy.
affluent /æ'fluənt/ *adj* lian, neinung: *affluent circumstances* ○ *an affluent lifestyle* ○ *His parents were very affluent.* ○ *the affluent society*, ie one in which most people have a high standard of living.
afford /ə'fɔ:d/ *v* **1** [no passive: Tn, Tt] (usu with can, could or be able to) thei, tithei, neithei, tangka, tikcu daih ih nei thei: *They walked because they couldn't afford (to take) a taxi.* ○ *You can't afford (ie are not in a position to spend) £90.* ○ *I'd love to go on holiday but I can't afford the time.* ○ *We would give more examples if we could afford the space.* **2** [no passive: Tn, Tt] (usu with can or could) ti thei: *I mustn't annoy my boss because I can't afford to lose my job*, ie must not take the risk of losing my job. ○ *You can't afford to criticize others when you behave so badly yourself.* **3** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) (fml) rak pe (pakhat khat): *The tree afforded (us) welcome shade.* ○ *Television affords pleasure to many.*
afforest /ə'fɔ:rɪst/; US ə'fɔ:r-/ *v* [Tn] tupi ah tuah, ram pakhat ah thingkung phun ciamco in tuu ah tuah.
 ▷ **afforestation** /ə'fɔ:rɪsteɪʃən/; US ə'fɔ:r-/ *n* [U].

affray /ə'freɪ/ *n* (usu sing) (*fml* or *law*) milai tawhawk ruangih suakmi buainak: *The men were charged with causing an affray.*

affront /ə'frʌnt/ *n* (usu sing) ~ (to sb/sth) (a hleice in mipi hmai ah) puarthaunak, mi hmuhsuam umzia: *His speech was an affront to all decent members of the community.*
 ▷ **affront** /ə'frʌnt/ *v* [Tn usu passive] langhngan ih hmuhsuam, nautat. **affronted** *adj* ~ (at/by sth) thinhengter, hmuhsuam: *He felt deeply affronted at her rudeness.*

Afghan /æ'fɛɡən/ *n* **1** (a) [C] Afghan mipihun. (b) Afghan ðong. **2** **Afghan** [C] tuuhmul kor.
 □ **Afghan hound** hmul saupi nei uico tumpi phuntha pawl.

aficionado /ə'fɪsjə'nɑ:dəʊ, US ə'fɪʃj-/ *n* (pl ~s) (*Spanish*) thil zuam-awknak pakhat aat pitu milai: *an aficionado of bullfighting.*

afield /ə'fi:ld/ *adv* (idm) **far/farther/further afield** hlatnak hmunah: *Some villagers have never been further afield than the neighbouring town.* ○ *To find the causes of the problem we need look no further afield than our own department.*

aflame /ə'flæɪm/ *adj* [pred] **1** hlio, a kaang, a sen: *The whole building was soon aflame.* ○ *Her cheeks were aflame.* ○ *The autumn woods were aflame with colour.* **2** hiar tuk: *aflame with desire.*

AFL-CIO /ɹəɪ ef 'el ɹi: ɑ: 'əʊ/ *abbr* (US) American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

afloat /ə'fləʊt/ *adj* [pred] **1** tidai parah a phuanmi, thli lakah a zam puangpomi, (a seepmi): *The boat stuck on a sandbank but we soon got it afloat again.* ○ *The ship was listing badly but still kept afloat.* **2** tipi thuanthum ah; lawng parah: *enjoy life afloat.* **3** leiba nei lo; harnak um lo: *The firm managed to stay afloat during the recession.* **4** cangvaihter, tuan thok: *get a new business afloat,* ie start it. **5** (of rumours) a leeng (thu), reel cuci: *There's a story afloat that he'll resign.*

afoot /ə'fʊt/ *adj* [pred] timtuah cia, tum cia: *There's mischief afoot,* ie being planned. ○ *There's a scheme afoot to put a motorway through the park.*

mentioned /ə'fɔ:'menʃənd/ (also **aforsaid** /ə'fɔ:sed/, **said**) *adj* [usu attrib] (*fml*) hmaisai ih sim ciami, rel ciami: *The mentioned (person/persons) was/were acting suspiciously.*

afterthought /ə'fɔ:'menʃθɔ:t/ *adj* (idm) **with malice afterthought** ⇒ MALICE.

a fortiori /ɹəɪ ɹɔ:trɔ:raɪ/ *adv* (*Latin*) hih thil thupi sawn ruangah: *If he can afford a luxury yacht, then a fortiori he can afford to pay his debts.*

afraid /ə'freɪd/ *adj* [pred] **1** (a) ~ (of sb/sth); ~ (of doing sth/to do sth) ðih: *Don't be afraid.* ○ *There's nothing to be afraid of.* ○ *Are you afraid of snakes?* ○ *He's afraid of going out/to go out alone at night.* ○ *Don't be afraid* (ie Don't

hesitate) *to ask for help if you need it.* (b) ~ of doing sth/~ that ... thinphang: *I didn't mention it because I was afraid of upsetting him/afraid (that) I might upset him.* ○ *He's afraid of losing customers/that he might lose customers.* (c) ~ for sth/sb donhar, thinphang: *parents afraid for (the safety of) their children.* **2** (idm) **be afraid of one's own shadow** ðihhrut: *I'm afraid (that ...)* thin nuamlo ih tongmi: *I am sorry to say: I'm afraid we can't come.* ○ *I can't help you, I'm afraid.* ○ *'Have we missed the train?' 'I'm afraid so.'* ○ *'Have you any milk?' 'I'm afraid not.'*

afresh /ə'freʃ/ *adv* saal, a thok te in: *Let's start afresh.* ○ *The work will have to be done afresh.*

African /æ'frɪkən/ *adj* Afrika ih, Afrika ðong.
 ▷ **African** *n* (khuahlaan ihsin rak um ciatu midum hnam) Africa mi.
 □ **African violet** innsung ih cin ðeumi Africa pangpar phunkhat.

Afrikaans /æ'frɪkɑ:ns/ *n* [U] Dutch ðong ihsin a suakmi, S. Africa ðong.

Afrikaner /æ'frɪkənə(r)/ *n* Dutch cithlah S. Africa ih vunrang pawl.

Afro /æ'rəʊ/ *adj* (of hair-style) a sah, a sau ih, a kir mi sam.

Afro- *comb form* African; of Africa: *Afro-Asian,* ie of Africa and Asia.

Afro-American /æ'frəʊ ə'merɪkən/ *adj* American Negro pawl asilole cute ih nunphung thawn a pehparmi.
 ▷ **Afro-American** *n* America ramih midum phun.

aft /ɑ:ft/; US æft/ *adv* **1** lawng, vanzamleeng a mei lam. **2** (idm) **fore and aft** ⇒ FORE.

after /ɑ:ftə(r); US 'æf-/ *adv* **1** lehhnu ah: *The day after, he apologized.* ○ *They lived happily ever after.* **2** a hnu in: *She followed on after.* Cf BEFORE¹. ⇒ Usage at BEFORE².
 □ **afterglow** *n* [U] nitlak hnu ih van a tleu huamhi mi.

after /ɑ:ftə(r); US 'æf-/ *prep* **1** (a) hnu ah: *leave after lunch, shortly after six, the day after tomorrow, the week after next* ○ (US) *half after seven in the morning,* ie 7:30 am. (b) **sth ~ sth** pakhat hnu pakhat: *day after day/week after week/year after year/time after time,* ie very often ○ *He fired shot after shot,* ie many shots. Cf BEFORE² 1, ⇒ Usage at BEFORE². **2** dungah: *Shut the door after you when you go out.* **3** ðeh in, hnu ah: *C comes after B in the alphabet.* ○ *Your name comes after mine on the list.* ○ *His book is the best on the subject after mine.* ○ *After you,* ie Please enter before me, serve yourself first, etc. ○ *After you with the salt.* ⇒ Usage at BEFORE². **4** ruangah, hnu ah: *After what he did to my family, I hate him* ○ *After your conduct last time, did you expect to be invited again?* **5** daw; hawl: *We ran after the thief.* ○ *The police are after him.* ○ *She's after* (ie She wants) *a job*

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in publishing. **6** *thuhla: They inquire after you, ie asked how you were.* **7** *ih tlunah, ih hlei ah: After everything I've done for him, he still ignores me.* **8** *vekin, cawngin: a painting after Rubens* ○ *draw up a constitution after the American model* ○ *We've named the baby after you, ie given him your first name in honour of you.* **9** (idm) **after all** (a) *ziangti khal va si aw sehla: So you've come after all!* ○ *After all, what does it matter?* (b) *cinken ding a si: He should have offered to pay – he has plenty of money, after all.*

□ **afterbirth** *n* [sing] *suul, naufuuntu.*

after-damp *n* [U] *lungto meihol khur sungih tur (poison) nei daatkhu.*

afterlife *n* [sing] *thih hnu ih nun: Do you believe in an afterlife?*

aftershave *n* [U, C] *khahmul; hmurhmul met hnu ih thuhmi hriak phunkhat: He uses aftershave.* ○ [attrib] *aftershave lotion.*

after³ /'a:ftə(r); US 'æf-/ *conj* *hnu ah: I arrived after he (had) left.* ○ *We'll arrive after you've left.* Cf BEFORE³.

after⁴ /'a:ftə(r); US 'æf-/ *adj* [attrib] **1** *hnulam ah: in after years.* **2** *tangphawlawng ih mei naih lam: the after cabins.*

▷ **aftermost** *adj* *tangphawlawng mei ihsin a hlaat bik lam.*

□ **after-care** *n* [U] *siizung suak hnu ih mina tuamhlawmnak: after-care services.*

after-effect *n* *a neh-hnu ih thazaang/hmual a neihnak: suffer from/feel no unpleasant after-effects.*

after-image *n* (a *hleice in mit sungih*) *a taangmi thlaam.*

after-taste *n* [sing] **1** *ei, in ðeh hnu ih kaa sungih a taangmi rim: wine which leaves an unpleasant aftertaste (in the mouth).* **2** (fig) *lung sungih a rung taap mi thuhla.*

afterthought *n* *a neh-hnu ih ruahmi (lole) betmi: Just as an afterthought – why not ask Jim?* ○ *The film was made first and the music was added as an afterthought.* ○ *Mary was a bit of an afterthought – her brothers and sisters are all much older than her.*

aftermath /'a:ftəmæθ; Brit also -ma:θ/ *n* (usu *sing*) *a ra suaipi mi, thilcang pakhat hnu ih a ra cangmi thil: the rebuilding which took place in the aftermath of the war.*

afternoon /'a:ftə'nun; US 'æf-/ *n* [C, U] *sunhnu; sundir ihsin zanlam nazi 6 tiang: in/during the afternoon* ○ *this/yesterday/tomorrow afternoon* ○ *every afternoon* ○ *on Sunday afternoon* ○ *on the afternoon of 12 May* ○ *one afternoon last week* ○ *She goes there two afternoons a week.* ○ [attrib] *an afternoon sleep, performance, train* ○ *afternoon tea.* ⇒ Usage at MORNING.

▷ **afternoons** *adv* *sunhnu tinte'n: Afternoons, he works at home.*

afters /'a:ftəz, US 'æf/ *n* [pl] (Brit *infml*) (usu

sweet) *rawl ei ðeh hnu ih ei le in mi thil thuur, thil thlum tla: What's for afters?* ○ *We had fruit salad for afters.* Cf DESSERT, PUDDING 1.

afterwards /'a:ftəwədz; US 'æf-/ (US also *afterward*) *adv* *hnu ah: Let's go to the theatre first and eat afterwards.* Cf BEFORE¹, ⇒ Usage at BEFORE².

again /ə'geɪn, ə'geɪn/ *adv* **1** *saal, fawn lala, leh: Try again.* ○ *Say that again, please.* ○ *Here comes Joe, drunk again.* ○ *Do call again.* ○ *Don't do that again.* ○ *This must never happen again.* **2** *saal, hlaan lai vekin: He was glad to be home again.* ○ *Back again already?* ○ *You'll never get the money back again.* ○ *You'll soon be well again.* ○ *I'm glad he's himself/his old self again,* ie that he has returned to his normal state again after a shock, an illness, etc. **3** (a) *cu vekin; cuittlunah: Again we have to consider the legal implications.* ○ *I might, and (there/then) again I might not.* **4** *cuih hlei ah: I'd like as many/much again,* ie twice as many/much. ○ *half as much again,* ie one-and-a-half times as much. **5** (idm) **again and again** *leuhleuh, ringring, theettði: I've told you again and again not to do that.*

against /ə'geɪnst, ə'geɪnst/ *prep* **1 in opposition to (sb/sth)** *a kalhkeh aw in: We were rowing against the current.* ○ *That's against the law.* ○ *She was married against her will.* ○ *His age is against him,* ie is a disadvantage to him. **2** *hngauhsan in: Put the piano there, with its back against the wall.* ○ *He was leaning against a tree.* ○ *The rain beat against the car windscreen.* **3** *thawn ralaw in; kaih lo zet in: silhouetted against the sky* ○ *The skier's red clothes stood out clearly against the snow.* ○ (fig) *The salaries here are low (as) against the rates elsewhere.* **4** *timtuah cia nakah: protect plants against frost* ○ *take precautions against fire* ○ *an injection against rabies.* **5** *thawn hmaiton aw in; deng aw in: allowances to be set against income.* **6** *cumi thun in: What's the rate of exchange against the dollar?* ○ *Tickets are issued only against payment of the full fee.* **7** (idm) **as against sth** ⇒ AS.

agape /ə'geɪp/ *adj* [pred] **1** ~ (with sth) (mangbang ah) *kaa aang huauhi: He watched with mouth agape.* **2** *n* (Greek. *aga-pe*) *a famkim duhdawtnak.*

agate /'æɡət/ *n* [U, C] *lung-mankhung phunkhat: a brooch made of agate* ○ [attrib] *an agate ring.*

age¹ /əɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] *kum (milai kum), san: What age is he?* ○ *He's six years of age/six years old.* ○ *Their ages are two and ten.* ○ *At what age did she retire?* ○ *I left school at the age of 18.* ○ *When I was your age...* ○ *We have a son your age.* ○ *He lived to a great age.* ○ *Geologists have calculated the age of the earth.* ○ [attrib] *Anyone can enter the contest – there's no age limit,* ie no one will be regarded as too old or too young. **2** *kum tarlam: the wisdom that comes with age* ○

His face was wrinkled with age. ○ *Fine wine improves with age.* Cf YOUTH 1, 2. **3** [C] san: *the Elizabethan Age*, ie the time of Queen Elizabeth I of England ○ *the modern age, the nuclear age, the age of the microchip.* **4** [C usu pl] (*infml*) reipi: *I waited (for) ages/an age.* ○ *It took (us) ages to find a place to park.* **5** (idm) **the age/years of discretion** ⇨ DISCRETION. **at a tender age/ of tender age** ⇨ TENDER¹. **the awkward age** ⇨ AWKWARD. **be/come of age** pitling ngah. **be your age** (*infml*) (esp imperative) na khukthi pawlih nun vekin nung aw. **feel one's age** ⇨ FELL. **in this day and age** ⇨ DAY. **look one's age** hmel, maih kum zat thawn a kaih aw: *She doesn't look her age at all*, ie appears much younger than she really is. **(be) of an age** (thil tuah ding) kum kim thlang: *He's of an age when he ought to settle down.* **of an age with sb** kum bang aw. **over age** tar tuk, kum tar tuk. **under age** kum kim hrih lo: *You shouldn't sell cigarettes to teenagers who are under age/to under-age teenager.*

□ **age-group** (also **age-bracket**) *n* khukthi rual pawl: *mix with (people in) one's own age-group* ○ *Only people in the age-bracket 20-30 need apply.* **agelong** *adj* [usu attrib] reipi tiang: *man's agelong struggle for freedom.*

age of consent ihpi cuut kum (fala). **age-old** *adj* [usu attrib] rak um cia, reipi um cia: *age-old customs, ceremonies, etc.*

age² /eɪdʒ/ *v* (*pres p* **ageing** or **aging**, *pp* **aged** /eidʒd/) **1** (a) [I] tar, tar vivo; tar hmel a keng: *He's aged a lot recently.* ○ *She's aging gracefully.* (b) [Tn] tarter: *Worry aged him rapidly.* ○ *I found her greatly aged.* **2** (a) kum cangter: *allow wine to age.* (b) [Tn] pitlingter; siang.

▷ **aged** *adj* **1** /eidʒd/ [pred] kum cuzat a kim: *The boy was aged ten.* **2** /eidʒd/ [attrib] a tar zetmi: *an aged man.* ⇨ Usage at OLD.

the aged /eidʒɪd/ *n* [pl] mitar pawl: *caring for the sick and the aged.*

ageing (also **aging**) *n* [U] **1** tar vivonak. **2** kum upat vivo ruangih a suakmi thleng awknak pawl.

-age *suff* (with *ns* and *vs* forming *ns*) **1** sining langternak: *bondage.* **2** a bur, a pawl: *baggage* ○ *a/the peerage.* **3** tuahnak ruangah: *breakage* ○ *wastage.* **4** a man, cakuat man: *postage* ○ *porterage.* **5** hmun: *anchorage* ○ *orphanage.* **6** a zat: *mileage* ○ *dosage.*

ageism (also **agism**) /eɪdʒɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*derog*) kum ruangih nautatnak, mi thleidannak.

ageless /eɪdʒlɪs/ *adj* **1** tar ti um lo, tar thei lo: *Her beauty seems ageless.* **2** kumkhua: *the ageless mystery of the universe.*

agency /eɪdʒənsɪ/ *n* **1** (a) hnaʔuan pakhat ih hmunhma asilole ʔuannak; midang hrangih hnaʔuan: *an employment, a travel, an advertising, a secretarial, etc agency* ○ *Our company has agencies all over the world.* (b) (esp US) acozah

hnaʔuan teek pakhat khat; Department pakhat khat: *Central Intelligence Agency.* **2** (idm) **by/through the agency of sth/sb** (*fml*) thil pakhat cangvaihnak ruangih ngahmi, suahpimi: *rocks worn smooth through the agency of water* ○ *He obtained his position by/through the agency of friends.*

agenda /ə'dʒendə/ *n* (list of) meeting tivek ih reel ding thuhla: *What is the next item on the agenda?* ○ *The agenda for the meeting is as follows....*

agent /eɪdʒənt/ *n* **1** ai-awhtu: *an insurance agent* ○ *a travel agent* ○ *our agents in the Middle East.* **2** (a) thil cangtertu (milai), tisaktu: *the agent of his own ruin.* (b) thil thleng tertu: *cleaning, oxidizing agents* ○ *Yeast is the raising agent in bread.* **3** = SECRET AGENT (SECRET) a thupte ih midang hrang thil rak titu: *an enemy agent.*

agent provocateur /æʒən prəˈvɒkətɜː(r)/ (*pl agents provocateurs* /æʒən prəˈvɒkətɜː(r)/) (*French*) thil sual tuahtu kaihnak ah a diklomi thil tuah dingih forhmi milai.

agglomerate /ə'glɒməreɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] kom aw in hlomkhat ah tuah.

▷ **agglomerate** /ə'glɒməreɪt/ *n* [U] (*geology*) hmunkhat ih komkhawmmi (a bikin meisa tlangih) lungtiak pawl.

agglomerate *adj* pumkhat ih cangmi.

agglomeration /ə'glɒmə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] kom-awk. **2** [C] (esp untidy) thil finkhawmmi (ti hnuaihni mi): *an ugly agglomeration of new buildings.*

agglutinate /ə'gluːtɪneɪt/ *US* -tən- *v* [I, Tn] kaw thil beek thawn erh; komkhawm.

▷ **agglutination** /ə'gluːtɪneɪʃn/ *US* -tən- *n* [U].

agglutinative /ə'gluːtɪnətɪv/ *US* -teneɪtɪv/ *adj*: *Agglutinative languages combine simple words into compounds without changing their form or meaning.*

aggrandize, -ise /ə'grændəɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) (mi pakhat, ram pakhat ih) thilri sumsaw le thuneihnak karhter, upater, khaisang.

▷ **aggrandizement, -isement** /ə'grændɪzəmənt/ *n* [U]: *His sole aim is personal aggrandizement.*

aggravate /ægrə'veɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** siater sin (natnak, thu le hla, thil umtu daan), besiatte: *He aggravated his condition by leaving hospital too soon.* **2** (*infml*) aithokter, thin ʔeuter: *He aggravates her just by looking at her.*

▷ **aggravating** *adj* (*infml*) thin aithok za: *Constant interruptions are very aggravating when you're trying to work.*

aggravation /ægrə'veɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] besiattearnak. **2** [C] aithok tertu thil: *minor aggravations.*

aggregate¹ /ægrɪ'geɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (to sth) (*fml*) burpi hnenih kom, komkhawm: *aggregating riches* ○ *aggregate sb to a political party.* **2** [Tn] (*infml*) zate kom ngahmi: *The television audience aggregated 30 millions.*

▷ **aggregation** /ægrɪ'geɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

aggregate² /ægrɪ'geɪt/ *n* **1** [C] a zate kom ih

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ngahmi: *the complete aggregate of unemployment figures.* **2** [U] (*geology*) lungto phunkhat. **3** [U] konkrit cang dingih rawimi lungto tiak, vunnel tivek pawl. **4** (idm) **in the aggregate** kom khawm in; zate huap in: *The tax increases will, in the aggregate, cause much hardship.* **on aggregate** a zate kom in: *Our team scored the most goals on aggregate.*

▷ **aggregate** *adj* [attrib] zate kommi: *the aggregate sum, amount, profit, ect.*

aggression /ə'grɛʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] mi va donak: *an act of open aggression.* **2** [U] (*psychology*) mi do duhnak: *She was always full of aggression as a child.*

aggressive /ə'grɛsɪv/ *adj* **1** (a) a puar mi (milai, ramsa) mi doduh: *dogs trained to be aggressive* ○ *Aggressive nations threaten world peace.* (b) raal donak ding: *aggressive weapons.* **2** (often *approx*) ngam hluahhlo: *A good salesman must be aggressive to succeed.*

▷ **aggressively** *adv.* **aggressiveness** *n* [U].

aggressor /ə'grɛsə(r)/ *n* mi a do hmaisatu (ram, milai): *armed aggressors* ○ [attrib] *the aggressor nation.*

aggrieved /ə'grɪvɪd/ *adj* ~ (at/over sth) ningnatter: *feel much aggrieved at losing one's job* ○ *I was aggrieved to find that someone had used my toothbrush* ○ *the aggrieved party*, eg in a legal case.

aggro /'ægrəʊ/ *n* [U] (*Brit sl*) harnak pekduh ruangih mito duh; huatsuak: *Don't give me any agro or I'll call the police!*

aghost /ə'gɑːst/; US ə'gæst/ *adj* [pred] ~ (at sth) mangbangnak thawn khat: *He stood aghost at the terrible sight.*

agile /'ædzəl/; US 'ædzl/ *adj* zuanzaang; khulrang: *as agile as a monkey* ○ (*fig*) *an agile mind/brain.*

▷ **agilely** *adv.* **agility** /ə'dʒɪləti/ *n* [U].

aging ⇒ AGE.

agitate /'ædʒɪteɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] thin hnaihnocter, thin harter; thinsoter: *She was agitated by his sudden appearance at the party.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **for/against sth** thil pakhat duhlonak ah mi zapi thu forh; zapi hmai ah el: *agitate for tax reform* ○ *agitate against nuclear weapons.* **3** [Tn] cok, hnin ciamco, hlok ciamco: *Agitate the mixture to dissolve the powder.*

▷ **agitated** *adj* thin hnaihnocter, thin buai: *Don't get all agitated!*

agitation /'ædʒɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thin buainak, thinlung hnaihnocter: *She was in a state of great agitation.* **2** (a) [C, U] a duh lam le duh lo lam zapi thu eel-awknak: *women leading the agitation for equal rights.* (b) [U] cumi ruangih zapi buainak.

agitator *n* **1** zapi ruahnak thotertu. **2** thil cokrawinak.

agitprop /'ædʒɪtprɒp/ *n* [U] Communist Russia thu suah (calai le hla thawn).

aglow /ə'gləʊ/ *adv, adj* [pred] a vaam, a tleu: *Christmas trees aglow with coloured lights.* ○ (*fig*) *happy children's faces all aglow.*

AGM /əɪ dʒi: 'em/ *abbr* (esp *Brit*) annual general meeting ih a tawizawng: *report to the AGM.*

agnail /'ægneɪl/ *n* = HANGNAIL.

agnostic /æ'ɡnəstɪk/ *n* Pathian a um ti theih a theih lo tiih a zumtu, hmuh theimi thilri siar lo a um ti a theih lo ti ih a ruattu.

▷ **agnostic** *adj* agnostic pawl ih zumnak le thurin.

ago /ə'ɡəʊ/ *adv* a liam zomi ah, laai ah: *ten years ago* ○ *not long ago* ○ *It happened a few minutes ago.* ○ *How long ago is it that you last saw her?* ○ *It was seven years ago that my brother died.* ⇒ Usage at RECENT.

agog /ə'ɡɒɡ/ *adj* [pred] hngakhlap, thinthia, phuur: *agog with curiosity* ○ *be agog for news/to hear the news* ○ *He was all agog at the surprise announcement.*

agonize, -ise /æ'ɡənaɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (about/over sth) donhar beidong tuar; khawruahhar ih um: *We agonized for hours about which wallpaper to buy.*

▷ **agonized, -ised** *adj* tuarhar: *an agonized look, scream.*

agonizing, -ising *adj* tuarhar zetmi: *an agonizing pain, delay, decision.* **agonizingly, -isingly** *adv.*

agony /'æɡəni/ *n* **1** [U, C] thinlung, asilole, taksa tuarharnak: *The wounded man was in agony.* ○ *They suffered the agony of watching him burn to death.* ○ *She was in an agony of indecision.* ○ *He suffered agonies of remorse.* **2** (idm) **pile on the agony** ⇒ PILE³. **prolong the agony** ⇒ PROLONG. □ **agony aunt** (*Brit infml or joc*) bulpak tuarnak thuthangca ih suahmi rak lettu.

agony column (*Brit infml or joc*) **1** = PERSONAL COLUMN (PERSONAL). **2** thuthang ca ih bulpak thu ngannak hmun.

agoraphobia /æ'ɡərə'fəʊbiə/ *n* [U] hmunlawng pi tihnak (thinlung dik lo).

▷ **agoraphobic** /-'fəʊbɪk/ *n adj* himi tihntu (milai).

agrarian /ə'ɡreəriən/ *adj* [usu attrib] lo thlawhknak lam, lo/ram neihnak lam: *agrarian laws, problems, reforms.*

agree /ə'ɡri:/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (to sth) lungkim: *I asked for a pay rise and she agreed.* ○ *Is he going to agree to our suggestion?* ○ *He agreed to let me go home early.* Cf REFUSE². **2** (a) [I, Ipr, It, Tf, Tw] ~ (with sb) (about/on sth); ~ (with sb) (about sb); ~ (with sth) lungkimp, rem ti: *When he said that, I had to agree.* ○ *Do you agree with me about the need for more schools?* ○ *We couldn't agree on a date/agree when to meet.* ○ *I agree with his analysis of the situation.* ○ *We agreed to start early.* ○ *Do we all agree that the proposal is a good one?* Cf DISAGREE. (b) [Tn] lungkim tlaang: *Can we agree a price?* ○ *They met at the*

agreed time. **3** [Tn] cohlaang, nemhnget: *The tax inspector agreed the figures.* ○ *Next year's budget has been agreed.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) a kaih aw, a rem aw: *The two accounts do not agree.* ○ *Your account of the affair does not agree with mine.* Cf DISAGREE. **5** [I, Ip] ~ (together) ngaih aw: *Brothers and sisters never seem to agree.* Cf DISAGREE. **6** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (grammar) deeng aw, kaih aw, rem-aw: *The verb agrees with its subject in number and person.* Cf DISAGREE. **7** (idm) **agree to differ** khawruah bangawlk lonak cohlaang: *We must agree to differ on this.* **be agreed (on/about sth); be agreed (that...)** lungkim tlaang thei: *Are we all agreed on the best course of action?* ○ *It was agreed that another meeting was necessary.* **couldn't agree (with sb) more** lungkim t̄heh: *'The scheme's bound to fail' 'I couldn't agree more!'* **8** (phr v) **agree with sb** remlo (harhdammak thawn): *The humid climate didn't agree with him.* ○ *I like mushrooms but unfortunately they don't agree with me, ie they make me ill if I eat them.*

agreeable /ə'gri:əbl/ adj **1** a nuam, duhzawng: *agreeable weather* ○ *agreeable company* ○ *I found him most agreeable.* **2** lungkim thei: *If you're agreeable to our proposal we'll go ahead.* ○ *I'll invite her, if you're agreeable to her coming.* ▷ **agreeably** /-əbl/ adv nuamzet/lungawi zet in: *agreeably surprised.*

agreement /ə'gri:mənt/ n **1** [C] khatlam le khatlam lungkimnak thukam: *Please sign the agreement.* ○ *An agreement with the employers was finally worked out.* ○ *They have broken the agreement between us.* **2** khat le khat lungkimnak: *The two sides failed to reach agreement.* ○ *There is little agreement as to what our policy should be.* ○ *Are we in agreement about the price.* **3** [U] (grammar) tuahtu (subject) le verb rem-awk: *agreement between subject and verb.* **4** (idm) **a gentleman's agreement** ⇨ GENTLEMAN.

agriculture /'ægrɪkʌltʃə(r)/ n [U] lothlawh le sumhnam zuat daan. ▷ **agricultural** /'ægrɪkʌltʃərəl/ adj: *agricultural land, workers, machinery.* **agriculturally** adv. **agriculturist** /'ægrɪkʌltʃərɪst/ n.

agr(o)- comb form leilung lam, lei ram lam: *agriculture* ○ *agronomy.*

agronomy /ə'grɒnəmi/ n [U] rawl suak dingih leiram kilkhawi daan zirnak. ▷ **agronomist** /ə'grɒnəmɪst/ n.

aground /ə'graʊnd/ adv, adj [pred] (of ships) tangphawlawng, tidai tang leilung a daingah, ah a awk (tidai a puan tuk ruangah): *The tanker was/went/ran aground.*

ah /a:/ interj (mangbang, lungawi, uar, zaangfah tik ih aupi mi t̄ong a si. aizaw! ceilaw! cerekhei!): *Ah, there you are.* ○ *Ah, good, here's the bus.* ○ *Ah, what a lovely baby!* ○ *Ah well, never mind.*

aha /a:'hɑ:/ interj (mangbang le thil tisuak thei tikih au mi t̄ong a si. cerekhei! ziang tin!) *Aha, so that's where she hides her money.*

ahead /ə'hed/ adv ~ (of sb/sth) hlanah, tuandeu, hmai ah: *He ran ahead.* ○ *The way ahead was blocked by fallen trees.* ○ *The time to relax is when we're ahead, eg in advance of our working schedule.*

□ **ahead of prep 1** tuan deuh, hmai ah, hmaisalamah: *Directly ahead of us is the royal palace.* ○ *London is about five hours ahead of New York.* ○ *Ahead of us lay ten days of intensive training.* **2** midang hmai ah um; midang hnakh thiam: *She was always well ahead of the rest of the class.* ○ *His ideas were (way) ahead of his time.*

ahem /ə'həm/ interj (mi in i ngai seh ti nakih t̄ong mi, khuhter mi): *Ahem, might I make a suggestion?*

ahoy /ə'hɔɪ/ interj (ngai zet!) lawng hnaŋuan pawl ih t̄ong: *Ahoy there!* ○ *Land/Ship ahoy!* ie There is land/a ship in sight.

AI /aɪ 'aɪ/ abbr (computing) artificial intelligence ih a tawi zawng.

aid /əɪd/ n **1** [U] bomnak: *with the aid of a friend* ○ *legal aid* ○ *She came quickly to his aid, ie to help him.* **2** [C] bawmtu thil: *a hearing aid* ○ *teaching aids* ○ *visual aids*, eg pictures, films, etc used in teaching. **3** [U] rawl, thilri, tangka sumpai kuatmi (bomnak ih): *How much overseas/foreign aid does Britain give?* ○ [attrib] *medical aid programmes.* **4** (idm) **in aid of sth/sb** bomnak dingah: *collect money in aid of charity.* **what's (all) this, etc in aid of?** (infml) ziangnak ah?: *Now then, what's all this crying in aid of?*

▷ **aid v** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ **sb (in/with sth)** (fml) **1** mi bawm. **2** (idm) **aid and abet** (esp law) sual dingih tha rak pe, rak bawm.

aide /əɪd/ n **1** = AIDE-DE-CAMP. **2** (esp US) bawmtu: *the chief aides to the President.*

aide-de-camp /aɪd də 'kɒm; US 'kæmp/ (also **aide**) n (pl **aides-de-camp** /aɪd də 'kɒm/) (abbr **ADC**) bawi upa bawmtu ralkap bawi.

aide-mémoire /aɪd mem'wa:(r)/ n (pl **aides-mémoire** /aɪd mem'wa:(r)/) theihter saalnak ca, cabu. ciingmang dingih a sung nganmi.

AIDS (also **Aids**) /eɪdz/ abbr (medical) Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome ih a tawizawng, nat rak khamtu thazaangder nat sia: *an Aids victim* ○ *Aids is a fatal disease.*

ail /eɪl/ v [Tn] (arch) hnaihok: *What ails you?* ▷ **ailing** adj damlo, naa: *My wife is ailing.* ○ (fig) *the ailing economy.*

aileron /eɪləʀən/ n tlunlam le hnuailam ah a caang theimi, vanzambleeng thla dik te in le zuang thei dingih lam hmuhtu teek.

ailment /eɪlmənt/ n nat, natnak (a besia lomi): *He's prone to minor ailments.*

aim /əɪm/ v **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (at sth/sb) bih, bat, hmuitin mi bih (meithal thawn):

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You're not aiming straight. ○ *He aimed (his gun) at the target, fired and missed it.* ○ *The punch was aimed at his opponent's head.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (at/for sth) hmuitin, tumtah: *He has always aimed high*, ie been ambitious, tumtah mi saang. ○ *She's aiming at* (ie trying to win) a scholarship. (c) [Tn-pr] ~ sth at sb bat, ti duh: *My remarks were not aimed at you.* 2 [Ipr, It] ~ at doing sth thil ti tum: *We must aim at increasing/ to increase exports.*

aim² /eɪm/ n 1 [U] bihmi (meithal, li pawl), bah mi, tumtahmi: *My aim was accurate.* ○ *Take careful aim (at the target) before firing.* ○ *He missed his aim*, ie did not hit the target. 2 [C] tumtahmi, tinmi: *What are the social and moral aims of the society?* ○ *He has only one aim in life – to become rich.*

aimless /eɪmlɪs/ adj tumtahnak neilo: *aimless wanderings* ○ *lead an aimless life.*

▷ **aimlessly** adv: *drift aimlessly from job to job.*

aimlessness n [U].

ain't /eɪnt/ contracted form (non-standard or joe) 1 am/is/are not pawl ih a tawizawng: *Things ain't what they used to be.* 2 has/have not pawl ih a tawizawng: *You ain't seen nothing yet.*

air¹ /eə(r)/ n 1 [U] thli: *let's go out for some fresh air.* 2 [U] (a) van, boruak: *the birds of the air* ○ *be in the open air.* (b) vanzam pawl zuannak van boruak: *send goods by air* ○ *travel by air*, ie in an aircraft ○ *The site of the old fort is clearly visible from the air.* ○ [attrib] *air travel, transport, traffic, freight.* 3 [C] mi hipnak, mi ih hmuhzia: *smile with a triumphant air* ○ *do things with an air*, ie confidently ○ *The place has an air of mystery (about it)*, ie looks mysterious. 4 [C] (dated) awn-mawi aw: *Bach's Air on a G String.* 5 [C] (dated) zilhli neem. 6 (idm) **airs and graces** (derog) mi felfai umzia cawngih (cawng fuhlo). **a breath of fresh air** ⇒ BREATH. **castles in the air** ⇒ CASTLE. **a change of air/ climate** ⇒ CHANGE². **clear the air** ⇒ CLEAR³. **give oneself/put on airs** mi in, in zum seh ti duh ah mahkeel lo ih um, tuah. **hot air** ⇒ HOT. **in the air** (a) a leeng, a thang rero: *There's (a feeling of) unrest in the air.* (b) theih hrih lo, relcat hrihlo: *Our plans are still (up) in the air.* **in the open air** ⇒ OPEN¹. **light as air/as a feather** ⇒ LIGHT². **on/off the air** radio, TV in thlah/thlah lo: *This channel comes on the air every morning at 7 am.* ○ *We'll be off the air for the summer and returning for a new series in the autumn.* **take the air** (dated or fml) inn leeng lam ah tawivaak. **tread on air** ⇒ TREAD. **vanish, etc into thin air** ⇒ THIN. **with one's nose in the air** ⇒ NOSE¹.

□ **air base** ralkap vanzam umnak.

air-bed n thli phawt theih tangphah.

air-bladder n (in animals and plants) thli khat mi phu.

air brake thli hmanngmi brake (mawṭawka tivek

feh lo dingih phih nak).

airbrush n khaan sii kahnak thil.

airbus khualtlawng phurtu vanzamleeng tumpi.

Air Chief Marshal (Brit) vanzam ralkap uktu sangtu.

air commodore (Brit) Royal Air Force ah Vice Marshal sangtu vanzam ralbawi.

air-conditioning n [U] thli hlumter le daihter theinak. **air-conditioned** adj: *an air-conditioned office* ○ *Is the house air-conditioned?* **air-conditioner** n.

air-cooled adj thli dai khummi: *an air-cooled engine.*

aircrew n [CGp] vanzamleeng sungih hnaṭuantu pawl.

air-cushion n 1 thli thunmi tangphah fate (lukham, tokham ti pawl). 2 thlisah (thil pakhat khat thuai ih um).

air force [CGp] vanzam ralkap: *the Royal Air Force* ○ [attrib] *air force officers.*

airgun n (also **air rifle**) thli meithal.

air hostess vanzamleeng sungih khualtlawng pawl kilkhawitu fala.

air letter bil tahratin vanzamleeng thawi kuat theihmi cakuat ngannak cahnah.

airlift n vanzamleeng in thilri ralkap pawl hei phurh: *an emergency airlift of food to the famine-stricken areas.* — v [Tn] vazamleeng in phur, nawl: *Civilians trapped in the beleaguered city have been airlifted to safety.*

airline n [CGp] mi seenpi ih hmanmi vanzamleng neitu, ngaihtuatu kampani, pawlkom: [attrib] *an airline pilot.* **airliner** n khualtlawng phurtu vanzamleng.

airlock n 1 pipe sungah thli in tidai rak kham. 2 thli lut lo dingih tuahmi inn dan.

airmail n [U] vanzamleeng phurhmi ca: *send a letter (by airmail)* ○ [attrib] *an airmail envelope* ○ *an airmail edition*, eg of a newspaper. — v [Tn] vanzamleeng in kuat.

airman /-men/ n (pl **airmen** /-men/) 1 vanzamleeng mawngtu (khaltu), vanzamleeng ralkap. 2 (Brit) Royal Air Force ih vanzam ralkap.

Air Marshal (Brit) vanzam ralkap ih hotu a pathumnak.

airplane n (US) = AEROPLANE; vanzamleeng.

air pocket vaantlun ih thli lawngnak hmun (vanzam a tla niam sutsi thei).

airport n vanzamleeng colh-hmun.

air pump thli phawtnak.

air raid vanzamleeng in bom thlak ciamconak: *Many civilians were killed in the air raids on London.* ○ [attrib] *an air-raid warning, shelter.*

air rifle = AIRGUN.

air-sea rescue (organization for the) vanzamleeng hmanngin tipi ihsin milai runsuahnak.

- airship** *n* thli le daatkhu thunmi vanzám phunkhat.
- airsick** *adj* vanzámleeng ri. **airsickness** *n*[U].
- airspace** *n* [U] vantlun ram (ram pakhat ih ukmi a ram tlun zawn boruak): *a violation of British airspace by foreign aircraft*, ie flying over Britain without permission.
- air speed** vanzámleeng zuan cah daan. Cf GROUND SPEED (GROUND¹).
- airstrip** (also **landing-field**, **landing-strip**) *n* vanzámleeng ñum le zuannak tual saupi.
- air terminal** khua sung le vanzám colhhmun karlak feh le tlun tawltrelnak hmun/inn.
- airtight** *adj* thli lut lo.
- air-to-air** *adj* [usu attrib] vanzám le vanzám: *an air-to-air missile*.
- air traffic controller** vanzám ñum le kai pawl thupetu. **air traffic control** vanzám ñum le feh khawngnak.
- Air Vice Marshal** (*Brit*) Royal Air Force (*Britain*) ih vanzám ralkap hotu a palitnak.
- air-waves** *n* [pl] thli suar.
- airway** *n* **1** thli luhnak kua (leilung vih mi tivek ah). **2** vanzámleeng ih zawh ñheumi ziin.
- airwoman** *n* (pl -women) **1** nunau vanzám mawngtu, vanzám sung hnañuan nunau. **2** Royal Air Force ih nunau ralkap menmen.
- airworthy** *adj* (of aircraft) zuang dingah a tlaakmi (vanzám). **airworthiness** *n* [U].
- air**² /eə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** (a) pho (ro dingah). (b) thli luttér. **2** zapi theih in ruahnak sim/phuang: *air one's views, opinions, grievances, etc* o *He likes to air his knowledge*, ie let others see how much he knows.
- ▷ **airing** /eəriŋ/ *n* [sing]: *give the blanket a good airing*, ie expose it to fresh air or warmth, ro seh ti ih pho. o (*fig*) *give one's views an airing*, ie express them to others.
- **airing cupboard** hlumtermi bizu.
- airborne** /'eəbɔ:n/ *adj* (a) [attrib] vanzámleeng thawn phur: *airborne seeds*. (b) [pred] vanah a zam: *Smoking is forbidden until the plane is airborne*. (c) [attrib] (of troops) hleice ih zirhmi vanzámleeng hmang ralkap: *an airborne division*.
- aircraft** /'eəkra:ft/ *n* (pl unchanged) vanzámleeng; vanih a zam theimi cet le thuamhnaw pohpoh.
- **aircraft-carrier** *n* vanzámleeng phurtu tangphawlawng.
- aircraftman** /-mən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) (*Brit*) vanzám ralkap (menmen).
- aircraftwoman** *n* (pl -women /wimɪn/) (*Brit*) nunau vanzám ralkap (menmen).
- airless** /'eəls/ *adj* **1** thli a pitmi, thli hraanglo: *an airless room*. **2** thli hraanglo: *It was a hot, airless evening*.
- airy** /'eəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** thli tam: *The office was light and airy*. **2** [usu attrib] (a) thlivek a zaangmi: *an airy being*. (b) (*fig*) zum um lo: *an airy promise*, ie one that is unlikely to be kept. (c) duhduh um men thuthuuk bun lo: *an airy manner* o *an airy disregard for the law*.
- ▷ **airily** /'eəri/ *adv* ziang siar leemlo in: *'I don't care,' he said airily*.
- **airy-fairy** *adj* (*infml derog*) a ngai ih tuah ding har, cangthei har: *airy-fairy notions* o *The scheme seems a bit airy-fairy to me*.
- aisle** /aɪl/ *n* **1** biakinn sungih phar le tokheng tlar karlak lamzin. **2** biakinn, tlangeeng sung um tokheng tlar karlak lam fehnak. **3** (idm) **knock them in the aisle** ⇒ KNOCK². **rolling in the aisles** ⇒ ROOL.
- aitch** /eɪtʃ/ *n* **1** cafang H. **2** (idm) **drop one's aitches** ⇒ DROP².
- aitchbone** /'eɪtʃbəʊn/ *n* (a) kheel ruh. (b) kheel titsa.
- ajar** /ə'dʒɑ:(r)/ *adj* [pred] (of a door) malte a ongmi (saangka): *The door was/stood ajar*. o *leave the door ajar*.
- aka** *abbr* (*esp US*) ti khal a theih: *Antonio Fratelli, aka 'Big Tony'*.
- akimbo** /ə'kɪmbəʊ/ *adv* (idm) **with arms akimbo** ⇒ ARM.
- akin** /ə'kɪn/ *adj* [pred] ~ (to sth) a bangaw: *He felt something akin to pity*. o *Pity and love are closely akin*.
- al** *suffix* **1** (with *ns* forming *adjs*) dung beettu ca a si: *magical* o *verbal*. **2** (with *vs* forming *ns*) hmin (*noun*) ih canter tikih beetmi: *recital* o *survival*.
- ▷ **-ally** (with sense **1** forming *advs*): *sensationally*.
- alabaster** /'æləbə:stə(r)/; *US* -bəes-/ *n* [U] a raangih a neemmi lungto phunkhat, hlawnthil tuahnak a ñhami lungto neem.
- ▷ **alabaster** *adj* [usu attrib] (a) alabaster thawn tuahmi: *an alabaster vase*. (b) alabaster bang tuk, a var a ngilmi: *her alabaster complexion*.
- à la carte** /a: la: 'ka:t/ (of a restaurant meal) man teek cia um lo ih cah copcopmi rawl: *We only have an à la carte menu*. Cf TABLE D'HÔTE.
- alacrity** /ə'læk'rəti/ *n* [U] (*fml or rhet*) thatho, hngahhlapnak: *He accepted her offer with alacrity*.
- à la mode** /a: la: 'məʊd/ **1** a laar mi. **2** (*US*) (of food) ice-cream telh mi rawl: *apple pie à la mode*.
- alarm** /ə'lɑ:m/ *n* **1** [C] (a) ralrinternak aw, lole, hmingsinnak: *give/raise/sound the alarm*. (b) ñihphan um ti theihertu: *Where's the fire alarm?* **2** [C] = ALARM CLOCK. **3** [U] ñihphannak: *This news fills me with alarm*. o *He jumped up in alarm*. o *There's no cause for alarm*. **4** (idm) **a false alarm** ⇒ FALSE.
- ▷ **alarm** *v* [Tn] ñihphangter: *I don't want to alarm you, but there's a strange man in your garden*. o *Alarmed by the noise, the birds flew away*.

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alarmed *adj* [pred] ~ (at/by sth) thinphang, thinphangter: *I'm rather alarmed (to hear) that you're planning to leave the company.* **alarming** *adj* thinphan-um: *an alarming increase in the number of burglaries* ○ *The report is most alarming.* **alarmingly** *adv*: *Prices have increased alarmingly.*

alarmist *n* (derog) *tuul lopi* (asilole a luarkai ih) *thi phangtertu*. — *adj*: *alarmist warnings, forecasts, etc* ○ *We mustn't be alarmist.*

□ **alarm clock** (also **alarm**) *tikcu teek mi vekih awn thei nazi*: *set the alarm (clock) for six o'clock.*

alas /ə'leɪs/ *interj* (dated or rhet) *mangbang tikih au aw, Awhaw!*: *Alas, they've all sold out, madam.*

albatross /'ælbətɹɔːs/; *US* -trɔːs/ *n* tii laileng tumpi (Pacific tipi thlanglam ah a tam).

albeit /ə'lbiːt/ *conj* (date or fml) *although, khal le*: *I tried, albeit unsuccessfully, to contact him.* ⇒ Usage at ALTHOUGH.

albino /'ælbɪnəʊ/; *US* -'baɪ-/ *n* (pl ~s) *vun, mit, le sam raangcia ih mi a rau ih suakmi milai le rannung*: [attrib] *an albino rabbit.*

album /'ælbəm/ *n* **1** *zuk pawl retnak cabu.* **2** *mi pakhat sak mi hla fing tampi khumnak*: *This is one of the songs from/on her latest album.* Cf SINGLE *n* 5.

alburn /'ælbjʊmɪn/; *US* 'ælbjuːmən/ *n* [U] *arti sungmu raang, a sungmu raang.* **2** (botany) *thing thei mu sunglam thil (ei theih).*

albumin /'ælbjʊmɪn/; *US* 'ælbjuːmɪn/ *n* [U] *arti sungmurang, hnawi le thisen sung um proŋin daat.*

alchemy /'ælkəmi/ *n* [U] *thiir khi sui ih ser daan (hlanlai, medieval san ih chemistry thiamnak).*

▷ **alchemist** /'ælkəmiːst/ *n* *thiir khi sui ih sertu.*

alcohol /'ælkəhɒl/; *US* -'hɔːl/ *n* **1** [U] (a) *zureu, rit theinak sivai telmi a ti.* (b) *thil zuptertu le alhtertu ih hmanmi sivai.* **2** [U] *alcohol tel mi zu*: *prohibit the sale of alcohol* ○ *I never touch (ie drink drinks that contain) alcohol.* **3** [U, C] *alcohol vek a simi.*

▷ **alcoholic** /'ælkə'hɒlɪk/; *US* -'hɔːl/ *adj* **1** *alcohol tel*: *alcoholic drinks* ○ *Home-made wine can be very alcoholic.* **2** [attrib] *alcohol in ruangih suakmi, a si mi*: *be in an alcoholic stupor.* – *n* *zureu cuai.*

alcoholism /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] *zu riit nat; zu riit ringring ruangih a suakmi nat; zu-ai.*

alcove /'ælkəʊv/ *n* *indan fate*: *The bed fits neatly into the alcove.*

alder /'ɔːldə(r)/ *n* *thingkung phunkhat.*

alderman /'ɔːldəmən/ *n* (pl ~men /mən/) **1** (Brit) (esp formerly) *England ram tlangsuak, khawnbawl.* **2** (US) (in some city) *khawbawi, zung tlangsuak.*

▷ **aldermanic** /'ɔːldə'mæniːk/ *adj.*

ale /əɪl/ *n* **1** (a) [U, C] *beer zu phunkhat*: *We sell a wide range of ales and stouts.* (b) [C] *beer zu innak thlang hai*: *Two light ales, please.* **2** [U] (dated or dialect) *beer zu*: *a pint of ale.* **3** (idm) **cakes and ale** ⇒ CAKE.

□ **alehouse** *n* (pl -houses /-haʊzɪz/) (arch) *zu le rawl zuarnak hotel fate, in le ei ngah theinak riahbuk.*

alert /ə'lɜːt/ *adj* ~ (to sth) *ring-aw-cia, tiar-aw cia ih um*: *be alert to possible dangers* ○ *The alert listener will have noticed the error.* ○ *Although he's over eighty his mind is still remarkably alert.*

▷ **alert** *n* **1** (usu sing) (time of) *ringaw thepthep ih um*: *The troops were placed on full alert.* **2** *ral rat ding ralrin peknak*: *give/receive the alert.* **3** (idm) **on the alert (against/for sth)** *ralring cia, tim-aw cia; hriohrip ih um*: *Police warned the public to be on the alert for suspected terrorists.*

alert *v* **1** [Tn] *ralrinnak pek, ralringter*: *Why weren't the police alerted?* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb to sth** *a ra dingmi thil sim cia*: *alert staff to the crisis facing the company.*

alerty *adv.*
alertness *n* [U].

A level /'eɪ levl/ (infml) = **ADVANCED LEVEL** (ADVANCE): *When are you taking A level/your A levels?* ○ *How many A levels have you got?* Cf O LEVEL, GCSE.

alfalfa /'ælfælfə/ *n* [U] (US) **LUCERNE**; *sia le caw ei mi alfalfa hrampi.*

alfresco /'ælfreskəʊ/ *adj, adv* *inn lenglam, khua lengah*: *an alfresco lunch* ○ *lunching alfresco.*

algae /'ældziː, also 'ælgæɪ/ *n* [pl] (sing **alga** /'ælgə) *tidai sung um hrampi phunkhat (hnah, hnge le hram a nei lomi).*

algebra /'ældzɪbrə/ *n* [U] *cafang le hmainsinnak thaw n kanaan (tuatdaan).*

▷ **algebraic** /'ældzɪ'brenɪk/ *adj.* **algebraically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

ALGOL (also **Algol**) /'ælgɒl/ *abbr* (computing) *algorithmic oriented language, khompitua thun daan phunkhat.*

algorithm /'ælgəriðəm/ *n* (esp computing) *harnak pakhat a suah tikih hman dingmi daan le ti daan.*

alias /'eɪlɪəs/ *n* *hmin dang (milai hmin), hmin deu*: *The criminal Mick Clark has/uses several aliases.*

▷ **alias** *adv* *ti khal in ko*: *Mick Clark, alias Sid Brown, is wanted for questioning by the police.*

alibi /'ælbɪbaɪ/ *n* **1** (law) *thilsual a canlai ah hmundang ah a um ti thu, mi pakhat ih simmi*: *The suspects all had good alibis for the day of the robbery.* **2** (infml) *a phuahhlam, luatnak a phunphun; a ruang phunphun*: *Late again, Richard? What's your alibi this time?*

alien /'eɪlɪən/ *n* **1** (fml or law) *ramdang mi.* **2** *leilung dang ihsin a ra mi.*

- ▷ **alien** *adj* **1** (a) ramdang: *an alien land*. (b) a lamdang mi, theih dah lomi. **2** [pred] ~ **to sth/sb** hmuh dah lomi, a kalhkeh mi, huat-um zawng: *Such principles are alien to our religion*.
○ *Cruelty was quite alien to his nature/to him*.
- alienate** /'eɪlənəɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (from sb/sth)** hlaat aw, rem lo: *The Prime Minister's policy alienated many of her followers*. ○ *Many artists feel alienated from society*, ie feel they do not belong to it or have been rejected by it. **2** [Tn] (*law*) thil neitu sinak mi pakhat hnen ihsin a dang pakhat hnenah thawn sak.
▷ **alienation** /'aliəneɪʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (from sb/sth) thən-awk; hmunkhat ih um tlaang lonak; ralsan awknak: *His criminal activities led to complete alienation from his family*. ○ *Mental illness can create a sense of alienation from the real world*.
- alight**¹ /ə'laɪt/ *adj* [pred] a kaang, a tleu (meisa): *A cigarette set the dry grass alight*. ○ *Her dress caught alight in the gas fire*. ○ (fig) *Their faces were alight with joy*.
- alight**² /ə'laɪt/ *v* (*fml*) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) t̄um (rang par, mawtawka par in t̄um): *Passengers should never alight from a moving bus*. Cf DISMOUNT **1**. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) (of a bird) fuu (vate thing parah a fuu): *The sparrow alighted on a nearby branch*. **3** [Ipr] ~ on sth hmu pang, rinlopi ah tong: *My eye alighted on a dusty old book at the back of the shelf*.
- align** /ə'laɪn/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** aartlang ih ret; a tlar ih ret, a umnak dingih ret: *a row of trees aligned with the edge of the road*. (b) mah umnak ciar ah remte'n ret: *align the wheels of a car*. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself with sb** kom, rualpi, t̄anpi dingih kom: *The Communist Party has aligned itself with the Socialists*.
▷ **alignment** *n* [U, C] **1** aartlang ih ret daan, kom awknak: *The sights of the gun must be in alignment with the target*. **2** (esp political) pawl-komawk: *the alignment of Japan with the West*. **3** (idm) **out of alignment** zawn-aw loin.
- alike** /ə'laɪk/ *adj* [pred] vek, bang aw: *These two photographs are almost alike*. ○ *The twins don't look at all alike*. ○ *All music is alike to him*, ie He cannot tell one kind from another.
▷ **alike** *adv* bangrep te'n, bang raan in: *treat everybody exactly alike* ○ *The climate here is always hot, summer and winter alike*.
- alimentary** /æ'lɪməntəri/ *adj* rawl le rawl rialnak lam.
□ **alimentary canal** kaa ihsin tawka tiang rawl fehnak ziin.
- alimony** /æ'lɪməni/ *n* [U] upadi daan ih maak awk hnu ah nupi cawmnak ih pektermi tangka. Cf MAINTENANCE **2**.
- alive** /ə'laɪv/ *adj* [pred] **1** a nung: *She was still alive when I reached the hospital*. ○ *Many people are still buried alive after the earthquake*. **2** zaangkhai; tawzaang; caangvai tam: *You seem very much alive today*. **3** pehzom vivo: *Newspaper reports kept interest in the story alive*. **4** (idm) **alive and kicking** (*infml*) nunglai hrih, cak dam lai: *You'll be glad to hear that Bill is alive and kicking*. (be) **alive to sth** rak ralrinhiam: *He is fully alive to the possible dangers*. (be) **alive with sth** (a nungmi, a cang mi thil) thawn a khat: *The lake was alive with fish*. **look alive** khul rang: *Look alive! You'll miss the bus*.
- alkali** /ælkəlaɪ/ *n* [C, U] (*chemistry*) caustic soda, ammonia vek pawl. Cf ACID¹ **1**.
▷ **alkaline** *adj*: *alkaline soil*; a thurmi leilung. Cf ACID² **3**. **alkalinity** /ælkəlaɪ/ *n* [U].
- all**¹ /ɔ:l/ *indef det* **1** (used with plural *ns*; the *n* may be preceded by *the, this/that/these/those, my, his, her*, etc or a cardinal number) a zate'n, a khuate'n: *All horses are animals, but not all animals are horses*. ○ *All the people you invited are coming*. ○ *All my plants have died*. ○ *All five men are hard workers*. **2** (used with uncountable *ns*; the *n* may be preceded by *the, this/that* or *my, his, her*, etc) hmuahhmuah: *All wood tends to shrink*. ○ *You've had all the fun and I've had all the hard work*. ○ *All this mail must be answered*. **3** (used with singular *ns* denoting a period of time) sunghmuah: *He's worked hard all year/month/week/day*, ie throughout the year, etc. ○ *She was abroad all last summer*. ○ *We were unemployed (for) all that time*. ○ *He has lived all his life in London*. ⇒ Usage. **4** ummi hmuahhmuah: *with all speed/haste/dispatch* ○ *in all honesty/frankness/sincerity*, ie speaking with the greatest honesty etc. **5** a ziangziang khal: *Beyond all doubt* (ie There can't be any doubt that) *changes are coming*. ○ *He denied all knowledge of the crime*. **6** (idm) **and all that (jazz, rubbish, etc)** (*infml*) a dang cuvek pawl: *I'm bored by history — dates and battles and all that stuff*. **for all** ⇒ FOR¹. **not all that good, well, etc** cutlukin a th̄a lo: *He doesn't sing all that well*. **not as bad(ly), etc as all that** ruahnak vek/tluk asilo: *They're not as rich as all that*.
□ **All Fools' Day** = APRIL FOOL'S DAY (APRIL).
all-night *adj* [attrib] zaan var: *an all-night party, café, vigil*.
All Saints' Day (also **All Hallows' Day**) Mithiang pawl ih Ni; 1 November.
All Souls' Day 2 November.
all-time *adj* [attrib] theihmi, ngankhummi caan sung hmuah: *one of the all-time great tennis players* ○ *an all-time* (ie unsurpassed) *record* ○ *Profits are at an all-time low*, ie lower than they have ever been.

NOTE ON USAGE: **all** and **half** can be used with countable and uncountable nouns. **Both** is used only with plural countable nouns and refers to two in number. **1** All three can come before a noun often with a determiner (eg *the*,

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this, my) **Half** must be followed by a determiner: *He's been here all (the) week.* ○ *Half this money is yours.* ○ *Both (our) cars are Fords.* ○ *Both (the/his) parents are teachers.* **2 All** and **both** can come after a noun or pronoun: *The spectators all booed the teams.* ○ *His parents are both teachers.* ○ *We all/both arrived late.* **3 All, both** and **half** are used with **of** followed by a noun or a pronoun: *All/Half (of) the milk had been drunk.* ○ *Both (of) his brothers are lawyers.* ○ *All/Both/Half of us wanted to leave early.*

all² /ɔ:l/ *indef pron* **1** *a zate'n, a khuate'n.* (a) ~ (of **sb/sth**) (referring back): *We had several bottles of beer left — all (of them) have disappeared.* ○ *I invited my five sisters out not all (of them) can come* ○ *Some of the food has been eaten, but not all (of it).* (b) ~ of **sb/sth** (referring forward): *All of the mourners were dressed in black/They were all dressed in black.* ○ *All of the toys were broken/They were all broken.* ○ *Take all of the wine/Take it all.* ○ *All of this is yours/This is all yours.* **2** (followed by a relative clause, often without *that*) *hmuahmuah, vial cu: All I want is peace and quiet.* ○ *He took all there was/all that I had.* **3** (idm) **all in all** *a zate ih ruah tikah: All in all it had been a great success.* **all or nothing** (of a course of action) *teipatawp ih zuam a tul: It's all or nothing — if we don't score now we've lost the match.* **and all** *a dang khal: The wind blew everything off the table, tablecloth and all.* (**not**) **at all** *ziangti khal in, hrimhrim (lo): I didn't enjoy it at all.* ○ *There was nothing at all to eat.* ○ *Are you at all worried about the forecast?* **in all** *a zate'n: There were twelve of us in all for dinner.* ○ *That's £5.40 in all.* **not at all** *ka lungawi an ti tikih sawnknrak; a poi lo ee, a ngah tuk ko ee* (used as a polite reply to an expression of thanks). **one's all** *neihmi le nunnak hmuah: They gave their all* (ie fought and died) *in the war.*

all³ /ɔ:l/ *indef adv* **1** *thēh, thluh: She was dressed all in white,* ie All the clothes she was wearing were white. ○ *She lives all alone/all by herself.* ○ *The coffee went all over my trousers.* **2** (*infml*) *zet: She was all excited.* ○ *Now don't get all upset about it.* **3** (used with *too* and *adjs* or *advs*) *tuk: The end of the holiday came all too soon.* **4** (in sports and games) *ngahmi hmat zatrep: The score was four all.* **5** (idm) **all along** (*infml*) *ringring, a thok in: I realized I had had it in my pocket all along.* **all but** *zikte: The party was all but over when we arrived.* ○ *It was all but impossible to climb back into the boat.* **all in** *baang neekneek: At the end of the race he felt all in.* **all of sth** (of size, height, distance, ect) *tam sawn, tum sawn, hla sawn: It was all of two miles to the beach.* **all one** *pakhat lawng: We don't have a separate dining-room — the living area is all*

one. **all over** (a) *hmunkip ah: We looked all over for the ring.* ○ *I'm aching all over after the match.* (b) *zummi a bang: That sounds like my sister all over.* **all right** (also **alright**) (a) *a si ko, a tha ko: Is the coffee all right?* ○ *Are you getting along all right in your new job?* (b) *dam tha: I hope the children are all right.* (c) *a tha paam: This homework is all right but you could do better.* (d) *e-law: 'Will you post this for me?' 'Yes, all right.'* (e) *si rori* (expressing absolute certainty): *That's the man I saw in the car all right.* **all the better, harder, etc** *tha deuh in, naa deuh in: We'll have to work all the harder with two members of staff away ill.* **all there** (*infml*) *lung fim: He behaves very oddly at times — I don't think he's quite all there.* **be all about sb/sth** *theih duhmi thuhla: The news is all about the latest summit meeting.* **be all for sth/doing sth** *a tuul, a tha ti ih zum: She's all for more nursery schools being built.* **be all one to sb** (of two or more choices) *dang cuanglo: It's all one to me whether we eat now or later.* **be all over** (...) (*hmunpakhat ih mi pawlin*) *thei thluh: News of the holiday was all over the school within minutes.* **be all over sb** (*infml*) *duat tuk; hnoh tuk: You can see he's infatuated by her — he was all over her at the party.* **be all up** (**with sb**) (*infml*) *a cem; taang nawn lo: It looks as though it's all up with us now, ie we're ruined, have no further chances, etc.*

□ **all-clear** *n* **the all-clear** (*usu sing*) *thphan a um nawnlo ti theihternak.*

all-in *adj* *tel theh: an all-in price,* ie with no extras. **all-in wrestling** *buanzuam ah khammi um lo, asilole, mahte lawng um.* **all out** *thiam/theipatawp: The team is going all out to win the championship.* ○ [attrib] *make an all-out attempt to meet a deadline.*

all-purpose *adj* *phunphun ih hman ding: an all-purpose workroom.*

all-round *adj* [attrib] *zate huap, kilkim huap: a good all-round education.* **2** *ziangkim, kilkim, kapkim, ti thiam theithiamtu (milai) : an all-round sportsman.*

all-rounder *n* *thil tampi ti theitu (milai).*

all-star *adj* [attrib] *lem cawngtu hminthang tampi a telmi.*

all- *pref* (forming compound *adjs* and *advs*) **1** *a khua te'n, a zate'n: an all-electric kitchen* ○ *an all-American show.* **2** *saangbik: all-important* ○ *all-powerful* ○ *all-merciful.*

Allah /ælə/ *n* *Muslim pawl ih pathian, Arab pawl ih pathian kawhnak.*

allay /ə'leɪ/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) *sawng, malter: allay trouble, fears, suffering, doubt, suspicion.*

allegation /ælrɪgeɪʃn/ *n* **1** *sualpuh. 2* *sualpuhnak: These are serious allegations.*

allege /ə'ledʒ/ *v* [Tf, Cn-n/a, Cn-t only *passive*] (*fml*) *puh, a phuahhlam pek: The prisoner alleges that he was at home on the night of the crime.* ○

- He alleged illness as the reason for his absence.*
 ○ *We were alleged to have brought goods into the country illegally.*
 ▷ **alleged** *adj* [attrib] puhmi: *the alleged culprit*, ie the person said to be the culprit. **allegedly** /ə'ledʒɪdli/ *adv*: *The novel was allegedly written by a computer.*
- allegiance** /ə'li:dʒəns/ *n* [U] (*fml*) ~ (to sb/sth) ram, uktu, hnaʔuannak tivek parah rintlak ih umnak (ʔuannak): *swear (an oath of) allegiance to the Queen.*
- allegory** /æ'lɛɡəri/; US 'ælgɔ:ri/ *n* [U, C] thianfainak, thutak le thinsaunak pawl cuangtertu hmingsinnak (thuanthu le zuk suai tivek ah); tahtimnak thuanthu.
 ▷ **allegorical** /æ'lɛɡɔ:rikl/; US 'ælgɔ:rɛkl/ *adj*. **allegorically** *adv*.
- allegretto** /æ'lɛɡrɛtəʊ/ *adj, adv* (*music*) rang nawn le thatho nawn in (sak/tum).
 ▷ **allegretto** *n* (*pl* ~s) cutivek in tum/sak.
- allegro** /ə'lɛgrəʊ/ *adj, adv* (*music*) rang zet le thatho zet ih sakmi/tummi.
 ▷ **allegro** *n* (*pl* ~s) rang zet le thatho zet ih tumnak/saknak.
- alleluia** /æ'lɛ'lʊ:jə/ (also **hallelujah**) *n, interj* (song or shout expressing) Pathian thangthat in um seh! ti can a si.
- allergy** /æ'lɛdʒɪ/ *n* ~ (to sth) taksa ih huatmi; rem lomi (rawl, thuangthi, lungmul tivek pawl): *have an allergy to certain milk products.*
 ▷ **allergic** /ə'lɛ:dʒɪk/ *adj* **1** [pred] ~ (to sth) hua, rem lo: *I like cats but unfortunately I'm allergic to them.* **2** taksa ih huatmi ruangih a cangmi: *an allergic rash.* **3** [pred] ~ to sth (*joc infml*) ngaih lo zetmi: *I'm allergic to hard work!*
- alleviate** /ə'li:vɪət/ *v* [Tn] deemter, kiamter, malter deuh: *The doctor gave her an injection to alleviate the pain.* ○ *They alleviated the boredom of waiting by singing songs.*
 ▷ **alleviation** /ə'li:vɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U].
- alley** /æli/ *n* **1** (also **alley-way**) inn karlak lamzin, inn hruang le hruang lak ih lamzin. **2** [C] kap hnih ah hruang, lole, thingkuung ummi lampi. ⇒ Usage at ROAD. **3** bawling tivek lehnak hmun sau zelzi.
- alliance** /ə'laɪəns/ *n* **1** [U] ʔanrualnak: *States seek to become stronger through alliance.* **2** [C] pawlkom, ʔahnem ngai ih pawl khat le pawl khat komawkm: *enter into/break off an alliance with a neighbouring state.* **3** (*idm*) **in alliance** (**with sb/sth**) ʔang in: *We are working in alliance with our foreign partners.*
- allied** ⇒ ALLY.
- alligator** /æ'lɪɡeɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] tisartam phunkhat. **2** [U] cuvek tisartam vun: [attrib] *an alligator handbag.*
- alliteration** /ə'li:tə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] ʔongfang pahnih thum tiang a thoknak cafang a bangrepmi: *sing a song of sixpence or as thick as thieves.* Hinah

- hin ʔongfang thoknak ah 's' le 't' in a thok ʔeh, hiti vek ih ngandan ti duhmi a si.
 ▷ **alliterative** /ə'li:tə'tɪv/; US ə'li:tə'reɪtɪv/ *adj*. **alliteratively** *adv*.
- allocate** /æ'ləkeɪt/ *v* [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb/sth) ʔhen sak, vo teek sak: *allocate funds for repair work* ○ *He allocated tasks to each of us/allocated each of us our tasks.*
 ▷ **allocation** /æ'lə'keɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ʔhensaknak, vo teeknak (tangka, hnaʔuan tivek). **2** [C] teekmi tangka sumpai: *We've spent our entire allocation for the year.*
- allot** /ə'lɒt/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb/sth) khiah, rikhiah, vozem khiah: *How much cash has been allotted?* ○ *We did the work within the time they'd allotted (to) us.* ○ *Who will she allot the easy jobs to?*
 ▷ **allotment** *n* **1** [U] khiahmi, rikhiahmi, vo ʔhenmi. **2** [C] teekmi zat. **3** [C] (*esp Brit*) thlairawl le pangpar ciinnak leiram fate.
- allow** /ə'laʊ/ *v* **1** (a) [Tnt] siang, ti siang, a si ti ih cohlaang: *My boss doesn't allow me to use the telephone.* ○ *Passengers are not allowed to smoke.* ○ (*fig*) *She allowed her mind to wander.* (b) [Tn] siang, tuah siang: *Photography is not allowed in this theatre.* ○ *We don't allow smoking in our house.* (c) [Tn *esp passive*] (usu *negative*) lut siang: *Dogs not allowed/No dogs allowed*, ie It is not permitted to bring dogs into this park, building etc. **2** [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth to sb nei siang: *This diet allows you one glass of wine a day* ○ *How much holiday are you allowed?* ○ *I'm not allowed visitors.* ○ *The garage allowed me £500 on my old car*, ie as a discount on the price of a new one. ○ (*fig*) *He allows his imagination full play*, ie does not try to control it. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (for sb/sth) zuah, re, nehnu hman dingih reet: *allow four sandwiches each/per head* ○ *you must allow three metres for a long-sleeved dress.* ○ *I should allow an hour to get to London.* **4** (a) [Tn, Tf] (*law*) a dik ti ih lungkimpi: *The judge allowed my claim.* ○ *He allowed that I had the right to appeal.* (b) [Tf, Tnt] (*fml*) a singai ti ih phuang, sim: *Even if we allow that the poet was mad...* ○ *Many allow him to be the leading artist in his field.* **5** (*phr v*) **allow for sb/sth** telh cih: *It will take you half an hour to get to the station, allowing for traffic delays.* **allow sb in, out, up etc** lut siang, suak siang, tho siang: *She won't allow the children in (to the house) until they've wiped their shoes.* ○ *The patient was allowed up* (ie permitted to get out of bed) *after 10 days.* **allow of sth** (*fml*) siang: *The facts allow of only one explanation.*
 ▷ **allowable** *adj* upadi daan ih a ti siang mi, hlaan theih: *allowable expenses.*
- allowance** /ə'laʊəns/ *n* **1** [C, U] pek ringring mi tangka zat: *an allowance of £15 per day* ○ *be paid a clothing/subsistence/travel allowance*, ie money

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to be spent on clothes, etc ○ *I didn't receive any allowance from my father.* ○ *a luggage allowance*, ie amount of luggage a passenger can take free, esp on an aeroplane. **2** [C] thum salmi tangka, discount: *get an allowance for your old car, fridge, cooker* ○ *tax allowance*, ie money deducted from income before the current rate of tax is imposed. **3** (idm) **make (an) allowance for sth** ruat cih. **make allowances for sb** maap sak, a hleice ih ruahsak: *You must make allowances for him because he has been ill.*

alloy¹ /ə'lɔɪ/ n [C, U] **1** daar le kahi tivek pawl rawi ih ermi thil: *Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.* ○ [attrib] *alloy steel*. **2** sui, ngun tivek thawn er cihmi thir phunkhat.

alloy² /ə'lɔɪ/ v [Tn] **1** a thalo deuh thir thawn cok rawi. **2** (fig fml) siater, tha derter, nomnak rehter: *happiness that no fear could alloy.*

allspice /'ɔ:lspeɪs/ n [U] (also **pimento**) West Indies ih suak mi masala rah.

allude /ə'lud/ v [Ipr] ~ **to sb/sth** (fml) a tawk tuk zawng ih sim, a thlithlaam ih sim, a kelkawi ih sim: *You alluded to certain developments in your speech—what exactly did you mean?*

allure /ə'lʊə(r)/ v [Tn, Tnt] (fml or rhet) leem; thlem: *Many settlers were allured by promises of easy wealth.*

▷ **allure** n [C, U] hiipnak, duh-um sinak, thlemnak: *the false allure of big-city life.*

allurement n [C, U].

alluring adj mi hiip thei, duh nungza mi thlem thei: *an alluring smile, prospect, promise.*

allusion /ə'lʊ:ʒn/ n ~ **(to sb/sth)** kelkawi ih simnak, a thlithlaam: *His poetry is full of obscure literary allusions.* ○ *He resents any allusion to his baldness.*

▷ **allusive** adj /ə'lʊ:sɪv/ kelkawi ih simmi, tuah mi: *His allusive style is difficult to follow.*

alluvial /ə'lʊ:vɪəl/ adj [usu attrib] tiva kap ih lei hnun: *alluvial deposits/soil/plains.*

ally /ə'lai/ v (pt, pp **allied**) [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ **(sb/oneself) with/to sb/sth** kom, tangkhawm: *Britain has allied itself with other western powers for trade and defence.*

▷ **allied** /æ'laid, US 'ælaɪd/ adj ~ **(to sth)** peh tlai-aw mi; a bangaw mi: *a union of allied trades* ○ *The increase in violent crimes is allied to the rise in unemployment.*

ally /'ælaɪ/ n **1** [C] tangkhat mi, tantu. **2 the Allies** [pl] Britain thawn tangin raalpi I, II a tawngtu.

Alma Mater /ælmə 'ma:tə(r)/ **1** (fml or joc) ca rak zirnak tlawng/college (mah ih tlawng/College hlun). **2** (US) tlawng ih sakmi hlapi.

almanac (also **almanack**) /'ɔ:lmənæk; US also 'æl-/ n **1** ni, thla le a dang hmainsinnak ni thupi pawl nganah kum cem tin suahmi cabu—lole nithla siarnak. **2** kumkhat vei khat suahmi thuhla a phunphun ngannak cabu.

almighty /ɔ:l'maɪti/ adj **1** cunngnung bik, Pathian: *God Almighty/Almighty God.* **2** [attrib] (infml) a thupi bik: *an almighty crash, nuisance, row.*

▷ **the Almighty** n [sing] Pathian.

almond /'a:mənd/ n **(a)** mekei/methei phun thingkung, thingrah. **(b)** a sungmu: [attrib] *almond essence.*

□ **almond-eyed** adj mit zawl, mitcuuk.

almond paste almond phomdip ih tuahmi sak beek.

almoner /'a:mənə(r); US 'ælm-/ n **1** (formerly) mi farah hnen ih tangka zemtu bawi. **2** (Brit also **medical social worker**) mi harsa bawmtu (siizung ah a tuan theu).

almost /ɔ:lməʊst/ adv **1** (used before *advs, ns, adjs, vs, dets* and *prons*) zik te, deuh lo: *It's a mistake they almost always make.* ○ *It's almost time to go.* ○ *Dinner's almost ready.* ○ *He slipped and almost fell.* ○ *He's almost six feet tall.* ○ *Almost anything will do.* **2** (used before *no, nobody, none, nothing, never*) a taktak ah cun: *Almost no one* (ie *Hardly anyone*) *believed him.* ○ *The speaker said almost nothing* (ie *scarcely anything*) *worth listening to.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Almost, nearly, scarcely** and **hardly** are adverbs and can be used with verbs, adverbs, adjectives and nouns. **1 Almost** and **nearly** are usually used in positive sentences: *She fell and almost/nearly broke her neck.* ○ *He nearly/almost always arrives late.* **2 Almost** can be used with negative words. In these cases it can be replaced with **hardly** or **scarcely**: *He ate almost nothing* (= *He ate hardly anything*). ○ *There's almost no space to sit* (= *There's hardly any space to sit*). **3 Hardly** is generally preferred to **almost** + a negative verb: *She sang so quietly that I could hardly hear her* (not *I almost couldn't hear*). **4** In sentences indicating one thing happening immediately after another, **hardly** and **scarcely** can be placed at the beginning of the sentence and then subject and verb are inverted: *Hardly/Scarcely had we arrived, when it began to rain.*

alms /a:mz/ n [pl] (dated) farah hnenih pekmi sumsaw, rawl le thilri pawl: *He gave alms to beggars in the street.* ○ *They had to beg alms (of others) in order to feed their children.*

□ **almshouse** n (Brit) farah pawl a lakih umternak inn.

aloe /æləʊ/ n **1** [C] a hnah a sawl ih a zummi hramkung (a hnah zim ah hling vek a ummi).

2 aloes (also **bitter aloes**) [sing v] si hrangih hmanmi a hnah sungih a tii.

aloft /ə'lɔft; US ə'lɔ:ft/ adv **1** tlunvan ah: *flags flying aloft* ○ *The balloons were already aloft.*

2 lawngpuan thuum zim ah: *He went aloft to check the sails.*

alone /ə'ləʊn/ *adj* [pred], *adv* **1** (a) lawng, mah lawng: *I don't like going out alone after dark.* ○ *She lives all alone in that large house.* ○ (fig) *She stands alone* (ie is without equal) *among modern sculptors.* (b) mah te'n: *It will be difficult for one person alone.* ○ *She raised her family quite alone.* ○ *I prefer to work on it alone.* Cf LONE, LONELY 1, ⇒ Usage. **2** (following a *n* or *pron*) lawngin: *The shoes alone cost £100.* ○ (saying) *Time alone will tell.* ○ *He will be remembered for that one book alone.* ○ *You alone can help me.* **3** (idm) **go it alone** (attempt to) midang bom um lo in: *He decided to go it alone and start his own business.* **leave/let sb/sth alone** thamlo, tlaklo: *She's asked to be left alone but the press keep pestering her.* ○ *I've told you before—leave my things alone!* . **leave/let well alone** ⇒ WELL³. **let alone** ruat loin, siar lo: *There isn't enough room for us, let alone six dogs and a cat.* ○ *I haven't decided on the menu yet, let alone bought the food.* **not be alone in doing sth** mah pakhat lawng siloin: *He is not alone in believing* (ie Other people agree with him) *that it may lead to war.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Alone** and **solitary** describe a person or thing that is separate from others. A person may prefer to be alone/solitary and these words do not suggest unhappiness. **Alone** is not used before a noun: *I look forward to being alone in the house.* ○ *Our house stands alone at the end of the lane.* ○ *She goes for long solitary walks.* In this sense **on my, our, etc own** or **by myself, ourselves, etc** are often used in informal speech instead of **alone**: *She's going on holiday on her own this year.* **2 Lonely** and, in US English, **lonesome** suggests that someone does not want to be alone and is unhappy: *He was very lonely at first when he moved to London.* ○ *She led a solitary existence but was seldom lonely.* **3 Lonely** and **solitary** can describe out-of-the-way places where people rarely go: *a lonely/solitary cottage on the moors.*

along /ə'lɒŋ; US ə'lɔ:ŋ/ *prep* **1** khatlam in khatlam deng tiang, tluan in: *walk along the street* ○ *go along the corridor.* **2** artlang in, zawn naih zet in: *Flowers grow along the side of the wall.* ○ *You can picnic along the river bank.*
▷ **along** *adv part* **1** hmailam ah: *The policeman told the crowds to move along.* ○ *Come along or we'll be late.* **2** thawn in, thluun in: (infml) *Come to the party and bring some friends along.* ○ *I'll be along* (ie I will come and join you) *in a few minutes.* **3** (idm) **along with sth** hlei ah, tluun ah, baak ah (cih): *Tobacco is taxed in most countries, along with alcohol.*
□ **alongside** /ə'lɒŋsaɪd; US ə'lɔ:ŋ'saɪd/ *adv* lawng cawlhmun sir kap ah: *a boat moored alongside* — **prep beside (sth)**: *The car drew up alongside*

the kerb.

aloof /ə'lʊ:f/ *adj* [usu pred] ~ (from sb/sth) **1** paaksai, mah bulte ih um duh, a paak, mi pawl lo: *I find her very aloof and unfriendly.* ○ *Throughout the conversation he remained silent and aloof.* **2** (idm) **keep/hold/stand aloof from sb/sth** tel lo, pawl duh lo: *He stood aloof from the crowd.*

▷ **aloofness** *n* [U].

aloud /ə'laʊd/ *adv* **1** a ring in, thang in: *He read his sister's letter aloud.* **2** naapi in, ring zet in, thang zet in: *She called aloud for help.* **3** (idm) **think aloud** ⇒ THINK¹.

alp /ælp/ *n* **1** [C] tlang saang (a hleice in Switzerland ram ta). **2 the Alps** [pl] Italy ram le France ram karlak ih tlang pawl. **3** [C] Switzerland tlang parah hramhring ram.

alpaca /æ'l'pækə/ *n* (a) [C] tuu vek ramsa phunkhat, llama khal an ti. (b) [U] (cloth made from) cuih ramsa hmul ih tuahmi kor: [attrib] *an alpaca coat.*

alpenstock /ælpənstɒk/ *n* tlanghraap kainak ih hman mi tuhmu zum.

alpha /ælfə/ *n* **1** hmaisai bik Greek cafang (A, á). **2** (idm) **Alpha and Omega** a thoknak le a cemnak.

□ **alpha particle** any of the positively charged particles emitted in radioactivity or other nuclear reactions.

alpha radiation emission of alpha rays.

alpha ray stream of alpha particles.

alphabet /ælfəbet/ *n* cafang: *There are 26 letters in the English alphabet.*

▷ **alphabetical** /ælfə'betɪkl/ *adj* cafang a sangsang thluun in. **alphabetically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *Arrange them alphabetically.*

alpine /ælpam/ *adj* tlangsang um, tlangsang ta: *alpine flowers.*

▷ **alpine** *n* tlangpar um thingkung le hrampi pawl.

already /ɔ:l'redɪ/ *adv* **1** (used esp with perfect tenses of a *v*) rak si zo, dah zo, zo: *I've already seen that film, so I'd rather see another one.* ○ *The teacher was already in the room when I arrived.* ○ *She had already left when I phoned.* **2** (used in negative sentences or questions, to show surprise) mangbang tikih hmanmi: *Have your children started school already?* ○ *Is it 10 o'clock already?* ○ *You're not leaving us already, are you?*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Yet** and **already** are both used when talking about the possible completion of an action by or before a particular time. They are mostly used with the perfect tenses. (In US usage also with the simple past.) **Yet** is only used in negative statements and in questions: *'It's time to go.'* *'I'm not ready yet.'* ○ *Are you out of bed yet?* **Already** emphasizes

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the completion of an action. It is usually used in positive statements: *By midday they had already traveled 200 miles.* **Already** can be used in questions to express surprise: *Have you finished lunch already? It's only 12 o'clock!*

alright /ɔ:l'raɪt/ *adv* (non-standard or *infml*) = ALL RIGHT (ALL).

Alsatian /æ'l'seɪʃn/ *n* (US German shepherd) hmulngil uico fim tumpi phun.

also /ɔ:lsəʊ/ *adv* (not used with negative *vs*) khal, ve, fawn: *She speaks French and German and also a little Russian.* ○ *He is young and good-looking, and also very rich.* ○ *I teach five days a week and I also teach evening classes.* ○ *She not only plays well, but also writes music.*

□ **also-ran** *n* **1** (in racing) tlanzuam ih sungmi rang/uico. **2** (*fig*) thil tuahsuak thei lo milai: *I'm afraid John is one of life's also-rans.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Also**, **too** and **as well** indicate that the word or part of the sentence that they are specially linked to has been added to something previously mentioned. They differ in degree of formality and position in the sentence. **Also** is more formal and usually comes before the main verb (but after 'be' if this is the main verb): *I've met Jane and I've also met her mother.* ○ *He speaks French and he also writes it.* ○ *She was rich. She was also selfish.* **Too** and **as well** are less formal and usually come at the end of the clause: *I've read the book and I've seen the film as well/too.* In negative sentences, **not... either** is used to indicate addition: *They haven't phoned and they haven't written either.*

altar /ɔ:ltə(r)/ *n* **1** (in Christian churches) Khrisian biakinn ah Bawipai' Zanriah hman tikih cabitti le sang retnak cabuai. **2** thawimi retnak, biak theng. **3** (*idm*) **lead sb to the altar** ⇒ LEAD³.

□ **altar-piece** *n* biaktheng dungih retmi milem, zuk.

alter /ɔ:ltə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (**cause sth/sb to**) thleng, a dang ah thleng: *I didn't recognize him because he had altered so much.* ○ *She had to alter her clothes after losing weight.* ○ *The plane altered course.* ○ *That alters things*, ie makes the situation different. ⇒ Usage at CHANGE¹. **2** [Tn] (*euph esp US*) til per/sul laak (ramsa).

▷ **alterable** /ɔ:ltərəbl/ *adj* thleng theih.

alteration /ɔ:ltə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thlengmi: *How much alteration will be necessary?* **2** [C] thlengnak: *We are making a few alterations to the house.*

altercation /ɔ:ltə'keɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) (act of) au le khuang ih to-aw, to-aw ciamco. Usage at ARGUMENT.

alter ego /æltər 'egəʊ; US 'i:gəʊ/ (*pl alter egos*)

(*Latin*) rual rem bik, rual tha bik: *He's my alter ego—we go everywhere together.*

alternate¹ /ɔ:ltɜ:nət; US 'ɔ:ltərnət/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (of two things) pakhat theh hnu pakhat cangmi: *a pattern of alternate circles and squares* ○ *alternate triumph and despair.*

2 a pahnihnak tin te: *on alternate days*, eg *on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, etc.* **3** (of leaves growing on both sides of a stem) pakhat le pakhat ralden loin. ▷ **alternately** *adv*.

□ **alternate angles** (*mathematics*) rin pahnih tlar kha rin pakhat ih a tan tikah Z vekih a suakmi kil.

alternate² /ɔ:ltənert/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A and B** / ~ **A with B** thlakthleng, pakhat hnu pakhat umter, cokkalh: *Most farmers alternate their crops.*

○ *He alternated kindness with cruelty*, ie was kind, then cruel, then kind again, etc. ○ *She alternated boys and girls round the table.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **with sth**; ~ **between A and B** a dang-aw ih cang: *Rainy days alternated with dry ones.* ○ *The weather alternated between rain and sunshine.* ○ *Their work alternates between London and New York*, ie is first in London, then in New York, then back in London, etc.

▷ **alternation** /ɔ:ltə'neɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

alternator /ɔ:ltəneɪtə(r)/ *n* A/C meidaat suahtu dainamo.

□ **alternating current** (*abbr AC*) dung kir mi electric daat: Cf DIRECT CURRENT (DIRECT¹).

alternative /ɔ:ltɜ:nətɪv/ *adj* [attrib] **1** pahnih sungah pakhat, pakhat sangsang: *find alternative means of transport* ○ *Have you got an alternative suggestion?* ○ *The alternative book to study for the examination is 'War and Peace'.*

2 (*idm*) **the alternative society** mi zawng lo, mi banglo ih nungcangtu pawl.

▷ **alternative** *n* **1** pahnih sungah pakhat hril theihmi: *You have the alternative of marrying or remaining a bachelor.* ○ *Caught in the act, he had no alternative but to confess.* **2** hril theihmi: *One of the alternatives open to you is to resign.*

alternatively *adv* a lam dangin, a phun dangin: *We could take the train or alternatively go by car.*

although (US also **altho**) /ɔ:l'dəʊ/ *conj* **1** na in, hmanah: *Although he had only entered the contest for fun, he won first prize.* **2** na-in: *He said they were married, although I'm sure they aren't.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Although** and (**even**) **though** can be used at the beginning of a sentence or a clause with a verb. **Though** is less formal: *Although/Though/Even though we all tried our best, we lost the game.* ○ *We lost the game although/though/even though we tried our best.* **2 However** can be used to give a similar meaning, but must begin a new sentence: *We all tried our best. However, we lost the game.* **3**

Though and **however** can come at the end of a sentence: *We all tried our best. We lost the game, though/however.* **4 (Al)though** (or more formal **albeit**) can come before an adjective, adverb or adverbial phrase: *Her appointment was a significant, (al)though/albeit temporary success.* ◦ *He performed the task well, (al)though/albeit slowly.*

altimeter /'æltɪmɪ:tə(r); US 'æltɪmətər/ *n* tiffinriat ihsin ziangtluk a saang ti tahnak thilri (vanzamleeng khal ah an hman).

altitude /'æltɪtju:d; US -tʊrd/ *n* **1** tiffinriat ihsin a saanlam: *What is the altitude of this village?* ◦ *We are flying at an altitude of 20000 feet.* ◦ [attrib] *altitude sickness.* **2** (often *pl*) tiffinriat ihsin a saannak hmun: *It is difficult to breathe at these altitudes.* **3** (*astronomy*) van le leiri ihsin tah tiki arsi le thlapi pawl a hlat/naih zat.

alto /æltəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s) (*music*) **1** hlarem ih mipa aw saang bik (nunau aw niam bik); hlarem aw tler hnihnak. **2** = CONTRALTO. **3** alto aw ih sak dingmi. **4** awnmawi tumnak thil lakih aw saang bik sangtu: *an alto-saxophone.*

altogether /ˌɔ:ltoʊgeðə(r)/ *adv* **1** a zate'n, a kuate'n: *I don't altogether agree with you.* ◦ *I am not altogether happy about the decision.* **2** zianghmuahmuah in: *You owe me £68.03 altogether.* **3** a zate ah: *The weather was bad and the food dreadful. Altogether the holiday was very disappointing.*

▷ **altogether** *n* (*idm in the altogether*) (*infml*) lawngfang kkeh.

altruism /æltru:ɪzəm/ *n* [U] mah thatnak hnakin mi thatnak ruahnak, duhhamlo nak. Cf EGOISM **2**.

▷ **altruist** /æltru:ɪst/ *n* [U] duhhamlotu, midang hrang ruattu.

altruistic /æltru:'ɪstɪk/ *adj.* **altruistically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

alum /'æləm/ *n* [U] lungthur (puan buhnak le sii ih hmanmi).

aluminium /ˌæljʊ'mɪniəm/ (*US aluminum* /əlu:'mɪniəm/) *n* [U] (*chemistry*) belraang thir; canphio/rangva thir: [attrib] *aluminium foil.*

alumna /ə'lʌmnə/ *n* (*pl* -nae /-ni:/) (*US*) nunau phunsaang tlawngta hlun.

alumnus /ə'lʌmnəs/ *n* (*pl* -ni /-naɪ/) (*US*) phunsaang College mipa tlawngta hlun.

alveolar /ælvɪələ(r), ælvɪ'əʊlə(r)/ *adj, n* (*phonetics*) lei zim le tlunta hahmai hram tong aw ih suahter mi fong aw, eg /t/ or /d/.

always /'ɔ:lweɪz/ *adv* **1** ringring, caamcin: *I always think of her in that dress.* ◦ *He nearly always wears a bow tie.* ◦ *She has always loved gardening.* **2** pelh lo te'n, hmanhman: *The postman always calls at 7:30.* ◦ *We're nearly always at church on Sundays.* **3** (*usu with the continuous tenses*) a tu le a tu, thetthi: *He was*

always asking for money. ◦ *Why are you always biting your nails?* **4** (*with can/could*) thil hmuah a cang thei lole, ziang khal a sile: *You could always use a dictionary.* ◦ *They can always go to a bank if they need more money.* **5** (*idm*) **always supposing (that) ...** lekhaw: *I'm going to university, always supposing I pass my exams.* **as always** theu ruangah: *As always he was late and had to run to catch the bus.*

am ⇒ BE.

AM /eɪ 'em/ *abbr* **1** (*radio*) amplitude modulation. Cf FM **2**. **2** (*US*) Master of Arts.

am /eɪ 'em/ (*US AM*) *abbr* sunhlan (sundir nazi 12 hlan) (*Latin ante meridiem*): *at 10 am.* Cf PM.

amalgam /ə'mælgəm/ *n* **1** [U] ha belhnak sii phunkhat: *The dentist used amalgam to fill my teeth.* **2** [C] cokrawimi: *a subtle amalgam of spices.*

amalgamate /ə'mælgəmeɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (*sb/sth*) (*with sb/sth*) cok-rawi, kom-aw: *Our local brewery has amalgamated with another firm.* ◦ *The boys' and girls' school have (been) amalgamated to form a new comprehensive.*

▷ **amalgamation** /ə'mælgəmeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] kom-awk: *Amalgamation was the only alternative to going bankrupt.* **2** [C] cok le kom-awk: *We've seen two amalgamations in one week.*

amanuensis /ə'mænjʊ'ensɪs/ *n* (*pl* -ses /-si:z/) (*dated or fml*) mi ih auh mi ngankhumtu, mi ih cangan cia khumtu.

amass /ə'mæs/ *v* [Tn] tamzet khawl, khawl liailiai: *amass a fortune* ◦ *They amassed enough evidence to convict him on six charges.*

amateur /'æmətə(r)/ *n* **1** tangka ngah ruangah siloin, mah huam ruangih lehnak, zukuai, hlasak tivek ih telu: *The tournament is open to amateurs as well as professionals.* ◦ *Although he's only an amateur he's a first class player.* ◦ [attrib] *an amateur photographer, golfer, boxer, etc* ◦ *amateur dramatics, wrestling, etc.* Cf PROFESSIONAL *n*. **2** (*usu derog*) ziang thiamlo: *I shouldn't employ them—they're just a bunch of amateurs.*

▷ **amateurish** /'æmətəriʃ/ *adj* (*often derog*) thiam hrihlo, zirpek. **amateurishly** /'æmətəriʃli/ *adv.*

amateurism /'æmətərɪzəm/ *n* [U].

amatory /'æmətəri/; US -təri/ *adj* (*fml* or *joc*) duhawknak thawn pehpar in: *amatory literature, adventures.*

amaze /ə'meɪz/ *v* [Tn esp *passive*] mangbangter, khawruahharter: *He amazed everyone by passing his driving test.* ◦ *We were amazed at/by the change in his appearance.* ◦ *She was amazed/It amazed her that he was still alive.*

▷ **amazement** *n* [U]: *He looked at me in amazement.* ◦ *I heard with amazement that ...* **amazing** *adj* (*usu approv*) mangbang za: *an amazing speed, player, feat* ◦ *I find it amazing that you can't swim.* **amazingly** *adv*: *She's*

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- amazingly clever.*
- amazon** /ˈæməzən; US -zən/ *n* **1** a khan a saang ih leh-le-pan cak nunau. **2** **Amazon** (Greek thuanthu ah) nunau ralhraang. **3** America ih um Amazon tivapi.
- ▷ **Amazonian** /ˌæməˈzəʊniən/ *adj.*
- ambassador** /æmˈbæsədə(r)/ *n* **1** ram dang ih kuat mi ram-palai: *the British Ambassador to Greece*. Cf CONSUL 1, HIGH COMMISSIONER (HIGH'). **2** palai, khatlam le khatlam ih thu phurtu.
- ▷ **ambassadorial** /æmˌbæsədɔːriəl/ *adj.*
- ambassadors** /æmˈbæsədɔːrɪs/ *n* **1** nunau ram palai. **2** ram palai ih nupi.
- **ambassador-at-large** *n* (*pl* -dors-at-large) (esp US) ram khat hnakh tamah thlah mi ram palai.
- amber** /ˈæmbə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] **(a)** thi-hna: [attrib] *an amber necklace*. **(b)** thi-hna pian zia. **2** [C] lampi meitleu aire (a hring le a sen lak).
- ambergris** /ˈæmbəɡriːs; US -ɡrɪs/ *n* [U] ngapi (*whale*) rilte ih um khuaiseeng vek thil hngang/seeng; ngapi luak.
- ambi-** *comb form* thil pahnih sawh duhnak ih hman mi: *ambidextrous* ○ *ambivalent*.
- ambidextrous** /ˌæmbɪˈdeksɪtrəs/ *adj* keh le vorh kut bangrep ih hmang theitu.
- ambience** (also **ambiance**) /ˈæmbiəns/ *n* kiangkak, hmun pakhat ih boruak: *We've tried to create the ambience of a French bistro*.
- ambient** /ˈæmbiənt/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) kiang le kap, a kap tin.
- ambiguity** /ˌæmbɪˈɡjuːəti/ *n* **(a)** [U] tican pakhat hnakh tam a ummi, fiang lonak: *Much British humour depends on ambiguity*. **(b)** [C] tican tam neihnak: *She was quick to notice the ambiguities in the article*.
- ambiguous** /ˌæmbɪˈɡjuəs/ *adj* **1** tican fianglo: *Look at those pretty little girls' dresses' is ambiguous, because it is not clear whether the girls or the dresses are 'pretty'*. **2** tumtah mi le tican fianglo, a huapkau ih a fiang lomi: *an ambiguous smile, glance, gesture, etc.*
- ▷ **ambiguously** *adv.* **ambiguousness** *n* [U].
- ambit** /ˈæmbɪt/ *n* [sing] riteek, thuneihnak ih huapmi.
- ambition** /æmˈbɪʃn/ *n* ~ **(to be/do sth)** **1** **(a)** [U, C] tumtahnak, tummi: *filled with ambition to become famous, rich, powerful, etc.* **(b)** [C] tumtahmi: *achieve/realize/fulfil one's ambitions*.
- ambitious** /æmˈbɪʃəs/ *adj* **1** ~ **(to be/do sth)**; ~ **(for sth)** tum saang: *an ambitious young manager* ○ *ambitious to succeed in life* ○ *ambitious for one's children*. **2** tum saangmi: *ambitious plans to complete the project ahead of schedule*.
- ▷ **ambitiously** *adv.*
- ambivalent** /æmˈbɪvələnt/ *adj* (thu/thil pakhat parah) ruahnak dangdang nei, ruahnak a then-aw mi: *an ambivalent attitude towards one's best friend's wife*.
- ▷ **ambivalence** *n* [U]. **ambivalently** *adv.*
- amble** /æmbl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] **1** nuambang ngai te ih feh: *He came ambling down the road*. ○ *We ambled along for miles*. **2** (of a horse) nuam ngaita ih feh.
- ▷ **amble** *n* [sing] *v* **1** nuam ngai te: *walk at an amble*.
- ambrosia** /æmˈbrəʊziə; US -əʊzə/ *n* [U] **1** (Greek thuanthu) khuavang rawl. Cf NECTAR 2. **2** rawl thaw, rawl hmui.
- ambulance** /ˈæmbjʊləns/ *n* mina phurhnak mawṭawka.
- ambush** /æmbʊʃ/ *n* **1** [U] thupte ih rak bawhnak: *lie/wait in ambush*. **2** [C] **(a)** rinlopi rak do/rak bawh: *They laid an ambush for the enemy patrol*. **(b)** rak do sutsi. **(c)** rak bawh nak hmun.
- ▷ **ambush** *v* [Tn] rak bawh, thupte ih rak do; rinlopi in rak nam.
- ameba** = AMOEBEA.
- ameliorate** /əˈmiːliəreɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] (*fml*) tha/dam ter deuh: *ameliorate conditions, circumstances, living standards, etc.*
- ▷ **amelioration** /əˈmiːliəˈreɪʃn/ *n* [U].
- amen** /aːˈmen, eɪˈmen/ *interj, n* (thlacam le hlasak cemnak ih hman mi tongfang) sihram seh! tican, cuih mi 'ka lungkim' tican khal a si: *The choir sang the amens beautifully*. ○ *Amen to that*, ie I certainly agree with that.
- amenable** /əˈmiːnəbl/ *adj* **1** ~ **(to sth)** lungkim ol, thu lung ol: *amenable to kindness, advice, reason* ○ *I find him amenable to argument*. **2** ~ **to sth** **(a)** thu thlun duh, thu ngai duh: *amenable to the law*. **(b)** hniksak theih: *This case is not amenable to the normal rules*.
- amend** /əˈmend/ *v* **1** [Tn] rem; tuah tha: *amend a document, proposal, law*. **2** thelh mi rem tha, thleng deuh: *You must amend your behaviour*.
- ▷ **amendment** *n* **1** [C] ~ **(to sth)** remnak, thlengnak: *Parliament debated several amendments to the bill*. **2** [U] remṭhatnak: *passed without amendment*.
- amenity** /əˈmiːnəti, US əˈmenəti/ *n* **1** [C often *pl*] thilri le hmunhma ruangih nomnak: *People who retire to the country often miss the amenities of a town, eg libraries, cinemas, etc.* ○ *A sauna in the hotel would be a useful amenity*. **2** [U] (*fml*) nomnak: *He immediately noticed the amenity of his new surroundings*.
- American** /əˈmerɪkən/ *adj* thlanglam le saklam America thawn pehpar in; a bikin USA.
- ▷ **American** *n* **1** American mi. **2** America rammi. **3** (also **American English**) American mirang tong.
- Americanism** *n* America pawl ih hmanmi English tongkam.
- Americanize, -ise** *v* [Tn] America ta vekih canter.
- **American football** Rugby bangtuk bawhlung

lehnak; kut ih tlanpi theih bawlung sawl lehnak.

American Indian (also **Amerindian**) America ram ih a rak um hmaisatu; Red-Indian pawl.

American plan (US) riahman le rawlman tivek laak cihmi hotel riahnak umdan.

Amerindian /æmərɪndiən/ *n* = AMERICAN INDIAN (AMERICAN).

amethyst /ə'mɪθɪst/ *n* [C, U] sendup pian lung mankhung: [attrib] *an amethyst bracelet*.

amiable /ə'miəbəl/ *adj* duhnung, thinlung tha: *an amiable character; mood, conversation*.

▷ **amiability** /eɪmiə'bɪləti/ *n* [U]. **amiably** *adv*.

amicable /ə'mɪkəbəl/ *adj* (mi) rualrem thiam, mi rem thiam: *An amicable settlement was reached*.

▷ **amicability** /æmɪkə'bɪləti/ *n* [U]. **amicably** *adv* rualrem zet in: *They lived to gether amicably for several years*.

amid /ə'mɪd/ (also **amidst** /ə'mɪdst/) *prep* (dated or *fm*) lai ah, laifang ah: *Amid all the rush and confusion she forgot to say goodbye*.

amidships /ə'mɪdʃɪps/ (also **midships**) *adv* tangphawlawng ih a lu le a mei karlak a can awknak hmun a laifang: *go/stand amidships* ○ *You'll find your cabin amidships*.

amino acid /ə'mɪ:nəʊ 'æsɪd/ (chemistry) protein daat ih tel thil cokrawi.

amir = EMIR.

amiss /ə'mɪs/ *adj* [pred], *adv* (dated) **1** a sual, a poimawh, a palh, theih, famkimlo: *Something seems to be amiss — can I help?* **2** (idm) (**not**) **come/go amiss** a remcaang lo, kaih lo: *A new pair of shoes wouldn't come amiss*. **take sth amiss** thin hengter; lungawi lo: *Would she take it amiss if I offered to help?*

amity /æməti/ *n* [U] rualpi tha sinak, rualrem-awknak (ram le ram, milai le milai): *live in amity with one's neighbours*.

ammeter /æmɪtə(r)/ *n* electric tha tahnak thil.

ammonia /ə'mɒniə/ *n* [U] **1** pianzia neilo rimsia zet daatkhu tikhal-kuang le a puak theimi thil tuahnak ih hmanmi daat phunkhat. **2** (also **liquid ammonia**) amonia tii.

ammonite /æmənəɪt/ *n* lunghak ih a cangmi rannung phaw (*fossil*).

ammunition /æmjʊ'nɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** raal kahnak hriamhrei, ziadawng, cerek le bomb pawl: *They had to meet the attack with very little ammunition*. **2** (*fig*) mi thu elnak ih hmanmi thu le hla pawl: *This letter gave her all the ammunition she needed*.

amnesia /æm'ni:ziə; US -'ni:zə/ *n* [U] cinken theinak hlo (a zate'n a si lole, a hreek).

amnesty /æmnəsti/ *n* zapi sual thlahnak = (*general pardon*) (acozah ih tuah): *An amnesty has been declared*. ○ *The rebels returned home under a general amnesty*.

amoeba (US **ameba**) /ə'mi:bə/ *n* (*pl* ~s or ~e /-bi/) leilung le tidai ih um amiba nat hrik rulcawng

(microscope-durbing lawng in hmuh a theih).

▷ **amoebic** /ə'mi:bɪk/ *adj* amiba rulcawng ih suahtermi: *amoebic dysentery*.

amok /ə'mɒk/ (also **amuck** /ə'mʌk/) *adv* (idm) **run amok** thinheeng phah ih khatlam khatlam tlaan ciamco: *The tiger escaped from the zoo and ran amok for hours*.

among /ə'mʌŋ/ (also **amongst** /ə'mʌŋst/) *prep* (followed by a plural *n* or *pron* or a group *n*)

1 lakah: *work among the poor, the sick, the elderly, etc* ○ *He found it amongst a pile of old books*. **2** sungah: *I was among the last to leave*.

○ *Among those present were the Prime Minister and her husband*. ○ *He was only one amongst many who needed help*. **3** pakhat ciar hnen ah: *distribute the books among the class*. **4** khat le khat lakah: *Politicians are always arguing amongst themselves*. ○ (*saying*) *There is honour among thieves*.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Among** is used of people or things considered as a group: *Share out the books among the class*. ○ *They talked among themselves while they waited*. ○ *standing among the crowd at the football match*. **2 Between** is used of people or things, either two in number or more than two considered individually: *one book between two (pupils)* ○ *She divided her possessions equally between her four children*. ○ *They hung flags across the street between the houses*. ○ *There's a lot of disagreement between the two main political parties on this issue*. (Compare: *There's a lot of disagreement among politicians on this issue*.)

amoral /ə'mɒrəl; US ɛr'mɒrəl/ *adj* ziaza sia le tha ti um lomi, daan nei lo. Cf IMMORAL.

amorous /æməərəs/ *adj* hiarnak thinlung nei, hiar-um za: *amorous looks, letters, poetry, experiences* ○ *He became quite amorous at the office party*.

▷ **amorously** *adv*: *gazing amorously into her eyes*. **amorousness** *n* [U]: *a reputation for amorousness*.

amorphous /ə'mɔ:fəs/ *adj* [usu attrib] pian le zia neilo, pianhmang nei lo: *amorphous blobs of paint* ○ *an amorphous collection of jumpers and socks*.

amortize, -ise /ə'mɔ:təɪz; US 'æmərtəɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*law*) special fund pakhat ah hmanhman burter in leiba center.

▷ **amortization, -isation** /ə,mɔ:tɪ'zeɪʃn; US ,æmərtɪ-/ *n* [U].

amount /ə'maʊnt/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **to sth 1** a zate kom ah: *The cost amounted to £250*. ○ *Our information doesn't amount to much*, ie We have very little information. **2** a tluk, a zat: *It all amounts to a lot of hard work*. ○ *What you say amounts to a direct accusation*. **3** (idm) **amount to/come to/be the same thing** ⇨ SAME¹.

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▷ **amount** *n* ~ (of sth) (used esp with [U] ns) **1** a zate kom: a bill for the full amount ○ Can you really afford this amount? **2** a zat: a large amount of work, money, furniture ○ Food was provided in varying amounts. ○ No amount of encouragement would make him jump, ie Despite much encouragement he refused to jump. **3** (idm) **any amount of sth** tam ngai pi: He can get any amount of help.

amour /ə'mʊə(r)/ *n* (joc or rhet) (esp secret) (a thupte ih) duhawknak thu: Have you heard about his latest amour?

amour propre /æmʊə 'prɒprə/ (French) mah le mah upatnak, mah le mah thupitternak, mithmai: Try not to offend his amour propre.

amp /æmp/ *n* (infml) = AMPERE.

ampere /æmpeə(r); US 'æmpɪər/ (also amp) *n* (abbr **A**) electric daat tha unit tahnak.

▷ **amperage** /æmpərɪdʒ/ *n* [U] ampere ih tahmi electric tha um zat

ampersand /æmpəsænd/ *n* (&) timi hmainsinnak “le” tican a si: Ampersands are often used in names of companies, eg Brown, Brown & Watkins.

amphetamine /æm'fetəmi:n/ *n* [C, U] (medical) thinlung thotertu sii; emfetamin sii.

amphi- comb form **1** a pahnih in, a phun hnih: amphibian. **2** a bial: amphitheatre.

amphibian /æm'fɪbiən/ *n* **1** tidai sung le leitlun ih nung thei ramsa: [attrib] Frogs and newts are amphibians. **2** leilung, asilole, tipar ihsin tlunvan ah a zuang theimi vanzambleeng. **3** tidai par le leilung par ah a feh theimi mawṭawka tivek pawl.

amphibious /æm'fɪbiəs/ *adj* tisung le leilung parih a umtlang thei rannung le thil: amphibious vehicles. **2** [usu attrib] lei le tidai hmang ralkap thawn a pehparmi: amphibious operations.

amphitheatre (US **-ter**) /'æmfɪθiətə(r)/ *n* **1** thuanthu cawn, asilole, thil dang hmuhnak hmun ih hman mi khuh nei lo innpi (a velkim ah karbak tonak a ummi): Some famous amphitheatres were built by the Romans. **2** bialhrek a dotdot ih vekih tokheng pawl retmi (thu zirnak innsungta). **3** tlangih kulhmi hmunrawn.

ample /æmpl/ *adj* **1** (duhmi hnakh) tamsawn: ample time to get to the station ○ A small piece of cake will be ample, thank you. ○ £5 will be ample for my needs. **2** a tampi: a man of ample strength ○ The director of the company receives an ample salary. **3** a tam liailiai; a kaup; a tumpi: an ample bosom ○ There's ample room for the children on the back seat. ○ The election was given ample coverage on TV.

▷ **amply** /'æmpli/ *adv*: amply fed, furnished, provided for, rewarded.

amplify /'æmplɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] **1** tamter, cakter, ringter (aw): amplify the sound, electric

current, signal. **2** thu beetih: We must ask you to amplify your statement.

▷ **amplification** /æmplɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

amplifier *n* aw rinternak ceet; karhternak.

amplitude /'æmplɪtju:d; US -tʊ:d/ *n* [U] (fml) a kaulham, a tum le sen, a tamnak: Sound waves are measured by their amplitude.

ampoule (US also ampule) /'æmpu:l/ *n* (medical) sii (a timi) thawl fate.

amputate /æmpjuteɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] tan (sizung ah cawn le baan vek tan sak): Her arm is so bad they will have to amputate (it). ▷ **amputation** /æmpjʊ'teɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

amuck = AMOK.

amulet /æmjʊlɪt/ *n* hngawng le kut ih khiih mi hnam le daw tivek khamnak (ṭhi vek orhmi, ngel ih khiihmi).

amuse /ə'mju:z/ *v* [Tn] **1** hnih suakter, hniter: Everyone was amused at/by the story about the dog. ○ My funny drawings amused the children. ○ We were amused to learn that... **2** nuam zet ih tikcu cemter: These toys will help to keep the baby amused. ○ They amused themselves by looking at old photographs.

▷ **amusement** **1** [C] nuam zet ih tikcu/caan cemternak: I would never choose to watch cricket as an amusement. ○ To my great amusement his false beard fell off. ○ I only do it for amusement, ie not for any serious purpose. **amusement arcade** tangka fang thlaak ih leh theimi lehnak thil ummi inn khaan. **amusement park** hmuibahnak; peepawk le lehnak dang pawl umnak tualrawn.

amusing *adj* mi a nuamter mi, mi a hniter mi: an amusing story, story-teller ○ Our visits to the theatre made the holiday more amusing.

an ⇒ A².

-an ⇒ -IAN.

-ana ⇒ -IANA.

anachronism /ə'nækronɪzəm/ *n* **1** kum siar ṭhelhnaak, san thuanthu thil cang a peng ih bunak: It would be an anachronism to talk of Queen Victoria watching television. **2** san thawn a rem lo: Modern dress is an anachronism in productions of Shakespeare's plays. **3** tikcu le san siar sualnaak: The monarchy is seen by some as an anachronism in present-day society.

▷ **anachronistic** /ə'nækronɪstɪk/ *adj*.

anaconda /ænə'kɒndə/ *n* minung le ramsa pawl a ngerhthat S America ih theitu saphai rulpi phunkhat.

anaemia (US **anemia**) /ə'ni:mɪə/ *n* [U] (medical) thisen mal nat.

▷ **anaemic** (US **anemic**) /ə'ni:mɪk/ *adj* **1** thisen-mal nat ih a nami: She looks anaemic in my opinion. **2** (fig) thazaang mal, derthawm: an anaemic performance.

anaesthesia /,ænɪs'iθi:zɪə/ (US **anesthesia** /ə'ni:mɪə/) *n* [U] hit; (a dai, a sa, a naa) nat theih

lonak; anaesthetic sii hmannaak.

▷ **anaesthetic** (US **anesthetic**) /ænis^hθetik/ *n* [C, U] taksa hitter thei thil, hitsii: *be under (an) anaesthetic* ○ *give sb a general anaesthetic*, ie cause sb to lose consciousness ○ *a local anaesthetic* (ie one affecting part of the body) *for the removal of a tooth*. — *adj* hit sii pek.

anaesthetist (anesthetist) /ə'nɪ:sθətɪst/ *n* hit sii petu.

anaesthetize, -ise (US **anesthetize**) /ænisθətəɪz/ *v* [Tn] hit sii pe, taksa hitter. **anaesthetization, -isation** (US **anesthetization**) /ə'nɪ:sθətəɪzɪʃn/ *n* [U].

anagram /'ænəgrəm/ *n* ðongfang sung um cafang pawl umnak thleng aw ih ðongfang phun dangih ngandan: 'Cart-horse' is an anagram of 'orchestra'. ○ *This crossword is full of anagrams*.

anal /eɪnəl/ *adj* tawkua thawn a pehparmi: *the anal region*.

analgesia /ænal'dʒi:ziə; US -zə/ *n* [U] (medical) hit, ðhang na ko ih ziang naa ti theih lonak, taksa hit nat.

▷ **analgesic** /ænæl'dʒi:sɪk/ *adj, n* natsawng, nat sawk: *Aspirin is a mild analgesic*.

analogous /ə'næləgəs/ *adj* ~ (to/with sth) a bang aw zikmi: *The two processes are not analogous*. ○ *The present crisis is analogous with the situation immediately before the war*.

▷ **analogously** *adv*.

analogue (US **analog**) /ænəloʊg; US -lɔ:g/ *n* a bang awmi: *A vegetarian gets protein not from meat but from its analogues*.

□ **analogue computer** a computer using physical quantities, eg weight, voltage, etc, to represent numbers: *A slide-rule is a simple analogue computer*. Cf DIGITAL COMPUTER (DIGIT).

analogy /ə'nælədʒi/ *n* 1 [C] ~ (between sth and sth) bangaw zik thil: *point to analogies between the two events* ○ *The teacher drew an analogy between the human heart and a pump*. 2 [U] ~ (with sth) a bangaw zik mi thil tahðhim ih thu ruahnak: *My theory applies to you and by analogy to others like you*. 3 [U] a dang thawn an bangawkw ruangih ðongfang pian thleng daan.

analyse (US **analyze**) /ænəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] 1 (thil/thhu) ðhenðhek thluh ih zohfel, hliakhlai: *analyse the sample and identify it* ○ *By analyzing the parts of the sentence we learn more about English grammar*. 2 zingzoi ðhat hnu ah simfiang: *We must try to analyse the causes of the strike*. 3 = PSYCHO-ANALYSE.

analysis /ə'næləsis/ *n* (pl -yses /-əsi:z/) 1 [U, C] a ðhen a ðhen ih zohfelnak: *Textual analysis identified the author as Shakespeare*. ○ *Close analysis of sales figures shows clear regional variations*. 2 [C] cuti ih zohfel hnu ih nganmi: *present a detailed analysis of the situation*. 3 [U] = PSYCHO-ANALYSIS. 4 (idm) **in the last/final**

analysis thu a kap kim in ruat hnu ah: *In the final analysis I think our sympathy lies with the heroine of the play*.

▷ **analytic** /ænə'litik/, **analytical** /-kl/ *adjs* a ðhenðhen ih zohfelmi. **analytically** /-kl/ *adv*.

analyst /'ænəlɪst/ *n* 1 daat ðhenðhek ih zoh thiamtu. 2 = PSYCHO-ANALYST.

anapaest /'ænəpi:st/ (US **anapest** /-pest/) *n* hlazai ngandan phunkhat.

▷ **anapaestic** /ænmə'pi:stɪk/ (US **anapestic** /-pestɪk/) *adj*: 'Like the 'leaves of the 'forest when 'summer is 'green, has an anapaestic rhythm.

anaphora /ə'næfərə/ *n* [U] (grammar) ðongfang pakhat ai-ih hmanmi ðongfang dang: eg 'do' in *If you don't want to iron my shirt I'll do (iron) it*.

▷ **anaphoric** /ænə'fɔrɪk/ *adj*.

anarchy /'ænəkɪ/ *n* [U] 1 uktu umlonak: *The overthrow of the regime was followed by a period of anarchy*. 2 cin le daan upadi umlonak, buainak: *In the absence of their teacher the class was in a state of anarchy*.

▷ **anarchic** /ə'nɑ:kɪk/, **anarchical** /-ɪkl/ *adjs*. **anarchism** /'ænəkɪzəm/ *n* [U] kumpi (cozah) le daan um a ðullo ti zumnak. **anarchist** *n* arnachism zumtu.

anathema /ə'næθəmə/ *n* 1 [U, C] huatmi milai/thil: *Racial prejudice is (an) anathema to me*. 2 (Kristian daan ah) hmin phiat, lol, thil pakhat a ðhalomi ti ih namthlaknak.

▷ **anathematize, -ise** /ə'næθəmətaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] cuti ih camsiat.

anatomy /ə'nætəmi/ *n* 1 [U] milai, ramsa ruangpi thuhla zirnak: *We have to do anatomy next term*. 2 [U] thingkung, ramsa ih ruangpi: *the anatomy of the frog*. 3 [C] (joc) milai ruangpi: *Various parts of his anatomy were clearly visible*.

▷ **anatomical** /ə'nætəmətaɪz/ *adj*. **anatomically** /-kl/ *adv*.

anatomist /ə'nætəməst/ *n* anotomy a zirtu, a thiamtu.

-ance, -ence *suff* (with *vs* forming *ns*) *verb* kha *noun* canter tikih dung beettu (-nak, bom-nak): *assistance* ○ *resemblance* ○ *confidence*.

ancestor /'ænsəstə(r)/ *n* 1 (fem **ancestress** /-trɪs/) cithlahtu, pu-pa: *His ancestors had come to England as refugees*. Cf DESCENDANT (DESCEND). 2 (fig) khuahlan piang/suak: *The ancestor of the modern bicycle was called a penny farthing*.

▷ **ancestral** /æn'sestrəl/ *adj* mah cithlahtu ih roh mi/pu-pa roh mi: *her ancestral home*. **ancestry** /'ænsəstri/ *n* suahkehnaak, cithlahtu a dotdot: *a distinguished ancestry*.

anchor /'æŋkə(r)/ *n* 1 lawng cawlhter tikih ti sungih thlakmi thirkawn: *They brought the boat into the harbour and dropped (the) anchor*. 2 (fig) thil maw milai maw, himnak mi petu. 3 (idm) **at anchor** thirkawn thlakih lawng cawlter: *We lay at anchor outside the harbour*. **bring (a ship)**

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come to anchor lawng feh mi cawl ih thirkawn thlak. **cast anchor** ⇒ CAST. **ride at anchor** ⇒ RIDE². **slip anchor** ⇒ SLIP². **weigh anchor** ⇒ WEIGH. ▷ **anchor** *v* [I, Tn] lawng cawltter: *We anchored (our boat) close to the shore.*

anchorage /'æŋkəridz/ *n* **1** [C] lawng cawlh hmun. **2** [U] lawng cawlh man.

□ **anchor man** **1** mi pawl khat ih hnaṭuan pehzomawknak tawltreutu. **2** zuam-awknak ih mi thupi (cak) bik: *The anchor man in a relay team runs last.*

anchorite /'æŋkərait/ *n* mahte lawng hramlak ah thlacam ih a um mi phungki.

anchovy /'æntʃəvi; US 'æntʃəʊvi/ *n* a sa a thawmi nga fate phunkhat: [attrib] *anchovy paste.*

ancient /'eɪnʃənt/ *adj* **1** khuahlan: *ancient civilizations.* **2** (usu *joc*) a hlun zetmi: *I feel pretty ancient when I see how the younger generation behaves.* ⇒ Usage at OLD.

▷ **the ancients** *n* [pl] khua hlan minung pawl; hleice in Greek le Roman pawl.

□ **ancient history** khuahlan san thuanthu (Greek le Roman).

ancient monument (*Brit*) zuah a mawi ti ih kumpi ih lungkimmi inn hlun, lole, hlan thilri pawl.

ancillary /'ænsɪləri; US 'ænsələri/ *adj* ~ (to *sth*) rak bawmtu: *ancillary staff, duties, roads, industries.*

-ancy, -ency *suff* (with *ns, adjs* and *vs* forming *ns*) noun ih canter tikih hmanmi dungbeettu: *complacency* ○ *irrelevancy* ○ *sufficiency.*

and /ænd, ən, also *n, esp after t, d; strong form* ænd/ *conj* (used to connect words of the same part of speech, phrases or clauses) **1** le: *bread and butter* ○ *slowly and carefully* ○ *able to read and write* ○ *one woman, two men and three children* ○ *shutting doors and opening windows* (When and connects two *ns* standing for things or people that are closely linked, a determiner is not normally repeated before the second *n*, eg *a knife and fork, my father and mother*; but *a knife and a spoon, my father and my uncle*). **2** le kom: *5 and 5 makes 10* (When numbers are said, *and* is used between the hundreds and any digits that follow, eg *two thousand, two hundred and sixty four*, ie 2264. The use of *and* in expressions of time, eg *five and twenty past two*, ie twenty-five past two, is now dated.). **3** ih, cule: *She came in and sat down.* ○ *I pulled the trigger and the gun went off.* **4** lekhw: *Work hard and* (ie If you work hard) *you will pass your examinations.* ○ *Arrive late once more and* (ie If you arrive late once more) *you're fired.* **5** tampipi, nolh, beet rero: *We walked for miles and miles.* ○ *They talked for hours and hours.* ○ *Your work is getting better and better.* ○ *He tried and tried but without success.* **6** -dang tampi: *Don't worry—there are rules and rules*, ie Some

rules are more important, more easy to ignore, etc than others.

□ **and/or** (*informal*) le/a si lole: *Bring wine and/or chocolates.*

NOTE ON USAGE: In informal English **and** can be used after a few verbs (eg **go, come**) instead of **to**. It indicates purpose: *Will you go and fetch me a screwdriver, please?* ○ *Can I come and look at your work?* ○ *We stayed and had a drink.* ○ *He stopped and bought some flowers.* When used with **try** and in the phrase *wait and see* only the base form of the verb is possible: *Try and improve.* ○ *We'll try and get one tomorrow.* ○ *'What's for dinner?' 'Wait and see.'*

andante /'ændæntɪ/ *adj, adv* (*music*) nuamnai te ih tum ding (awnmawi).

▷ **andante** *n* nuamzet ih sak/tum ding awnmawi hla.

andiron /'ændaɪən/ (also **fire dog**) *n* thir caiceh (meicep).

androgynous /'ændrədʒɪnəs/ *adj* **1** nunau le mipa sinak nei: *pop-stars dressing up in androgynous styles.* **2** (*botany*) (thingkung) a parah a pa ci le a nu ci ummi.

anecdote /'æni:kdəʊt/ *n* siar nuam um milai pakhat ih thuanthu, asilole thil pakhat a cangmi thu. ▷ **anecdotal** /'ænek'dəʊtl/ *adj*: *anecdotal memoirs.*

anemia, anemic (US) = ANAEMIA, ANAEMIC.

anemometer /'æni'mɒmɪtə(r)/ (also **wind-gauge**) *n* thli-tha tahnak.

anemone /'ænəməni/ *n* arsi pian nei, pangpar (a raang, lole, a sen).

aneroid barometer /'ænrɔɪd bə'rɒmɪtə(r)/ thli-tha tahnak thil.

anesthesia, anesthetic (US) = ANESTHESIA, ANAESTHETIC.

anew /ə'njuː; US ə'nuː/ *adv* (usu *rhet*) a thar in: *Our efforts must begin anew.*

angel /'ændʒl/ *n* **1** (Khrihfa zumnak ah) vanmi, vancung mi, Pathian tirhfialmi: *Angels are usually shown in pictures dressed in white, with wings.* **2** a mawi, mawh neilo le mi zaangfah thiam: *Mary's three children are all angels — not like mine.* ○ *Be an angel and make me a cup of tea.* ○ *He sings like an angel*, ie very sweetly. **3** (idm) **a ministering angel** ⇒ MINISTER².

▷ **angelic** /'ændʒelɪk/ *adj* vanmi vek: *an angelic smile, voice, face.* **angelically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *The children behaved angelically.*

□ **angel cake** kekhwuk neem.

angel-fish *n* (*pl* unchanged) thla bangtuk nei nga phunkhat.

angelica /'ændʒelɪkə/ *n* [U] (**a**) rim thlum nei thingkung phun khat, naan-naan (sii le rawl hmeah ah hman a theih). (**b**) cithlum thawn suanmi naan-naan kung.

angelus /'ændʒɪləs/ *n* [sing] (also **Angelus**)

1 Roman Catholic pawl ih Mary hnenih thlacamnak. **2** thlacam tikcu theihternak ih zing, sun le nitlak zawngih tummi darkhing.

anger /'æŋgə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** thinhennak: *filled with anger at the way he had been tricked* ○ *speak in anger about the plight of poor people* ○ *It was said in a moment of anger.* **2** (idm) **more in sorrow than in anger** ⇒ SORROW.

▷ **anger** *v* [Tn] thinhenter: *He was angered by the selfishness of the others.*

angina pectoris /'æŋdʒaɪnə 'pektərɪs/ (also **angina**) *n* [U] (*medical*) lungnat ruangih ʔaang lam sunmi, nat.

angle¹ /'æŋgl/ *n* **1** a kil karlak ih hmun; rin pahnih a ton-awknak karlak: *an angle of 45°.* **2** hmuhdan, theih daan: *Seen from this angle the woman in the picture is smiling.* ○ (*fig*) *Try looking at the affair from a different angle.* **3** inn maw, thil ziang maw ih a kil: *She hit her knee against the angle of the bed.* **4** (idm) **at an angle** a sawn, a tung a dingo: *The famous tower of Pisa leans at an angle.*

▷ **angle** *v* **1** [Tn] a sawn ih reet: *Try angling the camera for a more interesting picture.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**at/to/towards sb**) ruahnak, mithmuh phundang ihsin hmuh: *This programme is angled at young viewers.*

angle² /'æŋgl/ *v* **1** [I] (usu go angling) sio thawn nga sio: *angling for trout.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **for sth** (*infml*) a thlithlam sim tahrat in thil pakhat khat ngah zuam: *angle for compliments, an invitation, a free ticket.*

▷ **angler** /'æŋglə(r)/ *n* nga siotu. Cf FISHERMAN.

angling *n* [U] nga sio: *Angling is his main hobby.*

Anglican /'æŋglɪkən/ *n, adj* (member) Church of England kawhhran sungtel.

Anglicize, -ise /'æŋglɪsaɪz/ *v* [Tn] English vekih canter: *Anglicized pronunciation.*

▷ **Anglicism** /'æŋglɪsɪzəm/ *n* English pawl ih ʔong daan (dangte), ʔong dang hmangtu ih English ʔongkam hmanmi: *The French language contains many Anglicisms, such as 'le weeken'.*

Anglo- *comb form* English, lole, British tinak: *Anglo-American* ○ *Anglophobia.*

Anglo-American /'æŋgləʊ ə'merɪkən/ *n* English hrinsor America rammi.

▷ **Anglo-American** *adj* England le America thawn pehpar-awmi (thuhla): *the Anglo-American agreement.*

Anglo-Catholic /'æŋgləʊ 'kæθəlɪk/ *n, adj* (member) Catholic kawhhran thawn a naih zetmi protestant a ti aw duh lomi Anglican kawhhran phunkhat.

Anglo-French /'æŋgləʊ 'frenʃ/ *adj* English le French: *a joint Anglo-French project.*

Anglo-Indian /'æŋgləʊ 'ɪndɪən/ *n, adj* **1** (milai) English le Kala kahpia. **2** (*dated*) (milai) Britain

ah a suak nain India ah reipi umtu.

Anglophile /'æŋgləʊfaɪl/ *n* English thil, a si lole England uartu.

Anglophobia /'æŋgləʊfəʊbɪə/ *n* [U] (esp excessive) England, a si lole English thil a luar ih huatu.

Anglophone /'æŋgləʊfəʊn/ *n, adj* (milai) English ʔong hmangtu.

Anglo-Saxon /'æŋgləʊ 'sæksn/ *n* **1** English cithlah. **2** Norman san hlanih English hnam pawl. **3** (also **Old English**) Cuih san lai ih English ʔong. ▷ **Anglo-Saxon** *adj.*

angora /'æŋ'gɔ:rə/ *n* **1** [C] hmul sau zet nei sabek, zawhte le me pawl. **2** [U] me, sabek hmul thawn tuahmi pat, lole, tahmi thil.

angostura /'æŋgə'stjuərə; US -'stjuərə/ *n* [U] **1** S. America ih a kha zetmi thingkung hawng. **2** Angostura (also **Angostura Bitters**) (*propr*) angostura hawng thawn tuahmi thacak sii.

angry /'æŋgrɪ/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** ~ (**with sb**) (**at/about sth**) thinheng, ai-thok: *angry at being delayed/about the delay* ○ *I was angry with myself for making such a stupid mistake.* ○ (*fig*) *The sea/sky looks angry, ie stormy, threatening.* **2** (of a wound) hma a naa tukih a sen ʔeh. **3** (idm) **an angry young man** a tui san milai ziaza, nuncan khawsak daan, ukawkdaan lung kim lo ih thleng ʔeh a tumtu mino suakthuan. ▷ **angrily** /-əlɪ/ *adv.*

angst /'æŋst/ *n* [U] (*German*) thinbaang, vansaang.

anguish /'æŋgwɪʃ/ *n* [U] nasa tuk ih thinbaang khawruah harnak: *I was in anguish until I knew she was still alive.*

▷ **anguished** *adj* khawruah har; vansom lam: *an anguished heart* ○ *anguished cries.*

angular /'æŋgjʊlə(r)/ *adj* **1** kil nei. **2** (milai) ʔawl diangdi. **3** (milai pianzia) a ti thungthimi: *an angular posture, gait, stride.* **4** kil tahmi: *angular distance, ie the distance between two objects measured as an angle from a given point.*

▷ **angularity** /'æŋjʊ'lærəti/ *n* [U, C].

aniline /'ænilɪ:n; US 'ænəlɪn/ *n* [U] lung meihol beng (a tii a hnummi) ihsin ngahmi aniline hriak (puanthan buhnak le sivai ih hmanmi).

animadvert /'æniməd'vɜ:t/ *v* [Ipr] ~ [**on sb/sth**] (*fml*) soisel.

▷ **animadversion** /-'vɜ:ʃn; US -zɪn/ *n* [C, U] soiselnak.

animal /'æniml/ *n* **1** theihnak nei ih a cawlcang theimi nunnak nei pawl: *Men, dogs, birds, flies, fish and snakes are all animals.* ○ [*attrib*] *the animal kingdom.* Cf VEGETABLE, MINERAL. **2** saram pawl (milai siarlo). **3** keli-nei ramsa. **4** mifimlo (mihmukhmak).

▷ **animal** *adj* [*attrib*] ramsa vek thinlung nei: *animal needs, eg food and drink* ○ *animal desires, ie sexual desires.*

□ **animal husbandry** ʔilva fngkhawidan; caw, rang, me tivek zuatdan.

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- animal magnetism** **1** (*formerly*) aizelhnak. **2** taksa lam duh hiarnak (ramsa pawl), hiipnak.
- animal spirits** suahpi nun hmanzia (nomnak lam).
- animalcule** /ˌæniˈmælkjʊːl/ *n* (*microscope*) durbing lawngih hmuh theihmi rannung.
- animate**¹ /ˈænimət/ *adj* a nungmi: *The dog lay so still it scarcely seemed animate.*
- animate**² /ˈænimet/ *v* **1** [Tn] nunnak (mi) pek, nunnomter: *A smile animated her face.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**to/with sth**) thazaang thar bun sak, neihter: *animate sb to greater efforts, with a desire to succeed* ◦ *Animated by fresh hope, he started again.* **3** [Tn] a caangmi ʔawntok (*cartoon*) ah tuah.
- ▷ **animated** *adj* **1** hlawptlo, zuanzaang: *an animated discussion* ◦ *I had rarely seen him so animated.* **2** a caang vekih umtermi: *animated drawings.* **animatedly** *adv.* **animated cartoon** = CARTOON **2.**
- animation** /ˌæniˈmeɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** zuanzaangnak, thathawhnak: *We could see how excited he was by the animation in his face.* **2** ʔawntok (*cartoon*) cangvaihternak. Cf SUSPENDED ANIMATION (SUSPEND).
- animator** *n* a caang thei ʔawntok tuahtu.
- animism** /ˌænimɪzəm/ *n* [U] thing le lung biaknak, raai biaknak.
- animosity** /ˌæniˈmɒsəti/ *n* [C, U] ~ (**against/ towards sb/sth**); ~ (between **A** and **B**) huat-awknak, ral-awknak: *He felt no animosity towards his critics.* ◦ *I could sense the animosity between them.*
- animus** /ˈæniməs/ *n* [U] **1** ʔong le tuahsernak thawn huatnak langternak. **2** (*psychology*) nunau ih mipa zia a neihnak.
- anise** /ˈænis/ *n* a ci rim hmuimi thingkung phunkhat.
- aniseed** /ˈænisid/ *n* [U] zu le miʔhai ih rawimi anis ci.
- ankle** /ˈæŋkl/ *n* **1** ke le ngal ton awknak hmun, ke mit. **2** puarpum le kemit kar ngalfeem: [attrib] *ankle socks*, ie short socks covering the ankles but no higher.
- ▷ **anklet** /ˈæŋklɪt/ ke hruuk fau.
- annals** /ˈænlz/ *n* [pl] kumkhat hnu kumkhat a cangmi thu le hla ngan khummi, santhu: *a name that will go down in the annals*, ie be recorded in history ◦ *the Annals of the Society.*
- ▷ **annalist** /ˈænlɪst/ *n* santhu khumtu.
- anneal** /əˈniːl/ *v* [Tn] tuai; hak seh ti duh ih a vaam herhermi thir (tidai ah hnim).
- annex** /əˈneks/ *v* **1** [Tn] mah ta dingah laak (ram dang tivek): *annex a neighbouring state.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**to sth**) a tuum deuhmi thil ah beet: *A new wing has been annexed to the hospital.*
- ▷ **annexation** /ˌænekˈseɪʃn/ *n* (**a**) [U] mi ram laaknak. (**b**) [U] bet cih mi.
- annexe** (also esp *US annex*) /ˈæneks/ *n* ~ (**to sth**) **1** inn pi ih beetmi inn fate: *The hotel was full so we had to sleep in the annexe.* **2** betmica.
- annihilate** /əˈnaɪəleɪt/ *v* [Tn] siatsuah theh (cimit): *The enemy was annihilated.*
- ▷ **annihilation** /əˈnaɪəˈleɪʃn/ *n* [U] siatsuah ʔhehnak, thih ʔhehnak: *A full-scale nuclear war could lead to the annihilation of the human race.*
- anniversary** /ˌæniˈvɜːsəri/ *n* (kum) campha, a cam, cumi lomnak puai: *the hundredth anniversary of the composer's death* ◦ *our wedding anniversary* ◦ [attrib] *an anniversary dinner.*
- annotate** /ˈænəteɪt/ *v* [Tn] (cabu ah) thu ngan bet, simfiangnak ngan bet: *annotated by the author.*
- ▷ **annotation** /ˈænətəɪ/ *n* **1** [U] simfiangnak ngan-betmi. **2** [C] betmi ca: *annotations in the margin.*
- announce** /əˈnaʊns/ *v* **1** [Tn Tf, Tw, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] zapi theih dingih thuthan (mi theih dingin) thu than, theihter: *They announced their engagement to the family.* ◦ *The Prime Minister announced that she would resign.* ◦ *Have they announced when the race will begin?* **2** [Tn] a um, a thleng ti theihter: *Would you announce the guests as they come in?* **3** [Tn] hmel theihnak tuah (radio, TV tivek sungah).
- ▷ **announcement** *n* thuthan, theihternak: *The announcement of the royal birth was broadcast to the nation.* ◦ *Announcements of births, marriages and deaths appear in some newspapers.*
- announcer** *n* thuthantu.
- annoy** /əˈnɔɪ/ *v* [Tn] **1** thinʔeuter, ai-thokter: *His constant sniffing annoys me.* ◦ *It annoys me when people forget to say thank you.* ◦ *I was annoyed by his insensitive remarks.* **2** hnaihokter: *Stop annoying your mother.* ◦ *The mosquitoes annoyed me so much I couldn't sleep.*
- ▷ **annoyance** /-əns/ *n* **1** [U] hnaihoknoknak, thinhennak (malte): *a look of annoyance* ◦ *much to our annoyance.* **2** [C] hnaihoknotu thil: *One of the annoyances of working here is the difficulty of parking near the office.*
- annoyed** *adj* ~ (**with sb**) (**at/about sth**); ~ (**that.../ to do sth**) thinhengter: *He got very annoyed with me about my carelessness.* ◦ *I'm extremely annoyed at the way he always stares at me in the office.* ◦ *Will she be annoyed that you forgot to phone?* ◦ *I was annoyed to find they had left without me.*
- annoying** *adj* thinhengza: *This interruption is very annoying.* ◦ *How annoying, I've left my wallet at home!*
- annual** /ˈænjʊəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** kumtin: *annual event, meeting, report, show, visit.* **2** kumkhat sung ʔuatmi: *an annual income, production, rainfall, subscription* ◦ *the annual subscription.* **3** kumkhat sung: *the annual course of the sun.*
- ▷ **annual** *n* **1** kumkhat nung hramkung. **2**

kumkhat veikhat suahmi mekazin, cabu tivek tla.

annually *adv*: The exhibition is held annually.

annuity /ə'nju:ətɪ; US -'nu:-/ *n* **1** thihhlaan lo kumtin pek mi tangka: *receiving a modest annuity*. **2** cuvek tangka ngahtheinak amah-khaan.

▷ **annuitant** /ə'nju:ɪtənt; US -'nu:-/ *n* kumtin cuvek tangka ngahtu.

annul /ə'nʌl/ *v* [Tn] (-ll-) siatbal; hman a si nawn lo ti ih than (thu, daan): *annul an agreement contract/a law/a marriage*.

▷ **annular** /'ænjʊlə(r)/ *adj* zunghruk vek; a bialmi: *The annular markings on a tree indicate its age*.

□ **annular eclipse** ni a thim (thlapi ih phen ruangah); ni awk in a dawlh.

annunciation /ə'nʌnsi'eɪʃn/ *n* **the Annunciation** (religion) March 25 ni ih tuah theumi, Mary cu Khrih ih nu na si ding ti ih thannak.

anode /'ænəʊd/ *n* **1** thil pakhat electric tha a luhnak. Cf CATHODE. **2** positive terminal battery.

anodyne /'ænədai/ *n, adj* **1** (drug) nat sawng (sii). **2** thin bang rehter theitu (thil).

anoint /ə'nɔɪnt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with sth) hriak culh (biaknak lam): *The priest anointed the baby's forehead*. **2** [Cn-n] bawi ah, lal ah re: *The high priest anointed him king*.

anomalous /'ænəmələs/ *adj* a daan keel ih um lomi, hleice deuh: *He is in an anomalous position as the only part-time worker in the firm*.

▷ **anomalously** *adv*.

anomaly /'ænəmələs/ *n* a daankeel vek si lomi thil: *the many anomalies in the tax system*.

anon /ə'nɒn/ *adv* (dated or joe) **1** reihlan ah: *See you anon*. **2** (idm) **ever and anon** ⇒ EVER

anon /ə'nɒn/ *abbr* ca, cabu, cahram pawl cemnet ah *anonymous* ti an ret asile a ngantu theih a si lo tinak a si.

anonymity /'ænə'nɪməti/ *n* [U] hmin umlonak, ngantu theihlonak.

anonymous /'ænənɪməs/ *adj* **1** hmin tello, a hmin theih a silomi hmin nganlo: *an anonymous donor, buyer, benefactor, etc* ○ *The author wishes to remain anonymous*. **2** ngantu hmin tello: *an anonymous letter, message, gift*.

▷ **anonymously** *adv*.

anopheles /'ænə'fɪli:z/ *n* malaria nat phurtu fikfa.

anorak /'ænərəæk/ *n* (usu **waterproof**) lukhuh nei muka angki (ruahkham korfual).

anorexia /'ænə'reksɪə/ *n* [U] (medical) **1** rawl ei huam lo nat. **2** (also **anorexia nervosa** /nɜ:'vəʊsə/) rawl ei ding tih natnak (thinlung), cutin derthawmnak a suak vivo.

▷ **anorexic** /'ænə'reksɪk/ (also **anorectic**) /-rektɪk/ *n, adj* rawl ei ding tih nat a tuartu.

another /ə'nʌðə(r)/ *indef det* **1** a dang pakhat (thil,

milai): *Would you like another cup of tea?* ○ *She's going to have another baby*. ○ *In another two weeks it'll be finished*. **2** (thil, milai) dang: *We can do it another time*. ○ *That's quite another matter*. ○ *This pen doesn't work—can you give me another one?* **3** a bang-aw mi (minung lole thilri): *Can he be another Einstein?*

▷ **another** *indef pron* **1** a dang: *Can I have another?* ○ *Not another!* ○ *Suddenly the letters started arriving — another of them came today*. **2** thil/mi dang pakhat: *I don't like this room — let's ask for another*. **3** a bangmi: *Shakespeare is the greatest English writer — will there ever be such another?* **4** (idm) **one another** ⇒ ONE.

ans *abbr* answer.

answer¹ /'ɑ:nsə(r); US 'ænsər/ *n* ~ (to sb/sth) **1** sawnnak; lehrulnak (thu suhmi): *The answer he gave was quite surprising*. ○ *Have you had an answer to your letter?* ○ *I rang the bell but here was no answer*. **2** thu harsa tifaitu, ti thatu: *this could be the answer to all our problems*. ○ *Who knows the answer to the question*. ○ *The answer to 3×17 is 51*. **3** (idm) **a dusty answer** ⇒ DUSTY. **have/know all the answers** (often derog) thu tampi thei: *He thinks he knows all the answers*. **in answer (to sth)** sonnak ah: *The doctor came at once in answer to my phone call*.

answer² /'ɑ:nsə(r); US 'ænsər/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tf, Dn-n] sawnki, lehrul (kaa in maw ca in maw); awi: *Think carefully before you answer*. ○ *answer the question, the teacher, the invitation* ○ *answer the door*, ie open the door after sb has knocked or rung the bell ○ *answer the telephone*, ie pick up the receiver and speak to the person who is calling ○ *My prayers have been answered*, ie I have got what I wanted. ○ *Nobody answered my call for help*. ○ (fml) *How do you answer the charge?* ○ *She answered that she preferred to eat alone*. ○ *Can you answer me this?* Cf REPLY. **2** kimter, tlin: *answer sb's purpose/needs/requirements*. **3** (idm) **answer to the description (of sb/sth)** a kaih aw: *The photograph answers to the description of the wanted man*. **answer to the name of sth** (infml or joe) hmin sak; hmin ko: *My dog answers to the name of Spot*. **4** (phr v) **answer back** tong kir, sawn kir: *It's wrong of the press to publish articles attacking the Queen when she can't answer back*. **answer (sb) back** puar/hngal zetih sawn kir: *He's a rude little boy, always answering his mother back*. **answer for sb/sth** (a) tuanvo nei, mawhphurh nei: *He has a lot to answer for*. ○ *You will have to answer for your crimes one day*. (b) mi can-ai ih tong/reel; rak tang: *I agree but I can't answer for my colleagues*. ○ *Knowing her well I can certainly answer for her honesty*, ie can guarantee that she is honest. **answer to sb (for sth)** tuanvo nei, tuanvo laak: *Who do you answer to in your new job?* ○ *You will answer to me for any damage to*

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the car. answer to sth lung, thlun, pakhat khat ih fialmi tuah: *The plane answered smoothly to the controls.*

▷ **answerable** /ˈɑːnsərəbl/ *adj* **1** sawnkir theih. **2** [pre] ~ **to sb (for sth)** tuanvo nei, mawhphurh: *I am answerable to the company for the use of this equipment.*

answerphone /ˈɑːnsəfəʊn/; US ˈæns-/ *n* telefon a rat tikah a mah te a rak ngai ih aw a khum mi cet.

ant /ænt/ *n* **1** sihte (a phunphun). **2** (idm) **have ants in one's pants** (*infml*) um thiam lo; lungtho ciamco.

□ **ant-eater** *n* sihte eitu rannung.

anthill *n* sentlungpawng, sihte vuun.

-ant, -ent *suff* **1** (with *vs* forming *adjs*) verb khi adjective ih canternak ih hmanmi: *significant* ○ *different*. **2** (with *vs* forming *ns*) verb khi noun ih canternak ih hmanmi: *inhabitant* ○ *deterrent*.

antacid /æntˈæsid/ *n* [C, U], *adj* (substance) pumpi ihsin a suakmi thil thur khamtu, rehtertu sii: *I need an/some antacid to cure my indigestion.*

antagonism /æntˈæɡənizəm/ *n* [C, U] ~ (against/for/to/towards sb/sth); ~ (between A and B) ralsannak, duhlonak, dodalnak, phirsit (milai pahnih karlak): *The antagonism he felt towards his old enemy was still very strong.* ○ *You could sense the antagonism between them.*

antagonist /æntˈæɡənɪst/ *n* eeltu, mi ralsantu/dodaltu, mi phirsittu.

antagonistic /æntˈæɡənɪstɪk/ *adj* ~ (to/towards sb/sth) ralsan duh, dodalduh, eelduh: *He's always antagonistic towards new ideas.*

▷ **antagonistically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

antagonize, -ise /æntˈæɡənəɪz/ *v* [Tn] ralsan, dodal, phirsit, eel: *It would be dangerous to antagonize him.*

Antarctic /æntˈɑːktɪk/ *adj* leilung tawdeng (South Pole) kiangkap, Antarctic ram pawl.

▷ **the Antarctic** *n* [sing]

□ **the Antarctic Circle** *Latitude 66° 30'.*

ante /æntɪ/ *n* phe dang ngah hlanih thapmi tangka: *raise/up the ante*, ie increase one's stake.

▷ **ante** *v* **1** [Tn] tangka thaap (phe lehnak ah). **2** (phr *v*) **ante up** (*esp* US) thaap; pek ding pe.

ante- *pref* (with *ns, adjs* and *vs*) hmai ah, hlaanah (tikcu): *ante-room* ○ *antenatal* ○ *antedate*. Cf POST-, PRE-.

antecedent /æntɪˈsiːdnt/ *n* **1** [C] (*fml*) a hlan ih rak um dah zomi thil, lole, thu. **2** [C] (*grammar*) *relative pronoun* ih a sawhmi tongfang, tongfang bur: *'Which proves I'm right' is not clear unless we know the antecedent of 'which'.* **3 antecedents** [pl] pupa pawl, lole khuahlan nun.

▷ **antecedence** *n* [U] (*fml*) hoih hmasa mi (*priority*); a rak um zomi.

antecedent *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) (*fml*) a hlan deuh,

a hmaisai deuh.

antechamber /ˈæntɪtʃeɪmbə(r)/ *n* (*fml*) = ANTE-ROOM.

antedate /ˈæntɪˈdeɪt/ (also **pre-date**) *v* [Tn] **1** ca ngan ni hnakin a ni tuan deuh ih tuah: *an antedated cheque.* **2** hmaisai sawn ah rak cang/um: *This event antedates the discovery of America by several centuries.* Cf POST-DATE.

antediluvian /ˈæntɪdɪˈluːviən/ *adj* **1** Noah san tilik hlan. **2** (*infml* or *joc*) san man lo: *His ideas are positively antediluvian!*

antelope /ˈæntɪləʊp/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~s) zukneng vek ramsa.

antenatal /ˈæntɪˈneɪtl/ *adj* [usu attrib] (a) nau suak hlan, naute hrin hlan, nau pai lai: *Antenatal complications can affect a baby's health.* (b) nau pai pawl hrang: *antenatal clinics*. Cf POSTNATAL.

▷ **antenatal** *n* naute hrin hlan.

antenna /æntˈenə/ *n* **1** (pl ~nae /-ni:/) cucik-kharbok ki. **2** (pl ~s) (US) = AERIAL¹. radio, TV pawl aw kaihnaak thirhiri.

antepenultimate /æntɪpɪˈnɪltɪmət/ *adj* a neetnak bik in siar le a pathumnaak: *The main stress in 'photography' falls on the antepenultimate syllable.*

anterior /æntɪˈɪəriə(r)/ *adj* [usu attrib] (*fml*) hlanta deuh, hmaisai deuh, tuan deuh. Cf POSTERIOR.

ante-room /æntɪˈruːm, -ru:m/ (also **ante-chamber**) *n* inn khaupi luh hlan khaan fate hmaisai deuh, mi hngahnaak khaan.

anthem /æntəm/ *n* hlarempi (biaknak). Cf MOTET. *National anthem*; ram hlapi.

anther /æntə(r)/ *n* (botany) pangpar sungih a vutte umnak.

anthology /æntəˈlɒdʒɪ/ *n* thulu pakhat a neimi, lole mi pakhat ih nganmi biaza bu, hlaphuah-bu, calai-bu: *an anthology of love poetry.*

▷ **anthologist** /æntəˈlɒdʒɪst/ *n* hlaphuahmi le calai pawl finkhawmtu.

anthracite /æntərəˈsaɪt/ *n* [U] a hak zet ih a khu a malmi lung meihol.

anthrax /æntərəˈræks/ *n* [U] milai suan thei tilva nat phunkhat.

anthrop(o)- *comb form* mihring: *anthropomorphic* ○ *anthropology*.

anthropoid /æntərəˈpɔɪd/ *adj* mihring pumruang a kengmi/a simi: *anthropoid ancestors of modern man.*

▷ **anthropoid** *n* milai bang ramsa, huho, chimpanzi le korila vek pawl.

anthropology /æntərəˈpɒlədʒɪ/ *n* [U] milai thuhla zirnak (a hleice in ziang tiin a piang, a thansodaan, zum daan le cin le daan pawl). Cf ETHNOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY.

▷ **anthropological** /æntərəˈpɒlədʒɪkl/ *adj*.

anthropologist /æntərəˈpɒlədʒɪst/ *n* milai thuhla zirtu, lole, a thiam zetmi.

anthropomorphic /æntərəˈpɒməˈfɪk/ *adj* biakmi khawzing pathian le ramsa khi an pianhmang le umtudan ah milai vekih zohnak.

anthropomorphism /ˌænθrəpəˈmɔːfɪzəm/ *n* [U].

anti /ˈæntɪ/ *prep* a kalhkeh lam, a si lo lam: *They're completely anti the new proposals.* Cf PRO¹.

anti- (also **ant-**) *pref* (used widely with *ns* and *adjs*) **1** dodaal, kalhkeh, kham: *anti-aircraft* ○ *antipersonnel.* Cf PRO-. **2** **opposite of** a si lo zawng lam: *anti-hero* ○ *anticlimactic.* **3** kham: *antiseptic,* tur khamtu ○ *antifreeze* ○ *antacid.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Anti-** and **counter-** both have the meaning of 'opposed to'. **Anti-** suggests an attitude of opposition: *anti-war literature* ○ *the anti-nuclear campaign,* while **counter-** refers to an action taken to prevent or respond to something: *counter-espionage activities* ○ *counter-revolution.*

anti-aircraft /ˌæntɪ ˈeəkrɑːft; US -kræft/ *adj* ral vanzamleng siattu, dotu, kaptu pawl: *anti-aircraft guns, missiles, etc.*

antiballistic missile /ˌæntɪbəlɪstɪk/ ral rocket rak kaptu rocket phundang.

antibiotic /ˌæntɪbɪəˈtɪk/ *n, adj* (**substance,** eg **penicillin**) natnak pangang khamtu, siattu (bacteria nathrik khamtu).

antibody /ˌæntɪbɒdi/ *n* natnak bacteria nathrik rak dotu kan thii sungih a semmi thil: *Our bodies produce antibodies to counteract disease.*

antic /ˈæntɪk/ *n* (usu *pl*) capauh: *laughing at the clown's silly antics.*

anticipate /ænˈtɪsɪpeɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tg, Tsg] ruat cia, rak ring cia: *Do you anticipate (meeting) any trouble?* ○ *We anticipate that demand is likely to increase.* **2** [Tn, Tf, Tw] rak hmu: *She anticipates all her mother's needs.* ○ *Anticipating that it would soon be dark, they all took torches.* ○ *A good general can anticipate what the enemy will do.* **3** [Tn, Tsg] (*fml*) rak tuah khel: *When Scott reached the South Pole he found Amundsen had anticipated him.* ○ *Earlier explorers probably anticipated Columbus's discovery of America.* ○ *We anticipated their (making a) complaint by writing a full report.* **4** thlenhlaan, umhlaan ah rak hmangsung cia: *anticipate one's income,* ie spend money before receiving it.

▷ **anticipatory** /ænˈtɪsɪˈpeɪtəri/ *adj* (*fml*): *anticipatory precautions.*

anticipation /ænˈtɪsɪˈpeɪʃn/ *n* [U] rak ruatcianak; rak rincianak: *A tennis player shows good anticipation by moving quickly into position.* ○ *In anticipation of bad weather they took plenty warm clothes.*

anticlimax /ˌæntɪˈklaɪmæks/ *n* a thatnak ding rak zuamrero hnu a netnak ah thil nuamlo a thlengmi: *The holiday itself was rather an anticlimax after all the excitement of planning it.*

▷ **anticlimactic** /ˌæntɪˈklaɪmæktɪk/ *adj* (*fml*).

anticlockwise /ˌæntɪˈklɒkwaɪz/ (also *esp* US

counter-clockwise) *adv, adj* nazi kut feh zawng lo lam, dung kir zawngin: *Turn the key anticlockwise/in an anticlockwise direction.* Cf CLOCKWISE (CLOCK¹).

anticyclone /ˌæntɪˈsaɪklɒn/ *n* thli a sah-nak hmun ram, nikhua tha le tha lo suahtertu. Cf DEPRESSION.

anti-depressant /ˌæntɪdɪˈpresnt/ *n, adj* (*drug*) rehsia thinnat damnak sii: *She's been taking/on anti-depressants since her baby died.*

antidote /ˌæntɪdəʊt/ *n* ~ (**against/for/to sth**) tur, thihsii rak dodaltu sii: *an antidote against snake-bites, malaria, food poisoning.* **2** (*fig*) a rem-aw-lo mi thil: *The holiday was a marvelous antidote to the pressures of office work.*

antifreeze /ˌæntɪˈfriːz/ *n* [U] (*medical*) tidai khal ding khamnak ah ti sungih thlakmi sii.

antigen /ˌæntɪdʒən/ *n* [U] (*medical*) taksa sungih ret tikah antibodies cangtertu thil.

anti-hero /ˌæntɪ ˈhɪərəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~ **es**) thuanthu cawn ah a thupi bik cawng ih thiam hnailotu (ralthat le ziaza lam ah).

antihistamine /ˌæntɪˈhɪstəmiːn/ *n* [C, U] (*medical*) taksa thak rehtertu sii phunkhat khat.

antiknock /ˌæntɪˈnɒk/ *n* [U] mawtawka awn kiam deuh tertu datsi thawn rawimi hriak phunkhat.

antilogarithm /ˌæntɪlɒgərɪðəm; US -lɔːg/ (also **antilog** /ˈæntɪlɒg; US -lɔːg/) *n* (*mathematics*) logarithm nambat: *1000, 100 and 10 are the antilogarithms of 3, 2 and 1.*

antimony /ˈæntɪməni; US ˈæntɪməni/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) thir le thildang tivek rawinak ih hmanmi thil khanausung (Kawl).

antipathy /ænˈtɪpəθi/ *n* ~ (**to/towards/against sb/sth**); ~ (between **A** and **B**) (**a**) [U] ngaih-awklo nak, hmuhthiam-awk lonak: *She felt no antipathy towards younger women.* (**b**) [C] ngaihlonak, mitkemnak: *He showed a marked antipathy to foreigners.*

▷ **antipathetic** /æntɪpəˈθetɪk/ *adj* ~ (**to/towards sb/sth**) ngaihawk lonak a simi.

anti-personnel /ˌæntɪ ˈpɜːsənel/ *adj* thilri siloin milai thiter ding le siatsuah dingih tuahmi bomb le puak theimi tla.

antiperspirant /ˌæntɪˈpɜːspərənt/ *n* [C, U] thlanhri put khamtu sii (a bikin zak-thlan).

antipodes /ænˈtɪpədəɪz/ *n* [*pl*] **1** leilung pi parih a ralden awmi hmun pawl. **2** **the Antipodes** Europe thawn a ralden awmi Australia ram.

antiquarian /ˌæntɪˈkwɛəriən/ *adj* [usu *attrib*] thil hlun (cabu tivek) thawn a pehpar-aw mi: *an antiquarian bookseller.*

▷ **antiquarian** *n* = ANTIQUARY.

antiquary /ˈæntɪkwəri; US ˈæntɪkwəri/ (also **antiquarian**) *n* thil hlun thu zirtu, khawltu.

antiquated /ˌæntɪkweɪtɪd/ *adj* **1** (*usu derog*) a hlun zo, san man lo. **2** (milai, ruahdan, tivek) san man nawn lo.

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antique /æn'ti:k/ *adj* **1** (a) khuahlan ta. (b) khuahlanpi ih rak um. **2** a hlun ruangih man nei. ⇒ Usage at OLD.

▷ **antique** *n* thilhlun, khuahlaan thil: [attrib] *an antique shop*, ie one that sells antique.

antiquity /æn'tɪkwətɪ/ *n* **1** [U] khuahlan san: *The heroes of antiquity*. **2** [U] san ropi, san thupi: *Athens is a city of great antiquity*. **3** [C usu pl] khuahlan sanih hmanmi thil pawl, eg tangkafai, beelpa, tikur-lu, tivek: *a museum full of Greek and Roman antiquities*.

antirrhinum /æntɪ'rɪnəm/ (also **snap-dragon**) *n* (botany) hmeh tikih a (kaa) a aangmi pangpar phunkhat.

anti-Semite /æntɪ 'sɪ:mat; 'sem-/ *n* Judah phun huatu/dodaltu. ▷ **anti-Semitic** /æntɪ sɪ'mɪtɪk/ *adj*. **anti-Semitism** /æntɪ 'semɪtɪzəm/ *n* [U].

antiseptic /æntɪ'septɪk/ *n* [C, U] hma septic lut lo dingih khamtu sii: *Have you got any antiseptic for this cut?*

▷ **antiseptic** *adj* **1** septic kham thei. **2** bektiria tello mi: *an antiseptic bandage*.

antisocial /æntɪ'səʊʃl/ *adj* **1** mi zapi cin le daan duhzawng lo: *It is antisocial to leave one's litter in public places*. **2** mi kom lo, mi pawl duh lo: *antisocial behaviour* ○ *It's rather antisocial of you not to come to the party*.

anti-tank /æntɪ'tæŋk/ *adj* [attrib] tank kah siatnak: *anti-tank missiles*.

antithesis /æntɪ'thə:si/ *n* (pl **-ses** /æntɪ'thə:si:z/) **1** (a) (usu *sing*) ~ (of/to sth/sb) a kalhkeh aw-mi: *Slavery is the antithesis of freedom*. (b) [U] ~ (of sth to sth); ~ (between **A** and **B**) a zawng aw lo, a dang pi: *The style of his speech was in complete antithesis to mine*. **2** [C, U] a kalhkeh aw ih simmi thuhla: *'Give me liberty, or give me death' is an example of antithesis*.

▷ **antithetic** /æntɪ'tetɪk/, **anti-thetical** /-ɪkl/ *adjs*. **antithetically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

antitoxin /æntɪ'tɒksɪn/ *n* [C, U] tur, thihnak sii khamtu thil/sii.

antler /æntlə(r)/ *n* zukneeng ki: *a fine pair of antlers*.

▷ **antlered** *adj*.

antonym /æntənɪm/ *n* tican ralden nei ðongfang: *'Old' has two possible antonyms: 'young' and 'new'*. Cf **SYNONYM**.

anus /eɪnəs/ *n* (pl **-es**) (anatomy) tawka, tawkua.

▷ **anal** /eɪnl/ *adj*.

anvil /ænvɪl/ *n* **1** solung, sodam, sodennak ih pahmi thir. **2** (anatomy) hna sungih um ruh pakhat.

anxiety /æŋ'zɪə:ti/ *n* **1** [U] hmailam hrang khawruahharnak, helhkam, seherhna, donharnak: *We waited for news with a growing sense of anxiety*. ○ *He caused his parents great anxiety by cycling long distances alone*. **2** [C] mangbang vansannak: *The anxieties of the past week had left her exhausted*. ○ *The doctor's*

report removed all their anxieties. **3** [U] ~ **for sth/to do sth** hngakhlap: *anxiety to please*.

anxious /æŋksɪəs/ *adj* **1** ~ (about/for sb/sth) khawruahhar, helhkam, seherh, lamhar: *an anxious mother* ○ *I am very anxious about my son's health*. ○ *He was anxious for his family, who were travelling abroad*. **2** [attrib] helhkamnak suahter: *We had a few anxious moments before landing safely*. **3** ~ **for sth/(for sb) to do sth/that...** dontam, donhar: *anxious for their safety* ○ *anxious to meet you/for his brother to meet you* ○ *They were anxious that aid should be sent promptly*.

▷ **anxiously** *adv*.

any¹ /eni/ *indef det* **1** (used in negative sentences and in questions; after *if/whether*; after *hardly*, *never*, *without*, etc; and after *such vs as prevent*, *ban*, *avoid*, *forbid*) (a) (used with [U] *ns*) a zat siar ti um lo ih hmanmi ðongfang: *I didn't eat any meat*. ○ *Do you know any French?* ○ *There was hardly any free time*. ○ *We did the job without any difficulty*. ○ *To avoid any delay please phone your order direct*. ○ *It didn't seem to be any distance to the road* (ie It seemed a very short distance). (b) (used with plural [C] *ns*) pakhat hman, pakhat tal: *I haven't read any books by Tolstoy*. ○ *Are there any stamps in that drawer?* ○ *I wonder whether Mr Black has any roses in his garden?* ○ *You can't go out without any shoes*. ○ *They bought a dog to prevent any burglaries*. Cf **SOME**¹. **2** (a) (used with singular [C] *ns*) pakhat khat: *Take any book you like*. ○ *Give me a pen – any pen will do*. ○ *Phone me any day next week*. (b) (used with singular [C] *ns* in negative sentences or sentences implying doubt or negation; also used after *if*, *whether*) singular noun thawn hman a si; a si lo lam thawn hman a si: *Hasn't it got any tail?* ○ *I can't see any door in this room*. **3** ziangvek: *Any fool could tell you that*. ○ *You'll find me here at any hour of the day*. ○ *Any train from this platform stops at Gatwick*. ○ *They want any money you can spare*. **4** (used in negative sentences and after *if*, *whether*) zaran, menmen: *This isn't any old bed – it belonged to Shakespeare*. ○ *If it were any ordinary paint you would need two coats*. ○ *She isn't just any woman – she's the Queen*.

□ **any time** ziangtik khalah: *Come round any time*.

any² /eni/ *indef pron* **1** (used in negative sentences and in questions; after *if/whether*; and after *hardly*, *never*, *without*, etc) thusuhnak le a silo lam thawn hman a si: *if/whether*, *hardly*, *never*, *without* thlun ih hmanmi a si. (a) (referring back) zianghman: *I can't give you any*. ○ *Have you got any?* (b) (referring forward): *She didn't spend any of the money*. ○ *If he had read any of those books he would have known the answer*. ○ *He returned home without any of the others*. **2**

pakhat khat: *If you recognize any of the people in the photograph, tell us.* Cf SOME³. **3** (idm) **sb isn't having any** (*infml*) lungkim lo; thatho lo: *I tried to get her to talk about her divorce but she wasn't having any.*

any³ /'eni/ *indef adv* (used with *faster, slower, better, etc.*, in question and after *if, whether*) deuh: *I can't run any faster; rang deuh in ka tlan thei lo.* ◦ *Is your father any better at all?* ◦ *If it were any further we wouldn't be able to get there.* ◦ *I can't afford to spend any more on foot.* ◦ *The children didn't behave any too well, ie They behaved rather badly.*

□ **any more** (*US anymore*) nawn: *She doesn't live here any more.*

anybody /'eni'bɒdi/ (also **anyone**) *indef pron 1* zo tal: *Did anybody see you?* ◦ *Hardly anybody came.* ◦ *Anybody who saw the accident should phone the police.* ◦ *He left without speaking to anyone else.* **2** zo khal: *Anybody will tell you where the bus stop is.* ◦ *Ask anyone in your class.* **3** (in negative sentences) mi thupi pakhat khat: *She wasn't anybody before she got that job.*

anyhow /'eni'haʊ/ *indef adv 1* dawngdah zet in; duhtawk in: *The books were lying on the shelves just/all anyhow.* ◦ *He made notes anyhow across the page.* **2** (also **anyway**) ziangti in khal siseh: *It's too late now, anyhow.* ◦ *Anyhow, you can try.*

anyone /'eniwʌn/ *indef pron* = ANYBODY.

anyplace (*US*) = ANYWHERE.

anything /'eniθɪŋ/ *indef pron 1* (thil/thu) pakhat khat, ziang tal: *Did she tell you anything interesting?* ◦ *There's never anything worth watching on TV.* ◦ *If you remember anything at all, please let us know.* **2** ziang thupi tal: *Is there anything (ie any truth) in these rumours?* **3** ziangkhal: *I'm very hungry – I'll eat anything.* ◦ *Anything will do to sleep on.* **4** (idm) **anything but** zianghman lo; si lamlam lo: *The hotel was anything but satisfactory.* **anything like sb/sth** (*infml*) ziangtin khal; an bang aw: *He isn't anything like my first boss.* ◦ *The film wasn't anything like as good as ET.* **like anything** (*infml*) zet (rang zet, ring zet tivek): *The thief ran like anything when he heard the alarm.* **or anything** (*infml*) cuvek: *If you call a meeting or anything, put up a notice.*

anyway /'eniwei/ *indef adv* = ANYHOW 2.

anywhere /'eniweə(r); US -hweər/ (also **anyplace**) *indef adv 1* khuitawk hmanah: *I can't see it anywhere.* ◦ *If you want to go anywhere else, let me know.* **2** khui tawk khal ah: *Put the box down anywhere.* ◦ *We can go anywhere you like.*

▷ **anywhere** *indef pron* khuihman: *I haven't anywhere to stay.* ◦ *Do you know anywhere (where) I can buy a typewriter?*

aorta /'eɪɔ:tə/ *n* lung kehlam kau ih thifehnak thihripi (cu tawkin taksa ruangpi ah thi a

kuat).

apace /ə'peɪs/ *adv* (*dated or rhet*) zamrang zetin: *Work is proceeding apace.*

apart /ə'pɑ:t/ *adv 1* hlatnak ah, hlat-aw ah: *The two houses stood 500 metres apart.* ◦ *The employers and the unions are still miles apart, ie are far from agreement.* **2** khat lam kau ah, hmun dangah: *She keeps herself apart from (ie does not mix with) other people, mi a pawl lo.* **3** a dangdang ah: *You never see them apart these days.* ◦ *He was standing with his feet wide apart.* ◦ *These pages are stuck together – I can't pull them apart.* **4** fate te ah, a ciprok ah: *I'm sorry, the cup just came/fell apart in my hands.* **5** (idm)

be poles apart ⇒ POLE¹. **joking apart** ⇒ JOKE.

put/set sb/sth apart (from sb/sth) thupiter, lamdangter: *His use of language sets him apart from most other modern writers.* **a race apart** ⇒ RACE. **take sb/sth apart** soisel: *He took my essay apart but I found his criticism helpful.* **take sb/sth apart** a dangdang ah thentheh; bal theh: *John enjoys taking old clocks apart.* **tell/know A and B apart** thleidang thei. **worlds apart** ⇒ WORLD.

□ **apart from** (also *esp US aside from*) *prep 1* siarlain, telhloin: *Apart from his nose (Cf His nose apart) he's quite good-looking.* **2** hlei ah, tlunah: *Apart from the injuries to his face and hands, he broke both legs.*

apartheid /ə'pɑ:θaɪt, -hɛt/ *n* [U] (*in S Africa*) hmairang le hmaidum phun thleidannak thuhla. (cui ram kumpi thusuah).

apartment /ə'pɑ:tmənt/ *n* (*abbr apt 1*) (*US*) = FLAT. **2** khual riah hmun innkhaan pawl. **3** inn tumpi sungah pindan (innkhaan) kaupi, midang hlanmi innkhaan: *You can visit the whole palace except for the private apartments.*

□ **apartment block** (*Brit*) (*US apartment house*) khaan tampi nei inn tumpi.

apathy /'æpəθi/ *n* [U] ~ (*towards sb/sth*) ziangsiarlolak, ziang-poisak-lolak: *Extreme poverty had reduced them to a state of apathy.*

▷ **apathetic** /æpəθetɪk/ *adj* ziangsiar lo, poisa lo. **apathetically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

ape /eɪp/ *n 1* milai thawn a naih-aw bik zawng mei nei lo (huho, gorilla, chimpanzee, orangutan, gibbon) pakhat khat. **2** (idm) **go ape** (*sl*) aatthlak zet ih cangvai.

▷ **ape v** [Tn] cawng, cuuk; mi tuah vekih tuah ve.

□ **ape-man** *n* milai le (*ape*) zawng karlak ih rak um dahmi ramsa-minung phunkhat.

aperient /ə'pɛəriənt/ *n* [C, U], *adj* (*fml*) sungdok sii phunkhat.

aperitif /ə'pɛrətɪf; US ə'pɛrə'tɪf/ *n* rawl ei ka thawtnak ih inmi zu, kathawtnak zu.

aperture /æpətʃə(r)/ *n 1* ker-ong fiak te. **2** kemra sungih khawtleu luhnak ong fiak te: *What aperture are you using?*

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apex /eɪpeks/ *n* (pl **-es** or **apices** /eɪpɪsɪz/) a zim, a sannak bik: *the apex of a triangle* ○ (fig) *At 41 he'd reached the apex of his career.*

aphasia /ə'feɪzɪə; US -zə/ *n* [U] (medical) thluak siat ruangih ðongthiam tuk lo, mi ih ðongmi thei thei lo nat.

▷ **aphasic** *n, adj* (milai) aphasia nat a tuartu.

aphid /eɪfɪd/ *n* = APHIS.

aphis /eɪfɪs/ (also **aphid**) *n* (pl **aphides** /eɪfɪdɪz/) thingkung pawl nater thei mi nget phunkhat.

aphorism /æfə'ɹɪzəm/ *n* ðongfim.

▷ **aphoristic** /æfə'ɹɪstɪk/ *adj*.

aphrodisiac /æfrə'dɪzɪæk/ *n* [C, U], *adj* (substance or drug) hurtertu (sii phunkhat).

apiary /eɪpɪəri; US -ɪəri/ *n* khuai zuat hmun inn.

▷ **apiarist** /eɪpɪəri'st/ *n* khuai zuattu.

apiece /ə'pi:s/ *adv* to, for or by each one group (pakhat, pawlkhat) ciar in, ciar ah: *three cakes apiece* ○ *costing 50p apiece* ○ *We wrote it together, a page apiece.*

apish /eɪpɪʃ/ *adj* (usu derog) **1** zawng vek; aa. **2** atthlak ih mi umzia cawng: *His apish devotion irritated her.*

aplomb /ə'plɒm/ *n* [U] mah le mah rin-awk le suup-awknak; fekzet ih dinnak: *She performs the duties of a princess with great aplomb.*

apocalypse /ə'pɒkəlɪps/ *n* **1** [C] (hmailam a canglai ding thu) thuphuan. **2 the Apocalypse** [sing] Baibal ih cabu neta bik (Revelation) Johan nganmi Thuphuan cabu. **3** [sing] caan cemnakh ih thil um ding phuanmi, vek thil cang maktak.

▷ **apocalyptic** /ə'pɒkəlɪptɪk/ *adj* thuphuan sung um thil thupi cangmi, cumi thawn a pehpar awmi. **apocalyptically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

Apocrypha /ə'pɒkrɪfə/ *n* [sing *v*] Hebru Cathianghlim ih telh lomi Thukam Hlun cabu hrekkhat, Protestant Baibal ah telh lomi.

▷ **apocryphal** /ə'pɒkrɪfəl/ *adj* a dik lo; phuahcop mi: *Most of the stories about his private life are probably apocryphal.*

apogee /æpədʒi:/ *n* **1** (astronomy) thlapi le a dang pawl fehnak ziin, leilung ihsin a hlatbiknak hmun. **2** (fig) a saannak bik.

apolitical /eɪpə'lɪtɪkəl/ *adj* ram hruai thuhla ih tel pah lo.

apologetic /ə'pɒlədʒetɪk/ *adj* ~ (about/for sth) ka mawh ti aw mi, poi ti aw mi, thin nuam lo: *an apologetic letter, voice* ○ *He was deeply apologetic about his late arrival.*

▷ **apologetically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

apologetics *n* [sing *v*] (Khristian) zummi le ruahmi dinkham daan. Cf APOLOGY 2.

apologist /ə'pɒlədʒɪst/ *n* thu elnak thawn thuzirhmi tantu.

apologize, -ise /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (for sth) ka mawh a si ti ih zaangfah dil; ngaithiam dil; poi ti: *I must apologize for not being able to*

meet you. ○ *Apologize to your sister!*

apology /ə'pɒlədʒɪ/ *n* **1** ~ (to sb) (for sth) ka mawh a si ti ih tinak; poiternak: *offer/make/accept an apology* ○ *I made my apologies (to my host) and left early.* **2** (fml) (zumnak le thupom ih) ðan khuarnak. Cf APOLOGETICS (APOLOGETICS) (APOLOGETIC). **3** (idm) **an apology for sth** a menmen, thupi lo tuk: *Please excuse this wretched apology for a meal.*

apophthegm (also **apothegm**) /æpəθem/ *n* hmualei zet ðongthim, ðongfim (maxim).

apoplexy /æpə'pleksɪ/ *n* [U] thih bup, thluakhri pitnat, merai. Cf STROKE 1 7.

▷ **apoplectic** /æpə'plektɪk/ *adj* **1** thihbup nei: *an apoplectic stroke/fit.* **2** (infml) thinheng ol, hmai sen ðuifo: *apoplectic with fury.*

apostasy /ə'pɒstəsi/ *n* (a) [U] biakmi bansannak, sakhua lam bansannak, mah paði tlansannak. (b) [C] cuvek a tuahmi.

▷ **apostate** /ə'pɒsteɪt/ *n* mah zummi tlansantu, etc.

a posteriori /eɪ'pɒstɪəri/ (using reasoning that proceeds) from effects to causes. a suak mi (thuhla) kha hrambun in a ruang ruahnak, eg *'The boys are very tired so they must have walked a long way.'* Cf A PRIORI.

apostle /ə'pɒsl/ *n* **1** (also **Apostle**) a thuzirh mi karhzaiter dingah Jesuh ih athlahmi dungthlun 12 sungih pakhat khat. **2** zumnak thar (lole) cangvaih nak thar hotu, asilole, zirhtu.

▷ **apostolic** /æpə'stɒlɪk/ *adj* **1** Apostle pawl thu, asilole, an thu zirh thawn a pehparmi. **2** Pope thu thawn pehpar in. **apostolic succession** Apostle pawl hnen ihsin a dotdot ih a sawngtu pope pawl le a dang bishop pawl hnen ah pek sinmi thlarau lam thuneihnak.

apostrophe¹ /ə'pɒstrəfi/ *n* cafang pakhat, asilole, pakhat hnakh tamdeuh taantami a um ti hminsinnak riin ('), eg (as in *can't* for *cannot*, *I'm* for *I am*, '76 for 1976, etc), neitu hmuhnak, eg (as in *the boy's/boys'* meaning *of the boy/boys*), a tam kha a tawinakh ih ngan tikah (as in *There are two l's in 'bell'*).

apostrophe² /ə'pɒstrəfi/ *n* (fml) a thi zomi, a um lomi milai hrangih nganmi le phuahmi ca tawite; asilole, thil pakhat kha milai vekah re in a hnenah ca nganmi/phuahmi.

▷ **apostrophize, -ise** /ə'pɒstrəfaɪz/ *v* [Tn] ca thawn phuahsak.

apothecary /ə'pɒθəkəri; US -kerɪ/ *n* (arch) sii le sii thilri zuartu.

□ **apothecaries' weight** sii pawl cuai thlai daan.

apothegm = APOPHTHEGM.

apotheosis /ə'pɒθɪ'əʊsɪs/ *n* (pl **-ses** /-sɪz/) **1** (milai) khi khawzing, pathian (lole) thianghlim ih cannak/canternak: *the apotheosis of a Roman Emperor.* **2** sunlawinakh sangbik coternak: *The legends of King Arthur represent the apotheosis*

of chivalry.

appal (US also **appall**) /ə'pɔ:l/ v (-ll-) [Tn] thin pemter, thin thiater, thin nater: *The newspaper reports of starving children appalled me.* ◦ *We were appalled at the prospect of having to miss our holiday.*

▷ **appalling** adj (infml) a siakha tuk, a thalo tukmi: *I've never seen such appalling behaviour.* ◦ *I find much modern architecture quite appalling.* **appallingly** adv: *appallingly thin.*

apparatus /æpə'reitəs; US -'rætəs/ n [U, C] (rare pl ~es) **1** (a) thilri (tikpan) a tak tuah tiki hman mi thil-le-ri: *laboratory apparatus.* (b) thil pakhat khat tuahnak ih hmanmi thil le ri: *The vaulting horse is a difficult piece of apparatus to master.* ◦ *Firemen needed breathing apparatus to enter the burning house.* ⇨ Usage at **AMCHINE**. **2** pawlkom saktuahdan: *the whole apparatus of government.* **3** ruang pumpi then umdaan: *the respiratory apparatus.*

apparel /ə'pærəl/ n [U] (dated or fml) hruk mi thilthuum: *lords and ladies in rich apparel.*

apparent /ə'pærənt/ adj **1** [pred] hmuh theih mi, a fiang kuahki mi: *Certain problems were apparent from the outset.* ◦ *It became apparent that she was going to die, a thih ding a fiang ko.* ◦ *Their motives, as will soon become apparent (ie as you will soon see), are completely selfish.* **2** a bang, a si ngaingai lo: *Her apparent indifference made him even more nervous.* ◦ *Their affluence is more apparent than real, ie They are not as rich as they seem to be.*

▷ **apparently** adv bangzet in: *He had apparently escaped by bribing a guard.* ◦ *Apparently (ie I have heard that) they're getting divorced.*

apparition /æpə'ri:ʃn/ n **1** (a) tihnungza zet ih langnak. (b) tihnungza zet le rinlopi ih langu milai: *a weird apparition in fancy dress.* **2** muthla, phung: *You look as though you've seen an apparition.*

appeal /ə'pi:l/ v **1** [Ipr, Dpr.t] ~ to sb (for sth); ~ for sth zaangfah dil: *I am appealing on behalf of the famine victims.* ◦ *The police appealed to the crowd not to panic.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) hiarter, duhter, thinlung hoiter: *The idea of camping has never appealed (to me).* ◦ *Her sense of humour appealed to him enormously.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (to sth) (against sth) (law) zung saang deuh ah thuθensak dingih diil: *I've decided not to appeal.* ◦ *She appealed to the high court against her sentence.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (for/against sth) (in cricket) bawhlung beengtu khi suakter dingah lehnak thuθentu kha sim; thu then cat ding pakhat khat ngeen: *The whole side appealed for a catch.* ◦ *The captain appealed against the light, ie said that the light was not good enough for the game to continue.*

▷ **appeal** n **1** (a) [C] ~ (to sb) (for sth) zaangfah dilnak: *an appeal for help, food, extra staff* ◦ a

charity appeal. (b) [U] zaangfah bom dilnak: *Her eyes held a look of silent appeal.* **2** [U] mi hiipnak: *Does jazz hold any appeal for you?* ◦ *The new fashion soon lost its appeal.* **3** [C] (law) zung sang deuh ah dilnak; azukhannak (APPEAL 3): *lodge an appeal* ◦ *have the right of appeal* ◦ [attrib] *an appeal court.* **4** [C] (in cricket) thu then sak dingih dilnak.

appealing adj **1** mi thinlung a lami, a hiipmi: *I don't find small boys very appealing.* ◦ *The idea of a holiday abroad is certainly appealing.* **2** zaangfahnak thinlung a suaktermi: *an appealing glance.* **appealingly** adv.

appear /ə'piə(r)/ v **1** [I] (a) a hung lang, a hung suak: *A ship appeared on the horizon.* ◦ *A light appeared at the end of the tunnel.* ◦ *A rash has appeared on his body.* (b) thleng, baan: *He promised to be here at four o'clock but didn't appear until six.* (c) a bang: *It appears that there has been a mistake.* **2** [I] (a) mi hmai ah suak: *The tenor soloist is unable to appear tonight because of illness.* ◦ *I have to appear in court on a charge of drunken driving.* (b) thuθen zungah palai (kucale) tuan: *appear for the defendant/prosecution.* **3** [I] suak (cabu, mekazin, cahram): *His new book will be appearing in the spring.* ◦ *The news appeared next day on the front page.* **4** [La, Ln, I, It] a bang: *The streets appeared deserted.* ◦ *Don't make him appear a fool.* ◦ *She appears to have many friends.* ◦ *There appears to have been/It appears that there has been a mistake.* ◦ *You appear to have made/It appears that you have made a mistake.* ◦ *'Has he been found guilty?' 'It appears so/not.'*

NOTE ON USAGE: The two pairs of synonyms **appear/seem** and **happen/chance** are intransitive verbs and are not generally used in the continuous tenses. They are commonly used in these two patterns: **1** *It appears/seems that he's resigned.* ◦ *It happened/chanced that she spoke fluent Swahili.* **2** *He appears/seems to have resigned.* ◦ *She happened/chanced to speak fluent Swahili.* **Chance** is more formal than **happen**. **Appear** and **Seem** are used in a variety of other patterns: *She appeared/seemed very confident.* ◦ *'Are they reliable?' 'It appears/seems not.'* ◦ *'It's going to rain.'* *'So it appears/seems.'* **So** is often used for emphasis with **happen/chance**: *It so happened/chanced that I'd met her a few years before.*

appearance /ə'piərəns/ n **1** [C] hung langnak, hung thlennak: *The sudden appearance of a policeman caused the thief to run away.* ◦ *They finally made their appearance (ie appeared, arrived) at 11.30.* **2** [C] mi hmai ih suahnak: *His first appearance on stage was at the age of three.* **3** [C, U] hmuh theih ih a bangmi; hmuimel:

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Fine clothes added to his strikingly handsome appearance. ○ *She gave every appearance of being extremely rich.* ○ *Don't judge by appearances – appearances can be misleading.* ○ *The building was like a prison in appearance.*
4 (idm) **keep up appearances** a lenglam lawng langter, a sunglam thu theihter duh lo ah: *There's no point in keeping up appearances when everyone knows we're nearly bankrupt.* **put in an appearance** miṭing, puai ah pawl ve, tel ve: *I don't want to go to the party but I'd better put in an appearance, I suppose.* **to all appearances** hmuh theih sung vial: *He was to all outward appearances dead.*
appease /ə'pi:z/ v [Tn] tlon lungawi, thinlung daiter: *appease sb's anger/hunger/curiosity.*
 ▷ **appeasement** n [U] thinlung daihter nak, tlon lungawinak.
appellant /ə'pelənt/ adj (law) sangsin zung thlennak.
 ▷ **appellant** n (law) (upadi) sangsin zungih thurelsak dingih diiltu.
appellation /æpə'lei:ʃn/ n (fml) hmin, upa sinak hmin.
append /ə'pend/ v [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** (fml) peh cih, beet cih: *append one's signature to a document* ○ *append an extra clause to the contract.*
appendage /ə'pendɪdʒ/ n pehmi, beetcih mi: *The elephant's trunk is a unique form of appendage.*
appendectomy /,æpen'dektəmi/ (also **appendicectomy** /ə'pendɪ'sektəmi/) n (medical) ril-peeng, ril-hlei at (sii lam).
appendicitis /ə'pendɪ'saɪtɪs/ n [U] ril-hlei, ril-peeng thling (nat).
appendix /ə'pendɪks/ n **1** (pl **-dices** /-dɪsɪz/) cabu cemnak lam ih ngan beetmi thuhla: *This dictionary has several appendices, including one on irregular verbs.* **2** (pl **-dixes**) (also **vermiform appendix**) ril hlei, rilte peeng.
appertain /,æpə'teɪn/ v [Ipr] ~ **to sb/sth** (fml) pehpar-aw, nei: *the duties and privileges appertaining to one's high office.*
appetite /'æpɪtaɪt/ n **1** [U] duk ṭhatnak; (rawl le nomnak ah) ka thawt: *When I was ill I completely lost my appetite.* ○ *Don't spoil your appetite by eating sweets before meals.* ○ (fig) *He had no appetite for the fight.* **2** thil tuah/ti duhnak: *The long walk has given me a good appetite.* ○ *He has an amazing appetite for hard work.* ○ *a person of gross sexual appetites.*
appetizer, -iser /'æpɪtaɪzə(r)/ n rawl ka thawtnak ih eimi, inmi: *Small savoury biscuits provide a simple appetizer.*
appetizing, -ising /'æpɪtaɪzɪŋ/ adj (of food, etc) rawl ka thawtter: *an appetizing smell from the kitchen* ○ *The list of ingredients sounds very appetizing.*

▷ **appetizingly, -isingly** adv.
applaud /ə'plɔ:d/ v **1** [I, Tn] lungkimpi hmuhnak ih kut beeng ciamco: *The crowd applauded (him/ the performance) for five minutes.* **2** [Tn] lawm ciamco, thangṭhat: *I applaud your decision.*
applause /ə'plɔ:z/ n [U] **1** lungkim kutbengnak, lomnak: *He sat down amid deafening applause.* **2** nasa zet ih lungkimpi: *Her new novel was greeted by reviewers with rapturous applause.*
apple /'æpl/ n **1** (a) apple (epal) rah: [attrib] *an apple pie* ○ *apple sauce.* (b) (also **apple tree**) apple kung. **2** (idm) **an/the apple of discord** (fml) tawh-awknak suahtertu, a hrihram. **the apple of sb's eye** duhce mi, hiarce mi: *She is the apple of her father's eye.* **in apple-pie order** remte in re (reet).
 □ **applecart** n (idm) **upset the/sb's applecart** ⇒ UPSET.
applejack n [U] (US) zu ih a cang zomi apple ti.
appliance /ə'plaiəns/ n **1** thuamhnaw, thiltinak thuamhnaw: *a kitchen full of electrical appliances*, eg a washing-machine, dish washer, liquidizer, etc. ⇒ Usage at MACHINE. **2** = FIRE-ENGINE (FIRE).
applicable /'æplɪkəbl, US 'æplɪkəbl/ adj [pred] ~ **(to sb/sth)** a remcang aw mi, a kaih-awmi, hman theih: *This part of the form is not applicable* (ie does not apply) *to foreign students.*
 ▷ **applicability** /'æplɪkə'bɪləti/ n [U].
applicant /'æplɪkənt/ n ~ **(for sth)** diltu, (hnaṭuan diltu tivek): *As the wages were low, there were few applicants for the job.*
application /,æplɪ'keɪʃn/ n **1** (a) [U] ~ **(to sb) (for sth)** dilnak (ca), dilmi: *Keys are available on application to the principal.* (b) [C] dilnak: *We received 400 applications for the job.* ○ [attrib] *an application.* **2** (a) [U, C] ~ **(of sth) (to sth)** thuhmi, culhmi, hnihmi: *lotion for external application only*, ie to be put on the skin, not swallowed ○ *three applications per day.* (b) [C] hnihmi thil: *an application to relieve muscle pain.* **3** [U] thlunternak, daan ih tuahnak: *the strict application of the law.* **4** [U] teimaknak, zuamnak: *Success as a writer demands great application.* **5** [U, C] ~ **(to sth)** hmancih theih, hmanna: *a new invention that will have application/a variety of applications in industry.*
applicator /'æplɪkətə(r)/ n thil thuhnak/hnihnak: *Use the applicator provided to spread the glue.*
applied ⇒ APPLY.
appliqué /æ'plɪkeɪ; US 'æplɪ'keɪ/ n [U] mawi seh ti ih ṭhit belh mi puan.
 ▷ **appliqué** v (pt, pp **appliquéd**) [Tn] hnipuan ceimawi.
apply /ə'plai/ v (pt, pp **applied**) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ **(to sb) (for sth)** hnaṭuan, thil diil: *You should apply immediately, in person or by letter.* ○ *apply*

to the publishers for permission to reprint an extract ○ apply for a job, post, passport, visa. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** hnih, thuh, culh: apply the ointment sparingly ○ apply the glue to both surfaces ○ (fig) I'd never apply the word 'readable' to any of his books. **3** [Tn] hmang (daan, upadi): apply a law/rule/precept ○ apply economic sanctions. **4** [I, Ipr] ~ **(to sb/sth)** pehpar-aw: These rules don't always apply. ○ What I have said applies only to some of you. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** tha hmang: apply force, pressure, heat, etc ○ apply the brakes hard. **6** [Tn, Tnpr] ~ **oneself/sth (to sth/doing sth)** ben-aw theh—lawnglawng tuah/ruat: You will only pass your exams if you really apply yourself (to your work). ○ We must apply our minds to finding a solution. **7** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sth)** hmang cih: The results of this research can be applied to new developments in technology.
▷ **applied** /ə'plaid/ adj [usu attrib] hmancih mi: applied mathematics, eg as used in engineering ○ applied linguistics. Cf PURE 5.

appoint /ə'pɔɪnt/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sb (to sth)** hnaʔuan ih laak, hnaʔuan pe, ʔuanvo pe: They have appointed Smith/a new manager. ○ He was appointed to the vacant post. ○ Who shall we appoint (as) chairperson? ○ We must appoint sb to act as secretary. **2** [Tn] dinh, umter: appoint a committee. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] tiam, khiah: appoint a date to meet/for a meeting ○ The time appointed for the meeting was 10.30.
▷ **appointee** /ə'pɔɪn'ti:/ n hnaʔuan pekmi minung.

appointment /ə'pɔɪntmənt/ n **1** (a) [C, U] ~ **(to sth)** (act of) hnaʔuan peknak: His promotion to manager was a popular appointment. (b) [C] (pekmi) hnaʔuan: I'm looking for a permanent appointment. **2** [C, U] ~ **(with sb)** pakhat khat tong dingih tiam-awk: make/fix an appointment with sb ○ keep/break an appointment ○ I have a dental appointment at 3 pm. ○ Interviews are by appointment only. **3** appointments [pl] tokheeng cabuai bungrua pawl.

apportion /ə'pɔ:ʃn/ v [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth (among/to sb)** ʔhen ve, coter ve, seu ve: I don't wish to apportion blame among you/to any of you. ○ He apportioned the members of the team their various tasks. Cf PORTION v.
▷ **apportionment** n [U].

apposite /æpə'zɪt/ adj ~ **(to sth)** a kaih cekci mi, a tawk cekci mi (thusim le thil tinak ah): an apposite comment, illustration, example, etc ○ I found his speech wholly apposite to the current debate. ▷ **appositely** adv. **appositeness** n [U].

apposition /æpə'zɪʃn/ n [U] (grammar) beet mi ʔongfang/ʔongfang buur: In 'Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother' 'the Queen Mother' is in apposition to 'Queen Elizabeth'.

appraise /ə'preɪz/ v [Tn] a man ʔuat, a sinak ʔuat:

appraise a student's work ○ an appraising glance ○ It would be unwise to buy the house before having it appraised.

▷ **appraisal** /ə'preɪzəl/ n [C, U] a man le a sinak ʔuatnak.

appreciable /ə'pri:ʃəbl/ adj hmuh theihmi, theih a theihmi: an appreciable drop in temperature ○ The increase in salary will be appreciable. ▷ **appreciably** /-əbli/ adv: He's looking appreciably thinner.

appreciate /ə'pri:ʃeɪt/ v **1** [Tn] thei thiam, lawm, sunlawih, man neiter: You can't fully appreciate foreign literature in translation. ○ I really appreciate a good cup of tea. ○ Your help was greatly appreciated, ie We were grateful for it. **2** [Tn, Tf, Tw] zaangfahnak thawn rak theithiam sak: I appreciate your problem, but I don't think I can help you. ○ I appreciate that you may have prior commitments. ○ You don't seem to appreciate how busy I am. **3** [I] a man kaih: Local property has appreciated (in value) since they built the motorway nearby.

▷ **appreciative** /ə'pri:ʃətɪv/ adj ~ **(of sth)** a ʔhatnak theihthiammi, lommi: an appreciative letter, audience, look ○ I'm most appreciative of your generosity. **appreciatively** adv.

appreciation /ə'pri:ʃeɪʃn/ n **1** [U] theihthiamnak le lungawinak; lomnak: She shows little or no appreciation of good music. **2** [U] lungawi langternak: Please accept this gift in appreciation of all you've done for us. **3** [C] (fml) (esp written) ca ih nganmi zuksuai (pachi) a that zia, lole, milai pakhat ih ʔuansuakmi ʔhat zia simsuaknak: an appreciation of the poet's work. **4** thil man ʔhannak: The pound's rapid appreciation is creating problems for exporters.

apprehend /æprɪ'hend/ v **1** [Tn] (fml) kai (thu sual tuah ruangah): The thief was apprehended (by the police) in the act of stealing a car. **2** [Tn, Tf] (dated or rhet) a ti can thei, theithiam: Do I apprehend you aright, ie Do you mean what I think you mean?

apprehension /æprɪ'hensɪn/ n **1** [U, C] donharnak (hmailam thu): filled with apprehension ○ I feel a certain apprehension about my interview tomorrow. **2** [U] theithiam. **3** [U] kaih: the apprehension of the robbers, escaped prisoners, etc.

apprehensive /æprɪ'hensɪv/ adj ~ **(about/of sth)**; ~ **(that.../for sb/sth)** donhar, ʔihphang: apprehensive about the results of the exams ○ apprehensive that he would be beaten ○ apprehensive for sb's safety.
▷ **apprehensively** adv.

apprentice /ə'prentɪs/ n **1** hnaʔuan zirtu, thil thiam duh ah nihlawh loih hnaʔuantu: [attrib] an apprentice plumber. **2** thokpek (thilzir/ tuah).

▷ **apprentice** v [sep passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (to**

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sb mi pakhat kut hnuai ah hnaʔuan zirter.

apprenticeship /-tɪʃɪp/ n (time of) thokpek, zirnak: *serve an/one's apprenticeship with a carpenter.*

apprise /ə'praɪz/ v [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb of sth** (fml) theiter, sim: *I was apprised of the committee's decision.*

appro /æprəʊ/ n (idm) **on appro** (Brit infml) = ON APPROVAL (APPROVAL).

approach /ə'prəʊtʃ/ v **1** [I, Tn] naih: *The time is approaching when we must think about buying a new house.* ○ *As you approach the town the first building you see is the church.* **2** [Tn] bang: *Few writers even begin to approach Shakespeare's greatness.* **3** [Tn] pan (bomnak duh ah): *approach one's bank manager for a loan* ○ *approach a witness with a bribe* ○ *I find him difficult to approach, ie not easy to talk to in a friendly way.* **4** [Tn] thil tidan te'n tuah thok: *Before trying to solve the puzzle, let us consider the best way to approach it.*

▷ **approach** n **1** [sing] naih vivonak: *Heavy footsteps signaled the teacher's approach.* ○ *At her approach the children ran off.* **2** [C] ~ **to sth** bang-awknak: *That's the nearest approach to a smile he ever makes.* **3** [C] pan/fehnak ziin: *All the approaches to the palace were guarded by troops.* ○ [attrib] *Police are patrolling the major approach roads to the stadium.* **4** [C] mi va ti daan/pan daan: *a new approach to language teaching.* **5** [C] lungkimter dingih va pannak: *The club has made an approach to a local business firm for sponsorship.* ○ *She resented his persistent approaches.* **6** [C] vanzamleeng cawl dingih leilung pan: *the approach to the runway.* **7** [C] (in golf) golf kua naihlam ah golf thawi. **8** (idm) **easy/difficult of approach** (fml) biak ol/har, thu ruahpi ol/har.

approachable adj **1** (of people or things) thlen a theihmi: *The house is only approachable from the south.* **2** pan ol, biak ol mi. **approachability** /ə'prəʊtʃə'bɪlətɪ/ n [U].

approbation /æprə'beɪʃn/ n [U] (fml) lungkim pitnak: *awaiting the approbation of the court.*

appropriate¹ /ə'prəʊpriət/ adj ~ (for/to sth) a tlakmi, a remcangmi: *Sports clothes are not appropriate for a formal wedding.* ○ *His formal style of speaking was appropriate to the occasion.* ○ *You will be informed of the details at the appropriate time.*

▷ **appropriately** adv. **appropriateness** n [U].

appropriate² /ə'prəʊpriət/ v **1** [Tn] a dik lo zawngih hmang (mah hrangah): *He was accused of appropriating club funds.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth for sth** then/reet (tangka) — thil pakhat tuahnak ah then ih reet: *£5000 has been appropriated for a new training scheme.*

▷ **appropriation** /ə'prəʊprɪ'eɪʃn/ n **1** (a)[U] tangka hmang. (b) [C] tangka hmannak. **2** [] (tangka)

hman dingih reet: *make an appropriation of £20000 for payment of debts* ○ *the US Senate Appropriations Committee, ie dealing with funds for defence, welfare, etc.*

approval /ə'pru:vl/ n [U] **1** lungkimpinak: *give one's approval* ○ *Do the plans meet with your approval?* ○ *a nod of approval.* **2** (idm) **on approval** (of goods) lungkim a si lawngah. **seal of approval** ⇒ SEAL².

approve /ə'pru:vl/ v **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (of sb/sth) lungkimsak: *She doesn't want to take her new boyfriend home in case her parents don't approve (of him).* ○ *I approve of your trying to earn some money, but please don't neglect your studies.* **2** [Tn] cohlang, hngetter: *The minutes of the last meeting were approved.* ○ *The auditors approved the company's accounts.*

▷ **approving** adj: *She received many approving glances.* **approvingly** adv.

□ **approved school** (formerly) nauhak suaksual tlawng. Cf BORSTAL, REFORMATORY.

approx abbr approximate; approximately.

approximate¹ /ə'prɒksɪmət/ adj hrawng, tluk: *an approximate price, figure, amount, etc* ○ *What is the approximate size of this room?*

▷ **approximately** adv: *It cost approximately £300 – I can't remember exactly.*

approximate² /ə'prɒksɪmət/ v [Ipr] ~ **to sth** a bang zikte: *Your story approximates to the facts we already know.*

▷ **approximation** /ə'prɒksɪməɪʃn/ n **1** [C] a zat hrawng sinak: *3000 students each year would be an approximation.* **2** [U] a zat naih bik.

appurtenance /ə'pɜ:tɪnəns/ n (usu pl) (law) **1** thil thupi lo. **2** thilri comi thawn a um cihmi thuneihnak, cotheinak (thu): *He inherited the manor and all its appurtenances.*

Apr abbr April: 9 Apr 2002.

après-ski /æpreɪ'ski:/ n (French) vur lakah tolhle hnu ih cawl-um: *I enjoyed the après-ski more than the skiing itself.* ○ [attrib] *après-ski clothes, activities.*

apricot /'eɪprɪkɒt/ n **1** [C] (a) mekei phunkhat (aprikhawt): [attrib] *apricot jam.* (b) apricot kung. **2** [U] apricot pianzia.

April /'eɪprəl/ n [U, C] (abbr **Apr**) kum khat sung ih thlalitnak: *She was born in April.* ○ *When were you born? The first of April/April the first/ (US) April first.* ○ *We went to Japan last April/ the April before last.* ○ [attrib] *April showers, ie short periods of rain alternating with fine weather.*

□ **April Fool** April thla nikhat ni ih bum-awknak (capohnak) ih bum ngah mi. **April Fool's Day** (All Fools' Day) 1 April.

a priori /,eɪ praɪ'ɔ:raɪ/ (using reasoning that proceeds) thu ruahdan ah a ruangah theih hnu ih a suak mi (thuhla), eg saying *'They've been walking all day so they must be hungry.'* Cf A

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apron /'eɪprən/ *n* **1** (a) *ʔaanghup kor, hnaʔuannak ah ʔaanglam baal hlah seh ti ih hruuk mi kor.* (b) mawinak ih hruukmi cuvek kor. **2** vanzamleng ʔum le kainak ah hak zet ih tuahmi leilung. **3** (also **apron stage**) (in the theatre) thuanthu cawnnak zialsin saang tlunvan ih thlaimi puanzaar hmai ih ummi donhle. **4** (idm) (**tied to one's mother's/wife's apron strings** nu/nupi thuthu ih nungtuk mi.

apropos /æprə'pəʊ/ *adv, adj* [pred] (in a way that is) simmi tuahmi thawn a rem-aw, a tlaakmi, a rual-awmi: *You'll find the last paragraph extremely apropos.*

□ **apropos of** *prep* pehpar aw in: *Apropos of what you were just saying...*

apse /æps/ *n* Khristian biakinn hmailam bik um thlapi kauseu pian ih khuhmi inn khaan.

apt /æpt/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a tawk zawn, a rem caang, a tlaakmi: *an apt quotation.* **2** ~ (at doing sth) thiamrang zet: *She's one of my aptest students.* ○ *very apt at programming a computer.* **3** [pred] ~ **to do sth** ...si thei, ...cangthei: *apt to be forgetful, careless, quickly-tempered, etc* ○ *My pen is rather apt to leak.*

▷ **aptly** *adv* a tlaak, a zawn zet in: *aptly punished for one's misdeeds.*

aptness *n* [U].

APT /eɪ pi: 'ti/ *abbr* (Brit) Advanced Passenger Train.

apt *abbr* apartment.

aptitude /'æptɪtju:d/ *US -tu:d/ n* [U, C] ~ (for sth/doing sth) suahkeh thil ti theinak/thiamnak: *Does she show any aptitude for games?* ○ *He has an unfortunate aptitude for saying the wrong thing.*

□ **aptitude test** ziang zirter sehla a ʔha pei ti hniksakkak camibuai. Cf INTELLIGENCE TEST (INTELLIGENCE).

aqua /ækwə/ *n* (pl **aquas, aquae**) tidai, tii.

Aqualung /'ækwəlŋ/ *n* (propr) tisung lut tikih hman mi thawthawtnak thil.

aquamarine /'ækwə'ri:n/ *n* **1** [C] a hring le mepian rawi pianzia nei lungto. **2** [U] cuih lungto pianzia.

aquaplane /'ækwəpleɪn/ *n* cet-lawng ih dirhmi milai dinnak thingpheng.

▷ **aquaplane** *v* [I] **1** aquaplane cit, to. **2** (of a vehicle) lamzin ciin parah naalkhawt ciamco.

aquarium /'ækwə'riəm/ *n* (pl ~s or -ria) nga le a dang pawl zuatnak thlalang kuang, thlalang inn.

Aquarius /'ækwə'riəs/ *n* **1** [U] the eleventh sign of the zodiac, the Water-carrier, thlanglam arsi tumpi (tidai phurtu a cuangmi). **2** [C] cui arsi huthawm tangih suakmi milai.

▷ **Aquarian** *n, adj.* ⇒ Usage at ZODIAC.

aquatic /'ækwætɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** tidai sung um (ramsa le thingkung pawl): *Many forms of*

aquatic life inhabit ponds. **2** (of sports) tidai sung, lole, tidai par lehnak lam: *Swimming and water-skiing are both aquatic sports.*

aquatint /'ækwətɪnt/ *n* **1** [U] daar tlep parah acid sii eiter ih zuk suai. **2** [C] cutivek ih tuah mi zuk.

aqueduct /'ækwɪdʌkt/ *n* lilawn vekin tlunvan ih a fehtawk, leihnuai le tiva hnuai ih a feh tawk, lamhlapi ihsin lakmi titler, tidawng kaupi, lei titler tumpi.

aqueous /'eɪkwɪəs/ *adj* tidai vek, tidai ih suahpimi: *chemicals dissolved in an aqueous solution.*

aquiline /'ækwɪlən/ *adj* muvanlai vek: *an aquiline nose*, ie one curved like an eagle's beak.

Arab /'ærəb/ *n* **1** Arabia ram ih keuh miphun. **2** Arabia ram ih vulh hmaisami rang.

▷ **Arab** *adj* Arab thawn a pehpar awmi, Arab pawl ih: *the Arab countries.*

arabesque /'ærə'besk/ *n* **1** (in art) lamdang zet ih ʔelh ʔhatmi thinghnah, thingteek le cazual pawl. **2** (in ballet) ballet laam tikah ke khatlam zial zawn in dunglam ih thluan daan.

Arabian /'ə'ræbiən/ *adj* Arab mi, Arabia thawn a pehpar-aw mi: *the Arabian Sea.*

▷ **Arabian** *n* (dated) Arab(1).

Arabic /'ə'ræbiən/ *adj* Arab ʔong le an calai thawn pehpar in.

▷ **Arabic** *n* [C] Arab pawl ih ʔong.

□ **arabic numerals** (also **arabic figures**) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 timi nambat ngandan pawl hi an si, arabic thilsiar hminsinnak. Cf ROMAN NUMERALS (ROMAN).

Arabist /'ə'ræbɪst/ *n* Arab pawl ih thuhla le nundan thei zettu, lole, zirtu.

arable /'ærəbl/ *n* [U], *adj* rawl cinnak ih thlawh (thlo) theih mi leiram.

arachnid /'æræknɪd/ *n* maimom, tolcep le varngen vek rannung pawl.

arbiter /'b:ɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** ~ of (sth) hi tiin siseh ti ih thu ʔhentheitu: *the arbiters of fashion.* **2** (dated or Scot) = ARBITRATOR.

arbitrary /'a:ɪtrəri; US 'ɑ:rɪtrəri/ *adj* **1** a thuhla le khawruahnak siloin bulpaak thuneihnak ih tuahmi: *The choice of players for the team seems completely arbitrary.* **2** mi zawn ruat lo ih mah thu lawng duhtawk ih hmang, lal tuk: *an arbitrary ruler* ○ *arbitrary powers.*

▷ **arbitrarily** *adv.* **arbitrariness** *n* [U].

arbitrate /'a:ɪtreɪt/ *v* [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (between A and B) a to aw mi karlak ih thu ʔhen sak: *He was asked to arbitrate (a serious dispute) between management and the unions.*

arbitration /'a:ɪtreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] a to-aw mi pawl karlak ih thureel, thu ʔhen saknak: *take/refer the matter to arbitration.* **2** (idm) **go to arbitration** thuhla mi ih relcat sak dingah tuah: *The union finally agreed to go to arbitration as a way of ending the strike.*

arbitrator /'a:ɪtreɪtə(r)/ (also **arbiter**) *n* mi

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arboreal

pahnih karlak thu ðhen sak ding ih hril mi thuþhensaktu.

arboreal /a:'bɔ:riəl/ *adj* (fml) thing parih um: *Squirrels are arboreal creatures.*

arboretum /a:'bɔ:ri:təm/ *n* (pl **-tums** or **-ta**) a thuhla zirnak dingih thingkung pawl phunnak hmun.

arbour (US **arbor**) /'a:bə(r)/ *n* thingkung daihneem.

arc /a:k/ *n* **1** riin bial ðhen. **2** khangro/vangro vekih a kur mi thil: *the arc of a rainbow.* **3** electric hri zim le zim peh ih a fehmi electric mei.

▷ **arc v** (pt, pp **arced** /a:kt/, pres p **arching** /'d:kiŋ/) [I] electric arc vaangter.

□ **arc lamp** (also **arc light**) carbon (khabon) mei vaangter.

arc welding electric arc thawn thir le thir peh, erh.

arcade /a:'keɪd/ *n* a kuum ih a tlun khuh mi hmunhma le dawrtluan: *a shopping arcade.*

arcane /a:'keɪn/ *adj* thuthup, theihhar: *arcane rituals, ceremonies, customs, etc.*

arch¹ /a:tʃ/ *n* **1** a kuum mi thil dotu/domtu: *a bridge with three arches.* **2** (also **archway**) luhnak tlun ih thil kuum (khangro vek): *Go through the arch and follow the path.* ○ *Marble Arch is a famous London landmark.* **3** a kuummi, a kuurmi; a puummi.

▷ **arch v** **1** [Tn] a kuum; a puum: *The cat arched its back when it saw the dog.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **across/over sth** khat le khat thil kual in peh.

arch² /a:tʃ/ *adj* [attrib] hnihsuah a tel mi: *an arch smile, glance, look etc, hni phah ih zohmi.*

arch - *comb form* **1** a lu bik, a thupi bik, hotu bik tinak ih hmanmi ðong bettu: *archangel* ○ *archbishop.* **2** siava zetmi: *arch-enemy.*

archaeology /a:'kɪə'lɒdʒi/ *n* [U] a rung taangmi ruh le thil dang pawl zoh ih khuahlan milai fimdaan zirnak.

▷ **archaeological** /a:'kɪə'lɒdʒɪkəl/ *adj* khuahlan ta: *archaeological finds.*

archaeologist /a:'kɪə'lɒdʒɪst/ *n* khuahlan milai thilhlun thu zirtu le thiamtu.

archaic /a:'keɪk/ *adj* **1** hlanpi ta, khuahlan ih. **2** (esp of words, etc in a language) hman nawn lomi (ðong): *'Thou art' is an archaic form of 'you are'.*

▷ **archaism** /a:'keɪzəm/ *n* **1** [C] khuahlan hman mi ðong. **2** [U] khuahlan ðong hmanna.

archangel /'a:'keɪndʒəl/ *n* vancungmi upabik/hotubik.

archbishop /a:tʃ'biʃəp/ *n* bishop upabik.

▷ **archbishopric** /a:tʃ'biʃəprɪk/ *n* **1** bishop upabik hnañuan. **2** bishop upabik zohmi rambial.

archdeacon /a:tʃ'di:kən/ *n* (Anglican Church kawhhran sungah) bishop sangtu pastor.

▷ **archdeaconry** *n* bishop sangtu ih a hnañuan.

archdiocese /a:tʃ'daɪəsɪs/ *n* archbishop ukmi bial.

archduke /a:tʃ'dju:k; US -'du:k/ *n* (fem **archduchess** /a:tʃ'dʌtʃs/) Austria siangpahrang fapa/fanu kawhna ih hmanmi bawi sinak hmin.

archenemy /a:tʃ'enəmi/ *n* **1** ral tum bik. **2** **the Arch-enemy** the Devil, khawsia.

archer /'a:tʃə(r)/ *n* conkiang kaptu (ral le hmui bahnak ah) conkiang ralkap.

▷ **archery** /'a:tʃəri/ *n* [U] conkiang sai thiamnak.

archetype /a:'kɪtaɪp/ *n* **1** (cawn dingmi) a tir, a thok ih pianhmang (pungsan) zohðhim ding. **2** zohðhim dingih retmi.

▷ **archetypal** /a:'kɪtaɪpl, a:'kɪtaɪpl/ *adj.*

archipelago /a:'kɪpələgəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s or ~es) tikulh buur (tipiih kulh ðehmi).

architect /a:'kɪtekt/ *n* inn sak daan ding pungsan zuk suaitu; cahnah tivek parih ruang zingtu: *the architect's plans for the new theatre* ○ (fig) *He was one of the principal architects of the revolution.*

architecture /a:'kɪtektʃə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** inn sak daan, inn pungsan. **2** inn pungsan suai daan; cahnah ticek parih inn ruang zing daan: *the architecture of the eighteenth century* ○ *Modern architecture depresses me.*

▷ **architectural** /a:'kɪtektʃərəl/ *adj* cahnah tivek parih inn ruang zing thiamnak lam.

architecturally *adv*: *The house is of little interest architecturally.*

archives /a:'kaɪvz/ *n* [pl] **1** (collection of) Kumpi (acozah) zungca le thuanthu pawl khawmi: *I found this old map in the family archives.* **2** kumpi zungca retnak hmun.

▷ **archivist** /a:'kɪvɪst/ *n* a thupi zungca pawl finkhawitu cazi.

archway /a:tʃ'weɪ/ *n* = ARCH¹ **2**.

Arctic /a:'kɪtɪk/ *adj* **1** [attrib] leilungpi ih luzim (saklam Pole) kiangkap ram. **2** arctic (a) a dai zet mi: *arctic weather* ○ *The conditions were arctic.* (b) [attrib] a dai zetmi thawn remcaangmi: *arctic clothing.*

▷ **the Arctic** *n* [sing] saklam pole kiangkap ram.

□ **the Arctic Circle** latitude 66° 30' N.

-ard *suff* (with *adjs* forming *ns*) *adj* khi noun ih canter tikah beetmi: *drunkard* ○ *dullard.*

ardent /a:'dnt/ *adj* phur zet, thatho zet: *an ardent supporter of the local football team* ○ *ardent in her admiration of the artist.*

▷ **ardently** *adv.*

ardour (US **ardor**) /a:'də(r)/ *n* [U] ~ (for **sb/sth**) thathawhna, phurnak: *His ardour for the cause inspired his followers.*

arduous /a:'dʒuəs; US -dʒu-/ *adj* tampi thasuah, lole, zuamnak ðulmi, phur zet ðul: *an arduous task* ○ *The work is arduous and the hours are*

long. ▷ **arduously** *adv.*

are¹ ⇒ BE.

are² /a:(r)/ *n* 100 square metres a si mi hmunhma.

area /'eəriə/ *n* **1** (a) [U] thil lenglam ih a kau le a sau (tah mi): *The area of the office is 35 square metres.* ◦ *The kitchen is 12 square metres in area/has an area of 12 square metres.* (b) [C] tahmi hmun ram: *Compare the areas of these triangles.* Cf VOLUME 2. **2** [C] (a) hmunhma: *Clean the area round the cooker.* (b) hmun pakhat: *mountainous, uninhabited, desert, etc areas of the world* ◦ *Do you like the area (ie neighbourhood) where you're living?* (c) zuahmi hmun ram: *a picnic area* ◦ *the reception area.* **3** [C] cangvaihnak, a thuhla ih huapmi: *the area of finance, training, development, etc* ◦ *The meeting revealed certain areas of disagreement, ie matters on which those present did not agree.* **4** [C] inn hmai ih tual: [attrib] *sitting on the area steps.*

□ **area code** (US) telephone ih hman mi area nambat. (khua nambat; ramthen nambat tivek).

areca /'ærikə, ə'ri:kə/ *n* kuam kuung.

□ **areca nut** (also **betel-nut**) kuam thei.

arena /ə'ri:nə/ *n* **1** Rome pawl lehpinnak innpi a laifang tualrawn. **2** (fig) cangvaihnak, tawh-awknak hmun: *the political arena.*

aren't /a:nt/ *contracted form (infml)* **1** are not: *They aren't here.* **2** (in questions) am not: *Aren't I clever?* ⇒ be.

arête /'æret/ *n* (Switzerland ram ih) tlangzim hriam.

argon /'a:ɡɒn/ *n* [U] (chemistry) electric mei inn ih hmanmi argon daat khu.

argot /'a:ɡəʊ/ *n* [U] fifir pawl ih hman mi tong kel, tongthup.

argue /'a:ɡju:/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (about/over sth) a silo ti ih eel, thu eel aw: *The couple next door are always arguing.* ◦ *Don't argue with your mother.* ◦ *We argued with the waiter about the price of the meal.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tf] ~ (for/against sth) a si lonak thu suahpi; eel: *He argues soundly.* ◦ *argue for the right to strike* ◦ *I argued that we needed a larger office.* **3** [Tn] (fml) eel aw, tong cuh aw: *The lawyers argued the case for hours.* **4** (idm) **argue the toss** thuthenmi lungkim lo tiih sim: *Lets's not argue the toss – we have to accept his choice.* **5** [phr v] **argue sb into/out of doing sth** a ruang sim tahrat in tuahter/terlo: *They argued him into withdrawing his complaint.*

▷ **arguable** /'a:ɡjuəbl/ *adj* **1** eel theih: *It is arguable that we would be just as efficient with fewer staff.* **2** a si rori ti a theih lomi: *This account contains many arguable statements.*

arguably /-əbl/ *adv* eel theih in: *John sings very well though Peter is arguably the better actor.*

argument /'a:ɡjʊmənt/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (with sb) eel-awknak, tawh-awknak: *get into/have an*

argument with the referee (about his decision).

2 [U] thu ron khawmnak: *We agreed without much further argument.* **3** [C] ~ (for/against sth); ~ (that...) thu hrihram suahpi ih eel-awknak: *There are strong arguments for and against capital punishment.* ◦ *The Government's argument is that they must first aim to beat inflation.* **4** [C] cabu sung um thuhla a tawizawng, thu tlangpi. **5** (idm) **for the sake of argument** ⇒ SAKE.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** An **argument** (over/about sth) is a strong verbal disagreement between people: *Most families have arguments over money.* ◦ *I had an argument with my neighbour about a tree in his garden.* **2** A **quarrel** is a sharp, often angry exchange of words between people: *The whole thing turned into a bitter quarrel.* **3** A **row** is angry and may involve shouting, usually for a short time: *She had a dreadful row with her parents and left home.* A **row** can also take place between public figures or organizations: *There was a huge row in Parliament and the minister resigned.* **4** **Alercation** is a formal word and indicates a noisy argument. **5** A **fight** generally involves force or weapons rather than words: *The argument turned into a fight when knives were produced.*

argumentation /,a:ɡjʊmənt'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] (fml) eel-awknak daan.

argumentative /,a:ɡjʊ'mentətɪv/ *adj* thu eel hmang, thu eel duh; eel ro. (ARGUE 1).

▷ **argumentatively** *adj.*

argy-bargy /,a:dʒɪ 'bɑ:dʒɪ/ *n* [U] (Brit infml) tong ruri (eel-aw ngaingai lo): *What's all this argy-bargy.*

aria /'a:riə/ *n* mi pakhat lawng ih sakmi hla.

-arian *suff* (forming *ns* and *adjs*) nouns le adjective ih carenarak ih hmanmi: *humanitarian* ◦ *disciplinarian.*

arid /'ærid/ *adj* **1** (of land or climate) ram caar, ruah sur lonak ram: *the arid deserts of Africa* ◦ *Nothing grows in these arid conditions.* **2** uar um lo, ngaih-um lo: *long, arid discussions about unimportant matter.*

▷ **aridity** /ə'ri:dəti/ *n* [U].

Aries /'eəri:z/ *n* ⇒ ZODIAC. **1** [U] arsi zohnak ih hmainsinnak hmaisai bik 'tuu cang' a si: *the Ram.* **2** [C] (pl **unchanged**) cuih thla sungih a suak mi pawl. ⇒ Usage at ZODIAC.

aright /ə'raɪt/ *adv* (arch or rhet) (never used in front of the *v*) a dik in, a hman in: *Do I hear you aright?*

arise /ə'raɪz/ *v* (pt **arose** /ə'rəʊz/, pp **arisen** /ə'rɪzn) **1** [I] hung lang, tho, hung suak: *A new difficulty has arisen.* ◦ *Use this money when the need arises.* ◦ *A storm arose during the night.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **out of/from sth** pakhat khat ruangih

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hung suakmi: *problems arising out of the lack of communication* ○ *Are there any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting?* **3** [I] (arch) tho, ding.

aristocracy /æri'stɒkrəsi/ *n* **1** [CGp] bawi phun, phun-u pawl, miphun saang: *members of the aristocracy*. **2** (a) miphun saang acozah, miphun saang ukmi ram. **3** [C] a thiam bik a ti thei bik milai pawl: *an aristocracy of talent*.

aristocrat /æri'stɒkræt; US ə'rist-/ *n* phun-u sungtel. Cf COMMONER.

▷ **aristocratic** /æri'stɒkrætɪk; US ə'ristə-/ *adj* phun-u thawn a pehparmi: *an aristocratic family, bearing, life-style*. **aristocratically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

arithmetic /ə'riθmə'tɪk/ *n* [U] (a) kanaan, thil tuat daan. (b) nambat hmangih tuat daan.

▷ **arithmetic** /æriθ'metɪk/, **arithmetical** *adjs* kanaan lam. **arithmetic progression** (also **arithmetical progression**), eg 1, 2, 3 etc or 8, 6, 4, etc. Cf GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION (GEOMETRY).

arithmetically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

arithmetician /ə'riθmə'tɪʃn/ *n* kanaan thiam zettu.

ark /a:k/ *n* (In the Bible) Noah ih lawngpi.

□ **the Ark of the Covenant** Judah pawl ih thukam retnak thingkuang.

arm¹ /a:m/ *n* **1** baan: *She held the baby in her arms*. ○ *He gave her his arm* (ie let her hold it for support) *as they crossed the road*. ○ *She was carrying a book under her arm*, ie between the arm and the body. ○ *He rushed into her arms*, ie to be embraced by her. **2** kor baan: *There's a tear in the arm of my jacket*. **3** baan vek a si mi: *the arms of a chair*, ie parts on which the arms can rest. ○ *an arm of the sea*, ie a long inlet ○ *an arm of a tree*, ie a large branch ○ *the (pick-up) arm of a record-player*. **4** (idm)

arm in arm (of two people) baan hrohl aw in: *strolling happily arm in arm*. **the (long) arm of the law** (extent of) upadi daan ih thuneihnak: *He fled to Brazil trying to escape the long arm of the law*. **at arm's length** baan can: *holding one's hand out at arm's length*. **a babe in arms** ⇒ BABE. **chance one's arm** ⇒ CHANCE². **fold one's arms** ⇒ FOLD¹. **fold sb/sth in one's arms** ⇒ FOLD¹. **have a long arm** ⇒ LONG¹. **keep sb at arm's length** kom duh lo ih hrial. **a shot in the arm** ⇒ SHOT¹. **twist sb's arm** ⇒ TWIST. **with arms akimbo** kut pahnih thawn taai dom ih um ðhungði. **with open arms** ⇒ OPEN¹.

□ **arm-band** (also **armlet**) *n* fau, baan hruk: *Many people at the funeral were wearing black arm-bands*.

armchair *n* kut retnak um zaunak tokheng. — *adj* [attrib] mah mipum rori hmuhtonak um lomi: *armchair critics*, to hmun ih mi soitu. ○ *an armchair traveler*, ie sb who reads or hears about travel but does not travel himself ○

armchair theatre, eg plays on radio or TV.

armful /'a:mful/ *n* pomkhat, kut pomkhat: *armfuls of flowers* ○ *carrying books by the armful*.

armhole *n* angki ih kut hrohlhak ong.

armlet /'a:mlɪt/ *n* = ARM-BAND.

armpit *n* zak, zak kua.

arm² /a:m/ *n* Rampi ralkap bung then (*division*): *troops supported by the air arm*.

arm³ /a:m/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sb (with sth)** ral thuamhnav thawn thuam aw: *The enemy is arming*. ○ *The mob armed themselves with sticks and stones*. ○ *Police say the man is armed and dangerous*. ○ *warships armed with nuclear weapons* ○ (*fig*) *She arrived at the interview armed with lists of statistics*. **2** [Tn] bomb tivek puah dingih timtuah. **3** (idm) **armed to the teeth** ral hriamnam nei eueu.

□ **the armed forces, the armed services** ram ih ralkap pawl (lei, van le tipar ralkap)

armed neutrality zo khal ðan lo ih um (a sinain a kaptu um le kap ve ding tiar aw mi).

armada /a:'maɪdə/ *n* **1** [C] tipar ralkap lawng burpi. **2** **The Armada** [sing] 1588 kum ah England do dingih thlah mi Spain lawng burpi.

armadillo /a:mə'dɪləʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) saphu.

Armageddon /,a:mə'gedn/ *n* [sing] **1** (in the Bible) leilung cemnak ih a ðha le a sia netabik do-awknak ding hmun. **2** (*fig*) cutivek do-awknak.

armament /'a:məmənt/ *n* **1** [C often pl] ral hriamnam (a hleice in vanzamleng le tank ih meithal tivek pawl): [attrib] *the armaments industry*. **2** [C usu pl] ral hrangih timtuah mi ralkap pawl. **3** [U] ral do dingih hriamnam thawn timtuahdan.

armature /'a:mətʃə(r)/ *n* *electric* mei suak dingih *dynamo* sungih a her mi *armature*.

armistice /'a:mɪstɪs/ *n* kah-awk lai ih malte sung colh lawk ding lungkimnak.

□ **Armistice Day** (US **Veterans' Day**) a voikhatnak Leilung Tlun Ralpi ih do-awknak cemni, November 11. Cf REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (REMEMBRANCE). England ram ah thlacamnak an tuah ðheu.

armorial /a:'mɔ:riəl/ *adj* phaw (ralphaw) ih ben cih mi hmainsinnak thawn pehpar-aw mi (COAT OF ARMS (COAT)): *armorial bearings*.

armour (US **armor**) /'a:mə(r)/ *n* [U] ralphaw: *a suit of armour*. **2** tank le lawng pawl cerek khamtu thirphaw. **3** thirphaw nei mawðawka: *an attack by infantry and armour*. **4** (idm) **a chink in sb's armour** ⇒ CHINK¹.

▷ **armoured** (US **armored**) *adj* **1** cerek khamnak phaw neimi: *an armoured car* ○ *The cruiser was heavily armoured*. **2** cerek khamnak phaw bunni ralkap mawðawka pawl: *an armoured column, division, etc*.

armourer (US **armorers**) *n* phaw le ral hriamnaam

remtu. **2** ral hriamhrei kiltu.
armoury (US **armory**) /əˈɑːməri/ *n* phaw le ral hriamnam retnak hmun.
 □ **armour-plate** (US **armor-**) *n* phaw ih hman mi thir tlep.
arms /ɑːmz/ *n* [pl] **1** meithal, bomb le a dang ral hriamnam pawl: *arms and ammunition* ○ *Policemen on special duties may carry arms.* ○ [attrib] *an arms depot.* **2** = COAT OF ARMS (COAT). **3** (idm) **bear arms** ⇒ BEAR². **brothers in arms** ⇒ BROTHER. **ground arms** ⇒ GROUND². **take up arms (against sb)** (fml) raal do ding timtuah. **under arms** ral do dingih tuam aw theptheh mi: *a force of 30000 already under arms.* (**be**) **up in arms (about/over sth)** duhlonak langter— (kankuat): *The whole village is up in arms about the proposal to build an airport nearby.*
 □ **arms race** ram khat le ram khat ralkah cak deuh dingih zuam-awk. (ral-hriamhrei neih tam deuh zuam awk).
army /ɑːmi/ *n* **1** (a) [CGp] leipar ralkap: *The two armies fought for control of the bridge.* (b) **the army** [sing] ralkap hnaʔuan: *go into, be in, join, leave, etc the army* ○ [attrib] *army life.* **2** [CGp] a burpi, tampi (milai, ramsa, tivek): *an army of workmen, officials, ants.* **3** [CGp] thil pakhat tuahtum ruangih finkhawmmi milai pawl khat: *an army of volunteers* ○ *the Salvation Army.*
aroma /əˈrəʊmə/ *n* (esp **pleasant**) thil hmui: *the aroma of coffee, cigars, hot chestnuts.* ▷ **aromatic** /æˈrəʊmætɪk/ *adj* a hmui mi: *aromatic spices.*
arose *pt* of ARISE.
around¹ /əˈraʊnd/ *adv* **1** kimveel, kaa kim: *hear laughter all around.* **2** (esp US *informal*) hrawng, tluk: *around 100 people* ○ *at around five o'clock.* **3** (in measurements) kim veel: *an old tree that was six feet around.*
around² /əˈaʊnd/ *adv part* (esp US) **1** (a) hi-lam, khi-lam ah: *run, drive, walk, look etc around* ○ *children playing around on the sand* ○ *travel around in Europe for six weeks.* (b) hmun ih kipah; khatlam khatlam ah: *Several young girls were sitting around looking bored.* ○ *books left around on the floor.* **2** hmang rero; hman theih laifang; a um: *There was a lot of money around in those days.* ○ *There will be new potatoes around in the shops soon.* ○ *Cable television has been around for some time now.* **3** (a) a naih ah, kiang te ah: *I can't see anyone around.* ○ *See you soon, I expect — I'll be around.* (b) kiangkap: *I'll send someone to show you around.* ○ *You have 15 minutes to look around.* **4** (180°) kual hrek her: *Turn around, dunglet her.* Cf ABOUT². **5** (idm) **be around** laar zet (thil pakhat khat ah): *a new tennis champion who could be around for the next few years* ○ *She's been around as a film director since the 1960's.* **have been around** hmuhton nei: *He pretends he's been around but he's really*

very immature. ○ *You won't fool her — she's been around, you know.*

around³ /əˈraʊnd/ *prep* (esp US) **1** (a) hmun tampi ah: *running around the playground* ○ *travel around the world.* (b) khatlam khatlam ah: *Chairs were left untidily around the room.* ○ *Blobs of paint were dotted around the canvas.* **2** kiangkap ah: *It's around here somewhere.* ○ *I saw him around the place this morning.* **3** (a) kimveel in: *He put his arms around her shoulders.* ○ *run around the block* ○ *The earth moves around the sun.* (b) a kel thlun in: *going around the corner at 80 mph.* **4** (at) naihah, hrawngah: *See you around 7.30.* ○ *It'll be finished around Christmas.* ○ *fashionable around the turn of the century* ○ *It happened around 10 years ago.* Cf ABOUT³.

arouse /əˈraʊz/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (ih-nak ihsin) ʔangter: *He was aroused from his nap by the doorbell.* **2** [Tn] suakter: *Her strange behaviour aroused our suspicions.* ○ *He succeeded in arousing the nation's sympathy.* **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (from/out of sth)** cangvaiter: *arouse sb from apathy, inactivity, etc.* (b) [Tn] (nu le pa pawl-awk) hiarter, lungthoter. Cf ROUSE.

▷ **arousal** /əˈraʊzl/ *n.*

arpeggio /ɑːˈpedʒiəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (music) (a) chord sungih um key note pawl pakhat hnu pakhat zamrang ten tum. eg *tonic* ah (d₁ m₁ s₁ d m s d¹ m¹ s¹ d², etc). (b) cuvek in tum/sak: *practicing arpeggios.*

arr *abbr* **1** (music) arranged (by): *English folk song, arr Persy Grainger.* **2** arrival=thleng: *arr London 06.00.* Cf DEP 1.

arrack /ˈæræk/ *n* [U] Nisuah lam ram pawlhil tuah mi zu.

arraign /əˈreɪn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** (law) (mi pakhat) sual puh, thu then dingah zungih thlenpi: *arraign sb on a charge of murder* ○ *He was arraigned for theft.* **2** [Tn] (fml) nasa zetin soi.

▷ **arraignment** *n* [U, C].

arrange /əˈreɪndʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn] remh, rem le mawi zet ih reet: *arrange the books on the shelves* ○ *arrange some flowers in a vase* ○ *She arranged all her business affairs before going on holiday.* **2** (a) [Tn] (hmailam hrang) tawlrel: *arrange a dinner to celebrate their anniversary* ○ *arrange a programme, a timetable, an itinerary, etc.* ○ *Her marriage was arranged by her parents, ie They chose her future husband.* (b) [Ipr, Tt] ~ **for sb/sth (to do sth)** tuah dingah tawlrel: *I've arranged for a car (to meet you at the airport).* ○ *I'll arrange to be in when you call.* **3** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw, Tt] ~ **with sb about sth**; ~ **(with sb) to do sth** ti ding lungkim: *I've arranged with the neighbours about feeding the cats* ○ *Let's arrange a time and place for our next meeting.* ○ *I arranged with my parents that we could borrow*

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their car. ◦ They arranged to meet at 7 o'clock. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (for sth)** piano tivek thawn tum/sak dingah hla tuah/rem: He arranged many traditional folk songs (for the piano).

NOTE ON USAGE: The verbs **arrange**, **organize** and **plan** all have two main meanings. The first is connected with putting things in order, the second with making preparations in advance. **1 Arrange** is to put in a pleasing or correct order: You must arrange these books in alphabetical order. **Organize** is to put into a working system: To write a good essay you must first organize your ideas logically. **Plan** is to draw a diagram of a place, project, etc: Before we buy anything, let's plan the kitchen on paper. **2** When we arrange a meeting we invite all the necessary people: Could you arrange a meeting with Mrs Wilson for Monday, please? To **organize** a meeting we need to make all the necessary provisions, eg book a room, provide equipment and refreshments, etc: Who's going in organize the sandwiches for Monday's meeting? When we **plan** a meeting, we decide in detail on its length, on the agenda, etc: If we don't plan this meeting properly, we'll get side-tracked into discussing unimportant issues.

arrangement /ə'reɪndʒmənt/ n **1** (a) [U] remcaang te ih ret/tuahmi: Can I leave the arrangement of the tables to you? (b) [C] remcang te ih retnak: a plan of the seating arrangements ◦ Her flower arrangement won first prize. **2** [C usu pl] ~ (about/for sth) tawlrēlnak: He's responsible for all the travel arrangements. ◦ Please make your own arrangements for accommodation. ◦ I'll make arrangements for you to be met at the airport. **3** [U, C] ~ (with sb) to do sth; ~ (with sb) (about/over sth) lungkimnak: Appointments can be made by arrangement (with my secretary). ◦ We can come to some arrangement over the price. ◦ I have an arrangement with your bank to cash cheques here. **4** [C] awnmawi rem that: a new arrangement of a popular dance tune.

arrant /ə'reɪ/ adj [attrib] (of a bad person or thing) siava tukmi: an arrant fool, hypocrite, liar, rogue, etc ◦ He's talking arrant nonsense.

array /ə'reɪ/ v [Tn esp passive] (fml) **1** do aw dingah ralkap pawl ret: His soldiers were arrayed along the river bank. **2** hnipuan tuam tuah sak, huk sak: arrayed in ceremonial robes.
▷ **array** n **1** [C] tarlangnak; a tlar ih retnak: an array of facts, information, statistics, etc ◦ an array of bottles of different shapes and sizes. **2** [U] (fml) sinfen, hnipuan: The royal couple appeared in splendid array. **3** [C] (computing) hman leh dingih thunmi thuhla pawl.

arrears /ə'reɪz/ n [pl] **1** pek ding mi (tangka), tuan man baak rak pek zo dingmi a si nain a tom ih

pek tulmi: arrears of salary ◦ rent arrears. **2** tuah/tuan hrih lomi: arrears of correspondence, ie letters waiting to be answered. **3** (idm) **be in/fall into arrears (with sth)** (a) tangka baakmi rulhsal ding tlai thlang: I have fallen into arrears with my rent. ◦ Payment is made in arrears, ie at the end of the period in which, eg the work was done. (b) hnaṭuan ding tlai/hnu: I'm in arrears with the housework.

arrest /ə'rest/ v [Tn] **1** kai (tuahsual ruangah): After the match three youths were arrested. **2** (fml) rak baang/cawltter: Attempts are being made to arrest the spread of the disease. **3** hiip: An unusual painting arrested his attention.

▷ **arrest** n **1** kai (thusual ruangih) (ARREST 1): The police made several arrests. **2** cawl, baang: The patient died after suffering a cardiac arrest, ie when his heart stopped functioning properly. **3** (idm) **be/place sb/put sb under arrest** (thawng thlak) dingin kai: I am placing you under arrest for attempted burglary. ◦ You are under arrest.

arresting adj mi thinlung la-mi, mi a hiip mi: an arresting smile.

arrival /ə'rɪvəl/ n **1** [U] thlen (khuah ihsin): Cheers greeted the arrival of the Queen. ◦ On (your) arrival at the hotel please wait for further instructions. ◦ to await arrival, ie (on a letter, parcel, etc) to be kept until the person to whom it is addressed arrives. **2** [C] a thlengtu: Late arrivals must wait in the foyer. ◦ We're expecting a new arrival (ie a new baby) in the family soon.

arrive /ə'reɪv/ v **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at/in...) thleng, baan: arrive home ◦ What time did you arrive? ◦ We arrived at the station five minutes late. ◦ They will arrive in New York at noon. **2** [I] (of an event in time) suak, a ra: The great day has arrived. ◦ The baby finally arrived (ie was born) just after midnight. **3** [I] (infml) hminthang: You know you've arrived when you're asked to appear on TV. **4** (phr v) **arrive at sth** lungkim tlang, thleng, baan: arrive at an agreement, a decision, a conclusion, etc.

arrogant /'ærəgənt/ adj porh-aw, hngal: an arrogant tone of voice ◦ It's arrogant of you to assume you'll win every time.

▷ **arrogance** /'ærəgəns/ n [U]. **arrogantly** adv.

arrogate /'ærəgert/ v [Tn-pr] (fml) ~ **sth to oneself** tlaklo/phulo pi ih co, mai covo si lo cing ih co: arrogating all the credit to himself. **2** ~ **sth to sb** mawilo pi ih mawhthluk: arrogate evil motives to a rival.

arrow /'ærəʊ/ n **1** conkiang. **2** khihhmuhnak ah conkiang langter -: Follow the arrows on the map. **3** (idm) **straight as an arrow/die** ⇨ STRAIGHT¹.

□ **arrowhead** n conkiang zim.

arrowroot /'ærəʊru:t/ n (a) [U] ei-ṭha adaluat

- tawba. (b) [U, C] adaluat kung.
- arse** /a:ɜːs/ *n* (Δ *sl*) **1** (US **ass** /æɜːs/) ʔawk, tawka. **2** (usu following an adj) milai: *You stupid arse!* **3** (idm) **lick sb's arse** ⇒ LICK. **not know one's arse from one's elbow** ⇒ KNOW.
- ▷ **arse** *v* (phr *v*) **arse about/around** (Δ *Brit sl*) aat thlak ih um: *Stop arsing about and give me back my shoes.*
- **arse-hole** (US **ass-hole**) *n* (Δ *sl*) (often used as a term of abuse) tawka.
- arsenal** /a:ɜːsən/ *n* **1** ral hriamnam tuah hmun, retnak hmun. **2** hriamnam ih khat: (*fig*) *The speaker made full use of his arsenal of invective.*
- arsenic** /a:ɜːsnɪk/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) **1** thir-daat tel thihnak sii. **2** tur cak zet nei, hivek sii rang.
- arson** /a:ɜːsn/ *n* [U] inn ur.
- ▷ **arsonist** /a:ɜːsnɪst/ *n* inn urtu.
- art**¹ /a:t/ **1** [U] (a) thil mawi ko tuah thiamnak: *The art of the Renaissance* ○ *children's art* ○ [attrib] *an art critic, historian, lover, etc.* (b) mawi ko tuah thiamnak: *Her performance displayed great art.* ○ *This tapestry is a work of art.* (c) kut suai-zuk: [attrib] *an art exhibition/gallery.* **2 the arts** [pl] = FINE ART (FINE). **3 arts** [pl] zirmi thuhla, calai, ʔong; san thuanthu, khur-le-ram thu pawl: [attrib] *an arts degree with honours in sociology.* **4** [C, U] kutzung thiamnak: *the art of appearing confident at interviews* ○ *Threading a needle is an art in itself.* ○ *The art of letter-writing is fast disappearing.* **5** (a) [U] hrokhrawl. (b) [C] mi bumnak: *well-practised in the arts of seduction.* **6** (idm) **get sth down to a fine art** ⇒ FINE².
- **art-form** *n* kutsuai zuklam cangvaihnak: *Film-making is now accepted as an art-form.*
- art and crafts** ceimawi thiamnak le kutzung thiamnak.
- artwork** *n* cabu le mekazin, thuthang ca sungih zuk tla.
- art**² /a:t/ *v* (*arch*) (2nd pers sing pres *t* form of *be*, used with *thou*): *'O rose, thou art sick.'*
- artefact** (also **artifact**) /a:ɜːtɪfækt/ *n* khuahlan milai tuah mi thilri hriamhrei pawl: *prehistoric artefacts made of bone and pottery.*
- arterial** /a:ɜːtəriəl/ *adj* arteri vek/lam: *the arterial system*, ie of the body ○ *arterial roads*, ie important main roads.
- arteriosclerosis** /a:ɜːtəriəʊsklə'rəʊsɪs/ *n* [U] ateri thihri a sunglam kap a sah tukih thii ʔha te ih feh theilo natnak.
- artery** /a:ɜːtəri/ *n* **1** lung ihsin taksa lam ih thi fehnak thihri. Cf VEIN. **2** pehkaih awknak lamzin (mawʔawka, ʔangleeng, lawng).
- artesian well** /a:ɜːti:ziən 'wel; US aɜː'ti:zn/ thir dawng/leer thawn leitang thukpi ihsin tidai lakmi tikhur (tidai amah te a hung irh).
- artful** /a:ɜːtfl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (milai) hrokhrawl, depde, leem thiam: *He's an artful devil!* **2** (of things or actions) mawi le ʔha zet ih tuahmi a thar ih sermi (thilri pawl): *an artful deception, trick, etc* ○ *an artful little gadget for opening tins.*
- ▷ **artfully** /a:ɜːtflɪ/ *adv.* **artfulness** *n* [U]. Cf ARTLESS.
- arthritis** /a:θraɪtɪs/ *n* [U] ruh hlihhlok thling nat. Cf FIBROSITIS, RHEUMATISM.
- ▷ **arthritic** /a:θrɪtɪk/ *adj* ruh hlihhlok a nami: *arthritic hands, pains.* — *n* ruh hlihhlok naatu.
- artichoke** /a:ɜːtɪʃəʊk/ *n* **1** (also **globe artichoke**) tawba nei mungla vek pawl. **2** (also **Jerusalem artichoke** /dʒə'rʊ:sələm/) *n* Jerusalem nihoih paar, a tawba ei theihmi paar.
- article** /a:ɜːtɪkl/ *n* **1** thilri: *articles of clothing*, eg shirts, socks, hats, coats ○ *toilet articles*, eg soap, toothpaste, shaving-cream ○ *The articles found in the car helped the police identify the body.* **2** nganmi thuhla, cahram: *an interesting article on/about education.* **3** (*law*) caken nganmi hmun ʔhenkhat: *articles of apprenticeship*, ie the formal agreement between an apprentice and his employer. **4** (*grammar*) 'a, an' (*the indefinite article*), 'the' (*the definite article*).
- ▷ **article** *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**to sb**) hnaʔuan zir dingah laak, hnaʔuan pek: *an articulated clerk* ○ *articled to a solicitor.*
- **article of faith** **1** rinnak hram, biaknak thupom hrampi. **2** rinmi, zummi.
- articulate**¹ /a:ɜːtɪkjələt/ *adj* **1** fiangfai zet ih ʔong thiam, sim thiam: *She's unusually articulate for a ten-year-old.* **2** (of speech) fiangte ih thu sim thei. **3** pehsakmi.
- ▷ **articulately** *adv.* **articulateness** *n* [U].
- articulate**² /a:ɜːtɪkjələt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] ʔong, fiang teih sim/ʔong: *I'm a little deaf — please articulate (your words) carefully.* **2** [Ipr, Tn-pr usu passive] ~ (**sth**) **with sth** peh; peh sak (ruh hlihhlok vekin): *bones that articulate/bones are articulated with others.*
- **articulated vehicle, articulated lorry** (US **tractor-trailer**) dunglam ih pehmi thil phurhnak mawʔawka khaan fate.
- articulation** /a:ɜːtɪkjələʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ʔongmi, aw-suak ih ʔongmi: *As he drank more wine his articulation became worse.* **2** [U, C] peh-awk (pehnak thawn).
- artifact** = ARTEFACT.
- artifice** /a:ɜːtɪfɪs/ *n* [C, U] bum thiamnak: *Pretending to faint was merely (an) artifice.*
- artificer** /a:ɜːtɪfɪsə(r)/ *n* kutthiam hnaʔuantu (mekhenik).
- artificial** /a:ɜːtɪfɪʃl/ *adj* **1** tuahcopmi; cawncop mi: *artificial flowers, light, limbs, pearls.* **2** a pawnlang; a ngaingai lo; a tak lo: *Her artificial gaiety disguised an inner sadness.*
- ▷ **artificiality** /a:ɜːtɪfɪʃl/ *n* [U].
- artificially** /a:ɜːtɪfɪʃlɪ/ *adv.*
- **artificial insemination** mipa ci kha nunau sul sungah thunsak ih faa vunternak (mipa-nunau

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- pawlaw lo ih faa neih theinak).
- artificial intelligence** (abbr **AI**) milai ih fimthiam hi cet in ziangtluk a cawng thei ti zirnak. (milai thluak kha computer zuam ternak)
- artificial respiration** thaw thawt saal seh ti ih thaw khum sak, suahsak.
- artillery** /a:'tɪləri/ n [U] **1** pukpi meithal: [attrib] an artillery regiment. **2** pukpi ralkap: a captain in the artillery.
- artisan** /,ɑ:tɪ'zæn; US 'ɑ:rtɪzn/ n (fml) kut zung thiam; thil tuah thiam: an artisan in leatherwork.
- artist** /'ɑ:tɪst/ n **1** zuksuai lemser tivek kutthiamlam tuantu: *Constable was a great English artist.* **2** tha zet le mawi zet ih tuah thiamtu: *The carpenter has made this cupboard beautifully — he's a real artist.* **3** = ARTISTE.
- artiste** /a:'ti:st/ n mi lungawi sopar ter ih pumcawm-awtu: *Among the artistes appearing on our show tonight we have....*
- artistic** /a:'tɪstɪk/ adj **1** (a) kutzung thiam a phunphun a thiammi. (b) cuvek thiamnak a thatzia thei thei ih uar thiam: *She comes from a very artistic family.* **2** ceimawimi; a mawi: *The décor is so artistic.* **3** art le artist thawn a pehparmi; an nuncan: an artistic temperament, ie impulsive and eccentric behaviour thought to be typical of artists.
- ▷ **artistically** /,ɑ:tɪfɪ'lɪ'æləti/ adv.
- artistry** /'ɑ:tɪstri/ n [U] artist ih hnaʔuan, a thiamdan: *admire the artistry of the painter's use of colour.*
- artless** /ɑ:tɪls/ adj a menmen; a ol; tluangtlam: as artless as a child of five ○ *My artless comment was mistaken for rudeness.* Cf ARTFUL.
- arty** /ɑ:ti/ adj (infml derog) art duh awter; uarter awk: *His arty clothes look out of place in the office.*
- **arty-crafty** adj (joc or derog infml) hman theih si hnakin a mawilam langter mi (innsungsang tokheng cabuai).
- arum lily** /'æərəm 'lɪli/ a par a tee ih hnah hlai deuh mi lily paar.
- ary** suff (with ns forming adjs and ns) planetary ○ reactionary ○ budgetary ○ commentary.
- Aryan** /'eəriən/ adj **1** Indo-European tong phunphun. **2** hi h tong a hmangtu pawl.
- ▷ **Aryan** n **1** Indo-European tong hmangtu. **2** (formerly used in Germany under Nazi rule) Jews thii tello German miphun.
- as** /əz, strong form æz/ prep **1** bangin, vekin: *dressed as a policeman* ○ *They entered the building disguised as cleaners.* **2** si in; vek: *a job as a packer.* ○ *work as a courier* ○ *I'm speaking as your employer* ○ *Treat me as a friend.* ○ *accept sb as an equal* ○ *I respect him as a writer and as a man.* ⇒ Usage. **3** (a) a si ruangah, a si vekin: *As her private secretary he has access to all her correspondence.* (b) a si lai ah: *As a child she was sent to six different schools.*
- ▷ **as** adv **1** **as...as** (used before advs and adjs in order to make a comparison) (a) zatin, tlukin: *as tall as his father* ○ *This dress is twice as expensive as that.* ○ *He doesn't play half as well as his sister.* ○ *I haven't known him as long as you.* ○ *As likely as not* (ie Very probably), *it will rain.* (b) ih ta vekin: *He looks as ill as he sounded on the phone.* ○ *His eyes aren't quite as blue as they look in the film.* ○ *Run as fast as you can.* ○ *He recited as much of the poem as he could remember.* ○ *She's as good an actress as she is a singer.* **2** vek thotho in: *As before he remained unmoved.* ○ *The 'h' is silent as in 'hour'.*
- as** conj **1** lai ah: *I watched her as she combed her hair.* ○ *As he grew older he lost interest in everything except gardening.* **2** (usu placed at the beginning of the sentence) ruangah: *As you weren't there I left a message, na um lo ruangah thu ka cah ta.* ○ *As she's been ill perhaps she'll need some help.* **3** (used after an adj or adv to introduce a clause of concession) adj, lolé, adv thlunih hman a si: *Young as I am, I already know what career I want to follow.* ○ *Talented as he is, he is not yet ready to turn professional.* ○ *Much as I like you, I couldn't live with you.* ○ *Try as he would/might, he couldn't open the door.* **4** vekin, bang tukin: *Do as I say and sit down.* ○ *Leave the table as it is, ie Do not disturb the things on it.* ○ *Why didn't you catch the last bus as I told you to?* **5** vekin cu a si: *Cyprus, as you know, is an island in the Mediterranean.* ○ *The Beatles, as many of you are old enough to remember, came from Liverpool.* **6** (usu followed by be or do + subject) khal: *She's unusually tall, as are both her parents, amah nu cu a saang hleice, a nu le a pa khal an si ve.* ○ *He's a doctor, as was his wife before she had children.* ⇒ Usage. **7** (idm) **as against sth** vek/bangtuk siloin: *She gets Saturdays off in her new job as against working alternate weekends in her last one.* ○ *We had twelve hours of sunshine yesterday, as against a forecast of continuous rain.* **as and when** (a) (referring to an uncertain future event or action) tik poh ah: *We'll decide on our team as and when we qualify for the competition.* Cf IF AND WHEN (IF)). (b) (infml) a cang thei vete'n: *I'll tell you more as and when, ie as soon as I can.* **as for sb/sth** sinak in : *as for the hotel, it was very uncomfortable and miles from the sea.* ○ *As for you, you ought to be ashamed of yourself.* **as from;** esp US **as of** (indicating the time or date from which sth starts) ihsin: *As from next Monday you can use my office.* ○ *We shall have a new address as of 12 May.* **as if;** **as though** vekin: *He behaved as if nothing had happened.* ○ *As if unsure of where she was, she hesitated and looked round.* ○ *He rubbed his eyes and yawned as though waking up after a long sleep.* **as it is a**

tu ih a si vekin: *We were hoping to have a holiday next week — as it is, we may not be able to get away.* ◦ *I thought I might be transferred but as it is I shall have to look for a new job.* **as it were** (used to comment on the speaker's own choice of words, which may give only an approximate meaning) a cekci si loin zumnak ih simmi: *She seemed very relaxed — in her natural setting as it were.* ◦ *He'd been watching the water rising for two hours — preparing to meet his destiny, as it were — before help arrived.* **as to sth; as regards sth** pehpar awin: *As to correcting our homework, the teacher always makes us do it ourselves.* ◦ *There are no special rules as regards what clothes you should wear.* **as yet** ⇨ YET. **as you were** (used as an order to soldiers, etc to return to their previous positions, activities, etc), um keel.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** When referring to the similarity between people, things and actions, both **as** and **like** are used. **Like** is a preposition and is used before nouns and pronouns: *Like me, she enjoys all kinds of music.* **As** is a conjunction and is used before a clause: *She enjoys all kinds of music, as I do.* In informal speech **like** is frequently used as a conjunction, replacing both **as** and **as if**: *Nobody understands him like/as I do.* ◦ *It looks like/as if he won't arrive in time.* **2** Compare the use of **as** and **like** indicating occupations or functions: *She worked as a teacher* (ie was a teacher) *for many years.* *Our doctor always talks to me like a teacher talking to a child,* ie He is not a teacher but he has the manner of one.

ASA /əˈeɪ es 'eɪ/ abbr **1** Advertising Standards Authority. **2** (also **ASA/BS**) (of a scale of film speeds) American Standards Association (/ British Standard): *ASA/BS 100.* Cf BS, BSI, DIN, ISO.

asap /əˈeɪ es eɪ 'pi:/ abbr as soon as possible; a rang thei tawp in.

asbestos /æsbestəs/ n [U] meisa kaang thei lo dingih khamtu thilri phunkhat, (lungto phunkhat a si).

▷ **asbestosis** /æsbes'təʊsɪs/ n [U] asbstos ruangih a cangmi cuap nat.

ascend /ə'send/ v [I, Tn] (fml) kai so; a sannak ah feh: *The path started to ascend more steeply at this point.* ◦ *We watched the mists ascending from the valley below.* ◦ *notes ascending and descending the scale* ◦ (fig) *ascend the throne,* ie become king or queen.

ascendancy (also **ascendency**) /ə'sendənsɪ/ n [U] ~ (over sb/sth) thuneih thluhnak: *He has (gained) the ascendancy over all his main rivals.*

ascendant (also **ascendent**) /ə'sendənt/ n (idm)

in the ascendant a lian a lalnak a kai laifang: *Though he is still a young man his political carrer is already in the ascendant.*

ascension /ə'senʃn/ n **1** [U] lal le thuneitu ih kainak. **2 the Ascension** [sing] (in the Bible) Bawi Jesuh vancung kainak.

◻ **Ascension Day** Easter (thawhsal Ni) ihsin ni 40 ni, Tlawngkai Nili ni Jesuh vancung kai hngilh lonak ni.

ascend /ə'sent/ n **1** kai: *the ascent of Mount Everest* ◦ *Who was the first man to make an ascent in a balloon?* **2** sokai, kaiso: *The last part of the ascent is very steep.*

ascertain /æ'setɪn/ v [Tn, Tf, Tw] (fml) theifiang dingih tuah; thei fiangter: *ascertain the true facts* ◦ *ascertain that the report is accurate* ◦ *ascertain who is likely to come to the meeting* ◦ *The police are trying to ascertain what really happened.*

▷ **ascertainable** adj.

ascertainment n [U].

ascetic /ə'setɪk/ adj [usu attrib] mah duhnak sup-aw mi; biaknak thu ruangih a hrem-aw, a sup-aw mi: *the ascetic existence of monks and hermits.*

▷ **ascetic** n biaknak lam thu ruangih a sup, a hrem-aw mi, milai.

ascetically /-klɪ/ adv.

asceticism /ə'setɪsɪzəm/ n [U].

ascorbic acid /ə'skɔːbɪk/ n vitamin C; dawh-hlei ih um thil thur.

ascribe /ə'skraɪb/ v [Tnpr] puh deuh; siter; si ih cohlang: *He ascribed his failure to bad luck.* ◦ *This play is usually ascribed to Shakespeare.* ◦ *You can't ascribe the same meaning to both words.*

▷ **ascribable** adj [pred] ~ to sb/sth puh theih; si ih cohlan theih: *His success is ascribable simply to hard work.*

ascription /ə'skrɪpʃn/ n [C, U] ~ (to sb/sth) (fml) puhnak, siternak.

ASEAN /æziæn/ abbr Association of South-East Asian Nations.

asepsis /eɪ'sepsɪs; US ə'sep-/ n [U] nat petu bacteria um lo.

aseptic /eɪ'septɪk; US ə'sep-/ adj (hma le hmatuam tikah) bacteria nat hrik um lo dingih tuamnak a simi.

asexual /eɪ'sekʃʊəl/ adj **1** a nu a pa ti um lo, zahmawh nei lo: *asexual reproduction.* **2** nu le pa pawl-awkdohnak nei lo; hiar lo: *an asexual relationship.*

▷ **asexuality** /eɪ'sekʃʊ'æləti/ n [U].

ash¹ /æʃ/ n (a) [C] a hawng a pawlmi thing hak phun khat. (b) [U] hman theih cuih thing.

◻ **ash plant** n ash kianghrol.

ash² /æʃ/ n [U] vutcaam, kaangvui: *cigarette ash* ◦ *volcanic ash* ◦ *Coke is an economical fuel but it leaves a lot of ash.* Cf ASHES.

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□ **ash blonde** (a) sam sen-pawl. (b) cuvek sam nei nunau.

ashpan *n* vutcam khawl hmun (tap pawn).

ashtray *n* kuakvui retnak kheeng.

Ash Wednesday Lent sung ni hmaisabik. Cf SHROVE TUESDAY.

ashamed /ə'ʃeɪmd/ *adj* [pred] **1** ~ (of sth/sb/oneself); ~ (that...) ningzak, hmaisong: *ashamed of her behaviour at the party* ○ *You should be ashamed of yourself for telling such lies.* ○ *He felt ashamed of having done so little work.* ○ *I feel ashamed that I haven't written for so long.* **2** ~ to do sth zahpi: *I'm ashamed to say I haven't been to a dentist for three years.* ○ *He felt too ashamed to ask for help.* ○ *I'm ashamed to let you see my paintings.*

ashen /æʃn/ *adj* vutcam pianzia: *She listened to the tragic news ashen-faced.*

ashes /æʃɪz/ *n* [pl] vutcam: *Ashes were all that remained of her books after the fire.* ○ *The house was burnt to ashes overnight.* Cf ASH. **2** mithi ruak ur mi vut: *His ashes were buried next to those of his wife.* **3 the Ashes** England le Australia pawl cricket zuamawknak ih a nehtu ih ngah mi khuat-hai deu. **4** (idm) **rake over old ashes** ⇒ RAKE¹. **sackcloth and ashes** ⇒ SACKCLOTH (SACK¹).

ashore /ə'ʃɔ:(r)/ *adv* tikam/leilung ah: *We went ashore when the boat reached the port.* ○ *The ship was driven ashore (ie forced onto the shore) by the bad weather.*

ashy /æʃi/ *adj* vutcam kuhumi; vutcam pian; a rau: *His face was ashy grey.*

Asian /eɪʃn; US 'eɪʒn/ *n* Asia mi.

▷ **Asiatic** *n* (offensive) Asia thawn a pehpar mi.

aside /ə'saɪd/ *adv* **1** a kap ah, a pawn ah, a kiang lamah: *pull the curtain aside* ○ *Stand aside and let these people pass.* ○ *He took me aside to tell me of his wife's illness.* ○ (fig) *You must put aside (ie out of your thoughts) any idea of a holiday this year.* **2** rak re cia, rak khawi cia: *set aside some money for one's retirement* ○ *Please put this jumper aside (ie reserve it) for me.*

▷ **aside** *n* **1** (in the theatre) a ngaitu pawl lawng theih dingah lemcawngtu ih ðong. **2** ðong menmen mi: *I mention it only as an aside.*

□ **aside from** *prep* (esp US) = APART FROM (APART).

asinine /æ'sɪnɪn/ *adj* fimlo; lungruh: *What an asinine thing to say!*

ask /ɑ:sk/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tw, Dn-n, Dn-w] ~ (sb) (about sb/sth); ~ sth of sb sut, thusut: *Ask (him) about the ring you lost — he may have found it.* ○ *Don't be afraid of asking questions.* ○ *Did you ask the price?* ○ (fml) *No questions were asked of us.* ○ *He asked if I could drive.* ○ *She asked them their names.* ○ *I had to ask the teacher what to do next.* **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tw, Dn-w, Dn-t] ~ (sb) for sth; ~ sth (of sb) dil: *Did*

you ask (your boss) for a pay increase? ○ *ask sb's advice, opinion, views, etc* ○ *If you want to camp in this field you must ask the farmer's permission.* ○ *May I ask a favour (of you)?* ○ *It's asking rather a lot of you to have my whole family to stay.* ○ *She asked (me) if I would drive her home.* ○ *I asked James to buy some bread.*

3 [Tw, Tt, Dn-w, Dn-t] dil (siang dingah): *ask to use the car* ○ *ask to speak to sb, eg on the phone* ○ *I asked (the doctor) whether/if I could get up.* ○ *I must ask you to excuse me.* **4** [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-t] ~ sb (to sth) ko, sawm: *ask them to dinner* ○ *He's asked me out several times already.* ○ *Shall we ask the neighbours in/round (ie to our house)?* ○ *She's asked him to come to the party.*

5 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (for sth) a man ngeen: *You're asking too much.* ○ *What are they asking for their house?* ○ *He's asking £80 a month rent for that flat.* **6** (idm) **ask for trouble/it** (infml) harsat tong dingih um; buainak kawluuai: *Driving after drinking alcohol is asking for trouble.* **for the asking** na sut poh ahcun: *The job is yours for the asking, ie If you say you want it, it will be given to you.* **I ask you** (infml) na thungai maw? ti a sawh (mangbang, zumlo ih ðong): *They're thinking of taxing textbooks — I ask you, we'll have to pay to go to bed next!* **if you ask me** (ka ruahnak theih na duh ahcun): *If you ask me, he hasn't got long to live.* **7** (phr v) **ask after sb** mi pakhat ih harhdamnak thuhla sut: *He always asks after you in his letters.* **ask for sb/sth** tong duh ih sut: *ask for the manager, the tickets, the bar.*

□ **asking price** suhmi zat, a man: *Never offer more than the asking price for a house.*

NOTE ON USAGE: When making a request for somebody to do something, **ask** is the most usual and informal word: *I asked her to shut the window.* ○ *He asked me for a light.* The verb **request** is mainly used in formal speech and writing, often in public notices and commonly in the passive form: *Dear Sir, I have been requested to inform you that...* ○ *Passengers are kindly requested not to smoke at the buffet counter.* **Beg** suggests the asking of a great favour in a humble manner: *He knew he had hurt her and begged her to forgive him.* **Entreat, implore** and **beseech** are stronger and more formal than **beg**: *He entreated/implored/beseached her not to desert him.*

askance /ə'skæns/ *adv* (idm) **look askance** (at sb/sth) zum lo le lungkim lo ih zoh: *look askance at the price* ○ *She looked at me rather askance when I suggested a swim in the nude.*

askew /ə'skju:/ *adj* [pred] *adv* a kawipi in, a peng in: *The picture is hanging askew.* ○ *He's got his hat on askew.* ○ *The line is drawn all askew.*

aslant /ə'slɑːnt/; US ə'slænt/ *adv, prep* a sawnpi in; a dinglo; a kai, a peeng: *The evening sunlight shone aslant through the window.* ○ *The wrecked train lay aslant the track.*

asleep *adj* [pred] **1** it that: *Don't wake her up — she's fast/sound asleep.* ○ *He fell asleep during the sermon.* **2** (kutke) hit ðeh: *I've been sitting on my leg and now it's asleep.*

A/S level /eɪ 'es levl/ (in Britain) GCSE le Advanced level karlak ih GCE campuai.

asp /æsp/ *n* N Africa ram um turnei rul fate phunkhat.

asparagus /ə'spærəgəs/ *n* [U] **(a)** a hnah a hmul ih a cerh no ih ei theihmi thingkung phunkhat. **(b)** cuvek kung cerh no: *have (some) asparagus for lunch* ○ [attrib] *asparagus soup.*

aspect /'æspekt/ *n* **1** [C] thlir hmun, thlir daan: *look at every aspect of the problem.* **2** [sing] (*fml*) (milai) hmui-hmel: *a man of enormous size and terrifying aspect.* **3** (usu *sing*) khatlam hoimi (inn): *The house has a southern aspect.* **4** [C] (in astrology) arsi um hmun. **5** [C] (*grammar*) range of meanings expressed by the verb forms *have* + past participle (eg *has worked*) or *be* + present participle (eg *is working*).

▷ **aspectual** /'æspektʃuəl/ *adj* (*grammar*) tisannak lam: *There is an aspectual difference between 'He crossed the road' and 'He was crossing the road'.*

aspen /'æspən/ *n* thli hran tikah a hnah a hnin derdo mi poplar thingkung phunkhat.

asperity /'æspərəti/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] siatvatnak: *reply with asperity.* **2** [C usu pl, U] a daitukmi, asilole, nikhua a siami: *suffer the asperities of winter near the North Pole.*

aspersions /ə'spɜːʃnz; US -zɪz/ *n* [pl] (*fml* or *rhet*) nautatnak, ziang siarlionak: *I strongly resent such unwarranted aspersions.* **2** (idm) cast aspersions ⇒ *CAST*¹.

asphalt /'æsfælt; US -fɔːlt/ *n* [U] lampi ih phah dingmi vunnel le lungtiak thawn rawi mi kattaya, nailun kattaya.

▷ **asphalt** *v* [Tn] kattaya burh.

asphyxia /ə'sfiksɪə; US æs'f-/ *n* [U] thawhawt khoplo (cuap sungih thli a mal ruangah), thawpit.

▷ **asphyxiate** /ə'sfiksɪət/ *v* [Tn usu passive] thaw phit, thaw phit sak (thi seh tiah): *asphyxiated by the smoke and poisonous fume.*

▷ **asphyxiation** /ə'sfiksɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U].

aspic /'æspɪk/ *n* [U] a beek, a hnunmi sahaang: *chicken in aspic.*

apidistra /'æsprɪ'dɪstrə/ *n* a hnah a kau ih a zum mi thingkung phunkhat (inn sungih ret mi a si ðheu).

aspirant /ə'spɪərənt/ *n* ~ (to/after/for sth) (*fml*) hnaŋuan upa kai ding le thil tuah mi hlawhtling zet dingih rak ruahsan eueu-tu; tum saangtu: *an aspirant to the presidency.*

aspirate /'æspərət/ *n* (*phonetics*) a phit ih suah mi aw, eg 'k' cu phit lo; 'kh' cu 'k' awphit: *The word 'hour' is pronounced without an initial aspirate.*

▷ **aspirate** /'æspərət/ *v* [Tn] thaw phit: 'h' aw tel ih ðong mi aw: *The initial 'h' in 'hour' is not aspirated.*

aspiration /'æspə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U, C often pl] ~ (for/after sth); ~ (to do sth) a sang zet tumnak: *She was filled with the aspiration to succeed in life.* ○ *He has serious aspirations to a career in politics.* **2** [U] tumsaannak.

aspire /ə'spɪə(r)/ *v* [Ipr, It] ~ after/to sth tum saang; tum nasa: *aspire after knowledge* ○ *aspire to become an author* ○ *Aspiring musicians must practice many hours a day.*

aspirin /'æsprɪn, 'æspərɪn/ *n* **(a)** taksa le lunat rehnaak sii; nat sawng, nat sawk: *Have you got any aspirin?* **(b)** [C] lunat reh-nak sii hluum: *Take two aspirins for your headache.*

ass¹ /æs/ *n* **1** (also **donkey**) laak. **2** (*infml*) mi aa deuh, mi hmukhmak: *Don't be such an ass!* **3** (idm) **make an ass of oneself** mi hnihsan dingih um: *I made a real ass of myself at the meeting — standing up and then forgetting the question.*

ass² /æs/ *n* (Δ *US sl*) **1** [C] ARSE. **2** [U] nu le pa pawl-awk.

assail /ə'seɪl/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (with sth) (*fml*) thawi ciamco; nam ciamco, ðongkam thawn tawng, siatnak ih tlunhnawh: *assailed with fierce blows to the head* ○ *assail sb with questions, insults, etc.* ○ *assailed by worries, doubts, fears, etc.*

▷ **assailant** *n* (*fml*) namtu; thawitu: *He was unable to recognize his assailant in the dark.*

assassin /ə'sæsn; US -sn/ *n* mi thattu; tangka ruangah maw, uknak thu ah maw upa hminthang thattu, lainawng.

assassinate /ə'sæsɪneɪt; US -sən-/ *v* [Tn] that (tangka/uknak lam ruangah).

▷ **assassination** /ə'sæsn'eɪʃn; US -sə'neɪʃn/ *n* **(a)** [U] mithah. **(b)** [C] mi thahnak, lainawnnak.

assault /ə'sɔːlt/ *n* [C, U] ~ (on sth) nam (ral, nunau tivek pawl): *make an assault on the enemy lines* ○ *The roar of city traffic is a steady assault on one's nerves.* ○ *an alarming increase in cases of indecent assault, eg rape.*

▷ **assault** *v* [Tn] nam ciamco; hramhram ih ihpi: *He got two years' imprisonment for assaulting a police officer.* ○ *Six women have been sexually assaulted in the area recently.*

□ **assault and battery** (*law*) kut le ke thawn mi va nam, va siatsuah.

assault craft *n* ral namtu lawng fate, tiva tivek ah ral namnak ih hmanmi.

assay /ə'seɪ/ *n* sui, ngun, thir vek pawl an ðatzia zohfelnak: *make an assay of an ore.*

▷ **assay** *v* **1** [Tn] thir lam a simi thil pawl a

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thatzia zingzoi. **2** [Tn, Tt] (arch) thil harsa tuah zuam.

assegai /'æsəgəɪ/ *n* S Africa ram ummi pawlih hmanmi thir feidop (feipi).

assemblage /ə'sembliːdʒ/ *n* **1** [U] (fml) a pumkhawm mi. **2** [C] (often joc) finkhawm mi (thil tuktak pawl): *an odd assemblage of broken bits of furniture.*

assemble /ə'sembəl/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] pum khawm aw; pum-aw: *The whole school (was) assembled in the main hall.* ◦ *assemble evidence, material, equipment, a collection of objects.* **2** [Tn] hmun khat ah ben khawm: *assemble the parts of a watch* ◦ *The bookcase can easily be assembled with a screwdriver.*

assembly /ə'sembli/ *n* **1** (a) [U] pumkhawm: *Morning assembly is held in the school hall.* ◦ *deny sb the right of assembly* ◦ [attrib] *assembly rooms.* (b) [CGp] a khawm aw mi: *The motion was put to the assembly.* ◦ *The national assembly has/have met to discuss the crisis.* ◦ *the legislative assemblies of the USA.* **2** (a) [U] hmunkhat ih ben khawmnak: *The assembly of cars is often done by machines.* ◦ *Each component is carefully checked before assembly.* ◦ [attrib] *an assembly plant, eg in a factory.* (b) [C] benkhawm ding mi thil tla: *the tail assembly of an aircraft.* **3** [C] ralkap pawl pum aw ding kawhnak tawtawrawt aw.
◻ **assembly line** cet thilri pakhat hnu pakhat bun vivonak hmun: *He works on the assembly line at the local car factory.*

assent /ə'sent/ *n* [U] ~ (to sth) (fml) lungkimnak: *give one's assent to a proposal* ◦ *by common assent, ie with everybody's agreement* ◦ *The new bill passed by Parliament has received the royal assent, ie been approved by the monarch.*
▷ **assent** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (to sth) lungkim pi: *I can never assent to such a request.*

assert /ə'sɜ:t/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) mi ih zum ding mah thuneihnak khoh zet ih dinpi: *assert one's authority, independence, rights.* (b) ~ oneself mi ih zumtlak ih um: *You're too timid — you must try to assert yourself more.* **2** [Tn, Tf] a dik rori ti langter: *She asserted her innocence/that she was innocent.*

assertion /ə'sɜ:ʃn/ *n* **1** [U] sim dingmi sim ringringnak, ngah dingmi khoh zet ih dilnak: *assertion of one's authority* ◦ *an air of self-assertion* ◦ *speak with assertion.* **2** [C] thudik a si ti nak: *I seriously question a number of your assertions.*

assertive /ə'sɜ:tɪv/ *adj* khohzet ih dilmi, ring aw zet ih simmi, mah ruahdan langtermi: *an assertive young man* ◦ *state one's opinions in an assertive tone of voice.*
▷ **assertively** *adv.* **assertiveness** *n* [U].

assess /ə'ses/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (at sth) a man

tuat sak; a man teek: *assess sb's taxes/income* ◦ *assess the damage at £350.* **2** [Tn] a man zat khiak: *have a house assessed by a valuer.* **3** [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ sth (as sth) a man zat tuat: *It's difficult to assess the impact of the President's speech.* ◦ *I'd assess your chances as extremely low.*
▷ **assessment** *n* **1** (a) [U] a man teeknak: *Continuous assessment is made of all students' work.* (b) [C] a man/a sinak khiahnak: *What is your assessment of the situation?* **2** [C] pek dingzat khiahmi: *a tax assessment.*

assessor *n* **1** thil man, ngunkhuai pek ding zat khiaktu. **2** thuthentu ruahnak petu.

asset /'æset/ *n* **1** ~ (to sb/sth) (a) a man neihnak, a thahnemmi sinak, thil thiamnak; thatnak: *Good health is a great asset.* (b) mi thahnem santlai: *He's an enormous asset to the team.* **2** (usu pl) neihmi thilri pawl: *His assets included shares in the company and a house in London.* Cf LIABILITY.
◻ **asset-stripping** *n* [U] (commerce) tangka lam ih a harsami kampani kha man ol ih lei tahrat in hlawk (miat) duh ah zuar salnak.

asseverate /ə'sevəreɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tf] (fml) tɔng eueu ih tɔng: *asseverate one's innocence/that one is innocent.*
▷ **asseveration** /ə'sevə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

assiduity /'æsɪ'dju:əti; US -du:-/ *n* [U] (fml) teimakkak: *He shows great assiduity in all his work.*

assiduous /ə'sɪdjuəs; US -dʒuəs/ *adj* (fml) teima mi: *be assiduous in one's duties* ◦ *The book was the result of ten years' assiduous research.*
▷ **assiduously** *adv.*

assign /ə'saɪn/ *v* **1** [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth to sb thiah (hnaɬuan); tuan ding pek: *The teacher has assigned each of us a holiday task.* ◦ *The two large classrooms have been assigned to us.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ sb to sth tuanvo pek: *They've assigned their best man to the job.* ◦ *One of the members was assigned to take the minutes.* **3** [Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ni, tikcu le a hmun khiah sak, a si ti ih hrambunsak: *Shall we assign Thursdays for our weekly meetings?* ◦ *It is impossible to assign an exact date to this building.* ◦ *Can we assign jealousy as the motive for the crime?* **4** [Tn-pr] ~ sth to sb (law) ngah dingmi le thilri tla midang hnenah thawn sak.
▷ **assignable** *adj* thawn sak theih.

assignment *n* **1** [C] thiahmi hnaɬuan, tuanvo: *Your next assignment will be to find these missing persons.* ◦ *She was sent abroad on a difficult assignment.* **2** [U] ngah dingmi ti theinak le thilri thawn saknak: *a deed of assignment.*

assignment /'æsgɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* (fml or rhet) a thupte ih ton-awk ding tawlrelnak: *an assignment with a lover.*

assimilate /ə'sɪməleɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (a) pumpi ih rawl a rial theh hnu ah tisa ah lutter: *Some foods assimilate/are assimilated more easily than*

others. (b) mah pawlkom, lole, ah lutter: *The USA has assimilated people from many different countries.* 2 [Tn] thluak sungah lutter (thu le hla): *Children in school are expected to assimilate what they have been taught.* 3 [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sth to sth** thil pakhat a dang pakhat thawn bang aw ih tuah.

▷ **assimilation** /əˈsɪməˈleɪʃn/ n [U] 1 a bang-aw ih tuahnak. 2 (phonetics) a thluntu tɔng-aw thawn a bang-awknawn ruangih a awsuah thleng-awkn.

assist /əˈsɪst/ v 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ (sb) in/with sth; ~ (sb) in doing sth (fml) bawm: *The head teacher's deputy assists with many of his duties.* ○ *Two men are assisting the police in their enquiries* ○ *You will be required to assist Mrs Smith in preparing a report.* 2 [Ipr] ~ at/in sth (fml) um ve, bawm ve: *assist at the ceremony.*

▷ **assistance** n [U] (fml) bomnak: *Please call if you require assistance.* ○ *Can I be of any assistance, sir?* ○ *Despite his cries no one come to his assistance.* ○ *I can't move this piano without assistance.*

assistant n 1 bawmtu (milai): *My assistant will operate the tape-recorder.* 2 dawr ih thil leitu rak riantu. — adj [attrib] (abbr **asst**) upa hnaʔuan bawmtu, upa sangtu: *the assistant manager* ○ *the assistant general secretary (AGS)* ○ *a senior assistant master, ie in a school.*

assize /əˈsaɪz/ n [C usu pl, U] (formerly) thuthentu bawi pakhat le (*Jury*) sungtel pawl kom aw ih thuthennak; England le Wales ram bialthen thuthentu zung: *courts of assize.*

Assoc (also **assoc**) abbr associate(d); association.

associate¹ /əˈsəʊʃɪət/ adj [attrib] 1 pawlkom pakhat hnenih kommi; a sangtu; a niam deuhmi: *an associate judge* ○ *the associate producer of a film.* 2 sungtel dinhmun niam deuh: *Associate members do not have the right to vote.*

▷ **associate** n 1 hnaʔuanpi, thil tuahpi: *one's business associates* ○ *They are associates in crime.* 2 sungtel tling deuh lo.

associate² /əˈsəʊʃɪət/ [Tn, Tnpr] ~ sb/sth (with sb/sth) pehkai-aw (thil, ruahnak, milai): *You wouldn't normally associate these two writers — their styles are completely different.* ○ *Whisky is usually associated with Scotland.* ○ *I always associate him with fast cars.* 2 [Ipr] ~ with sb pawl aw, tuan tlaang: *I don't like you associating with such people.* 3 [Tn-pr] ~ oneself with sth pawl, kom, tel: *I have never associated myself with political extremism.*

association /əˈsəʊʃɪeɪʃn/ n 1 [U] (a) ~ (with sb/sth) pawlkomnak: *His English improved enormously because of his association with British people.* ○ *There has always been a close association between these two schools.* ○ *We are working in association with a number of local*

companies to raise money for the homeless. (b) rualpitnak; hawipi sinak: *She became famous through her association with several poets.* 2 [C] ruahnak peh-awknak: *What associations does the sea have for you?* 3 [C] pawlkom: *Do you belong to any professional associations?*

□ **Association Football** (also **football, soccer**) bawhlung lehnak (khat lam ah hleikhat veve). **assonance** /ˈæsnəns/ n [U] tɔngfang pahnih ih vowel aw, lole, consonant aw bang-awknak: as in *sharper* and *garter* or *killed* and *cold.*

assorted /əˈsɔːtrɪd/ adj cokpawlhmi; (phun dangdang) rawimi: *a tin of assorted biscuits.*

▷ **assortment** /əˈsɔːtmənt/ n cok-polh cok-rawi mi thil: *a wide assortment of gifts to choose from* ○ *wearing an odd assortment of clothes.*

Asst (also **asst**) abbr assistant: *Asst Sec.*

assuage /əˈsjuːm; US əˈsuːm/ v [Tn] (fml) deemter, kiamter, (natnak, tihaal, riahsiatnak pawl): *assuage one's hunger, thirst, grief, longing, etc.*

assume /əˈsjuːm; US əˈsuːm/ v 1 [Tn, Tf, Tnt] a sihmang ding ti ih cohlang (thuhla fiang hlanah): *We cannot assume anything in this case.* ○ *I am assuming that the present situation is going to continue.* ○ *We must assume him to be innocent until he is proved guilty.* ○ *We can all leave together—assuming (that) the others aren't late.* 2 [Tn] titer; umter (si lo mi a si vekih titer): *assume ignorance, indifference, an air of concern, etc* ○ *The look of innocence she assumed had us all fooled.* 3 [Tn] ti thok; ʔuan thok: *assume office* ○ *He assumes his new responsibilities next month.* ○ *The problem is beginning to assume massive proportions, ie become very great.*

▷ **assumed** adj [attrib] titer aw; ticop mi: *living under an assumed name, phuahcop hmin hmangih um.*

assumption /əˈsʌmpʃn/ n 1 [C] a si hmang ding tinak; (a fiang hlanah): *The theory is based on a series of wrong assumptions.* ○ *We are working on the assumption that the rate of inflation will not increase next year.* 2 [U] ~ of sth titer-awknak; si lomi sivek ih umter awknak: *Their assumption of an air of confidence fooled nobody.* 3 [C] ~ of sth hnaʔuan kainak/hnaʔuan thoknak: *her assumption of supreme power.* 4 **the Assumption** [sing] (a) Fala Thianghlim Mary a taksa pumpi vancung ih laak sonak. (b) cuih mi puai, August ni 15 ni ah tuah a si theu.

assurance /əˈʃʊərəns; US əˈʃʊərəns/ n 1 (also **self-assurance**) [U] rinawknak, mah le mah rinawknak, mah ih thil ti theinak le huham ah mah le mah zum-awknak: *act with, display, possess assurance* ○ *She shows remarkable assurance on stage for one so young.* 2 [C] a si tengteng ti ih simnak, thutiamnak: *He gave me an assurance that it would be ready by Friday.* ○ *Despite repeated assurances he failed to repay*

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the money he had borrowed. **3** [U] (esp Brit) insurance = tiamkammak, nunnak zakhannak, (aa-mah-khan): a life assurance policy.

assure /ə'ʃʊə(r); US ə'ʃʊər/ *v* **1** (a) [Dn-f] a sithei rori dingih sim, thu kam; ti ngam: I assure you they'll be perfectly safe with us. ◦ They were assured that everything possible was being done. (b) [Tn-pr, Dn-f] phanglo dingih tuah; zumter: They tried to assure him of their willingness to work. ◦ She was able to assure herself that nothing had been taken from her purse. **2** [Tn] phan umlo dingih sim/um; mah le mah rin aw: Her success as an actress was now assured. **3** [Tn] nunnak zakhannak: What is the sum assured? **4** (idm) **rest assured** ⇒ REST¹.

▷ **assured** (also **self-assured**) *adj* hngang, mah le mah ring aw: His public speaking manner is still not very assured. **assuredly** /ə'ʃʊə:rlɪ; US ə'ʃʊərədli/ *adv* (arch) a ngai in, tak ngai in.

the assured *n* (pl unchanged) nunnak zakhannak, (aa-mah-khan tu).

AST /eɪ es 'ti/ *abbr* (in Canada) Atlantic Standard Time.

astatine /æstəti:n/ *n* [U] (chemistry) tuahcop radio active element.

aster /æstə(r)/ *n* aster pangpar kung.

asterisk /æstərɪsk/ *n* arsi pian hmainsinnak (*), eg a footnote, or to show that letters are omitted, as in *Mr J*n*s for Mr Jones*. Cahmai tengah ngan beetmi, lole, cafang pakhat le pakhat karlak ah cafang thlaumi a um ti hmuhnak ih hmanmi hmainsinnak.

▷ **asterisk** *v* [Tn] asterisk arsi pian thawn hmainsin: The asterisked questions may be omitted.

astern /ə'stɜ:n/ *adv* **1** lawng, vanzamleng a mei lam ah. **2** (lawng) dunglam ah: Full speed astern!

□ **astern of** *prep* dunglam: They fell astern of us, ie moved into position behind us.

asteroid /æstərɔɪd/ *n* ni heel ih fehtu leilung fate, a hleice in Mars le Jupiter ih hernak lamzin karlak ih a ummi thlapi pawl.

asthma /æsmə; US 'æzme/ *n* [U] taangpit nat.

▷ **asthmatic** /æs'mætɪk; US æz-/ *adj* taangpit nat: asthmatic pains ◦ an asthmatic child. — *n* asthma nat neitu.

astigmatism /ə'stɪgmətɪzəm/ *n* [U] mitmu funtu natnak, khawhmuhdan siatsuahnak.

▷ **astigmatic** /æstɪg'mætɪk/ *adj*.

astir /ə'stɜ:(r)/ *adv, adj* [pred] **1** cangvai ciamco mi; a tlo mi: News of the Queen's visit set the whole town astir. **2** (dated) tho; ihnak ihsin tho: He's never astir before 10 o'clock.

astonish /ə'sɒnɪʃ/ *v* [Tn] mangbangter; khawruah harter: The news astonished everyone. ◦ It astonishes me that no one has thought of this before. ◦ He was astonished to hear he had got the job.

▷ **astonished** *adj* [usu pred] mangbang in: She looked astonished when she heard the news.

astonishing *adj* mangbangza: I find it quite astonishing that none of you liked the play. ◦ There were an astonishing number of applicants for the job. **astonishingly** *adv*.

astonishment *n* [U] mangbangnak: Imagine my astonishment when Peter walked in! ◦ To my astonishment it had completely disappeared. ◦ He looked at me in astonishment.

astound /ə'staʊnd/ *v* [Tn usu passive] mangbangter, thin thiat: We were astounded to read your letter.

▷ **astounding** *adj* mangbangza a simi: The figures revealed by the report are astounding.

astrakhan /æstrəkæn; US 'æstrəkən/ *n* [U] (a) hmul kir zet tuu faate phaw. (b) cuvek phaw ih tuahmi thilri: [attrib] an astrakhan hat.

astral /æstrəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] arsi ih, arsi ihsin: an astral body ◦ astral beams.

astray /ə'streɪ/ *adv* **1** a peengah: The misleading sign led me astray. ◦ (fig) He had been led astray by undesirable friends. **2** (idm) **go astray** re sual (retnak ah re lo): Have you seen my book? It seems to have gone astray.

astride /ə'straɪd/ *adv* **1** karceh in: Ladies ride horses by sitting astride or side-saddle. **2** kar kaak in.

▷ **astride** *prep* karceh, kalceh: sitting astride a horse, a gate, sb's knee.

astriquent /ə'strɪndʒənt/ *n* vun, tisa a comter thei mi thisuak khamnak sii.

▷ **astriquent** *adj* **1** thisuak a kham theimi. **2** (fig) nasa, luarkai: astriquent criticism. **astriquency** /ə'strɪndʒənsɪ/ *n* [U].

astro- *comb form* arsi lam, van lam: astronaut ◦ astrology.

astrolabe /æstrəleɪb/ *n* (formerly) ni, arsi pawl a saanlam tahnak thil.

astrology /ə'strɒlədʒɪ/ *n* [U] milai nunnak ah thu an nei ti ih ruahmi arsi, cangvaih daan zirnak, kutɕial zohnak. Cf HOROSCOPE, ZODIAC.

▷ **astrologer** /-ədʒə(r)/ *n* vaan arsi zohthiam.

astrological /æstrə'lɒdʒɪkəl/ *adj*.

astronaut /æstrənɔ:t/ *n* vanleeng khualtlawnnak vanzam mawngtu: a rocket manned by trained astronauts.

▷ **astronautics** /æstrə'nɔ:tɪks/ *n* [U] van lam khualtlawn zirnak.

astronomy /ə'strɒnəmi/ *n* [U] arsi le vanih thil um pawl thuhla zirnak.

▷ **astronomer** /-nəmə(r)/ *n* arsi le van ih thil um pawl; thuhla thiamtu; kutɕial zoh thiam.

astronomical /æstrə'nɒmɪkəl/ *adj* **1** astronomy lam. **2** (infml) a tampi, a tum hngin: He's been offered an astronomical salary.

astrophysics /æstrəʊ'fɪzɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] arsi le vanih um thil pawl ih an ruangpum le daat pawl zirnak.

astute /ə'stju:t; US ə'stu:t/ *adj* khulrangmi; fimmi; mai' thatnak hrang khulrang ih tawrel thiam: *an astute lawyer, businessman, judge of character, etc* ○ *It was an astute move to sell just before prices went down.*

▷ **astutely** *adv.* **astuteness** *n* [U].

asunder /ə'sʌndə(r)/ *adv* (dated or *fml*) a thenthen ah, a dangdang ah: *families torn asunder by the revolution* ○ *The house was ripped asunder by the explosion.*

asylum /ə'saɪləm/ *n* **1** (a) [U] relhnak, himnak, beunak: *ask for/be granted political asylum, ie protection given to a political refugee by a foreign country; uknak thu ruangih ramdang ah relhnak.* (b) [C] humhimmak hmun. **2** [C] (dated) thinlung lam dik lo mina retnak sizung.

asymmetric /ˌeɪsɪ'metrɪk/ (also **asymmetrical** /-ɪkl/) *adj* khat le khat a tum le a sen, pianthlai a bang-aw lomi: *Most people's faces are asymmetrical.*

at /ət, US æt/ *prep* **1** (a) 'ah' ti nak: *at the end of the runway* ○ *at the corner of the street* ○ *go in at the side door* ○ *change at Didcot* ○ *arrive at the airport* ○ *At the roundabout take the third exit.* ○ *I'll be at home all morning.* (b) 'ah' tican a si ih 'inn' thawn hman cih a si: *She's at the theatre, cinema, etc.* ○ *She works at the hospital.* ○ *He's at the Grand Hotel.* (c) 'ah' tican a si ih a pum-aw mi minung thawn hman cih a si: *at a concert, conference, match, etc.* (d) milai hmin thawn hman cih a si ih cuih milai ih inn, lole, umhmun 'ah' tican a si: *They're at Keith's.* ○ *I was at my father's.* ○ *They didn't have any bread at the baker's.* (e) 'ah' ti can hnatuan hmun, lole, cazir hmun a sawh: *He's been at the bank longer than anyone else.* ○ *I'm at the head office.* ○ *her three years at Oxford* (Cf *spend three days in Oxford as a tourist*). **2** (a) caan 'ah': *start, meet, leave, etc at 2 o'clock.* ○ *at 3.15/a quarter past 3* ○ *He is to be shot at dawn.* ○ *I didn't know he was dead at the time of speaking.* ○ *At the moment you called I was in the garden shed.* ○ *at the end of the holiday.* (b) 'ah' ti can a si, tikcu a sawh: *At night you can see the stars.* ○ *What are you doing at* (US on) *the weekend?* ○ *take a few days' holiday at Christmas, Easter, Whitsun, etc.* (c) tikah: *She got married at 55.* ○ *You can retire at 60.* ○ *He left school at* (the age of) *16.* ⇨ Usage TIME¹. **3** (a) lam ah: *aim the ball at the hole* ○ *direct one's advertising at a wider audience* ○ *smile, grin, stare, wave, etc at sb* ○ *A man with a gun was shooting at the crowd.* ○ *The dog rushed at me, wagging its tail.* ○ *She shouted at me but I couldn't hear.* ○ *Throw stones at the can in the water, ie trying to hit it.* (b) pakhat in thil pakhat tuah a zuam na'n a tuahsuak theilo thu a sawh: *clutch at a rope* ○ *guess at the meaning* ○ *She nibbled at a sandwich, ie ate only tiny portions.* **4** hlat ah:

Can you read a car number-plate at fifty metres?

○ *hold sth at arm's length.* **5** a sinak a sawh, 'ah': *at war with their neighbours* ○ *put sb at risk* ○ *children at play* ○ *She's at work in the garden.*

6 (a) man le marzaan a sawh, 100 'ah' 50 nazi 7 ah peng 40: *House prices are rising at a higher rate than inflation.* ○ *I bought this coat at half-price/at 50% discount.* ○ *driving at 70 mph.* (b) a voi a sawh, minit pakhat 'ah' tivekin: *at the first attempt* ○ *at two-minute intervals, ie once every two minutes.* **7** vekin: *attend the dinner at the chairman's invitation* ○ *at the king's command.*

8 his, her, our etc thawn hmancih a si: *This was Torvill and Dean at their best.* ○ *The garden's at its most beautiful in June.* ○ *an example of British craftsmanship at its finest.* **9** *adjs* le ns thlun in hman a si, tinak ah tivek: *good, clever, skilled, etc at restoring furniture, etc* ○ *hopeless at* (playing) *chess* ○ *She's a genius at doing crossword puzzles* ○ *busy at their homework* ○ *impatient at the delay* ○ *amused at the cartoons* ○ *delighted at the result* ○ *puzzled at her silence* ○ *his anger at being beaten.* **10** (idm) **where it's at** (*infml*) mi tampi theih mi hmunhma, cangvaihna: *Judging by the crowds waiting to get in this seems to be where it's at.* (For idioms such as **at hand, at once, at a low ebb, etc** see **entries at hand¹, once, low¹, etc**).

atavism /ætəvɪzəm/ *n* [U] pupa pawl ih rak neih dahmi nuncan ziaza khi san reipi hnu ah tesinfa parih a suahsalnak; zon, suun, bang. Cf **THROWBACK** (THROW¹).

▷ **atavistic** /ætəvɪstɪk/ *adj*: *an atavistic urge.*

ate *pt* of **EAT**.

-ate *suff* **1** (with *ns* forming *adjs*) bettu thawn a khat tican a suahter: *affectionate* ○ *passionate* ○ *Italianate.* **2** (forming *ns*) (a) *dinhmun, tuanvo: electorate* ○ *doctorate.* (b) (*chemistry*) *acid phunkhat ruangih suakmi cite: sulphate* ○ *nitrate.* **3** (with *ns* and *adjs* forming *vs*) thil hleice, thil dang pakhat ah bet, re, *ns* le *adjs* kha *vs* ih canter tikih betmi: *hyphenate* ○ *chlorinate* ○ *activate.*

▷ **-ately** (forming *advs*): *affectionately.*

atelier /ə'telɪeɪ; US ˌætlɪˈjeɪ/ *n* zuk suainak khaan.

atheism /'eɪθɪzəm/ *n* [U] Pathian um lo ti ih zumnak.

▷ **atheist** /'eɪθɪst/ *n* Pathian a um lo ti ih zumtu. Cf **HEATHEN, PAGAN.**

atheistic /'eɪθɪstɪk/ *adj.*

athlete /æθli:t/ *n* **1** leh le pan (tlan zuam, dawp zuam tivek lam). **2** leh le pan zuamtu: *Most first-class footballers are natural athletes.*

□ **athlete's foot** (*infml*) ke zunglak thaknat.

athletic /æθ'letɪk/ *adj* **1** [attrib] leh le pan lam: *an athletic club* ○ *athletic sports.* **2** a cak a dam mi: *an athletic figure* ○ *She looks very athletic.*

athletics /æθ'letɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] leh le pan zuam-awknak, (a hleice in tlan le dawp zuam-awk):

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[attrib] *an athletics meeting.*

at-home /ət 'həʊm/ *n* (dated) mi pakhat inn ih tuahmi nomnak puai (khiahmi caan karlak ah mah duh tikih ra thei).

athwart /əθwɔ:t/ *adv, prep* (esp nautical) khatlam ihsin khatlam sawh in, a pheikham in: *The ship was anchored athwart the harbour mouth.*

-ation ⇒ ION.

atishoo /ə'ti:ʃu:/ *interj* ('hah-thio' aw).

-ative *suff* (with *vs* forming *adjs*) *adjs* canter tikih *vs* thawn hman mi: *illustrative* ○ *imitative* ○ *talkative.*

▷ **-atively** (forming *advs*): *quantitatively.*

atlas /ætləs/ *n* ramzuk cabu.

atmosphere /ætməsfiə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) **the atmosphere** [sing] leilungpi khuhtu thli le daatkhu cokrawi. (b) [C] thlapi le arsi pawl khuhtu daatkhu: *the moon's atmosphere* ○ *an atmosphere that supports life.* **2** [sing] kiangkak um thli: *The atmosphere is very stuffy in here — can we open a window?* **3** [sing] thinlung um daan; umtu daan: *An atmosphere of tension filled the room.* ○ *The atmosphere changed as soon as she walked in.* ○ *The atmosphere over dinner was warm and friendly.*

atmospheric /ætməs'ferik/ *adj* **1** thli thawn a pehpar-awmi: *unusual atmospheric conditions.* **2** thli le daatkhu thawn a pehpar awmi: *atmospheric lighting.*

▷ **atmospherics** *n* [pl] (a) radio aw fiang theilo ih rak khamtu thli lakih electric daat. (b) cuih daat ruangih radio awn.

□ **atmospheric pressure** thli a sah ih a rih daan.

atoll /ætɒl/ *n* zungbruk vekih ummi tipi par um pangang inn; a kulhmi sungah tili fate a um sin.

atom /ætəm/ *n* **1** (a) [C] khemikal thil fate bik miangmo: *Two atoms of hydrogen combine with one atom of oxygen to form a molecule of water.* (b) [sing] thazaang suahnak, cahnak le hmual ih caangmi cuih thil: *the power of the atom* ○ [attrib] *an atom scientist.* **2** [C] thil fate zet: *The tower was blown to atoms by the force of the explosion* ○ *There isn't an atom of truth in the rumour.*

□ **atom bomb** = ATOMIC BOMB (ATOMIC).

atomic /ə'tɒmɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] atom tel mi/si mi: *atomic physics* ○ *atomic warfare*, ie using atomic bombs.

□ **atomic bomb** (also **A-bomb**, **atom bomb**) atom bomb.

atomic energy atom thazaang.

atomic number atom pakhat ih nucleus sung um proton zat.

atomic pile a hmaisa lam ih rak hmanmi nuclear reactor.

atomic weight (also **relative atomic mass**) atom ih khingrihna.

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atomize, -ise /'ætəmaɪz/ *v* [Tn] a fate bik ih phel.

▷ **atomizer, -iser** *n* tikhu kahnak (a bikin zihmui zitnak, kahnak).

atonal /ə'təʊnl/ *adj* (music) a 'key' le 'scale' umdaan thlun leemlo ih nganmi (SCALE² 6).

▷ **atonality** /'eɪtəʊ'næləti/ *n* [U].

atone /ə'təʊn/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) (fml) remdaihna tuah; thil sual man liam, tlen: *atone for a crime, a sin, one's mistakes, one's bad behaviour, etc* ○ *I have treated you unkindly — how can I atone (for it)?*

▷ **atonement** *n* **1** [C, U] remtuahnak: *He sent her some flowers in atonement for his earlier rudeness.* **2 the Atonement** [sing] milai pawl sual tlen dingih Khrih thihnak.

atop /ə'tɒp/ *prep* (dated or rhet) zim ah; tlun ah (thil tlun ah): *a seagull perched atop the mast.*

-ator *suff* (with *vs* forming *ns*) *vs* khi *ns* ih canter tikih beetmi: *creator* ○ *percolator.*

atrocious /ə'trɒʃəs/ *adj* **1** siava; rapthlak; puarthau: *atrocious crimes, injuries, acts of brutality, etc.* **2** (infml) thalo zet, theih nuam lo: *speak English with an atrocious accent* ○ *Isn't the weather atrocious?*

▷ **atrociously** *adv.* **atrociousness** *n* [U].

atrociousness /ə'trɒʃəs/ *n* (a) [U] siatvatnak; puarthaunak: *I am shocked by the atrocity of this man's crimes.* (b) [C esp pl] thil rapthlak: *Many atrocities are committed on innocent people in wartime.*

atrophy /'ætrəfi/ *n* [U] thazaang tumsuknak rawl ngah lo ruangih taksa zornak, zeetnak: (fig) *The cultural life of the country will sink into atrophy unless more writers and artists emerge.*

▷ **atrophy** *v* (pt, pp **-ied**) [I, Tn] taksa ze: *atrophied limbs, muscles.*

attach /ə'tætʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to sth) pehcih; benchi: *a house with a garage attached* ○ *attach a label to each piece of luggage.* ○ *a document attached to a letter (with a pin)* ○ *Attached* (ie *Attached* to this letter) *you will find....* Cf DETACH 1. **2** [Tn-pr] (a) ~ oneself to sb/sth been, ben-aw (mi pakhat hnenah): *A young man attached himself to me at the party and I couldn't get rid of him.* ○ *I attached myself to a group of tourists entering the museum.* (b) ~ sb to sb/sth (esp passive) hnaṭuan dingih mi pakhat thiah, reet: *You'll be attached to this department until the end of the year.* **3** (a) [Tn-pr] ~ sb to sth pehpar awter: *Do you attach any importance to what he said?* (b) [Ipr] ~ to sb (fml) pehpar-awter: *No blame attaches to you in this affair.* **4** [Tn] (law) upadi thu vekin laaksak, long. **5** (idm) **no strings attached/without strings** ⇒ STRING¹.

▷ **attached** *adj* [pred] ~ (to sb/sth) malte hman then aw thei lo ih duh mi, duh-aw mi: *I've never seen two people so attached (to each other).* ○ *We've grown very attached to this house and*

would hate to move.

attachment *n* 1 [U] a laangte sung hnaʔuan ding zung pakhat khat ih rak beet/reet: *She's on attachment to (ie temporarily working in) the Ministry of Defence.* 2 [C] beet cihmi thil, beet theih thil: *an electric drill with a range of different attachments.* 3 [U] ~ (to/for sb/sth) duh-awknak, then-awk theilonak: *feel a strong attachment to one's family.* 4 [U] (law) upadi vekih thilri laksaknak.

attaché /ə'tæʃeɪ/; US ʔætə'ʃeɪ/ *n* ramdang palai zungih ʔuanvo pakhat pek ih thiahmi; beetcih mi, zung hnaʔuantu: *the naval/military/air/press attaché.*

□ **attaché case** zungca kennak thing/thir kuang fate.

attack /ə'tæk/ *n* 1 [C, U] ~ (on sb/sth) do, nam, siim: *make an attack on the enemy, bridge, town* ○ *Our troops are now on the attack.* ○ *The patrol came under attack from all sides.* ○ (saying) *Attack is the best form of defence.* 2 [C, U] ~ (on sb/sth) kaa in maw, ca in maw, soiselnak: *an attack on the Government's policies.* 3 [C] ~ (on sth) dodaal, cem dingih do: *an all-out attack on poverty, unemployment, smoking.* 4 [C] nat tlun: *an attack of asthma, flu, malaria, hiccups, nerves, etc* ○ *a heart attack* ○ (fig) *an attack of the giggles.* 5 [U] (esp vigorous) nasa zet ih thok: *This piece of music needs to be played with more attack.* 6 [C usu sing] (sport) hmai nortu: *England's attack has been weakened by the injury of certain key players.* ○ *We must move more players into the attack.*

▷ **attack** *v* 1 [I, Tn] do, siim: *They decided to attack at night.* ○ *attack a neighbouring country* ○ *A woman was attacked and robbed by a gang of youths.* 2 [Tn] soi ciamco: *a newspaper article attacking the Prime Minister.* 3 [Tn] cem dingih tuahthok: *The Government is making no attempt to attack unemployment.* ○ *Shall we attack the washing-up?* ○ *They attacked their meal with gusto.* 4 [Tn] siatsuah, natter: *a disease that attacks the brain* ○ *Rust attacks metals.* **attacker** *n* a dotu, a tawngtu.

attain /ə'teɪn/ *v* 1 [Tn] tuah suak, ngah suak: *attain a position of power* ○ *attain one's goal, objective, ambition, etc* ○ *attain our target of £50000.* 2 [Ipr, Tn] ~ to sth (usu fml) thleng/kim: *He attained the age of 25 before marrying.*

▷ **attainable** *adj* ngah/tuah suak theih: *These objectives are certainly attainable.*

attainment *n* 1 [U] tuahsuakmi; ngahmi: *The attainment of her ambitions was still a dream.* 2 [C usu pl] thiamngahmi, theihngahmi: *a scholar of the highest attainments.*

attar /æ'tə(r)/ *n* [U] pangpar ihsin ngahmi zihmui: *attar of roses.*

attempt /ə'tempt/ *v* [Tn, Tt] tuahsuak dingih zuam; ti hnik: *The prisoners attempted an*

escape/to escape, but failed. ○ *Don't attempt the impossible.* ○ *He was charged with attempted robbery.* ○ *All candidates must attempt Questions 1-5.* ○ *They are attempting (to climb) the steepest part of the mountain.* ○ *She will attempt to beat the world record.*

▷ **attempt** *n* 1 ~ (to do sth/at doing sth) ti-sin nak; tuahsuak dingih zuamnak: *They made no attempt to escape/at escaping.* ○ *My early attempts at learning to drive were unsuccessful.* ○ *They failed in all their attempts to climb the mountain.* 2 ~ (at sth) pakhat khat ti sin (ei, in, tivek): *My first attempt at a chocolate cake tasted horrible.* 3 ~ (on sth) do/zuam tum/that tum: *the latest attempt on the world land speed record* ○ *An attempt was made on the Pope's life.*

attend /ə'tend/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb/sth) thinlung pek; rak ngai sak, ngaihven sak: *Why weren't you attending when I explained before?* ○ *Attend to your work and stop talking.* 2 [Ipr] ~ to sb/sth ʔha teih rak ngaituah, ruatsak: *A nurse attends to his needs.* ○ *Are you being attended to?* ○ *Could you attend to (ie deal with) this matter immediately?* 3 [Tn] zoh ʔha; tuamhlawm: *Dr Smith attended her in hospital.* 4 [Tn] kai, tel: (tawng, biakinn): *attend school, church, etc* ○ *They had a quiet wedding — only a few friends attended (it).* ○ *The meeting was well attended.* 5 [Tn] (fml) umpi, fehpi: *The Queen was attended by her ladies-in-waiting.* ○ (fig) *May good fortune attend you!*

▷ **attender** *n* kaitu: *She's a regular attender at evening classes.*

attendance /ə'tendəns/ *n* 1 [U, C] tlawng/zung/ biakkhawm kai: *Attendance at evening prayers is not compulsory.* ○ *You have missed several attendances this term.* 2 [C] a kaitu milai zat: *They're expecting a large attendance at the meeting.* ○ *Attendances have increased since we reduced the price of tickets.* 3 (idm). **in attendance (on sb)** mi tuamhlawm dingah um/rian dingah um: *A nurse was in constant attendance.* ○ *The President always has six bodyguards in close attendance.*

□ **attendance allowance** (Brit) mina besia kilkhawi man.

attendance centre (Brit) nauhak misual in nitin te hmela va hmuhnak hmun (inn) – thawng tlak ai ah.

attendant /ə'tendənt/ *n* 1 a langte sung korfual retnak hmun le saikal retnak hmun tivek rak kiltu: *a cloakroom, swimming-pool, museum, etc attendant.* 2 (esp pl) Bawi le lal riantu: *the queen's attendants.*

▷ **attendant** *adj* [attrib] rak thluntu, fehpi: *an attendant nurse* ○ *attendant circumstances* ○ *famine and its attendant diseases.*

attention /ə'tenʃn/ *n* 1 [U] thu rak ngainak, ngaihrennak, thinlung peknak: *call/draw sb's*

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attention to sth ○ Please pay attention (ie listen carefully) (to what I am saying). ○ She turned her attention to a new problem. ○ Our attention was held throughout his long talk. ○ You must give your full attention to what you are doing. ○ I keep trying to attract the waiter's attention. ○ It has been brought to my attention that.... **2** [U] thinlung peknak; ngaihsaknak: He gives all his attention to his car. ○ This letter is for the attention of the manager. ○ The roof needs attention, ie to be repaired. **3** [C usu pl] (fml) zaangfah tuamhlawmnak: He showed his concern for his sick mother by his many little attentions. **4** [U] ralkap thuangtuah tiki din daan — ke pahnih kop aw ih ding; ke ciip ih ding: come to/stand at attention. Cf EASE¹ **2**. **5** (idm) **catch sb's attention/eye** ⇒ CATCH¹.

▷ **attentive** interj **1** rak ngai uh!: Attention, please! The bus will leave in ten minutes. ○ Attention all shipping, motorists, housewives.... **2** (also **shun** /ʃʌn/) ralkap pawl ke hnih kop aw ih din fial, tadih.

attentive /ə'tentiv/ adj ~ (to sb/sth) thinlung a pemi, hna a rak tungmi; hna a rak thongmi: an attentive audience ○ A good hostess is always attentive to the needs of her guests.

▷ **attentively** adv: listening attentively to the speaker.

attenuate /ə'tenjuet/ v [Tn] (fml) **1** patter; ʃawltter; femter: attenuated limbs. **2** (esp law) a thu nemter: attenuating circumstances, ie facts that weaken the strength of an argument.

▷ **attenuation** /ə'tenju'eɪʃn/ n [U].

attest /ə'test/ v (fml) **1** [Ipr, Tn] ~ to sth falfai zetih fianger; a dikmi sinak langter: His handling of the crisis attested to his strength of character. ○ Her outstanding abilities were attested by her rapid promotion. ○ These papers attest the fact that.... **2** [Tn] a si ti ih simsak; theitu ah cang: attest a signature.

▷ **attestation** /æ'teɪsteɪʃn/ n [U, C].

attested adj (Brit) natnak a nei lo ti ih caken tuah sak (a bik in TB nat): attested cattle/milk.

attic /æ'tɪk/ n luanglu hnuai ih inn dot tuahmi: furniture stored in the attic ○ [attrib] an attic bedroom. Cf GARRET.

attire /ə'taɪə(r)/ n [U] (dated or fml) hnipuan, sinfen: wearing formal attire.

▷ **attire** v [Tn usu passive] (dated) hnipuan hruk: attired in robes of silk and fur.

attitude /æ'tɪtju:d/ US -tu:d/ n **1** ~ (to/towards sb/sth) lungput, ruahdan: What is your attitude to abortion? ○ She shows a very positive attitude to her work. ○ Don't take that attitude with me, young man! **2** (fml) ruangpum hoidan: The photographer has caught him in the attitude of prayer, eg kneeling. **3** (idm) **strike an attitude/a pose** ⇒ STRIKE².

▷ **attitudinize, -ise** /æ'tetju:dɪnaɪʃ/ v [I] mi

lungkim thei dingin ʃong/ngan.

attn abbr (commerce) (for the) attention of: Publicity Dept, attn Mr C Biggs.

attorney /ə'tɜ:nɪ/ n **1** daan thiam, sih-ni, upadi thuhla ih tawlrel saktu: power of attorney, ie authority to act as attorney ○ letter of attorney, ie one giving sb this authority. **2** (US) thurelnak zungih ʃanpitu sihni: district attorney, ie public prosecutor for a particular region.

□ **Attorney-General** n (abbr **Atty-Gen**) kumpi (cozah) sihni-chuk, daan (upadi) bawi upa bik. Cf SOLICITOR-GENERAL (SOLICITOR).

attract /ə'trækt/ v [Tn] **1** mah ih lam ah hiip: A magnet attracts steel. **2** (a) thathoter; duhnak thinlung neiter: The light attracted a lot of insects. ○ The dog was attracted by the smell of the meat. ○ Babies are attracted to bright colours. ○ Do any of these designs attract you? ○ I'm very attracted to her, ie I feel I would like to become more friendly with her. (b) suahter; umter: attract sb's attention, interest, etc ○ The new play has attracted a good deal of criticism.

attraction /ə'træksjən/ n **1** [U] hiipnak: I can't see the attraction of sitting on the beach all day. ○ She felt an immediate attraction to him. ○ The television has little attraction for me. **2** [C] hiptu, duhtertu: One of the main attractions of the job is the high salary. ○ City life holds few attractions for me. Cf REPULSION.

attractive /ə'træktiv/ adj mi hip thei; iang nei, a piang a mawi: I don't find him at all attractive. ○ Your proposal sounds very attractive. ○ goods for sale at attractive prices. ⇒ Usage at BEAUTIFUL.

▷ **attractively** adv: attractively arranged, displayed, presented, etc. **attractiveness** n [U].

attribute¹ /ə'trɪbjʊ:t/ v [Tn-pr] ~ sth to sb/sth pehpar-awter, ih ta a si ti, a sinak ih re: This play is usually attributed to Shakespeare. ○ She attributes her success to hard work and a bit of luck.

▷ **attributable** /ə'trɪbjʊ:təbl/ adj [pred] ~ to sb/sth ih a si ti theih mi: Is this painting attributable to Michelangelo?

attribution /æ'trɪbjʊ:ʃn/ n **1** [U] a ruang siternak. **2** [C] ruangah a si timi thil.

attribute² /æ'trɪbjʊ:t/ n **1** sinak; theih theinak: Her greatest attribute was her kindness. ○ Patience is one of the most important attributes in a teacher. **2** hmainsinnak: The sceptre is an attribute of kingly power.

attributive /ə'trɪbjʊ:tɪv/ adj (grammar) noun hlan ih hmanmi; sinak hmuhtu. Cf PREDICATIVE.

▷ **attributively** adv.

attrition /ə'trɪʃn/ n [U] namnuai ringring nak ruangih mi pakhat ih thazaang le rin-awknak kiarnak: a war of attrition. **2** hnawt-awk ruangih paat vivo nak; hnawt awk.

attune /ə'tju:n/ US ə'tu:n/ v [Tn-pr usu passive] ~ sth/sb to sth remcang awter, kaih aw ter; ti rem:

- We/Our ears are becoming attuned to the noise of the new factory nearby.*
- Atty-Gen** *abbr (esp US) Attorney-General.*
- atypical** /eɪ'tɪpɪkəl/ *adj* a phun/a hnam a bang-aw-lo mi: *a creature that is atypical of its species.*
▷ **atypically** /-kli/ *adv.*
- aubergine** /əʊbəʒiːn/ (also *esp US egg-plant*) *n* [C, U] (a) bokbawn. (b) bokbawn rah.
- aubrietia** /ɔ:'briːʃə/ *n* lungto parih zaammi pangpar phun khat.
- auburn** /ɔ:'bɜːn/ *adj* (*esp of hair*) sen-dum pianzia (sam).
- auction** /ɔ:kʃn, US 'ɒkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] lilan tuah ih thil zuar, a man sang bik a pe theitu hnen poh ih zapi lak thil zuar; a man tam deuh, sang deuh kai vivo in: *The house is up for auction/will be sold by auction.* ◦ *It should fetch* (ie be sold for) £100000 *at auction.* **2** [C] (also **auction sale**) lilan thil zuarnak hmun.
▷ **auction v** **1** [Tn] lilan ih zuar. **2** (phr v) **auction sth off** hai nawn lomi, thillhun lilan in zuar: *The Army is auctioning off a lot of old equipment.*
auctioneer /ɔ:kʃə'niː(r)/ *n* lilan ih thil zuartu.
□ **auction bridge** mi pali phe kahdan phun khat.
- audacious** /ɔ:'deɪʃəs/ *adj* **1** ral̄tha; ngam: *an audacious plan, scheme, etc.* **2** ningzah nei lo: *an audacious remark.*
▷ **audaciously** *adv.* **audacity** /ɔ:'dæsəti/ *n* [U]: *He had the audacity to tell me I was too fat.*
- audible** /ɔ:'dɒbl/ *adj* hna thawn fiang zet ih theih theimi: *Her voice was scarcely audible above the noise of the wind.*
▷ **audibility** /ɔ:'dɒbəlɪti/ *n* [U]. **audibly** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- audience** /ɔ:'diːəns/ *n* **1** [CGp] thu relmi rak ngaitu mi zapi: *The audience was/were enthusiastic on the opening night of the play.* ◦ *She has addressed audiences all over the country.* **2** [C] rak zoh, rak ngai, rak siartu pawl: *An audience of millions watched the Royal Wedding on TV.* ◦ *His book reached an even wider audience when it was filmed for television.* **3** [C] bawi upa biak: *request an audience with the Queen* ◦ *grant a private audience to a foreign ambassador.*
- audio-** *comb form* hna ih theihnak: *audio-visual.*
- audio frequency** /ɔ:'diəʊ 'friːkwənsɪ/ (*radio*) aw-let, aw suar, a-tan-hlaing.
- audio typist** /ɔ:'diəʊ taɪpɪst/ hna ih theihmi ngantu cazi.
- audio-visual** /ɔ:'diəʊ 'vɪʒuəl/ *adj* (*abbr AV*) theih le hmuhmi: *audio-visual aids for the class room, eg cassette recorders, video recorders, pictures etc.*
- audit** /ɔ:'dɪt/ *n* tangka cazin zohfelnak.
▷ **audit v** [Tn] zohfel; cek fel.
- audition** /ɔ:'dɪʃn/ *n* thuanthu cawngtu, hlasaktu tuan duhtu ih a hlasak, a awsuah tha maw tha lo ti ngai hmaisaknak, ngaihnik nak: *I'm going to the audition but I don't expect I'll get a part.*
▷ **audition v** **1** [I] aw ngai hnikter: *Which part are you auditioning for?* **2** [Tn] mi aw ngaihnik: *None of the actresses we've auditioned is suitable.*
- auditor** /ɔ:'dɪtə(r)/ *n* tangka cazin zohfeltu; cekfeltu.
- auditorium** /ɔ:'dɪtɔːrɪəm/ *n* baisakup zung, thuanthu cawnnak zungih mizapi tonak hmun, khaan pi.
- auditory** /ɔ:'dɪtrɪ; US -tɔːrɪ/ *adj* hna ih theihnak lam: *the auditory nerve.*
- au fait** /əʊ 'feɪ/ *adj* [pred] (*French*) ~ (**with sth**) theithiam: *It's my first week here so I'm not yet au fait with the system.*
- au fond** /əʊ 'fɒn/ *adv* (*French*) a thuhrampi in: *The problem is that, au fond, he's very lazy.*
- Aug** *abbr* August: *31 Aug 1908.*
- auger** /ɔ:'gə(r)/ *n* vokzang (thil vihnak); luan-bu.
- aught** /ɔ:t/ *pron* (*arch*) **1** ziang pohpoh, zianghman. **2** (idm) **for aught/all sb knows** ⇒ KNOW.
- augment** /ɔ:'gɪmənt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) tumter, zaiter; karhter: *augment one's income by writing reviews.*
▷ **augmentation** /ɔ:'gɪmənt'eɪʃn/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] karhzaiternak. **2** [C] beetmi thil.
- au gratin** /əʊ 'grætæn/ *adv* (*French*) cawhnawi khal, lol, sangtiak phulh ih suanmi: *cauliflower au gratin.*
- augur** /ɔ:'gʊə(r)/ *n* (in ancient Rome) pol, mipol. (Vate um daan zoh ih hmailam thu simtu).
▷ **augur v** **1** [Tn] thil cang dingmi sim cia: *Does this augur disaster for our team?* **2** (idm) **augur well/ill for sb/sth** (*fml*) a tha/a sia rak simsung: *The quality of your work augur well for the examinations next month.*
- augury** /ɔ:'gʊəri/ *n* hmainsinnak, hmai lam hrang siat/that khiihmuhmi.
- august** /ɔ:'gʌst/ *adj* [usu attrib] upat tlaak, kumpi bawi vek: *an august body of elder statesmen.*
- August** /ɔ:'gʌst/ *n* [U, C] (*abbr Aug*) kum khat sung ih thlariatnak.
For the uses of August see the examples at April.
- Augustan** /ɔ:'gʌstən/ *adj* **1** Rom ram uktu Augustus Caesar uk san taa. **2** (calai ah) a thabik pawl; an ti daan: *The Augustan age of English literature includes the writers Dryden, Swift and Pope.*
- auk** /ɔ:k/ *n* saklam ram um tipi vate phunkhat.
- auld lang syne** /ɔ:ld læn 'saɪn/ (*Scot*) Kum thar thok tikih sak theu mi rualremnak Scotland pawl ih hla, *good times long ago* tican.
- aunt** /a:nt; US ænt/ **1** (a) ni (pa suahti), a silole nukhatta (nu ih suahti); pu ih nupi: *Aunt Mary is my mother's sister. She is the only aunt I have.* (b) ka ni, ka pi. **2** (*infml*) nauhak pawlih mah hnakih upa nunau kawhnak.
▷ **auntie** (also **aunty**) /a:ntri; US 'ænti/ *n* (*infml*)

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nini, pipi.
 □ **Aunt Sally 1** lek tiki an bahmi (batmi) thinglem zuk. **2** (*fig*) mi ih soi le mawthluk mi milai/thil: *Any public figure risks being made an Aunt Sally by the popular press.*
au pair /əʊ 'peə(r)/ (*French*) mi ih innsungsang hnañuan bawm phah ih cazirtu ramdang nunau: *We've got a German au pair for six months.* ○ [attrib] *an au pair girl.*
aura /ɔ:ɹə/ *n* mi thianghlim, lole, thil pakhat kimvel ih um hu le thawm; thawmvaar: *She always seems to have an aura of happiness about her.*
aural /ɔ:ɹə/ *or, rarely, 'aʊrəl/n* hna ih theihnak lam: *an aural surgeon* ○ *aural comprehension tests.*
 ▷ **aurally** *adv.*
aureola /ɔ:ɹiələ/ (also **aureole** /ɔ:ɹiəʊl/) *n* (pl ~s) **1** = HALO. **2** = CORONA.
aurevoir /əʊ rə'vwɑ:(r)/ (*French*) good bye until we meet again (kan ton sal hlan tiang, damte'n): *Au revoir, see you again next year!* dam te'n hmai kum ah kan tong aw leh ding!
auricle /ɔ:ɹɪkl/ *n* **1** hna kawr. **2** lung ih a lu lam um zaalkuar tevek lung titsa. Cf VENTRICLE 2.
auricular /ɔ:ɹɪkjʊlə(r)/ *adj* hna lam, hna vek: *an auricular confession*, ie one spoken privately into the ear of a priest, Puithiam/Pastor hnakawr naihte ih sualphuannak.
auriferous /ɔ:ɹɪfərəs/ *adj* (of rock) sui tel mi leilung; sui cang ding leilung.
aurora /ɔ:ɹɔ:ɹə/ *n* **1** **aurora borealis** /bɔ:ɹ'reɪlɪs/ (also **the northern lights**) saklam Pole ih hmuhmi sen-eu khawtleu. **2** **aurora australis** /bɔ:ɹ'reɪlɪs/ equator thlanglam ih hmuhmi cutivek khawtleu.
auspices /ɔ:spɪsɪz/ *n* [pl] (idm) **under the auspices of sb/sth** mi pakhat hohatnak thawn, mi pakhat bomnak thawn: *set up a business under the auspices of a government aid scheme.* **under favourable, etc auspices** tikcu ða, caanþa: *The committee began its work under unfavourable auspices.*
auspicious /ɔ:spɪʃəs/ *adj* hmailam ah hlawhtling dingih a langmi; a lungawi mi; thlawsuah ummi: *I'm pleased that you've made such an auspicious start to the new term.*
Aussie /ɔ:zi/ *n, adj* (*informal*) Australia mi tinak.
austere /ɔ:stɪə(r), US ɔ:stɪə(r)/ *adj* **1** (of a person or his behaviour) ziaza ða fek eueu ih thluntu; ti feekfeek mi: *monks leading simple, austere lives.* **2** (of a building or place) a ol zawng ih tuahmi; a menmen ih tuahmi: *The room was furnished in austere style.*
 ▷ **austerly** *adv.*
austerity /ɔ:stɪərətɪ, US ɔ:stɪərətɪ/ *n* **1** [U] ti hluahhlo lonak, ti feekfeek ih nung, nomcen tuah lonak: *the austerity of the Government's economic measures* ○ *War was followed by many years of austerity.* **2** [C usu pl] ti feekfeek

zawngih nung, thil ti: *Wartime austerities included food rationing and shortage of fuel.*
Australian /ɔ:stɪreɪlən, US ɔ:stɪreɪlən/ *n, adj* Australia mi.
 □ **Australian Rules** tiim khat ah mi 18 tel, Australia rugby bawhlung lehnak.
Austro- *comb form* of Austria, Austria ram thawn pehpar in: *the Austro-Hungarian empire.*
authentic /ɔ:θentɪk/ *adj* **1** a simi, a ngaingai: *an authentic document, signature, painting.* **2** rin-um: *an authentic statement.*
 ▷ **authentically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*
authenticity /ɔ:θentɪsətɪ/ *n* [U] a ngaingai sinak, a cit sinak, a tak sinak: *The authenticity of the manuscript is beyond doubt.*
authenticate /ɔ:θentɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] a si ngai ti ih fiangter/hmuh: *authenticate a claim* ○ *Experts have authenticated the writing as that of Shakespeare himself.*
 ▷ **authentication** /ɔ:θentɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].
author /ɔ:θə(r)/ *n* **1** ca ngantu: *Dickens is my favourite author.* **2** a thoktu; a seemtertu: *As the author of the scheme I can't really comment.*
 ▷ **authorress** /ɔ:θəʊrɪs/ *n* ca ngaantu nu.
authorship *n* [U] **1** cabu a rak ngan hmaisatu: *The authorship of this poem is not known.* **2** ngantu sinak.
authoritarian /ɔ:θɔ:rrɪ'teərɪən/ *adj* mah thu lawng thlunter duhtu: *an authoritarian government, regime, doctrine* ○ *The school is run on authoritarian lines.*
 ▷ **authoritarian** *n* thuneitu pawl ih thu kha thlunþeh ding ti ih ruattu, lole, duhtu (milai): *My father was a strict authoritarian.*
authoritarianism *n* [U].
authoritative /ɔ:θɔ:rətətɪv, US -tətɪv/ *adj* **1** thu nei, rin um: *information from an authoritative source.* **2** thuneih duh tuktu: *authoritative instructions, orders, etc.* **3** namneh; thuneihnak langtermi: *an authoritative tone of voice.*
 ▷ **authoritatively** *adv.*
authority /ɔ:θɔ:rətɪ/ *n* **1** [I] (a) thu neihnak: *The leader must be a person of authority.* ○ *She now has authority over the people she used to take orders from.* ○ *Who is in authority (ie holds the position of command) now?* ○ *I am acting under her authority*, ie following her orders. (b) ~ (to do sth) mi uk theinak: *Only the treasurer has authority to sign cheques.* ○ *We have the authority to search this building.* **2** [C often pl] thuneitu pawl: *He's in the care of the local authority.* ○ *The health authorities are investigating the matter.* ○ *I shall have to report this to the authorities.* **3** [C] (a) thu a thei biktu milai: *She's an authority on phonetics.* (b) tetti hmuh theimi cabu, ca, lole, a ngantu, etc: *What is your authority for that statement?* ○ *Always quote your authorities*, ie give the names of books, people, etc used as sources for facts.

authorize, -ise /ˈɔːθəraɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn, Dn-t] *thu* neiter; *thu* nei hnak pe, aap, siang: *I have authorized him to act for me while I am away.* **2** [Tn] *hman* dingah pek (tangka): *authorize a payment* ○ *Has this visit been authorized?*

▷ **authorization, -isation** /ˌɔːθəraɪzɪʃn; US -rɪz-/ *n* **1** [U] *hman* siannak. **2** ~ (for sth/to do sth) (a) [U] *thu* nei h siannak. (b) [C] *thuneh* siannak caken: *May I see your authorization for this?*

□ **the Authorized Version** (abbr AV) King James I, hohat ih rak lehmi kum 1611 ih suakmi Baibal Thianghlim.

auto /ˈɔːtɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*psychology*) *thinlung* lam nat, a hleice in nauhak, midang thawn a pawlkom aw thei lomi nat.

▷ **autistic** /ˈɔːtɪstɪk/ *adj* (*psychology*) *cumi* nat nei.

auto /ˈɔːtəv/ *n* (pl ~s) (*infml esp US*) *mawṭawka*.

aut(o)- *comb form* *ṭongfang* dang thawn kom dingmi a si. **1** mah le mah: *autobiography* ○ *autograph*. **2** mah te'n: *autocracy* ○ *automobile*.

autobahn /ˈɔːtəba:n/ *n* Germany, Austria, Switzerland *ram* ih *mawṭawka* ziinpi.

autobiography /ˌɔːtəbaɪˈɒɡrəfi/ *n* **1** [C] *mai'* *thuanthu* mah ih nganmi: *She has just written her autobiography.* **2** [U] —hi *tivek* ca.

▷ **autobiographic** /ˌɔːtəbaɪˈɒɡrəfɪk/, **autobiographical** /-ɪkl/ *adjs* *mai'* *thu* mah nganmi: *His novels are largely autobiographical, ie though fictional they describe many of his own experiences.*

autocracy /ˈɔːtɒkɹəsi/ *n* (a) [U] *mi* pakhat *thuneh* hnak thawn uknak kumpi (cozah). **2** *cu* ti vekih ukmi ram.

autocrat /ˈɔːtɒkræt/ *n* **1** mah *thu* lawngih ram uktu. **2** mah duhduh ih mi uktu.

▷ **autocratic** /ˌɔːtɒkrætɪk/ *adj*. **autocratically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

autocross /ˈɔːtɒkɹɒs/ *n* [U] *lam* hlatpi *mawṭawka* tlaanzuam-awk.

Autocue /ˈɔːtɒkjʊ:/ *n* (*propr*) *television* kemra kiangih retmi, *ṭongtu* ih *siar* dingmi ca taar langnak thil. Cf TELEPROMPTER.

autograph /ˈɔːtəɡrɑːf; US -græf/ *n* *mi* *hminthang* pakhat in *hmnsin* nakih a nganmi a *hminkar* (*let-hmat*), *lole*, *kutngan* (*hngilhlonak* dingih tuahmi): *I've got lots of famous footballers' autographs.* ○ [attrib] *an autograph book/album.*

▷ **autograph** *v* [Tn] *hmin* ngannak cabu ah *hmin* ngan; *hmin* kar: *an autographed copy.*

automat /ˈɔːtəmæt/ *n* (US) *thirkuang* sungah tangka fai thlak ih ei ding rawl leinak *hmun* (cet thawn zuarnak rawl dawr pawl).

automate /ˈɔːtəmeɪt/ *v* [Tn esp passive] *mahte* tuah/caang, *minung* ai-ah cet lawngih tuah: *This part of the assembly process is now fully automated.*

automatic /ˌɔːtəmætɪk/ *adj* **1** (of machine) *milai* ih *kaihhruai* ṭul lo ih *mahte* caang/tuanmi (cet): *an*

automatic washing-machine ○ *automatic gears, ie in a motor vehicle* ○ *an automatic rifle, ie one that continues firing as long as the trigger is pressed.* **2** (of actions) *ruat* lo ih tuahmi: *For most of us breathing is automatic.* **3** *amah* te a thlun cih, hrial theih lo: *A fine for this offence is automatic.*

▷ **automatic** *n* **1** *veikhat* phel hnu a mah te a puak vivomi meithal; *mahte* ceet. **2** a *mahte* gear a thleng theimi *mawṭawka*.

automatically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

□ **automatic pilot** *milai* ih *mawn* ṭul loin *vanzamleng/lawng* *tivek* pawl *anmah* te feh theinak cet.

automation /ˌɔːtə'meɪʃn/ *n* [U] *kut* tuah *ihsin* ceet ih tuahnak thilri le ceet pawl *hmnnak*: *Automation will mean the loss of many jobs in this factory.*

automaton /ˌɔːtəmətən; US -tɒn/ *n* (pl ~s or -ta /-tə/) **1** = ROBOT **1**. **2** (*fig*) cet *milem* vek *milai*, *khawruah* nei lemlo *milai*. Cf ROBOT **2**.

automobile /ˈɔːtəmeɪl, also ˌɔːtəmə'bi:l/ *n* (*esp US*) = CAR **1**, *mawṭawka*.

autonomous /ˌɔːtɒnəməs/ *adj* *mahte* uk-aw mi: *an alliance of autonomous states.*

▷ **autonomy** /ˌɔːp'nɒməi/ *n* [U] *mahte* uk-awknak: *Branch managers have full autonomy in their own areas.*

autopsy /ˈɔːtɒpsi/ *n* *post mortem*; *ziang* ruangah a thi ti theih duh ah *mithi* ruak rai ih *zohfel*nak: [attrib] *an autopsy report*. Cf BIOPSY.

autostrada /ˈɔːtəʊstrɑːdə/ *n* (*Italian*) *Italy* *ram* ih *mawṭawka* ziinpi.

auto-suggestion /ˌɔːtəv sə'dʒestʃən/ *n* [U] (*psychology*) *malte* sung *mawlh*ter lai ah *thinlung* *mahte* ih thlengternak.

autumn /ˈɔːtəm/ (US fall) *n* [U, C] ṭhal le thlang karlak tikcu; thlang thok pek (September le November thla): *The leaves turn brown in autumn.* ○ *It's been one of the coldest autumns for years.* ○ [attrib] *autumn colours, weather, fashions* ○ (*fig*) *in the autumn of* (ie the later part of) *one's life.*

▷ **autumnal** /ˈɔːtəmənəl/ *adj* [*usu pred*] thlang thokpek tikcu a simi: *The weather in June was positively autumnal.*

auxiliary /ˌɔːg'zɪliəri/ *adj* *bawm*; *bawmtu* dingih retmi: *auxiliary troops* ○ *an auxiliary nurse* ○ *an auxiliary generator in case of power cuts.*

▷ **auxiliary** *n* **1** [C] *milai*/thil bomnak: *medical auxiliaries.* **2** **auxiliaries** [pl] *mi* dang raldo *bawmtu* (ramdang) ralkap. **3** [C] (also **auxiliary verb**) *verb* *bawmtu*, eg *do* and *has* in *Do you know where he has gone?*

AV /eɪ 'vi:/ *abbr* **1** *audio-visual.* **2** *Authorized Version* (of the Bible).

avail /ə'veɪl/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself of sth** (*fml*) *santlai*, *hman* thiam: *You must avail yourself of every opportunity to speak English.* **2** [I,

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- lpr] (dated) man nei, thahnem: *What can avail against the storm?* **3** (idm) **avail sb nothing** (dated) hrangah santlailo.
- ▷ **avail** *n* (idm) **of little/no avail** thahnem/santlai lo: *The advice we got was of no avail;* **without avail** tuahsuak thei loin, hlawhtling loin: *The doctors tried everything to keep him alive but to no avail.*
- available** /ə'veɪləbl/ *adj* **1** (of thing) ngah theih, um (thilri): *Tickets are available at the box office.* ◦ *You will be informed when the book becomes available.* ◦ *This was the only available room.* **2** (of people) ton theih, biak theih (milai): *I'm available in the afternoon.* ◦ *The Prime Minister was not available for comment.*
- ▷ **availability** /ə'veɪlə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].
- avalanche** /'ævələ:nf; US -ləntʃ/ *n* tlang hrap ih luang huho mi vurkhal le lungtiak pawl: *Yesterday's avalanche killed a party of skiers and destroyed several trees.* ◦ (fig) *We received an avalanche of letters in reply to our advertisement.*
- avant-garde** /ævɑŋ'gɑ:d/ *adj* thilthar le thansonak a duhmi, a thar ih tuah duhmi (a bikin calai le kut thiamnak ah): *avant-garde writers, artists, etc* ◦ *the avant-garde movement.*
- ▷ **avant-garde** *n* [CGp] ruahnak thar, thilthar duhtu pawl: *a member of the avant-garde.*
- avarice** /'ævərɪs/ *n* [U] (fml) duhhamnak; duhaamnak: *Avarice makes rich people want to become even richer.*
- ▷ **avaricious** /'ævərɪs/ *adj*. **avariciously** *adv*.
- avdp** *abbr* avoidupois.
- Avon** Avenue: 5 St George's Ave.
- avenge** /ə'vendʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn] thungrul; phu lak; phu hlam: *She avenged her father's murder.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself on sb/sth** phu laak: *She avenged herself on her father's killers.*
- ▷ **avenger** *n*.
- avenue** /'ævənjuː; US -nuː/ *n* **1** inn ziin kaupi. **2** (*abbr* **Ave**) a kap ih thingkung le inn sang pipi pawl um zalamziin. ⇨ Usage at ROAD. **3** thlen theihnak ziin le lam: *an avenue to success, fame, etc* ◦ *Several avenues are open to us.* ◦ *We have explored every avenue.*
- aver** /ə'vɜː(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [Tn, Tf] (fml) fek zet ih sim; khoh zet ih sim (a si lam).
- average** /'ævərɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C] buaktlaak: *The average of 4, 5 and 9 is 6.* **2** [U] zaraan: *These marks are well above/below average.* **3** (idm) **the law of average** ⇨ LAW. **on (the) average** caan khat sung zoh ih buaktlaak in: *We fail one student per year on average.*
- ▷ **average** *adj* **1** [attrib] zaraan: *The average age of the students is 19.* ◦ *The average temperature in Oxford last month was 18°C.* niam tuk lo, sang tuk lo: *children of average intelligence* ◦ *Rainfall is about average for the time of year.*
- average** *v* [I, Tn] a buaktlak ih tuat: *I've done some averaging to reach these figures.* **2** [Tn no passive] buaktlak a suahpi: *This car averages 40 miles to the gallon.* ◦ *The rainfall averages 36 inches a year.* **3** (phr v) **average out (at sth)** buaktlak tuat ih ngahmi: *Meals average out at £5 per head.* ◦ *Sometimes I pay, sometimes he pays—it seems to average out* (ie result in a fair balance) *in the end.* **average sth out (at sth)** thil pakhat ih buaktlak tuat; zaran tuat: *The tax authorities averaged his profit out at £3000 a year over 5 years.*
- averse** /ə'vɜːs/ *adj* [pred] ~ **to sth** (fml or rhet) paih lemlo, eel: *He seems to be averse to hard work.* ◦ *I'm not averse to a drop of whisky after dinner.*
- aversion** /ə'vɜːʃn; US ə'vɜːʃnz/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ (**to sb/sth**) duh lonak, ngaih lomi: *I've always had an aversion to getting up early.* ◦ *He took an immediate aversion to his new boss.* **2** [C] huatmi: *Smoking is one of my pet* (ie particular, personal) *aversions.*
- avert** /ə'vɜːt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** a dangah her; duhlo ruangih hmai thup: *avert one's eyes/gaze/glance from the terrible sight.* **2** [Tn] rak kian; rak hrial; rak kham: *avert an accident, a crisis, a disaster, etc by prompt action* ◦ *He managed to avert suspicion.*
- aviary** /'eɪvɪəri; US -vɪəri/ *n* vate zuatnak inn tumpi.
- aviation** /eɪvɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** vanzam mawng zirnak. **2** a pianthlai suah le vanzamleng tuah: [attrib] *the aviation business/industry.*
- ▷ **aviator** /'eɪvɪeɪtə(r)/ *n* (dated) vanzam mawngtu, lole, vanzam hnaŋuantu.
- avid** /'ævɪd/ *adj* ~ (**for sth**) hngakhlap zet: *an avid collector of old coins* ◦ *avid for news of her son.*
- ▷ **avidity** /ə'vɪdɪti/ *n* [U] (fml) hngakhlapnak. **avidly** *adv*: *She reads avidly.*
- avionics** /eɪvɪ'ɒnɪks/ *n* [sing v] vanzamleng tuahnak ih hmanmi electronics [electric] thiamnak lam.
- avocado** /'ævə'kɑːdəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) thawphat rah/kung.
- avoid** /ə'vɔɪd/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tg] (a) hrial: *avoiding (driving in) the centre of town* ◦ *I think he's avoiding me.* (b) cang lo dingih kham, cawltter: *Try to avoid accidents.* ◦ *I just avoided running over the cat.* **2** (idm) **avoid sb/sth like the plague** (infml) hrial bak: *He's been avoiding me like the plague since we had a row.*
- ▷ **avoidable** *adj* hrial theih.
- avoidance** *n* [U] hrialnak: *tax avoidance*, ie managing to pay the minimum amount of tax required by law.
- avoidupois** /'ævədə'pɔɪz/ *n* [U] (*abbr* **avdp**) sui, ngun le lungmankhung siar lo a dang pawl khing tahnak (16 ounces = 1 pound) ounce le pound khing hmannak.
- avow** /ə'vaʊ/ *v* [Tn, Cn-n, Cn-t] (fml) phuang,

tarlang, a si ti ih sim: *avow one's belief, faith, conviction, etc* ○ *avow oneself (to be) a socialist* ○ *The avowed aim of this Government is to reduce taxation.*

▷ **avowal** *n* (fml) (a) phuannak. (b) [C] tarlangnak: *make an avowal of his love.*

avowedly /ə'vɔ:ɪdli/ *adv* (fml) phuangphah in, zapi theih in: *avowedly responsible for an error.*

avuncular /ə'vʌŋkjʊlə(r)/ *adj* (fml) pu vek ih um (a bik in umzia ah): *He adopts an avuncular tone of voice when giving advice to junior colleagues.*

AWACS /'eɪwæks/ *abbr* airborne warning and control system: *Planes fitted with AWACS.*

await /ə'weɪk/ *v* [Tn] (fml) (of person) rak hngak: *awaiting instructions, results, a reply.* **2** timtuhah cia, hngak cia: *A warm welcome awaits all our customers.* ○ *A surprise awaited us on our arrival.*

awake¹ /ə'weɪk/ *v* (pt **awoke** /ə'wəʊk/, pp **awoken** /ə'wəʊkən/) [I, Tn] **1** thang: *She awoke when the nurse entered the room.* ○ *He awoke the sleeping child.* **2** (fig) cangvaiter: *The letter awoke old fears.* **3** (phr *v*) **awake to sth** cingter, mangter, ralring, theithiam: *awake to the dangers, the opportunities, one's surroundings.*

awake² /ə'weɪk/ *adj* [pred] **1** it that lo, thang ringring: *They aren't awake yet.* ○ *Are the children still awake?* ○ *They're wide (ie fully) awake.* **2 ~ to sth** thei thiam: *Are you fully awake to the danger you're in?*

awaken /ə'weɪkən/ *v* [I, Tn] thang; thangter: *We awakened to find the others had gone.* ○ *I was awakened by the sound of church bells.* ○ (fig) *They were making enough noise to awaken the dead.* **2** [Tn] thangphawakter, thin thoter: *Her story awakened our interest.* **3** (phr *v*) **awaken sb to sth** thil pakhat theithiam dingih tuah/sim: *awaken society to the dangers of drugs.*

▷ **awakening** /ə'weɪkənɪŋ/ *n* [sing] thangphawakternak: *The discovery that her husband was unfaithful to her was a rude (ie shocking) awakening.*

award /ə'weɪkən/ *v* [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** laksawang pe, tuah/tuan man pe: *The judges awarded both finalists equal points.* ○ *The court awarded (him) damages of £50000.* ○ *She was awarded a medal for bravery.*

▷ **award** *n* [U] pek dingih thuthen nak, pekmi tangka/thil: *the award of a scholarship.* **2** [C] laksawang, thilthen: *She showed us the athletics awards she had won.* ○ [attrib] *an award presentation/ceremony.* **3** [C] (Brit) tlawngkai bomnak tangka: *Mary is not eligible of an award.*

aware /ə'weə(r)/ *adj* [pred] ~ **of sb/sth**; ~ **that...** thinlung in thei: *aware of the risk, danger, threat, etc* ○ *Are you aware of the time?* ○ *It happened without my being aware of it.* ○ *I'm (well) aware that very few jobs are available.* ○ *She became*

aware that something was burning. ○ *I don't think you're aware (of) how much this means to me.* **2** thuhla thei zetmi: *She's always been a politically aware person.*

▷ **awareness** *n* [U].

awash /ə'wɔ:ʃ/ *adj* [pred] ti ih a khuhmi: *These decks are awash at high tide.* ○ *The ship's deck was awash in the storm.* ○ (fig) *The sink had overflowed and the kitchen floor was awash.*

away /ə'weɪ/ *adv* part (For special uses with *vs*, see the *v* entries). **1 ~ (from sb/sth)** a hlat ah: *The sea is 2 miles away from the hotel.* ○ *The shops are a few minutes walk away.* ○ *Christmas is only a week away.* ○ *They're away on holiday for 2 weeks.* ○ *Don't go away.* ○ *Have you cleared away your books from the table?* ○ *The bright light made her look away.* **2** cawl loin, bang loin: *She was still writing away furiously when the bell went.* ○ *They worked away for two days to get it finished.* ○ *After five minutes they were talking away like old friends.* **3** a hlo/a kang theh: *The water boiled away.* ○ *The picture faded away.* ○ *The hut was swept away by the flood.* ○ (fig) *They danced the night away, ie all night.* **4** mah zuamtu pawlih lehnak bualrawn ah: *They're playing away tomorrow.* ○ [attrib] *We lost all our away matches.* Cf HOME² 3. **5** (idm) **away with sb/sth** (used in exclamations) um men seh; a poi lo; feh sawn aw: *Away with all these petty restrictions!* **right/straight away/off** ⇒ RIGHT².

awe /ɔ:/ *n* [U] mangbangnak, tihzah upatnak: *Her first view of the pyramids filled her with awe.* ○ *I was/lived in awe of my father until I was at least fifteen.* ○ *My brother was much older and cleverer than me so I always held him in awe.*

▷ **awe** *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (into sth)** mangbangter: *awed by the solemnity of the occasion* ○ *They were awed into silence by the sternness of her voice.*

awesome /-səʊm/ *adj* mangbangza: *His strength was awesome.*

□ **awe-inspiring** *adj* mi mangbangter thei: *an awe-inspiring sight.*

awestricken, awestruck *adjs* mangbang-nak thawn khat.

aweigh /ə'weɪ/ *adv* (nautical) (of an anchor) a thlai (tidai tlunah), lawng colhternak thirkawn tlunah thlai: *Anchors aweigh!*

awful /'ɔ:fl/ *adj* **1** a sia zet, tha lo zet: *an awful accident, experience, shock, etc* ○ *The plight of starving people is too awful to think about.* **2** (infml) a tha lo zet: *What awful weather!* ○ *I feel awful.* ○ *It's an awful nuisance!* ○ *The film was awful.* **3** [attrib] (infml) a ropi, a thupi zet: *That's an awful lot of money.* ○ *I'm in an awful hurry to get to the bank.*

▷ **awfully** /'ɔ:flɪ/ *adv* (infml) zet, em-em: *awfully hot* ○ *awfully sorry* ○ *It's awfully kind of you.* ○ *I'm afraid I'm awfully late.* ○ *Thanks awfully*

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for the present.

awhile /ə'waɪl; US ə'hwaɪl/ *adv* malte sung: *Stay awhile.* ◦ *We won't be leaving yet awhile*, ie not for a short time.

awkward /'ɔ:kwəd/ *adj* **1** a pianzia ʔhalo, hman har: *The handle of this teapot has an awkward shape.* ◦ *It's an awkward door — you have to bend down to go through it.* **2** harsater thei; laklawh: *an awkward series of bends in the road* ◦ *You've put me in a very awkward position.* ◦ *Please arrange the next meeting at a less awkward time.* ◦ *It's very awkward of you not to play for the team tomorrow.* ◦ *Stop being so awkward!* **3** ti hnuaihni: *Swans are surprisingly awkward on land.* ◦ *I was always an awkward dancer.* **4** hmaisong: *I realized they wanted to be alone together so I felt very awkward.* **5** (idm) **the awkward age** tleirawl pek. **an awkward customer** pawl har mi, ʔihnung mi milai, lole, ramsa.

▷ **awkwardly** *adv.* **awkwardness** *n* [U].

awl /ɔ:l/ *n* thirzum, saphaw, cahnah vek vihnak thirzum.

awning /'ɔ:nɪŋ/ *n* sangka lenglam tlun ih zarmi ruah-hliap, ni-hliap, hul-hliap (puan, plastic, tivek).

awoke *pt* of AWAKE.

AWOL /'eɪwɒl/ *abbr* absent without leave, khuan um loih hleen, pelh.

awry /ə'raɪ/ *adv* **1** kelkawi zet in. **2** hmanlo zetin; ʔhelh ʔheh: *Our plans went awry.*

▷ **awry** *adj* [pred] a si lo ʔheh: *Her clothes were all awry*, a hrukdan a hman lo ʔheh.

axe (also esp US **ax**) /æks/ *n* **1** hreitlung: (*fig*) *apply the axe to* (ie drastically reduce) *local government spending.* **2** (idm) **get the axe** (*infml*) hnaʔuan ihsin dawi: *A lot of people in shipbuilding will get the axe.* **have an axe to grind** rak telve; tawh-awknak thuhla nei:

She's only doing it out of kindness—she's got no particular axe to grind.

▷ **axe** (also esp US **ax**) *v* [Tn] hnaʔuan ihsin dawi suak: *He/His job has been axed.* **2** sumbur, covo, ngunkhuai tivek ʔhum: *School grants are to be axed next year.*

axiom /'æksɪəm/ *n* a dik a si, a sual thei lo timi thu.

▷ **axiomatic** /'æksɪə'mætɪk/ *adj* sual thei lo mi: *It is axiomatic (to say) that a whole is greater than any of its parts.*

axis /'æksɪs/ *n* (pl **axes** /'æksɪz/) **1** [C] kailing fung, thil a hermi a laifung: *The earth's axis is the line between the North and South Poles.* **2** [C] thil bial lai ʔhentu riin: *The axis of a circle is its diameter.* **3** [C] graph par ih bunmi riin: *the horizontal and vertical axes.* **4** [C] ram tampi tan rualnak. **5 the Axis** [sing] the alliance of Germany, Italy and Japan in World War II.

axle /'æksl/ *n* **1** leengfung. **2** leeng ke pakhat le pakhat pehtu fung: *The back axle is broken.*

ayatollah /aɪə'tɒlə/ *n* Iran ram ih Muslim biaknak hotu.

aye (also **ay**) /aɪ/ *interj* (*arch* or *dialect*) a si, si! tinak: *Aye, aye, sir!* eg in reply to an order by a naval officer, *Aye, I know what you mean.*

▷ **aye** (also **ay**) *n* **1** (usu *pl*) thurel pumkhawm sungih lungkim langternak. **2** (idm) **the ayes have it** mi tamsawn lungkimnak in neh.

azalea /ə'zeɪliə/ *n* sokhleɪ vek pangpar phunkhat; a rang, a aire, a sendup pangpar pawl parnak burbuk.

azimuth /'æzɪməθ/ *n* **1** (*astronomy*) lu tlun zawn a sannak bik van ihsin van hram deng tiang a puummi. **2** cuih a puummi le leilungpi tung rin karlak a kiil.

azure /'æzə(r)/ *n* [U], *adj* mepian/vandum pianzia: *a lake reflecting the azure of the sky* ◦ *a dress of azure silk.*