

# Kk

**K, k** /keɪ/ *n* (pl **K's, K's**) Mirang (*English*) cafang a hleikhatnak: 'King' begins with (a) K/'K'.

**K** /keɪ/ *abbr* **1** kelvin(s). **2** (*infml*) Greek tongih thawngkhat (1,000) (Greek *kilo*-): *She earns 12K* (ie £1200) a year.

**kaffir** /kæfə(r)/ *n* (S African offensive) Africa midum phun.

**kaftan** = CAFTAN.

**Kaiser** /kaɪzə(r)/ *n* 1918 kum hlan ih Germany, Austria-Hungary ram uktu siangpahrang kawhna hmin.

**kale** (also **kail**) /keɪl/ *n* [U] kawpi (a hnah kirmi phun).

**kaleidoscope** /kəˈlaɪdəskəʊp/ *n* (**a**) dawng pakhat sungah rong phun dangdang a thlalang fatete um ih, her tikah a rong thleng awmi umhar lehnak. (**b**) (usu *sing*) (*fig*) zamrang ih a thleng aw theimi: *His paintings are a kaleidoscope of gorgeous colours.* ○ *The bazaar was a kaleidoscope of strange sights and impressions.*  
▷ **kaleidoscopic** /kəˈlaɪdəskəpɪk/ *adj*.

**kaleidoscopically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**kamikaze** /kæmɪˈkɑːzi/ *n* (in World War II) Ralpi Veihnihnak ah Japan ralkap vanzam mawng a vanzam thawn pumpek ih raal pawl ih thil pahsiat ih a dotu: [attrib] *a kamikaze attack* ○ (*fig*) *kamikaze* (is suicidal) tactics.

**kangaroo** /kæŋgəˈruː/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) Australia ram ih a dunglam ke sau sawn nei a pum ah fa zawinak dip ummi ramsa (*ta-paih-kaung*).

□ **kangaroo court** upadi tangih um lomi (mah te tuahmi) thawngtlak le lungkim lo ih (nuartu) hnaŋuantu pawl anmah le anmah buainak relcattu ding thuthentu hril mi.

**kaolin** /ˈkeɪəlɪn/ [U] (also **china clay**) Tuluk suntlung, khukheng tuahnak tlak raang. Tuluk tlak:

**kapok** /keɪpɒk/ *n* [U] tumpang.

**kaput** /kəˈpʊt/ *adj* [pred] (*sl*) a siat; ʃha te'n hnaŋuan thei nawn lo: *The car's kaput* — *we'll have to walk.*

**karat** (US) CARAT.

**karate** /kəˈrɑːti/ *n* [U] kut le ke lawng hmangin hriamnam hmang lo ih mi sual dan/mi tong dan Japan lehnak: [attrib] *a karate chop*, ie a blow with the side of the hand.

**karma** /ˈkɑːmə/ *n* [U] (**a**) (in Buddhism and Hinduism) mah nuncan ziaza um dan neih ih thihhnu ih nun dan ding. (**b**) (*esp joc*) bawngvaan: *It's my karma always to fall in love with brunettes.*

**kart** /kɑːt/ *n* = GO-KART.

**kayak** /kaɪæk/ *n* (**a**) Eskimo ram ih saphaw thawn tuahmi milai pakhat to lawng zaangte. (**b**) cumi

vek vokkuang lawng fate.

**kazoo** /kəˈzuː/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) lehnak tuahmi awnmawi thil, seem tikah khuai vekih awn vungvo thei.

**KB** /kəɪˈbiː/ *abbr* (*Brit law*) King's Bench. Cf QB.

**KBE** /keɪ biːˈiː/ *abbr* (*Brit*) Knight Commander (of the Order) of the British Empire: *be made a KBE* ○ *Sir John Brown KBE*. Cf CBE, DBE, MBE.

**KC** /keɪˈsiː/ *abbr* (*Brit law*) King's Counsel. Cf QC.

**kebab** /keɪˈbæb/ *n* (often pl) fungthul in emmi sa: *lamb kebabs* ○ *shish kebab*.

**kedgerie** /ˈkedʒəriː, ˈkedʒəˈriː/ *n* [U, C] ngasa, arti le a caancaan ah khasuansen rawi ih suanmi buh.

**keel** /kiːl/ *n* **1** tangphawlawng a tanglam bik thir, lole, thing tawdam: *lay down a keel*, ie start building a ship. **2** (idm) **on an even keel** ⇒ EVEN<sup>1</sup>.  
▷ **keel** *v* (phr *v*) **keel over** **1** (of a ship) tangphawlawng pil. **2** (*infml*) tlak/tluu: *After a couple of drinks he just keeled over on the floor.* ○ The structure had keeled over in the high winds.

**keen**<sup>1</sup> /kiːn/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** ~ (to do sth/that ...) hiar/paih zet: *a keen swimmer* ○ *I'm not keen to go again.* ○ *She's keen that we should go.* **2** (of feelings, etc) thintlung ih ruah zetmi, thintlung peek zet: *a keen desire, interest, sense of loss.* **3** (of the senses) thei thei zet: *Dogs have a keen sense of smell.* **4** (of the mind) theih le thiam ol: *a keen wit, intelligence.* **5** [esp attrib] (of the points and cutting edges of knives, etc) a hriammi: *a keen blade, edge.* **6** (of a wind) a dai zetmi. **7** (*Brit*) (of prices) (*infml*) a man ol. **8** (idm) (**as**) **keen as mustard** (*infml*) pah le phuuz zet. **keen on sth/sb** (*infml*) (**a**) duh zet/ngai/caai zet (minung) lehnak/tuah ding parah phuuz zet/paih zet: *keen on (playing) tennis.* (**b**) caai, duh: *He seemed mad keen on* (ie very interested in) *my sister.* ○ *I'm not too keen on jazz.* (**c**) duh: *She's not very keen on the idea.* ○ *Mrs Hill is keen on Tom's marrying Susan.*

▷ **keenly** *adv*. **keenness** *n* [U].

**keen**<sup>2</sup> /kiːn/ *v* [I] (usu in the continuous tenses) mithi zunngai, ʃah: *keening over her murdered son.*

▷ **keen** *n* Irish miphun pawl ih ʃah, zunngaih hla, ʃahhla:

**keep**<sup>1</sup> /kiːp/ *v* (pt, pp **kept** /kept/) **1** (**a**) [La, Ipr, Ip] sinak/dan kel ih um; um kel ih um: *She has the ability to keep calm in an emergency.* ○ *Please keep quiet* — *I'm trying to get some work done.* ○ *You ought to keep indoors with that heavy cold.* ○ *The notice said 'Keep off* (ie Do not walk on) *the grass'.* ○ *Keep back! The building could collapse at any moment.* (**b**) [Ip] ~ (**on**) **doing**

**sth** thil pakhat rak tuah zom, baang lo/cawl lo ih tuah: *keep eating, laughing, smiling, walking*  
 ○ *Keep (on) talking amongst trust you if you keep lying tome?* ○ *I do wish you wouldn't keep interrupting me!* ○ *My shoe laces keep (on) coming undone.* ○ *Keep going (ie Do not stop) until you reach a large roundabout.* ○ *This is exhausting work, but I manage to keep going somehow.* (c) [Ipr, Ip] hmun khat zawn hoih ih feh, cangvai: *Traffic in Britain keeps to the left*, ie drives on the left-had side of the road. ○ *Keep straight on until you get to the church.* ○ *The sign say 'Keep left', so I don't think we can turn right here.* 2 [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a, Cn-g] thil pakhat hmunkhat ah umter, mi pakhat umkelte ih umter, cangvai lo ih umter: *If your hands are cold, keep them in your pockets.* ○ *Extra work kept him (late) at the office.* ○ *Don't keep us in suspense any longer — what happens at the end of the story?* ○ *keep sb amused, cheerful, happy, etc* ○ *These gloves will keep your hands warm.* ○ *Give the baby her bottle; that'll keep her quiet for a while.* ○ *He's in a coma and is being kept alive by a life-support machine.* ○ *I'm sorry to keep you waiting.* ○ *Add some more coal to keep the fire going.* 3 [Tn] tlaiter, hnuter: *You're an hour late; what kept you?* Cf KEEP SB FROM STH/DOING STH. 4 [Tn] (a) thil pakhat nei ta, neiter, nei: *You can keep that book I lent you; I don't want it back.* ○ *Here's a five-pound note — you can keep the change.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth (for sb)** thil pakhat mi hrangih ham/zuah sak: *Could you keep my place in the queue (for me) (ie prevent anybody else from taking it)?* ○ *Please keep me a place in the queue.* (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] hmun pakhat ah ret: *Where do you keep the cutlery?* ○ *We haven't enough shelves to keep all our books on.* ○ *Always keep you driving licence in a safe place.* (d) [Tn] hmailam caan ih hman dingah ret sung/zohsal dingih ret: *These trousers are so worn they're hardly worth keeping.* ○ *Let's not eat all the sandwiches now — we can keep some for later.* ○ *I keep all her letters.* 5 [Tn] (dawr, rawl dawr) tuah: *Her father kept a grocer's shop for a number of years.* ○ *He plans to keep a pub when he retires.* 6 [Tn] (tilva, sumhnam) zuat, kilkhawi: *keep bees, goats, hens, etc.* 7 [Tn] zuar dingih ret: *'Do you sell Turkish cigarettes?' 'I'm sorry, we don't keep them.'* 8 [Tn] (thuthup) phuang lo ih thup: *Can you keep a secret?* 9 [I] (rawl) siat lo te ih um, a uih lo, nam lo: *Do finish off the fish pie; it won't keep.* ○ (fig) *The news will keep*, ie can be told later rather than immediately. 10 [I] (dam le dam lo) tungmun: *'How are you keeping?' 'I'm keeping well, thanks.'* 11 [Tn] (a) ca ngan le ca ih khum: *She kept a diary for over twenty years.* (b) hmnsin dingih ca in khum: *keeping an account/a record of what one spends each week.* 12 [Tn] mi pakhat hrang

a tul poimi pek, mi pakhat sumpai hmangih zoh/cawm: *He scarcely earns enough to keep himself and his family.* 13 (a) [Tn] kil, kham (lehnak ah, kawil kil): *keep goal, ie in football* ○ *keep wicket, ie in cricket.* Cf GOALKEEPER (GOAL), WICKET-KEEPER (WICKET). (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (from sth)** (fml) zianghman cang lo dingih kilkhawi/humhim: *May the Lord bless you and keep you*, ie used in prayers in the Christian Church. ○ *She prayed to God to keep her son from harm.* 14 [Tn] thil pakhat parah fel, tongmi vekih tuah, rintlak ih um: *keep an appointment, the law, a promise, a treaty.* 15 (idm) **keep it up** thil tuah theimi/tlaksal lo dingih hmunter ringring: *Excellent work, Cripps — keep it up!* **keep up with the Joneses** /'dʒəʊnzɪz/ (infml) mi dinhmun le neihnak thawn rual aw dingih um, a ziangziang ah mi va bang ding. (For other idioms containing **keep**, see entries for *ns, adjs*, etc, eg; **keep house** ⇒ HOUSE<sup>1</sup>; **keep the ball rolling** ⇒ BALL<sup>1</sup>.)

16 (phr v) **keep (sb) at sth** mi pakhat a tuanmi tuanpeh suakter, tuanpehter: *Come on, keep at it, you've nearly finished!* ○ *The teacher kept us at our work all morning.*

**keep (sb/sth) away (from sb/sth)** (minung) mi va hrialter/rak kian — naih lo ding/pawl lo dingih umter, thil pakhat ihsin kiangter, tham lo ding le tuah lo dingih kiangter, tuah ngah lo, tuan ngah lo ih tuah: *Police warned bystanders to keep away from the blazing building.* ○ *Her illness kept her away from (ie caused her to be absent from) work for several weeks.*

**keep sth back** (a) cang lo dingih kham, rak dawn, suup: *Millions of gallons of water are kept back by your employer as an insurance payment.* **keep sth back (from sb)** thil mi pakhat pek dingmi pek lo dingih hreng, pek dingmi pek lo ih um: *I'm sure she's keeping something back (from us).* **keep (sb) back (from sb/sth)** mi pakhat hnenah thu phuang lo ih um/thup: *Keep well back from the road.* ○ *Barricades were erected to keep back the crowds.* **keep down** mi pakhat miding pakhat ihsin kangter/thil pakhat ihsin kaangter, thil pakhat/mi pakhat ihsin a hlat ih um, rak kiang: *Keep down! You mustn't let anybody see you.* **keep sb down** mi hmuh lo dingih um/thup/relh: *The people have been kept down for years by a brutal régime.* **keep sth down** (mipi, rammi) namneh, tangthlak: *The people have been kept down for years by a brutal régime.* **keep sth down** (a) (ruangpi ih then khat, ruangpi ih a then khat a simi) tlun ah tung lo, tlun ah langter lo: *Keep your head down!* (b) dolh: *The medicine was so horrid I couldn't keep it down, ie I was sick.* (c) niamter, a niam ih thlak, kaiter lo, sangter lo: *keep down wages, prices, the cost of living, etc* ○ *Keep your voices down; your mother's trying to get some sleep.* (d) karh zaiter lo, rak khap: *use chemicals to keep*

pests down.

**keep oneself/sb from sth/do king sth** mah le mah/mi, thil pakhat tuah lo dingih dawn/kham/tuah thei lo dingih rak dawn: *The church bells keep me from sleeping.* ○ *I hope I'm not keeping you from your work.* **keep (oneself) from doing sth** thil pakhat tuah nawn loih bansan/tuah lo ih bang/thil pakhat cang ngah lo ding ih pial/hrialngah: *She could hardly keep (herself) from falling.* **keep sth from sb** thu pakhat mi va sim lo, thu rak thup/sim lo ih um: *I think we ought to keep the truth from him until he's better.* ○ *They don't keep anything from each other.*

**keep sb in** (nauhal) inn tlung lo ih hreng (tlawngah)/tlawng tum caan hnu ah tlungter loih tlawngah hreng: *She was kept in for an hour for talking in class.* **keep sth in** (thinlung) thinlung sung tuarmi suup — sim lo ih suup: *He could securely keep in his indignation.* **keep oneself/sb in sth** ngahnak neih — pek siang ringring/neiter ringring: *She earns enough to keep herself and all the family in good clothes.* **keep in with sb** (infml) (mi thil ngah duh ruang bikah) mi va pawl tha, mi va kom: *Have you noticed how he tries to keep in with the boss?*

**keep off** (of rain, snow, etc) ruah sur lo, cang lo ih um, sur lo ih tul: *The fete will go ahead provided the rain keeps off.* **keep of (sb/sth)** (mi/thil) dai lo, naih lo, tok lo. **keep off sth (a)** ei lo, in lo, fawp lo ih um, hrial: *keep off cigarettes, drugs, drink, fatty foods.* **(b)** thuhla rel lo ih um; rel lo ih hrial: *Please keep off (the subject of) politics while my father's here.* **keep sb/sth off (sb/sth)** mi/thil kiangter, naihter lo, daiter lo ih tuah: *They lit a fire to keep wild animals off.* ○ *Keep your hands off (ie Do not touch) me!*

**keep on** cawl lo ih feh tlang/feh lan: *Keep on past the church; the stadium is about half a mile further on.* **keep on (doing sth)** tuan/tuahpeh vivo/cangpeh vivo: *The rain kept on all night.* ○ *She kept on working although she was tired.*

**keep sb on** mi pakhat hnatuan pehter: *He's incompetent and not worth keeping on.* **keep sth on (a)** thil pakhat a pehpeh ih hruuk ringring, ret ti um lo ih hruuk rero: *You don't need to keep your hat on indoors.* **(b)** (inn, in khaan tivek) neitu si ringring, lole, inn khaan a pehpeh ih hlaang rero: *We're planning to keep the cottage on over the summer.* **keep on (at sb) (about sb/sth)** mi pakhat hnen ah mi pakhat ih thuhla/thil lungkim lo ih tlokciar: *He does keep on so!* ○ *I will mend the lamp — just don't keep on at me about it!*

**keep out (of sth)** lut lo (umnak/hmun) a leng ih umter; lutter lo: *The sign said 'Ministry of Defence — Danger — Keep Out!'* **keep sb/sth out (of sth)** mi/thil pakhat a sungih lutter lo/thil pakhat ihsin kham: *Keep that dog out of my study!* ○ *She wore a hat to keep the sun out of*

*her eyes.* **keep (sb) out of sth** mi/thil pakhat hrialter, kiangter: *Do keep out of the rain if you haven't a coat.* ○ *That child seems incapable of keeping out of (ie not getting into) mischief.* ○ *Keep that children out of harm's way if you take them to the match.*

**keep to sth (a)** (zin, suul) ihsin pial lo/peng lo ih um: *Keep to the track — the moor is very boggy around here.* ○ (fig) *keep to the point/subject.* **(b)** (tumtahmi, thlun ding caan le tuah ding) thlun le hmang: *Things will only work out if we all keep to the plan.* **(c)** (thukham, thukam tivek) thlun, hmang, tuah: *keep to an agreement, an undertaking.* **(d)** (khiah ciami hmun/umnak) um ringring, hmun dangah feh lo: *She's old and infirm and has to keep to the house.* **(e)** (thusim le fial mi ah) tong lo ding sim lo ding tinak ih tong hman: *Keep your opinions to yourself in future!* **keep (oneself) to oneself** midang pawl lo ih um/mi thuhla buaipi lo/ruat sak lo ih um, mahte ih um: *Nobody knows much about him; he keeps himself (very much) to himself.* **keep sth to one self** thuhla pakhat mi vasim lo ih um: *I'd be grateful if you kept this information to yourself.* **keep sb under** mi va namnuai: *The local population is kept under by a brutal army of mercenaries.* **keep sth under** thil pakhat cang lo dingih kham: *Firemen managed to keep the fire under.*

**keep up** (of rain, snow, good weather, etc) a pehpeh ih um (ruah a ceen tivek): *Let's hope the sunny weather keeps up for Saturday's tennis match.* **keep sb up** it thei lo ih tuah: *I do hope we're not keeping you up.* **keep sth up (a)** tlak lo dingih thil tuah/tlakter lo: *wear a belt, to keep one's trousers up.* **(b)** rak sangter ringring: *The high cost of raw materials is keeping prices up.* **(c)** (thinlung, cahnak tivek) tum suk lo, mah kel si ringring ih ret: *They sang songs to keep their morale up.* **(d)** thil pakhat a sangih um cia tumter lo ih tuah, mahkel si dingih tuah: *The enemy kept up their bombardment day and night.* ○ *We're having difficulty keeping up our mortgage payments.* ○ *You're all doing a splendid job; keep up the good work!* **(e)** thil pakhat hmang tluanta/tuah ringring: *keep up old customs, traditions, etc* ○ *Do you still keep up your Spanish?* **(f)** (hmuan, inn tivek) thazaang le tangka hmangih tungmun ter (siat lo in): *The house is becoming to expensive for them to keep up.* Cf UPKEEP. **keep up (with sb/sth)** mi pakhat/thil pakhat thawn bangaw in um/man: *Slow down — I can't keep up (with you)!* ○ *I can't keep up with all the changes in computer technology.* **keep up (with sth)** thil pakhat a kai caan/a saan caan ah rak saang ve/rak kai ve ih um: *Workers' incomes are not keeping up with inflation.* **keep up with sb** mi pakhat thawn pehtlai aw ringring: *How many of your old school friends do you keep*

- up with? **keep up with sth** (thuthang, tulai thu um dan) pawl, thei ringring ih um: *She likes to keep up with the latest fashion.*
- **kept woman** (dated or joc) ihpi theu dingah, tangka le umnak inn-khaan peksak a si mi nunau.
- keep**<sup>2</sup> /ki:p/ n **1** [U] (cost of providing) ti le rawl tivek pumcawm-awknak man: *It's time you got a job and started paying for your keep?* ie Is useful enough to be worth the cost of keeping it? **2** [C] khuahlan ih sakmi phahlei (tlakrawh) inn tumpipi (castle) ih khawcon hmun inn tungsangpi. **3** (idm) **for keeps** neihter ta: *Can I have it for keeps or do you want it back?*
- keeper** /'ki:pə(r)/ n **1** ramsa zuatnak inn kilkhawitu, lole, khuahlan thil retmi innpi kilkhawitu. **2** (esp in compounds) thil pakhat a kiltu: a *lighthouse-keeper* ○ a *gamekeeper* ○ a *shopkeeper*. **3** (infml) (a) = GOALKEEPER (GOAL). (b) = WICKET-KEEPER (WICKET). **4** (idm) **finders keepers** ⇒ FINDER (FIND<sup>1</sup>).
- keeping** /'ki:pɪŋ/ n (idm) **in sb's keeping** mi pakhat ih kilkhawi kilvennak: *I'll leave the keys in your keeping.* **in/out of keeping (with sth)** a remcang awmi; remcang lomi: a *development wholly in keeping with what we expected* ○ *That tie is not quite in keeping.* **in safe keeping** ⇒ SAFE<sup>1</sup>. **for safe keeping** ⇒ SAFE<sup>1</sup>.
- keepsake** /'ki:pseik/ n a hlan ih a neitu, lole, laksawang ih a petu ciin ringringnak ding thil (a man khungtuk si lomi) rak il mi: *My aunt gave me one of her brooches as a keepsake.*
- keg** /keg/ n a lu lam le a taw lam a peermi zialphengih tuahmi zuti le thilti retnak pung (si-paing), lole, thirpung a tlun a tang peermi.  
□ **keg beer** (Brit) zupung sungih tuahmi beer zu (England).
- kelp** /kelp/ n [U] tipi thuanthum sung ummi a pawl nawn, rong nei ti-maan.
- kelvin** /'kelvɪn/ n (abbr **K**) tikcu sat le a dai tahnak ih hmanmi; unit (equal to the Celsius degree) of an international scale of temperature (the Kelvin scale) with 0° at absolute zero (-273.15°).
- ken**<sup>1</sup> /ken/ n (idm) **beyond/outside one's ken** mi pakhat ih theih ban tawk si lomi: *The workings of the Stock exchange are beyond most people's ken.*
- ken**<sup>2</sup> /ken/ v (-nn-, pt **kenned** or **kent**, pp **kenned**) [Tn, Tf, Tw] (Scot) thei.
- kennel** /'kenl/ n **1** [C] uico innnt: *Rover lives in a kennel in the back garden.* **2** [C] sadawi uico rual retnak ui inn. **3 kennels** [sing or pl v] uico rawl pekknak, zohkhennak hmun: *We put the dog into kennels when we go on holiday.*  
▷ **kennel v** (-ll-; US also -l-) [Tn] uico inn ih uico zuat: *She kennels her dog in the yard.*
- kepi** a lu tlun zawn peermi France ralkap lukhuh.
- kept** pt, pp of KEEP<sup>1</sup>.
- kerb** (also esp US **curb**) /kɜ:b/ n mawṭaw zin tlang ih um ke zin tlang ih lungto, lole, mirang leilung ih tuahmi a tlang zim tuan: *Stop at the kerb and look both ways before crossing (the road).*
- **kerb-crawling** n [U] (ihpi duh ruangah) mawṭaw zin tlang ih vaakmi nunau leemnuk ih mawṭaw nuamnai te feh/mawng hrimmi (mawṭaw ih feh pi dingah): *be arrested for kerb-crawling.*
- kerb drill** mawṭaw zin tannak (feh tan) dingih tuahmi hman ding daan.
- kerbstone** n mawṭaw zin tlang ih dawlmi lungto, lole, mirang leilung.
- kerchief** /'kɜ:tʃɪf/ n (arch) **1** (nunau hman) lu tuamnuk, lole, hngawngngerh ih hmanmi killi nei a tlang tia aw mi puante. **2** kutken puante (pa-vua).
- kerfuffle** /kə'tʌfl/ n [U] (Brit infml) lungbuainak, hnasetza si ruri, mi thawngvaang; thinthonak: *what's all the kerfuffle (about)?*
- kernel** /'kɜ:nl/ n [C] **1** thing thei hak sungih a sungmu neem. **2** thlaici (fang tivek) a leeng a hakmi a sung mu. **3** (fig) (thuhla, tumtahmi, thu buainak) tivek pawl ih a thu muril: *the kernel of her argument.*
- kerosene** (also **kerosine**) /'kerəsɪn/ n [U] = PARAFFIN **1**; zinaan; khawnvar ti: [attrib] a *kerosene lamp.*
- kestrel** /'kestrəl/ n khaute phun khat.
- ketch** /ketʃ/ n puan zarnak ṭhuam pahni nei lawng fate (puanzar lawng).
- ketchup** /ketʃəp/ (also esp US **catsup** /'kætsəp/) n [U] kawlhng le zureu rawi ih tuahmi hmeh-nawi.
- kettle** /ketl/ n **1** lakphak bel; kepli: *boil (water in) the kettle and make some tea.* **2** (idm) **a different kettle of fish** ⇒ DIFFERENT. **a fine, pretty, etc kettle of fish** hnok ruri, le nuam um lo a simi thil um dan. **the pot calling the kettle black** ⇒ POT<sup>1</sup>.
- kettledrum** /'ketldrʌm/ n dar rang, lole, dar ahire ih tuahmi khuang, a tlun le a tang savun ih phihmi pakaan kuar pianzia khuang.
- key**<sup>1</sup> /ki:/ n **1** [C] tawhfung: *turn the key in the lock* ○ *the car keys* ○ *the key to the front door* ○ *have a duplicate key cut*, ie made. **2** [C] tawhfung vek simi thir ṭial merhnak, eg nazi tawh merhnak tivek: *Where's the key to the front door* ○ *have a duplicate key cut*, ie made. **3** [C] (a) (music) hlasak tiki a aw feh dan a saan le a niam ding dan aw lak thawhnak: *a sonata in the key of E flat major/A minor* ○ *This piece changes key many times.* (b) (fig) aw suah dan: *Her speech was all in the same key*, ie monotonous. **4** [C] cet cangannak, piano tivek ih kutzung ih tokmi thil bial. **5** [C] (a) thusuhnak pawl hrangih tuahciami simfiangnak (a-phi) pawl: *a book of language tests, complete with key.* (b) ramzuk le thil pungsan tivek tuahmi parih nganmi hmainsinnak zuk le cafang tla ih simfiangnak. **6** [C usu sing] ~ **sth** (to **sth**) thil pakhat hnen

ah a thlenpi theitu, kaihruai theitu, aan cingter theitu: *Diet and exercise are the key (to good health)*. ○ *The key to the whole affair was his jealousy*. **7** [sing] zial tivek thilri pakhat hmai (surface) ah thil dang (plaster, si thuhmi) rak taang thei dingih tuahmi a hmai hraap khi: *Gently sand the plastic to provide a key for the paint*. **8** [C] (botany) thla nei thingrah. **9** (idm) **under lock and key** ⇒ LOCK<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **key** *adj* [attrib] thil t̄ul zetmi le poimawh zetmi, thupi zetmi: *a key figure in the disputer* ○ *a key industry, speech, position*.

□ **keyboard** *n* cet cangannak le piano ti vek awnmawi parih a tlar ih um a hmehnak tete. — *v* **1** [I] keyboard thawn hnaṭuan (eg for setting printing type). **2** [Tn] keyboard cacuknak hmanjin computer sungah ca, lole, data than. **keyboarder** *n* cuvek kut hmeh tete hmanjin ih cangantu, cacuktu.

**keyhole** *n* tawhfang hei hrolhna a ong, tawhkua:

**key money** *inn* khaan/inn sangtu ding hnen ihsin laakciami inn khaan man, lole, inn man.

**keynote** *n* **1** thusimnak, cabu tivek ih a duh sannak bik a thutlangpi: *Unemployment has been the keynote of the conference*. ○ [attrib] *a keynote speech*, ie one setting the tone for or introducing the theme of a meeting, etc. **2** (music) hla aw laknak (a saan le a niam feh dan ding hrilmi).

**key-pad** *n* telephone parih mi kawhna ding numbat a kual ih nganmi si loin, angkisih vek tete ih a peer ih tuahmi hmehnak tete (television khal ah cu tivek a um).

**key-ring** *n* tawh thlahna thirkual.

**key signature** (music) awnmawi tumnak dingih nganmi (staff notation) parih ziang key thawn sak/tum ding timi hmuhtu *sharp* (♯) le *flat* (♭) pawl.

**keystone** *n* (architecture) sangka tlunlam kual vek thil a kualpi pakhat sak tikih khat lam kau le khat lam kau a dintertu a lai ih retmi/bunmi lungto.

**key<sup>2</sup>** /ki:/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (in)** (computing) a hmehnak tlang hmang ih cangan: *I've keyed this sentence (in) three times, and it's still wrong!* **2** [Tn] plaster le sii thuhmi a taang thei dingah thil hmai hraamter. **3** (phr v) **key sth to sth (a)** thil pakhat thildang thawn bangaw dingih tuah/midang vek ih tuah ve/cawng: *She keyed her mood to that of the other guests*. (b) thil pakhat hrang remcang dingih tuah: *The farm was keyed to the needs of the local people*. **key sb up** (usu passive) mi pakhat thinphang, thinlung hnok le buaiter: *The manager warned us not to get too keyed up before the big match*.

**key<sup>3</sup>** (also) /ki:/ *n* tipi-thuanthum tidai ih khuhdok khuhdok lomi lungto tlangtluan, tikulh niam (Indies le USA Falorida tipi tlang).

**KG** /ˌkeɪ ˈdʒi:/ *abbr* (Brit) Knight (of the Order) of the Garter: *be made a KG* ○ *Sir Thomas Bell KG*.

**kg** *abbr* kilogram(s): *10 kg*.

**KGB** /ˌkeɪ dʒɪ ˈbi:/ *abbr* USSR Intelligence Agency since 1953 (Russian *Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti*): *a KGB agent* ○ *dealing with the KGB*.

**khaki** /ˈka:ki/ *n* [U], *adj* leivut (zawng) rong, khakhi rong;

**KHz** *abbr* kilohertz. Cf Hz.

**kibbutz** /kiˈkʊts/ *n* (pl **kibbutzim** /kiˈbʊtsim/) Israel ram ih tlangpi neih/tlanglo, lole, Israel ram ih ra lut mivai hrang hmunkhua.

▷ **kibbutznik** /-nik/ *n* tlanglo neitu a si vemi pakhat.

**kick<sup>1</sup>** /kɪk/ *v* (1) (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] minung/thil pakhat ke ih sit: *Mummy, Peter kicked me (on the leg)!*

(b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil pakhat ke ih pet ko ih sit: *He kicked the ball into the river*. ○ *Can we kick the ball around for a while?* (c) [Tn-pr]

ke ih sitnak in thil a ra cangtermi: *He kicked a hole in the fence*. (d) [I, Ip] ke ih napi ih sit, saih, tim, thum, ke kar suah ih sit: *The child was screaming and-kicking*. ○ *Be careful of that horse — it often kicks*. ○ (fig) *She kicks out when she's angry*. **2** [Tn] (esp in Rugby football) kawl (goal) sung lut ko bawhlung sit, kawl thun: *that's the twentieth goal he's kicked this season*. **3** [I] (of a gun) meithal in saih. **4**

(idm) **alive and kicking** ⇒ ALIVE. **hit/kick a man when he's down** ⇒ MAN. **kick against the pricks** duh lo zet ih taal reronak ah mah le mah tuahmawh-aw, mah hmaa mah khoih. **kick the bucket** (sl) thi. **kick the habit** (infml) dan ṭha lo bansan: *Doctors should try to persuade smokers to kick the habit*. **kick one's heels** mi hngah sungah ziang tuah ding nei lo ih um: *She had to kick her heels for hours because the train was so late*. **kick over the traces** (of a person) nu le pa ih simmi le dan kaihruainak duh lo. **kick up/raise a dust** ⇒ DUST<sup>1</sup>. **kick up a fuse, row, shindy, stink, etc** (infml) (thil pakhat duh lonak in) buainak suakter. **kick up one's heels** (infml) mahte lungawi sopar zet ih nuam-aw. **kick sb up stairs** (infml) mi pakhat daw hlo duh ruangah thil thupi a si lo mi ah khaisang, upat pek. **5**

(phr v) **kick against sth** thil pakhat duh lo in dodal le caangvai ciamco: *It's no use kicking against the rules*. **kick around** (infml) rak um/ rak nung/rak um rero: *I've been kicking around Europe since I saw you last*. ○ *My shirt is kicking around on the floor somewhere*. ○ *an idea which has been kicking around for some considerable time*. **kick sth around/round** (infml) (tumtahnak, ruahnak tivek) ruattlang rero: *We'll kick some ideas around and make a decision tomorrow*.

**kick sth in** a sunglam ah tlang ko ih sit: *kickin a door* ○ *kick sb's teeth in*. **kick off** bawhlung lehnak ah sit thok (a hmaisai bik sitmi): *United*

- kicked off and scored almost immediately. **kick (sth) off** (meeting tivek) rel thok, rak thok: *I'll ask Tessa to kick off (the discussion).* **kick sth off** thil pakhat pet ko ih sit: *kick off one's slippers, shoes, etc.* **kick sb out (of sth)** (infml) mi pakhat dawi hlo, lole, suah: *They kicked him out (of the club) for fighting.*
- ▷ **kicker** *n* sittu.
- **kick-off** *n* lehnak sit thok.
- kick**<sup>2</sup> /kik/ *n* 1 [C] sit: *give sb a kick up the backside*  
 ○ *If the door won't open give it a kick.* 2 [C] (infml) phur zet, nuam aw zet: *I get a big kick from motor racing.* ○ *She gets her kicks from windsurfing and skiing.* ○ *do sth (just) for kicks.* 3 [C] (infml) (usu temporary) duhzawng nei/nuam titermi/nuam ti ih tuahmi: (be on) a health-food kick. 4 [U, sing] (infml) thazaang, hmual, cahnak: *He has no kick left in him.* ○ *This drink has (quite) a kick (to it), ie is strong.* 5 (idm) **a kick in the teeth** (infml) thil nuam lo zet le zum lopi thil tuah khi: *The Government's decision is a real kick in the teeth for the unions.*  
 □ **kick-start** *v* [Tn] (mawṭaw-saikal tivek) ke ih sit le pal lok ih a cet thawhter. **kick-start** (also **kick-starter**) *n* cet thawhternak dingih pal.
- kickback** /kɪkbæk/ *n* (infml) tangka a miat ngah dingah thil dik lo tuahsaktu parah phalhmi paisa/a dik lo ih thil ṭhahnem tuah sakmi parah phalhmi paisa.
- kid**<sup>1</sup> /kɪd/ *n* 1 (a) [C] (infml) nauhak, mino: *how are your wife and kids?* ○ *Half the kids round here are unemployed.* (b) [attrib] (infml esp US) nau (mipa/nunau): *His kid sister/brother.* 2 (a) [C] me faa. (b) [U] me vun ih tuahmi thil, savun: *a bag made of kid* ○ [attrib] *a pair of kid gloves.* 3 (idm) **handle, treat, etc sb with kid gloves** mi pakhat duat zet te ih pawl/a parah neemte, lole, fimkhur le theithiam zet ih pawl.  
 ▷ **kidly** (also **kiddie**) *n* (infml) nauhak.  
 □ **kid-glove** *adj* [attrib] neemte, zawnruah thiam: *Kid-glove methods haven't worked — it's time to get tough.*
- kid**<sup>2</sup> /kɪd/ *v* (-dd-) 1 (infml) [I, Tn] capoh ih mi bum: *You're kidding!* ○ *Don't kid yourself — it won't be easy.* 2 (infml) (idm) **no kidding** (used to express surprise at what has been said) capoh men si lo: (ironic) *'It's raining.'* *'No kidding! I wondered why I was getting wet!'*
- kidnap** /kɪdnæp/ *v* (Brit -pp-; US -p-) [Tn] paisa ih tlanter duhnak ruangah/thu dang dil duhmi ngahnak ding hrangah milai va kai ih hmundang ih hruai hlo, milawi fir: *Two businessmen have been kidnapped by terrorists.*  
 ▷ **kidnap** *n* [attrib]: *a kidnap attempt, plot, victim.*  
**kidnapper** *n*: *The kidnappers have demanded £1 million for his safe release.*  
**kidnapping** *n* [C, U] (act of) mifir, tlanter saal dingih fir khi: *The kidnapping occurred in broad daylight.*
- kidney** /ˈkɪdnɪ/ *n* 1 [C] kal. 2 [U, C] ei-mi ramsa kal: *two kilos of lamb's kidney* ○ [attrib] *steak and kidney pie.*  
 □ **kidney bean** kal vek pian thlai ummi bete sen-pawl nawn.  
**kidney machine** (medical) kal siatmi hrang airawl ih hmanmi cet (cet kal): *put a patient on a kidney machine.*
- kill** /kɪl/ *v* 1 [I, Tn, Tn-pr] that: *Careless driving kills!* ○ *The guard was killed with a high-powered rifle.* 2 [Tn] (infml) (usu in the continuous tenses) mi pakhat natter: *My feet are killing me.* 3 [Tn] (a) (esp in football) bawhlung ke ah caang lo ih cawlhter. (b) (esp in tennis) khatlam ṭangtu ih thawi kir lo dingih bawhlung thawi (bawhlung hei pek). 4 [Tn] thil pakhat rehter: *kill sb's affection, interest, appetite* ○ *the goal that killed Brazil's chances of winning.* 5 [Tn, Cn-a] (infml) thil tuah suak lo ih umter/thil pakhat tuah lo dingih/cang lo dingih el, hnong: *kill a project, a proposal, an idea, etc (stone dead)* ○ *The play was killed by bad reviews.* 6 [Tn] (infml) radio, meisa, mawṭaw cet awn tivek hmit, rehter: *kill a light, the radio, a car engine.* 7 [Tn] rong pakhat in a dang rong a khuh neh, langter lo/rong dang pakhat laar lo in a tuah: *The bright red of the curtains kills the brown of the carpet.* 8 (idm) **be dressed to kill** ⇒ DRESS<sup>2</sup>. **curiosity killed the cat** ⇒ CURIOSITY. **have time to kill** ⇒ TIME<sup>1</sup>. **kill the fatted calf** (fml or joc saying) inn ih thlen salnak le tlun kirnak lungawi sopar zet ih puai tuah. **kill the goose that lays the golden eggs** (saying) duhhannak ruangah/daithlannak ruangah hmailam ah ṭhathnemnak ngah lai dingmi siatsuah. **kill oneself (doing sth/to do sth)** (infml) zuam tuk/teima tuk: *The party's at eight, but don't kill yourself getting here/to get here on time.* **kill or cure** [esp attrib] (likely to) nasa takih sungral, lole, ṭhatak ih ti suak ngah: *a kill-or-cure approach to the problem* ○ *The tough new measures on drug abuse are likely to be a case of kill or cure.* **kill time; kill two, a few, etc hours** man nei lo zet, nuam zet ih caan cemter (thil pakhat hngahsungnak ah): *My flight was delayed, so I killed time/killed two hours reading a book.* **kill two birds with one stone** thil pahnih ṭumkhat ah/veikhat ah tuah suak. **kill sb with kindness** mi pakhat duat tuknak ah a hrangah siatsuahnak canter/that tuknak ih va siatsuah. 9 (phr v) **kill sb/sth off** mi pakhat/thil pakhat siatsuah, lole, hlohter/cemter: *kill off weeds, insects, rats* ○ *He killed off all his political opponents.* ○ (fig) *The author kills off her hero in Chapter 7.*  
 ▷ **kill** *n* 1 thah: *The lion made only one kill that day.* 2 (usu sing) thahmi/ngahmi ramsa: *The hunters brought heir kill back to camp.* 3 (idm)

**go/move in for the kill** khatlam ih ʔangtu/dodalut cemter/tihlo ding timtuah. **(be) in at the kill** buainak nasa bik cem zawng ih rak tel/um: *She wants to be in at the kill when his business finally collapses.*

**killer** *n* minung/ramsa a thattu; thattu: *Police are hunting her killer.* ○ *Heroin is a killer.* ○ [attrib] *a killer disease* ○ *Sharks have the killer instinct.*

□ **killjoy** *n* (derog) mi nomnak tuahmi siatsuahtu.

**killing** /ˈkɪlɪŋ/ *n* (idm) **make a killing** tangka hawnak/tangka ngahnak ding ʔuan thamnak ah rak hlawk/ngah zet: *She's made a killing on the stock market.*

▷ **killing** *adj* (infml) **1** bang thlak, bangumza: *walk at a killing pace.* **2** hnihsuak zet: *a killing joke.*

**killingly** *adv* (infml) ... zetmi; ... tukmi: *a killingly funny film.*

**kiln** /kɪln/ *n* leibeel (tlakrawh) phahlei, thun tivek rawhnak leikua.

**kilo** /ˈki:ləʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) kilogram.

**kilo-** *comb form* thawngkhat, 1,000: *kilogram* ○ *kilometer.*

**kilocycle** /ˈki:ləsɑ:kəl/ *n* (dated) = KILOHERTZ.

**kilogram** (also **kilogramme**) /ˈki:ləgræm/ *n* (abbr **kg**) gram thawngkhat rit.

**kilohertz** /ˈki:ləhɜ:ts/ *n* (pl unchanged) (abbr **kHz**) (also **kilocycle**) unit of frequency of electromagnetic waves; 1000 hertz.

**kilometre** (US **-meter**) /ˈki:ləmi:tə(r)/ *n* (abbr **km**) metre thawngkhat sau, peng <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>, 1,000 metres.

**kilowatt** /ˈki:ləwɒt/ *n* (abbr **kW**, **kw**) electric tha Watt thawngkhat.

**kilt** /kɪlt/ *n* **(a)** Scotland mipa pawl ih khuk tiang hrukmi puanʔial. **(b)** cuvek puanʔhit (nunau le nauhak pawl hrukmi).

**kimono** /kɪˈmɒnəʊ; US -nə/ *n* (pl ~ s) **(a)** Japan nunau pawl ih hrukmi a sau ih a dormi angki baansau. **(b)** cuvek puan sin, lole, thuam-aw.

▷ **kilted** *adj* hivek hrukmi.

**kin** /kɪn/ *n* **1** [p] *v* (dated or fml) sungkhat unau: *All his kin were at the wedding.* ○ *He's my kin,* ie related to me. ○ *We are near kin,* ie closely related. Cf KINDRED **2**. **2** (idm) **kith and kin** ⇒ KITH. **no kin to sb** sungkhat unau si lomi. Cf NEXT OF KIN (NEXT<sup>1</sup>).

□ **kinsfolk** /ˈkɪnzfəʊk/ *n* [pl v] = KIN.

**kinship** *n* [U] **1** sungkhat sinak: *claim kinship with sb.* **2** (fig) lainatnak nei: *Even after meeting only once, they felt a kinship.*

**kinsman** /ˈkɪnzmən/ *n* (pl **-women**) (fml) sungkhat mipa/nunau.

**kind<sup>1</sup>** /kaɪnd/ *adj* mi zaangfah thiam: *Would you be kind enough to be so kind as to help me?* ○ *a kind man, gesture, face, though* ○ *She always has a kind word for* (ie stops to speak kindly to) *everyone.*

▷ **kindly** *adv* **1** zaangfah te in/duh nungza in:

*treat sb kindly* ○ *He spoke kindly to them.* **2** (used when making polite requests or ironically when ordering sb to do sth) zaangfah dilnak in ʔong: *would you kindly hold this for a moment?*

○ *Kindly leave me alone!* **3** (idm) **take kindly to sb/sth** (usu in negative sentences) thil pakhat ruangah/thil pakhat parah lungawi/lungkim, lole, mi/thil pakhat sopar zet ih cohlaang: *She didn't take (at all) kindly to being called plump.* ○ *I don't think he takes kindly to foreign tourists.*

**kindness** *n* **1** [U] zaangfahnak nunʔhatnak: *She always shows kindness to children and animals.* ○ *He did it entirely out of kindness, not for the money.* **2** [C] tuahʔhatnak (mi parah): *I can never repay her many kindnesses to me.* **3** (idm) **do/show sb a kindness** mi pakhat parah ʔhatnak tuah. **kill sb with kindness** ⇒ KILL. **the milk of human kindness** ⇒ MILK<sup>1</sup>.

□ **kind-hearted** *adj* thinlung ʔha nei/zaangfah thiam.

**kind<sup>2</sup>** /kaɪnd/ *n* **1** [C] a phun a bang awimi burkhat: *fruit of various kinds/various kinds of fruit* ○ *Do you want all the same kind, or a mixture?* ○ *Don't trust him: I know his kinds,* ie what sort of person he is. ○ *She's not the kind (of woman/person) to lie.* **2** [U] si daan: *They differ in size but not in kind.* **3** (idm) **in kind (a)** (of payment) thilri in (paisa in si lo): *When he had no money, the farmer sometimes used to pay me in kind,* eg with a sack of potatoes. **(b)** (fig) bang-aw in/ si dan vekin: *repay insults in kind,* ie by being insulting in return. **a kind of** (infml) (used to express uncertainty) si nawn vek: *I had a kind of* (ie a vague) *feeling this might happen.* ○ *He's a kind of unofficial adviser, but I'm not sure exactly what he does.* **kind of** (infml) vek nawn in, a hrekhat ahcun, si nawn: *I'm not sure why, but I feel kind of sorry for him.* ○ *'Is she interested?' 'Well, kind of.'* **nothing of the kind/sort** cuvek rak si hrimhrim lo, zum vek si lo: *People had told me she was very pleasant but she's nothing of the kind.* **of a kind (a)** bang aw zet: *They look a like, talk alike, even think alike — they're two of a kind/they're very much of a kind.* **(b)** (derog) phun ʔha deuh lo, phun nau deuh: *The town offers entertainments of a kind, but nothing like what you'll find in the city.* **something of the kind** simcia vekin/ simcia vek zikte: *Did you say they're moving? I'd heard something of the kind myself.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** After **kind of/sort of** it is usual to have a singular noun: *What kind of/sort of tree is that?* ○ *There are many different kinds of/sorts of snake in South America.* Informally, it is possible to use a plural noun thus: *I have met all kinds of/sorts of salesmen, tourists, etc.* In more formal usage the plural noun can be put in front: *People of that kind/sort never*

apologize. ○ *Snakes of many kinds/sorts are found in South America.* **2 Kind of/sort of** are also used informally to indicate that somebody or something is not genuine or of good quality, or to suggest vagueness: *I had a kind of/sort of holiday in the summer but I couldn't really relax.* ○ *He gave a kind of/sort of smile and left the room.* **3 Kind of** and **sort of** are used in very informal English as adverbs. They mean 'to some extent': *She kind of/sort of likes him.*

**kindergarten** /ˈkɪndəɡɑːtɪn/ *n* nauhak tlawng, tualleng tlawngkai cu hlan kum (4) tang nauhak kilkhawinak tlawng.

**kindle** /ˈkɪndl/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (cause sth to) meisa muah: *This wood is too wet to kindle.* ○ *The sparks kindled the dry grass.* **2 (fig) (a)** [Tn] (feelings, etc) thin thoter, thangphawktar: *kindle hopes, interest, anger.* **(b)** [I, Ipr] ~ **(with sth)** a tleu: *Her eyes kindled with excitement.*

▷ **kindling** /ˈkɪndlɪŋ/ *n* [U] meisa muahnak hrang thinghniar, meisa muahnak thing.

**kindly** /ˈkɑːndli/ *adj* [usu attrib] **(-ier, -iest)** pawlawk nuam ding hoiher, pianthlaimi zaangfah thiam: *a kindly man, voice, smile* ○ *give sb some kindly advice.*

▷ **kindliness** *n* [U].

**kindly**<sup>2</sup> ⇒ KIND<sup>1</sup>.

**kindred** /ˈkɪndrɪd/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] sungkua pehtlaihnak: *claim kindred with sb.* **2** [pl *v*] mah sungte le unau sungkhat: *Most of his kindred still live in Ireland.* Cf KIN 1.

▷ **kindred** *adj* [attrib] (fml) **1** suahkehnak a khatmi/pehtlai-aw; sungkhat-aw: *kindred families* ○ *English and Dutch are kindred languages.* **2** bangaw, a bang awmi: *hunting and shooting and kindred activities.* **3** (idm) **a kindred spirit** thu duh dan, thinlung put dan tivec mahta thawn a bang-awmi, milai: *We immediately realized that we were kindred spirits.*

**kinetic** /kɪˈnetɪk/ *adj* [esp attrib] cangvaihnak ih suahpimi/cangvai ih cantermi tha: *kinetic energy*, ie that generated by a moving body.

▷ **kinetically** /-kli/ *adv.*

**kinetics** *n* [sing *v*] taksa cangvaihnak le thazaang a pehpar-awknak thuhla.

□ **kinetic art** art (esp sculpture) that depends for its effect on the movement of some of its parts, eg in air currents.

**king** /kɪŋ/ *n* **1** siangpahrang, lal: *the king of Denmark* ○ *King Edward VII* ○ *be made/crowned king.* Cf QUEEN. **2** minung/ramsa, lole, thil a tha bik le a thupi bik ih neihmi: *To his fans, Elvis will always be 'the King'.* ○ *the king of beasts/of the jungle*, ie the lion ○ *Barolo is the king of Italian red wines.* **3** [attrib] nunghring, thilnung phunkhat sungih a tum bik phun deuh: *king cobra, penguin, prawn, etc.* **4 (a)** (in

chess) a thupi bik ih hmanmi. **(b)** (in draughts) keicang lehnak thil hmanmi khatlam rin ret thleng tikah siangpahrang a cang ti ih a parah pakhat betmi, thuah mi: **(c)** (in playing-cards) siangpahrang zuk cuangmi phe-tlaap: *the king of spades.* **5** (idm) **the King's/Queen's English** ⇒ ENGLISH. **a king's ransom** tangka tam ngaipi: *That painting must be worth a king's ransom.* **turn King's/Queen's evidence** ⇒ EVIDENCE. **the uncrowned king/queen** ⇒ UNCROWNED.

▷ **kingly** *adj* siangpahrang vek, siangpahrang sinak thawn pehparmi.

**kingliness** *n* [U].

**kingship** /ˈkɪŋp/ *n* [U] siangpahrang sinak/dinhmun.

□ **kingmaker** *n* (uknak lam) thu neitu ding hriltu.

**kingpin** *n* **1** (engineering) mawtawka ih kingpin bolt khi. **2** (fig) minung/thil a um lo thei lomi: *He's the kingpin of the whole team.*

**king-size** (also **-sized**) *adj* [esp attrib] a hleice ih tuum, tuum hleice; *a king-size bed, cigarette, hamburger* ○ *king-sized portions.*

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**kingcup** /ˈkɪŋkʌp/ *n* pangpar aihre phunkhat (a tum pawl).

**kingdom** /ˈkɪŋdəm/ *n* **1** siangpahrang uk ram: *the United Kingdom.* **2** ramsa, thingkung hrampi le leistung um thil mankhung ti ih thenmi ram: *the animal, plan/vegetable and mineral kingdoms.* **3** (fig) thil pakhat thawn pehparmi hmun le hma: *the kingdom of the imagination* ○ *the kingdom under the waves*, ie the sea. **4** (idm) **till/until kingdom come** (infml) kumkhua cat lo in, kum zaangza in: *Don't mention politics or we'll be here till kingdom come.* **to kingdom come** (infml) thih hnu nunnak ah: *gone to kingdom come*, ie dead ○ *The bomb exploded and blew them to all to kingdom come.*

**kingfisher** /ˈkɪŋfɪʃə(r)/ *n* a hmul mawi zet mi tiva lak um nga kaitu vate, ngathur.

**kink** /kɪŋk/ *n* **1** thil a ding cia napi in a kirmi. **2** (fig usu derog) thinlung le umdan a phun dang deuhmi/hawizawng lo deuh: *He's got a few kinks in his personality, if you ask me.*

▷ **kink** *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr] (cause sth to) rak kirter, merh: *Keep the wire stretched tight — don't let kink.*

**kinky** *adj* (infml derog) mi hoiher dik lo: *There's lots of straight sex in the film, but nothing kinky.*

**kinkiness** *n* [U].

**kinsfolk, kinsman, kinswoman** ⇒ KIN.

**kiosk** /ˈkiːɒsk/ *n* **1** thil zuarnak inn khaan fate. **2** (dated Brit) mi senpi hmanmi telephone khaan fate.

**kip** /kɪp/ *n* [C, U] (Brit sl) it: *have a kip* ○ *get*



- some *kip*.
- ▷ **kip** *v* (-pp-) [I, Ipr, Ip] (*Brit sl*) it dingih zau: *Could I kip here tonight?* ○ *kip down* (*on the floor*) ○ *kip out in a field*.
- kipper** /ˈkɪpə(r)/ *n* a sungkua huat theh ih ciphulh ih caartermi *herring* ngasa ro.
- kirk** /kɜːk/ *n* (*Scot*) biakinn: *go to (the) kirk*.
- kirsch** /kɪʃ/ *n* [U] phaizong rah ih tuahmi a pian rong nei lo (a ti fim) zu.
- kismet** /ˈkɪzmet, ˈkɪs-/ *n* [U] (*rhet*) khawzing lei tek, bawngvan.
- kiss** /kɪs/ *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr] **1** hnam: *They kissed passionately when she arrived.* ○ *kiss the children goodnight* ○ *She kissed him on the lips.* **2** (idm) **kiss sth goodbye/kiss goodbye to sth** (*sl*) thil a cang thei lo ding tiih theih ciami cohlaang: *You can kiss goodbye to a holiday this year — we've no money!* **3** (phr *v*) **kiss sth away** hnamnak in thil ti hloter; lungawiter: *Let mummy kiss your tears away*, ie help you to stop crying by kissing you.
- ▷ **kiss** *n* **1** hnam: *give sb a kiss.* **2** (idm) **blow a kiss** ⇒ **BLOW**<sup>1</sup>. **the kiss of death** (*infml esp joc*) thil a tha vek a bang na'n a sia thei dingmi: *one of those polite lukewarm reviews that are the kiss of death for commercial film.*
- kissable** *adj* (*approx*) hnam hiar zawng: *kissable lips* ○ *Darling, you look so kissable tonight.*
- kisser** *n* (*sl*) kaa: *a punch in the kisser.*
- **the kiss of life** (hmapu, lole, ti ih pilmi) a kaa ah kaa in thaw pek, phaw: (*fig*) *the Government's £2 million kiss of life for the ailing cotton industry.*
- kit** /kɪt/ *n* **1** [U] ralkap, lole, khaulawngtu pakhat ih hnipuan le thil tulum pawl: *They marched twenty miles in full kit.* **2** [C, U] thil pakhat tuahnak ding hrang, hnatuannak hrang thil tulum/thilri: *a tool-kit* ○ *a first-aid kit* ○ *a repair kit* ○ *shaving kit* ○ *riding-kit* ○ *tennis kit* ○ *sports kit.* **3** [C] thil buncop ding thilri a dangdang: *a kit to build a model railway locomotive* ○ [attrib] *furniture in kit form.*
- ▷ **kit** *v* (-tt-) (phr *v*) **kit sb out/up (with sth)** hman dingmi thilri kim ih nei: *Kit this man out with everything he needs.* ○ *he was all kitted out to go skiing.*
- **kitbag** *n* ralkap tivek pawl ih thuamhnaw sannak puan khauh dipsau.
- kitchen** /ˈkɪtʃɪn/ *n* **1** rawlsuan inn khaan, lole, inn: [attrib] *the kitchen table* ○ *kitchen units*, ie cupboards, etc forming part of a fitted kitchen. **2** (idm) **everything but the kitchen sink** (*infml joc*) thawn theimi thil hmuahhmuah: *We always seem to take everything but the kitchen sink when we go on holiday.*
- ▷ **kitchenette** /ˌkɪtʃɪˈnet/ *n* a khaan fate, lole, inn khaan pakhat ih hmun hrekkhat (rawl suannak tappi ih hmanmi).
- **kitchen garden** hanghnah-hangrah cinnak hmuan, hmuandum; hangdum.
- kitchen sink drama** hnatuantu sungkhat nunkhawsak tarlangmi thuanthu cawn.
- kite** /kaɪt/ *n* **1** cahnah vanzam. **2** khaute (sa ei vate). **3** (idm) **fly a kite** ⇒ **FLY**<sup>2</sup>. **fly a/one's kite** ⇒ **FLY**<sup>2</sup>.
- **kite flying** *n* [U] cahnah vanzam thlah. **2** (*infml*) mipi ih ruah dan thei duh ah thil pakhat thu rel ciamco.
- Kitemark** /ˈkaɪtmɑːk/ *n* (*Brit*) cahnah vazam tuahmi vek killi neimi acozah (kumpi) tacik.
- kith** /kɪθ/ *n* (idm) **kith and kin** rualpi le sungkhat.
- kitsch** /kɪtʃ/ *n* [U] (*derog*) (a) a man a ol ih a mawi lawng mawi ih, a tha tuk lomi thil ti dan: *That new lamp they've bought is pure kitsch.* (b) thil pungsan (*design*).
- kitten** /ˈkɪtn/ *n* **1** zawhte faa. **2** (idm) **have kittens** (*Brit infml*) thinphang, thin dai lo: *My mum'll have kittens if I'm not home by midnight.*
- ▷ **kittenish** *adj* zawhte faate vek ih leh hman.
- kitty**<sup>1</sup> /ˈkɪti/ *n* **1** (in some card games) phelehnak ih sum burmi/thaapmi. **2** (*infml*) paisa hmantlang ding ih burmi: *we each put £2 in the kitty, and then sent John to buy food for everybody.*
- kitty**<sup>2</sup> /ˈkɪti/ *n* (*infml*) (used by or to young children) zawhte, lole, zawhte faa.
- kiwi** /ˈkiːwi/ *n* **1** New Zealand ram ih zam thiam lo. **2** **Kiwi** (*infml*) New Zealand rammi (a bik ah ralkap, lole, lehnak lam tel).
- **kiwi fruit** New Zealand ram um arti pianzia a hawng a pa, a sa neem, a hring, a mu dum thingthei, kiwi thingrah.
- KKK** /ˈkeɪ keɪ ˈkeɪ/ *abbr* (US) Ku-Klux-Klan.
- klaxon** /ˈkliːnɛks/ *n* (*propr*) electric tha hmanmi ralrin peknak thil awn thei.
- Kleenex** /ˈkliːnɛks/ *n* [U, C] (*pl* unchanged or ~ es) thil hnawtnak ih hmanmi cahnah neem zet: *a packet of Kleenex.*
- kleptomania** /ˌkleptəˈmeɪniə/ *n* [U] thil fir lo ih um thei lo natnak, kutza, kut thak.
- ▷ **kleptomaniac** /-niæk/ *n* cuvek natnak neitu. — *adj* [attrib]: *kleptomaniac tendencies.*
- kn** *abbr* (*nautical*) knot(s): 435 *kn*.
- knack** /næk/ *n* [sing] **1** hna pakhat tuan theinak thiamnak/tuah thiamnak: *Making an omelette is easy once you've got the knack (of it).* ○ *There's a knack in/to locking this door which takes a while to master.* ○ *I used to be able to skate quite well, but I've lost the knack.* **2** ~ of doing sth (often annoying) si theumi/cang thei theumi: *My car has a knack of breaking down just when I need it most.*
- knacker**<sup>1</sup> /ˈnækə(r)/ *n* **1** rang hman tha nawn lo lei ih a sa zuartu. **2** inn hlun tivek thil sia pawl zuarsal dingih a leitu.
- **knacker's yard** cuvek rangsa zuartu ih hnatuannak hmun.
- knacker**<sup>2</sup> /ˈnækə(r)/ *v* [Tn] (*Brit sl*) thazaang cemter, baangter: *All this hard work is*

- knackering me.*
- ▷ **knackered** *adj* [esp pred] (*Brit sl*) baang zet: *I'm completely knackered — I ran all the way!*
- knapsack** /'næpsæk/ *n* (*dated*) = RUCKSACK.
- knave** /'neivəri/ *n* **1** (*fml*) = JACK<sup>1</sup> 4: *the knave of hearts.* **2** (*arch*) rin tlak lo minung.
- ▷ **knavery** /'neivəri/ *n* [U] (*arch*) hrokhrawlak/bumnak.
- knavish** /'neivɪʃ/ *adj* (*arch*) mi bum thei.
- knavishly** *adv.*
- knead** /ni:d/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] sangvut hlom, sentlung tivek pawl neem le beek dingin hmet: *Knead the dough (into a ball).* **2** [Tn] (tit le ruh tivek) a thoptheng le nat reh dingah kut in hmet.
- knee** /ni:/ *n* **1** (a) khuk. (b) to tikiw kawng tlun lam/cawn/phei: *sit on my knee* ○ *You'll have to eat your dinner off your knees, I'm afraid!* **2** khuk tiang khuh ih hrukmi hnipuan: *These trousers are torn at the knee.* **3** (idm) **be/go (down) on one's knees** (thlacam/ka sung, zo i neh tinak ah) khukbil ih um. **the bee's knees** ⇒ BEE<sup>1</sup>. **bring sb to his knees** mi pakhat a sung a ti-awk (a sung khaan) ding tiangih a pari thazaang hman: (*fig*) *The country was almost brought to its knees by the long strike.* **on bended knee** ⇒ BEND<sup>1</sup>. **weak at the knees** ⇒ WEAK.
- ▷ **knee** *v* (*pt, pp kneed*) [Tn-pr, Cn-a] khuk thawn sawh/taul: *knee sb (in the groin)* ○ *knee the door open.*
- **knee-breeches** *n* [pl] khuk tiang, lole, khuk tang tiang a saumi bawngbi.
- kneecap** *n* khukruh pheeng, khuk kepte. — *v* (-pp-) [Tn] (of terrorist groups) khuk ruh sutsak — caang thei lo ih re. **kneecapping** *n* [C, U] (instance of) khukruh kepte kuaiter.
- knee-deep** *adj* **1** khuk tiang thuk: *the snow was knee-deep in place.* **2 in sth** (*fig*) rak telve nasa: *be knee-deep in trouble, work.* — *adv:* *He went knee-deep in the icy water.*
- knee-high** *adj* **1** khuk tiang; *knee-high grass.* **2** (idm) **knee-high to a grasshopper** (*joc*) nauhak zet lai: *I've known him since he was knee-high to a grasshopper.*
- knee-jerk** *n* **1** khuk tang ruh pehnak duandan thawi tikah ke amahte caangmi. **2** [attrib] (*fig derog*) ruatta lo ih thil tuah/thil cangter: *a knee-jerk reaction to the mention of communism.*
- knee-length** *adj* khuk can: *a knee-length skirt.*
- knees-up** *n* (*Brit infml*) lungtho zet ih puai tuah/nuam zet ih puai (laam tivek thawn).
- kneel** /ni:l/ *v* (*pt, pp knelt* /nelt/ or esp US **kneeled**) ⇒ Usage at DREAM. [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (down) khukbil (pakhat, lole, a pahnih ih bil): *She knelt in prayer.* ○ *kneel down (on the grass) to examine a flower.*
- knell** /nel/ *n* (*usu sing*) **1** thih tikiw nuam tete le fuung zet ih tummi mithi khawnglawng, lole, mithi phum/ur tikiw khawnglawng, thi dar: **2** (*fig rhet*) thil pakhat a cem deuhdeuh ti theihnak dingih langtermi: *It sounded the (death-)knell of all her hopes.*
- knew** *pt* of KNOW.
- knickerbockers** /'nikəbəkəz/ (*US knickers* /'nikəz/) *n* [pl] (esp formerly) puarpum zawn lawngih reekmi bawngbi ongpi.
- knickers** /'nikəz/ *n* [pl] **1** (*Brit*) nunau pawl ih bawngbi sungbruk: *a pair of knickers.* **2** (US) = KNICKERBOCKERS. **3** (idm) **get one's knickers in a twist** (*Brit sl*) thinheng, ai thok, buai, lungnkok celcel ih um, a tul ding zat hnakih caangvai.
- knick-knack** (also **nick-nack**) /'nik næk/ *n* (esp pl) (*sometimes derog*) a mankhung lomi thil mawi, zohmen dingih neihmi thil fate.
- knife** /naif/ *n* (*pl knives* /naivz/) **1** namte: *a table-knife* ○ *a carving-knife* ○ *a paper-knife* ○ *He'd been stabbed four times with a kitchen knife.* **2** cet, lole, hnaṭuannak ah hmanmi a hriammi thil ahnak; namte: **3** (idm) **you could cut it with a knife** (*infml*) a rit, a fiang: *His accent is so thick you could cut it with a knife — I can hardly understand a word he says.* **get one's knife into sb/have one's knife in sb** mi pakhat parah harsatnak pek (not usu physically). **like a knife through butter** ol-ai te'n, harsatnak um loin: *The power saw sliced the logs like a knife through butter.* ○ *His strong voice cut through the hum of conversation like a knife through butter.* **under the knife** (*dated or joc*) taksa rai (damnak dingih rai).
- ▷ **knife** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] namte thawn mi/thil sun: *The victim had been knifed (in the chest).*
- **knife-edge** *n* (*usu sing*) **1** nam haa, a hriamnak lam/nam hriam. **2** (idm) **on a knife-edge** (a) (of a person) thil pakhat ziangtin a si ding ti ih thinphang: *He's on a knife-edge about his exam results.* (b) (of a situation, etc) a poimawh bik caante/a thupitnak bik caan/poimawh laifang: *The success of the project is still very much on a knife-edge.*
- knight** /nait/ *n* **1** (*abbr Kt*) 'paralṭha' timi siangpahrang ih khaisan mi dinhmun saang cotu, 'Sir' ti kawh a simi hmin ṭhatnak neitu: *Sir James Hill (Kt)* ○ *Good morning, Sir James.* **2** (in the Middle Ages) rangto ralkap upa. **3** (*abbr Kt*) chess lehnak ih ranglu zuk lem.
- ▷ **knight** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] cuvek upatnak pek (**knight** timi hmin upatnak pek): *He was knighted in the last Honours List (for services to industry).*
- knighthood** /-hʊd/ *n* **1** [C] paralṭha knight timi hminṭhatnak le a dinhmun: *The Queen conferred a knighthood on him.* **2** [U] knight a sinak dinhmun le upat tlak sinak pawl: *Knighthood was an ideal in medieval Europe.*
- knightly** *adj* [*usu attrib*] (*fml*) hnight sinak nuncan mawi: *knightly qualities, virtues, etc.*
- **knight errant** (*pl knights errant*) (AD 1100 – 1400) kum hrawngih thil ton le hmuh duh ih

tawivak ciamcomi knight.

**knit** /nɪt/ v (-tt-, pt, pp **knitted**; in sense 3, usu **knit**) 1 [I, Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (for sb) kut, lole, cet ih (thil) puan sak/tak: *Do you know how to knit?* ○ *She knitted her son a sweater.* 2 [I, Tn] ʒit: *knit one, purl one.* 2 [I, Ip, Tn-pl] ~ (sth) (together) thil pahnih kom ih ʒit cih/hmunkhat ah ʒang cih: *The broken bones have knit (together) well.* ○ *a well-knit frame*, ie a compact sturdy body ○ (fig) *a closely-knit argument* ○ (fig) *The two groups are knit together by common interests.* 4 (idm) **knit one's brow(s)** mithmai suur.

▷ **knitter** n taktu, saktu.

**knitting** n [U] thil takmi/sakmi thil: *Oh dear, I've left my knitting on the bus!*

**knitting-machine** n thil taknak (puan tak) cet.

**knitting-needle** n thil taknak ʒim sau/fungzum saupi thil taknak (pahnih, lole, pakhat).

□ **knitwear** n [U] takmi puan: [attrib] *a knitwear factory.*

**knob** /nɒb/ n 1 (a) sangka, thil bizu tivek onnak a bote (of a door, drawer, etc). (b) radio, TV tivek onnak, her theihmi thil bo (for adjusting a radio, TV, etc). 2 a bol, thil pakhat parih a bo (zan ʒingkung par). 3 a khal — meihol, thawphat khal (of butter, coal, etc). 4 (idm) **with knobs on** (Brit sl) (used to indicate the return of an insult, or emphatic agreement) hmuhsuamnak ʒongfang vekin sawn-awknak: *'You're a selfish pig!' 'And the same to you, with knobs on.'*

**knobbly** /nɒbli/ adj a bo tete ummi: *knobbly knees.*

**knock**<sup>1</sup> /nɒk/ n 1 (sound of a) king, kingmi aw: *Did I hear a knock at the door?* ○ *If you're not up by eight o'clock I'll give you a knock*, ie wake you by knocking at your door. ○ *She fell off her bike and got a nasty knock.* ○ *In football you have to get used to hard knocks.* 2 (in an engine) cet awn a thuummi: *What's that knock I can hear?* 3 (infml) (in cricket) mi bur, lole, mi pakhat thawi/leh caan: *That was a good knock: 86 not out.* 4 (idm) **take a knock** (infml) paisa thu ah harsatnak/thinlung nom lonak: *She took a bad knock when her husband died.*

**knock**<sup>2</sup> /nɒk/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] thil pakhat napi in thawi/vua/khawng: *Mind you don't knock your head (on this low beam).* 2 [I, Ipr] thil pakhat awn dingih vua; tal: *knock three times (at the door, on the window, etc).* ⇒ Usage at BANG<sup>1</sup>. 3 (a) [Cn-a, Cn-g] mi/thil pakhat thawi/vuak ruangih phunkhat ih cang: *The fall knocked me senseless.* ○ *He knocked me flat with one punch.* ○ *He knocked me senseless.* ○ *He knocked me flat with one punch.* ○ *He knocked my drink flying.* (b) [Tn-pr] thil pakhat cang ding ih thawi/vua: *knock a hole in the wall.* 4 [I] (of a faulty petrol engine) nuamte dimte in a ring, lole, napi'n a ringmi. 5 [Tn] (infml) soisel: *The newspapers are too fond of knocking the England team.* ○

*He's always knocking the way I do things.* 6 (idm) **beat/knock the daylights out of sb** ⇒ DAYLIGHTS. **beat/knock hell out of sb/sth** ⇒ HELL. **get/knock sb/sth into shape** ⇒ SHAPE<sup>1</sup>. **hit/knock sb for six** ⇒ HIT<sup>1</sup>. **knock sb's block/head off** (sl) (used esp when threatening sb) thinlung ih mi va thawi: *Call me that again and I'll knock you block off!* **knock the bottom out of sth** thil pakhat tlukter, rilter: *It knocked the bottom out of the coffee market*, ie caused the price of coffee to fall sharply. ○ *She knocked the bottom out of our argument.* **knock your/their heads together** (infml) thu el hau-awkmi baangter ih daite um dingin a hramhram in sim/umter: *I often feel that politicians should have their heads knocked together, like naughty children.* **knock sb/sth into a cocked hat** mi/thil pakhat neh; mi/thil pakhat hnakin ʒha sawn: *A true professional could knock my efforts into a cocked hat.* **knock it off** (sl) (esp imperative) thil tuah lo dingin dawn/kham: *Knock it off, kids, I'm trying to sleep!* **knock sb off his pedestal/perch** (infml) mi va neh, a thiam bik a si lo ti langter. **knock sb sideways** (infml) mi va neh; mangbang ih tuah. **knock sports off sb/sth** (infml) mi/thil dang hnakin ʒha sawn va sinak: *In learning foreign languages, the girls knock spots off the boys every time.* **knock the stuffing out of sb** (infml) mi derdai ko ih tuah/cak loter, ʒha nauter: *His failure in the exam has knocked all the stuffing out of him.* **knock them in the aisles** (infml) (of a theatre performance, etc) puainak a zohtu ih lungkim duh zawngih ti suak. **you could have knocked me down with a feather** (infml) (used esp as an exclamation) ka mang a bang tinak.

7 (phr v) **knock about** (...) (infml) hmun khat ah daite um loih vaak rero, hmun dangdang ih um vivo: *spend a few years knocking about (in) Europe.* **knock about with sb/together** (infml) pawlkom aw rero ʒheu. **knock sb/sth about** (infml) mi pakhat va thawi ʒheu/ʒhate'n va kom lo, thil pakhat parah ʒhate in ti lo/ti ʒha lo: *She gets knocked about by her husband.* ○ *The car's been knocked about a bit, but it still goes.*

**knock sth back** (infml) zamrang zet ih in: *knock back a pint of beer.*

**knock sb down** ril ko ih mi thong: *She was knocked down by a bus.* ○ *He knocked his opponent down three times in the first round.*

**knock sth down** siatbal, ʒhet: *These old houses are going to be knocked down.* **knock sth down (to sb)** (infml) (at an auction sale) lilam thil simmi zat ih ngamtu hnenah zawh: *The painting was knocked down (to an American dealer) for £5000.* **knock sth/sb down** (force sb to) thil zuarmi/zuarnak man ʒhumter, lole, napi'n neep thei: *I managed to knock his price/him down (from £450).*

**knock sth in; knock sth into sth** thil pakhat

a dang thil sungah va khen lut: *knock in a few nails*.

**knock off (sth)** (*infml*) tuahmi baang/cawl: *What time do you knock off (work)?* **knock sb off** (*sl*) that. **knock sth off (a)** thil ngenmi/thil man sungin dir, thum: *It cost me £10 but I'll knock off 20% as it's no longer new.* **(b)** (*infml*) thil theh lohli: *knock off two whole chapters in an hour.* **(c)** (*sl*) thil pakhat ta fir, hmunkhat ta fir: *knock off some watches from a shop* ○ *knock off a bank.* **knock sth off (sth)** thil pakhat thawi ih thawnter/pet, tla ko ih pah: *knock sb's glass off the table.*

**knock (sth) on** (in Rugby football) a dan vek si lo ih kut in hmailam ah bawhlung hei thai, thawi: *He accidentally knocked on (the pass from Jones).*

**knock sb out (a)** (in boxing) khat lam pa (lehipi mi) tho thei lo, lole, lek thei nawn lo ko ih thong. **(b)** mi pakhat lungmit ko ih thong, lole, zu ri tukih lungmit tivek: *Don't drink too much of this — it'll knock you out!* **(c)** (*infml*) mangbangter: *The film just knocked me out — it's the best thing I've ever seen.* **knock sb/oneself out** tha bangter tuk, naa: *She's knocking herself out with all that work.* **knock sb out (of sth)** leh zuamnak ah lek peh lo dingih neh, lek peh nawn lo dingih neh: *France knocked Belgium out (of the European Cup).* **knock sth out (on sth)** thil pakhat parah khawnnak in thil lawngter.

**knock sb/sth over** thawi le vuaknak in lungbuaiter/thawi le vuak in thil hnokter: *You've knocked over my drink!*

**knock sth together** thil pakhat namnuai men ih theh lohli: *knock bookshelves together from old planks.* ○ *knock a few scenes together to make a play.*

**knock up** (in tennis, badminton, etc) arhmul thawi tivek ah leh ngaingai hlan ah zir phah ih leksung. **knock sb up (a)** (*Brit infml*) inn king ih mi ih laifang thang: *Would you please knock me up at 7 o'clock?* **(b)** (*sl esp US*) nunau faa hei raih. **knock sth up (a)** tumtah cianak nei lo ih thil rang zet ih tuah: *even though they weren't expecting us, they managed to knock up a marvellous meal.* **(b)** (in cricket) tlan theinak ih neh: *knock up a quick fifty.*

□ **knockabout** *adj* (esp of a theatrical performance) hnihsuahnak ring ruri le hnok culci: *knockabout humour/comedy/farce.*

**knock-down** *adj* [attrib] **(a)** (of prices) man niam. **(b)** (of furniture) phawih ol le bunsal ol.

**knock-kneed** *adj* khuk kawii.

**knock-on** *n* (in Rugby football) bawhlung thawimi. **knock-on effect** thil pakhat ruangin a cang sinmi: *The closure of the car factory had a knock-on effect on the tyre manufacturers.*

**knock-out** *n* **1** boxing thong lehnak ah tho thei lo ih thongmi: *He has won most of his fights by knock-outs.* ○ [attrib] *a knock-out punch.* **2**

[attrib] (of a drug) ihhmuh suakter, lole, lung mit: *knock-out drops/pills.* **3** a sung hmaisa sa suak, lehzuam-awknak: [attrib] *a knock-out tournament.* **4** (*infml*) mi ih thupittermi minung, lole thil: *She's an absolute knock-out*, ie very beautiful. ○ [attrib] *a knock-out idea.*

**knock-up** *n* [sing] (bawhlung, arhmul thawi) lehzuam-awk ngaingai hlanih leh zirnak: *have a quick knock-up.*

**knocker** /nɒkə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] sangka leng ih thlaihmi sangka kingnak sobul. **2** [C] (*infml*) mi mawhthluk thei zet/tlok ciar. **3** **knockers** [pl] (*sl Brit sl sexist*) nunau pawhte, hnawi: *a nice pair of knockers.*

**knoll** /nɒl/ *n* tlang bo niamte/fate.

**knot**<sup>1</sup> /nɒt/ *n* **1** hri bil/hri sih: *make a knot at the end of the rope* ○ *tie the two ropes together with a secure knot.* **2** a mawinak ih tuahmi puanper tluan a merh ih thawnmi. **3** a awk awmi, a merhmi: *comb a knot out of one's hair.* **4** thing taksawm. **5** mi bur/thil bur maltte lai: *a knot of people arguing outside the pub.* **6** (idm) **cut the Gordian knot** ⇒ GORDIAN KNOT. **tie sb/oneself in knots** ⇒ TIE<sup>2</sup>. **tie the knot** ⇒ TIE<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **knot** *v* (pt, pp -tt-) **1** [I, In, Tn-p] thil bol ih sih, thil a sihtuah: *My hair knots easily.* ○ *knot two ropes together.* **2** [Tn] thil a bol ih sih: *knot one's tie loosely.* **3** (idm) **get knotted** (*Brit sl*) (used to express contempt, annoyance, etc) nautat tɔnghman: *If he asks you for money again just tell him to get knotted.*

**knotty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (of timber) a bo tam, a mit tam, theihhar: *a knotty problem, question, etc.*

□ **knott-hole** *n* thing mit ong/kua.

**knot**<sup>2</sup> /nɒt/ *n* (usu pl) (*nautical*) **1** ti parih a hlatnak tahnak (tangpawhlawng le vanzamleng ih hmanmi). **2** (idm) **at a rate of knots** ⇒ RATE.

**know** /nəʊ/ *v* (pt **knew** /nju:/; *US* nu:/, pp **know** /nəʊn/) **1** **(a)** [I, Tn, Tf, Tw, Tt, Cn-t] (thil/thu) thei: *I'm not guessing — I know!* ○ *She doesn't know your address.* ○ *Every child knows (that) two and two make four.* ○ *I knew where he was hiding.* ○ *Do you know who Napoleon was?* ○ *Does he know to come here (ie that he should come here) first?* ○ *We knew her to be honest.* **(b)** [Tnt, Tni] (only in the past and perfect tenses) hmuh/hna ih thei: *I've never known it (to) snow in July before.* ○ *He's sometimes been known to sit there all day.* **2** [TF] a si ti fiang: *I know (that) it's here somewhere — it must be!* **3** **(a)** [Tn] pawlkom aw/thei: *Do you know Bob Hill?* ie Have you met him, talked with him, etc? ○ *I know him by sight, but not to talk to*, ie I have seen him but never spoken to him. ○ *We've known each other since we were children.* **(b)** [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth (as sth)** theih ciami/theih thang: *I know Paris better than Rome.* ○ *I know London as the place where I spent my childhood.*

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**4** [Cn-n/a often passive] ~ **sb/sth as sth** thil/mi an sinak ih thei: *It's known as the most dangerous part of the city.* ○ *We know John Smith as a fine lawyer and a good friend.* **5** [Cn-n/a usu passive] ~ **sb/sth as sth** thil/mi sinak parah hmin bun sak: *a heavyweight boxer known as 'The Greatest'* ○ *This area is known as the 'Cornish Riviera'.* **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (from sb/sth)** thil/mi pakhat le a dang pakhat thiaha thei, pakhat le pakhat an dan awknak thei: *She knows a bargain when she sees one.* ○ *know right from wrong* ○ *I met so many people at the party that I wouldn't know half of them again.* **7** [Tn, Tw] tongmi thei le tongthiam: *know Japanese* ○ *know how to swim.* **8** [Tn] hmuh le tong: *a man who has known both poverty and riches.* **9** (idm) **before one knows where one is** zamrang zet/hmakhatte ah: *We were whisked off in a taxi before we knew where we were.* **be known to sb** a thuhla theihmi: *He's known to the police,* ie has a criminal record. **better the devil you know** ⇒ BETTER<sup>2</sup>. **for all one knows** ziangtluk a theih lo dan ruah ahcun: *For all I know he could be dead.* **for reasons/some reason best known to oneself** ⇒ REASON. **God/goodness/Heaven knows (a)** ka thei lo: *God knows what's happened to them.* (b) si rori, si tengteng: *She ought to succeed; goodness knows she tries hard enough.* **have/know all the answers** (infml esp derog) mi hnakin thei sawn, thiam sawn. **have/know sth off pat** ⇒ PAT<sup>1</sup>. **know sth as well as I/you do** thil pakhat tha zet ih thei: *You know as well as I do that you're being unreasonable.* **know sth backwards** (infml) thil pakhat thei fiang zet, thei deldel: *You're read that book so many times you must know it backwards by now!* **know best** mi hnakin ziang tuah ding ti thei bik: *The doctor told you to stay in bed, and he knows best.* **know better (than that/than to do sth)** fim le thei thiam: *You ought to know better (than to trust her).* **know sb by sight** rualpi si lo na'n ziangvek an si ti thei. **know different/otherwise** (infml) a singainak vek lo ih thei: *He says he was at the cinema, but I know different.* **know how many beans make five** fim le thei thiam. **know sth inside out/like the back of one's hand** (infml) thei cia theh (hmun le thuhla): *He's a taxi driver, so he knows London like the back of his hand.* **know no bounds** (fml) tum tuk, nasa tuk: *When she heard the news her fury knew no bounds.* **know one's onions/stuff** (infml) mah hnaṭuan thiam zet. **know one's own mind** mai duhmi le tumtahmi thei. **know the score** (infml) thil a sinak ngaingai thei. **know a thing or two (about sb/sth)** (infml) mi thu/thil thuhla pawl thei zet: *She's been married five times, so she should know a thing or two about men.* **know sb through and through** mi pakhat ih thuhla thei cikcek. **know one's way around** umnak, thil thuhla, thil tuah

dan thei fai zet. **know what it is/what it's like (to be/do sth)** thil pakhat mah rori ih hmuh le ton ruangah a thu um dan thei zet (of being/doing sth): *Many famous people have known what it is to be poor.* **know what one's talking about** (infml) mah hmuhton ciami sim. **know what's what** (infml) a thuhla, dan, thu poimawh, le thil um dan tivek thei: *You're old enough now to know what's what.* **know which side one's bread is buttered** (infml saying) mai duhmi thei, lole, ziang ka thahnem ding ti thei. **make oneself known to sb** mah le mah zo ka si ti mi hnenah va sim, mah le mah theihter: *There's our host; you'd better make yourself known to him.* **not know any better** umdan thiam lo/mawi lo ih um, lole, hmuhton mi sambau, lole, nauhak ihsin thok ih zirh lo ruangah umdan mawi lo/thiam lo: *Don't blame the children for their bad manners — they don't know any better.* **not know one's arse from one's elbow** (Δ sl derog) ziang hman thei bembem lo, aa, lole, santlai lo. **not know the first thing about sb/sth/doing sth** mi thuhla, thil um dan thil tidan thei hrimhrim lo/a theih ih thei lo: *I'm afraid I don't know the first thing about gardening.* **not know sb from Adam** (infml) zo a si ti thei hrimhrim lo. **not know what hit one (a)** hmakhat te ah tuah mawh/thi; theih man lo ah tuah mawh, thi: *The bus was moving so fast she never knew what hit her.* (b) (infml fig) mangbang/lunghnok ih um: *The first time I heard their music I didn't know what had hit me.* **not know where/which way to look** (infml) zinfle ih um: *When he started undressing in public I didn't know where to look.* **not want to know** ⇒ WANT<sup>1</sup>. **old enough to know better** ⇒ OLD. **slow sb/know/learn the ropes** ⇒ ROPE. **see/know better days** ⇒ BETTER<sup>1</sup>. **tell/know A and B apart** ⇒ APART. **that's what I'd like to know** ⇒ LIKE<sup>2</sup>. **there's no knowing** theih harmi, theih thei lomi: *There's absolutely no knowing how he'll react.* (well) **what do you know (about that)?** (infml esp US) (used to express surprise on hearing news, etc) thuthang, thuthar thei tikih mangbang sinak ih tong; **you know** (infml) (a) (used when reminding sb of sth) mi pakhat hnen ah thuhla/thil thei ciami theihter sal: *Guess who I've just seen? Marcia! You know — Jim's ex-wife!* (b) (used as an almost meaningless expression when the speaker is thinking what to say next) a tong laitau in ziangtin a tong lai ding/a tong a peh ding a ruat lai ih sullam um lo ih tong hmanmi: *'I was feeling a bit bored, you know, and so...'* **you know something/what?** (infml) (used to introduce an item of news, expression of opinion, etc) thuthang, ruahnak tivek sim tikih tawthawhmi tong: *you know something? Cathy and Tim are engaged.* **you never know** theih fiang lomi: *'It's sure to rain tomorrow.'* *'Oh, you never know, it could be a lovely day.'* ○

*You should keep those old jam jars — you never know when you might need them.* **10** (phr v) **know about sth** thil pakhat thuhla thei/ralrin ding thil ummi: *Not much is known about his background.* ○ *Do you know about Jack getting arrested?* **know of sb/sth** mi/thil pakhat thuhla thei/mi/thil parah hmuhtonmi: *Isn't tomorrow a holiday?* 'Not that I know of (ie Not as far as I am aware).' ○ *Do you know of any way to stop a person snoring?* ○ *I don't know him personally, though I know of him.*

▷ **know n** (idm) **in the know** (infml) (of a person) thuhla mi theih lomi thei.

**know-all n** (infml derog) thu hmuahhmuah thei awter mi pa/nu: *one of those young know-alls fresh from university.*

**know-how n** [U] (infml) thil pakhat tuahnak ding thei/thiamnak.

**knowing** /'nəʊɪŋ/ adj [usu attrib] **1** mi theih lomi/zo hman theih lomi/thuthup a thei ti lang awter (mithmai, umdan ih langtermi): *a knowing look, glance, expression, etc.* **2** thil ti thei zet, depde le hrokhrawl: *She's a bit too knowing for me to feel relaxed with her.*

▷ **knowingly adv** **1** theina cingin tumtahnak thawn: *It appears that what I said was untrue, but I did not knowingly lie to you.* **2** a thei vekih um: *He winked at her knowingly.*

**knowledge** /'nɒldʒ/ n **1** [U] aancinnak, thu theih theinak/thutheih: *A baby has no knowledge of good and evil.* **2** [U, sing] mi pakhat ih thiltheih/hmuhtonnak in theihmi: *I have only (a) limited knowledge of computers.* ○ *My knowledge of French is poor.* **3** [U] theihmi: *all branches of knowledge* ○ *the sum of human knowledge on this subject.* **4** (idm) **be common/public knowledge** mi zapi ih theihmi, mi rual khat ih theihmi: *It's pointless trying to keep your friendship secret — it's common knowledge already.* **come to sb's knowledge** (fml) mi in rak thei: *It has come to our knowledge that you have been cheating the company.* **to one's knowledge** (a) mi pakhat ih a theih ban sung/a theih vekin: *To my knowledge, she has never been late before.* (b) a dik ding ti theihmi: *That is impossible, because to my (certain) knowledge he was in France at the time.* **to the best of one's belief/knowledge** ⇒ BEST<sup>3</sup>. **with/without sb's knowledge** (mi pakhat theihter ta/mi pakhat) theihter ta loin: *He sold the car without his wife's knowledge.*

▷ **knowledgeable** /-əbl/ adj ~ (about sth) thuhla/thil umdan thei zet: *She's very knowledgeable about art.* **knowledgeably** /-əbli/ adv: *speak knowledgeably on the subject.*

**knuckle** /'nʌkl/ n **1** kut caang: *graze/skin one's knuckles.* **2** (of animals) khuk, ngal le kezaphak a pehnak hmun: *pig's knuckles.* **3** (idm) **a rap on/over the knuckles** ⇒ RAP<sup>1</sup>. **near the knuckle** (infml) mi thinhen suahternak zahmawh lam a

mawi lomi capoh: *Some of his jokes are a bit too near the knuckle for my taste.*

▷ **knuckle v** (phr v) **knuckle down (to sth)** (infml) thil pakhat thungaithlak ih tuan thok: *If you want to pass that exam, you'll have to knuckle down (to some hard work).* **knuckle under** (infml) ka sung ti ih tiawk; sun ruangah lut.

□ **knuckleduster n** (US brass knuckles) mi thong tikih hmual nei dingin kut parih bunmi thir tuamnak, thir kuthruk:

**knucklehead n** (infml derog) mi aa.

**KO** /'keɪ 'əʊ/ abbr (infml) khatlam tangtu thong neh: *He was KO'd (ie knocked out) in the second round.*

**koala** /kəʊ'ɑ:lə/ n (also **koala bear**) mei nei lo, Australia ram um vom phunkhat.

**kobo** /'kɒbəʊ/ n (pl unchanged) Nigeria ram tangka.

**kohl** /kəʊl/ n [U] mittlang ceinak si dum.

**kohlrabi** /'keʊl'rɑ:bɪ/ n [C, U] mungla vek kawpi.

**kola** = COLA.

**kook** /ku:k/ n (US derog sl) mi lamdang/hawizawng lo, mi aa deuh.

▷ **kooky adj.**

**kookaburra** /'kʊkəbʌrə/ n (also **laughing jackass**) Australia ram ih ngathur tumpi.

**kopeck** (also **kopek**) = COPECK.

**koppie** (also **kopje**) /'kɒpi/ n (in S Africa) tlang fate.

**Koran** /kə'rɑ:n; US -'ræn/ n **the Koran** [sing] Muslim pawl ih Cathianghlim.

▷ **Koranic** /kə'rænik/ adj.

**kosher** /'kəʊʃə(r)/ adj **1** (of food, food shop shops, etc) Judah miphun pawl ih daan thawn a remcang rawl: *a kosher butcher's, restaurant, meal.* **2** (infml) upadi vek a simi, daan thawn a kaihim/daan a simi: *the real kosher article, not just any old rubbish* ○ *something not quite kosher about the way he made his money.*

**koumiss** = KUMIS.

**kowtow** /'kaʊ'təʊ/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb/sth) mi/thil upat: *a refusal to kowtow (to the government's wishes on this issue).*

**kph** /'keɪ pi: 'eɪtʃ/ abbr kilometres per hour. Cf MPH.

**kraal** /krɑ:l; US krɑ:l/ n (in S Africa) **1** hruang kulhmi khawte. **2** caw kulh, tuu hruang kulh.

**kremlin** /'kremlɪn/ n **1** [C] hmun sang parih sakmi ral hruangkulh. **2 the Kremlin** (a) [Gp] USSR acozah (kumpi): *the Kremlin's latest proposals on arms control.* (b) [sing] ral bawhnak hruangkulh saang.

**krill** /krɪl/ n [pl v] vuilah (*whale*) nga pawl ih eimi a phaw hak kaikuang phun.

**kris** /kri:s/ n Malay, Iole, Indonesia namte.

**krona** /'krəʊnə/ n **1** (pl **-nor** /-nə(r)/) Sweden tangka. **2** (pl **-nur** /-nə(r)/) Iceland tangka.

**krone** /'krəʊnə/ n (pl **-ner** /-nə(r)/) Norway le Denmark tangka.

**krugerrand** /'kru:gərænd/ n S Africa thlanglam

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- ram hman Mirang (*England*) awngs (*ounce*) khat ritmi sui tangka.
- krypton** /'kripton/ *n* [U] pianzia le rim nei lo, a cak lomi daatkhu.
- Kt** *abbr* Knight: *Sir James bailey Kt.*
- kudos** /'kju:dɔs/ *n* [U] (*infml*) sunlawihnak le hminṭhatnak: *She did most of the work but all the kudos went to him.*
- Ku-Klux-Klan** /ku:klɪks'klæn/ *n* [Gp] (*abbr* **KKK**) (esp southern) US ram Protestant Khrihfa pawl ih Negro huatnak le namneh duhnak ih tuahmi thupte pawlkom.
- kukri** /'kʊkri/ *n* Korkha pawl ih nam-kawi.
- kumis** (also kumiss, koumiss) /'kumɪs/ *n* [U] Asia ram laifang um pawl ih uam thurtermi rang hnawiti/rang hnawiti thurtermi zu.
- kümmel** /'kʊmə/ *n* [U] rimhmui rawimi zuthlum.
- kumquat** /'kʌmkwɒt/ *n* (*ling-maw*) sunhlu rah tia.
- kung fu** /'kʊŋ'fu:/ *n* [U] Japan karate vek in kut ke hmangih misualnak Tuluk thiamnak.
- kvass** /kvæs/ *n* [U] Russia zu neem.
- kW** (also **kw**) *abbr* kilowatt(s): *a 2 kW electric heater.*
- kwashiorkor** /kwæʃ'i'ɔ:kɔ:(r)/ *n* [U] sadaat (*protein*) sam ruangah a suakmi nauhak nat.
- kwela** /'kweɪlə/ *n* [U] S Africa jazz awnmawi.
- kybosh** (also kibosh) /'kaɪbɒʃ/ *n* (idm) **put the kybosh on sb/sth** (*sl*) tuah zom thei lo ko in kham/cawltter: *When he broke his leg it put the kybosh on his holiday.*

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