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**L, l** /*el/* (*pl L's, l's* /*elz/*) Mirang (*English*) cafang a hleihnihnak: 'London' begins with (an) L/'L'.

**L** *abbr* **1** Lake; ramzuk sungah tili kha L ti ih hmuhsaknak ngan: *L Windermere*, eg on a map. **2** /*el/* (*Brit*) (on a motor vehicle) learner-driver; mawṭaw mawng zirnak ah mawṭaw parah L ti ih ngan. Cf *L-PLATE*. **3** (esp on clothing, etc) hnipuan parah a tum ti mi cu 'L' (size) ti ih ngan. **4** (*Brit politics*) England ah 'L' 'Liberal' party tinak. Cf *LIB*. **5** "Lira" timi tangka ah: *L6000*. **6** (esp on electric plugs) electric plugs ah 'L' ti ih ngan 'Live' (a nung) tinak.

**L** (also **l**) *sybm* Roman numbat 50.

**l** *abbr* **1** left; kehlam. Cf *R* **2**. **2** (*pl ll*) line; riin: *p* (ie page) **2**, *l* **19** ○ *verse* **6**, *ll* **8-10**. **3** litre(s).

**la** = LAH.

**LA** /*el* 'ei/ *abbr* Los Angeles (California).

**laager** /*laeb/* *n* (*S African*) **1** (formerly) leeng pawl tampi ih kulhmi riahbuuk. **2** (*fig*) ral do tikah dungsipnak ih ṭankhuarnak hmun: *retreat into the laager*.

**lab** /*laeb/* *n* (*infml*) thilri (science) tehnaq/dat le ziangdang zoh/zirnak: *I'll meet you outside the science lab*. ○ [attrib] *a lab coat*, ie one worn to protect clothes in a laboratory.

**Lab** *abbr* (*Brit politics*) Labour (party): *Tom Green (Lab)*.

**label** /*leibl/* *n* **1** thil pakhat parah cuh thilri ih hmin le um dan theihnak ding cahnah fate thlaihmi/benmi: *put a label on a piece of clothing, a specimen, one's luggage* ○ *I read the information on the label before deciding which jam to buy*. **2** (*fig*) mi pakhat/mi rualkhat le thildang pohpoh ol zawngih kawhnak hmin pekmi: *hang, stick, slap, etc a label on sb/sth* ○ *A reviewer called her first novel 'super-romantic' and the label has stuck*.

▷ **label** *v* (**-ll-**; **US -l-**) **1** [Tn] cahnah fate hmangih thil hminsinnak ngan: *a machine for labeling wine bottles*. **2** [Tn, Cn-n, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth as sth** (*fig*) minung, lole, thil pakhat khat ah an mai sizawn langternak hmin bunmi/kawhmi: *His work is difficult to label accurately*. ○ *She is usually labeled (as) an Impressionist*.

**labia** /*leibə/* *n* [pl] hmun (vun) vekih a zual awmi nunau zahmawh.

**labial** /*leibə/* *adj* **1** hmun vek/hmun thawn a pehparmi. **2** (*phonetics*) hmun cangvai ih aw suahmi: *labial sounds*, eg /*m, p, v*/.

▷ **labial** *n* (*phonetics*) hmun hmangih aw suah.

**labiate** /*leibriət/* *n, adj* (*botany*) (plant) pangpar kaphnih ah hmun vekih a ṭhen awmi.

**laboratory** /*ləbərətri/*; *læbrələtri/* *n* thil/daat tivek a sizia theihnak dingih zohzirnak inn khaan.

**laborious** /*lə'bɔːriəs/* *adj* **1** (of work, etc) taimak ṭul zetmi: *a laborious task*. **2** ol-ai te ih tuah thei lomi/ṭan le thazaang suah ṭulmi/bangthlak zetmi: *a laborious style of writing*. Cf *LABOURED* (*LABOUR*<sup>2</sup>).

**labour**<sup>1</sup> (*US labor*) /*leibə(r)/* *n* **1** [U] thazaang, lole, thinlung hmangih ṭuanmi (hnaṭuan): *manual labour* ○ *Workers are paid for their labour*. **2** [C usu pl] hnaṭuan/hnaṭuan ṭhenkhat: *tired after one's labours*. ⇨ Usage at *WORK* **1**. **3** [U] hnaṭuantu mirual khat: *skilled/unskilled labour* ○ [attrib] *labour relations*, ie between workers and employers ○ *labour leaders*, ie trade union leaders. **4** [U, sing] nau hring dingih sul cangvaihnak: *begin, go into, be in labour* ○ *She had a difficult labour*. ○ [attrib] *a labour ward*, ie a set of rooms in a hospital for childbirth. **5** **Labour** (*abbr Lab*) (*Brit politics*) [Gp] Labour Party: [attrib] *the Labour vote* ○ *Labour supporters*. **6** (idm) **a labour of Hercules** thazaang napi ih suah ṭulmi hnaṭuan. **a labour of love** hlawknak tum loih tlawmngaihnak ih ṭuanmi.

□ **labour camp** ṭuankhung cawhkuan pekmi thawngtla pawl riahbuk.

**Labour Day** (*US Labor Day*) Hnaṭuantu pawl upatnak ih hmanmi zungpih ni (1 May; in US the first Monday in September).

**Labour Exchange** (*dated Brit*) = *JOB CENTRE* (*JOB*).

**labour-intensive** *adj* (of an industrial process, etc) hnaṭuantu tampi a ṭulmi. Cf *CAPITAL-INTENSIVE* (*CAPITAL*<sup>2</sup>).

**Labour Party** (*Brit plitics*) Mirang ram ih ram hruainak party pakhat. Cf *CONSERVATIVE PARTY* (*CONSERVATIVE*), *SOCIAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRATS* (*SOCIAL*).

**labour-saving** *adj* [usu attrib] hnaṭuan ṭuannak ah a ol-ai (zaang-awl) deuh ih ṭuan/tha napi ih suah ṭul loin: *labour-saving devices*, eg a lawn-mower, a washing-machine.

**labor union** (*US*) = *TRADE UNION* (*TRADE*).

**labour**<sup>2</sup> (*US labor*) /*leibə(r)/* *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, It] ṭuan, lole, teima: *labour on/at a task* ○ *I've been labouring (away) over a hot stove all morning*. ○ *He laboured to finish the job on time*. **2** (**a**) [I, Ipr, It] harsa zet ih thil va tuah: *The old man laboured up the hillside*. ○ *The shiplaboured through the rough seas*. ○ *labouring to breathe*. (**b**) [I] (of an engine) nuam tete le har phahphah ih ṭuan; a zonzai: *You should change gear — the engine's starting to labour*. **3** (idm) **labour the point** simcia le theihcia kha sim le hrilhfiakh ciamco: *Your argument was clear to us from the start — there's no need to labour the point*.

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**4** (phr v) **labour under sth** (fml) (a) harsatnak tuar ciamco/remcan lonak ruangah harsat tuar: *people labouring under the handicaps of ignorance and superstition.* (b) bum tong; ruahsualnak nei: *He labours under the delusion that he's a fine actor.*

▷ **Laboured** (US **labored**) *adj* **1** fung le harsa: *laboured breathing.* **2** thasuah taima zet ih um/ol-ai te a si lo: *a laboured style of writing.* Cf LABORIOUS **2**.

**labourer** (US **laborer**) /lə'bɜːrə(r)/ *n* fimthiamnak t̃ul lomi t̃uankhunghar hnaʔuantu: *a farm labourer.*

**laburnum** /lə'bɜːnəm/ *n* [C, U] a pian (a rong) aihre a si ih a bawrbawr ih par a neimi thingkung mawi phunkhat.

**labyrinth** /lə'bɜːrɪnθ/ *n* lamzin kelkawi feh har zet dingih hnok ruri a ummi/a phentu lamzin hloh oltetu: *The old building was a labyrinth of dark corridors.* ○ (fig) *go through a real labyrinth of procedures to get a residence permit.* Cf MAZE.

▷ **labyrinthine** /lə'bɜːrɪnθəm/; US -θɪn/ *adj*.

**lace** /leɪs/ *n* **1** [U] pathri thawn a mawinak dingih a phunphun ih takmi: *a wedding dress made of lace* ○ [attrib] *lace curtains.* **2** [C] kedam hri thulnak ong le t̃him ti vekih thir ong sungih thul mi hri: *a pair of shoe-laces* ○ *a broken lace.*

▷ **lace v** **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) hri ih t̃em: *a blouse that laces (up) at the front* ○ *lace (up) one's shoes.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) in ti (zu) sungah cak deuh seh tiah thil dang rawi: *a glass of milk laced with rum* ○ *My drink has been laced.* **3** (phr v) **lace into sb** (infml) mi pakhat kutke hmangih thawi, lole, to.

□ **lace-ups** *n* [pl] kedam a hri neimi: *She has to wear lace-ups at school.*

**lacerate** /læsə'reɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** taksa hliam/aat: *The sharp stones lacerated his feet.* **2** (fig fml) mi thin nater.

▷ **laceration** /læsə'reɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] taksa aat (thil hriam pakhat thawn). (b) [C] taksa thil pakhat a hriammi/a zummi ih aat ruangih hma neihnak: *facial lacerations.*

**lachrymal** /læk'rɪml/ *adj* [attrib] (anatomy) mitthli thawn a pehparmi: *lachrymal glands, ducts, etc.*

**lachrymose** /læk'rɪməʊs/ *adj* (fml) t̃ahbeen mi/ lungsiat nei: *a lachrymose disposition.*

**lack** /læk/ *v* **1** [Tn no passive] nei lo/tlasam/ sambau: *lack creativity, self-discipline, courage* ○ *What he lacks in experience he makes up for in enthusiasm.* **2** [Ipr no passive] ~ for sth (fml) a sam/thilpakhat a sam/neiht̃ul: *They lacked for nothing, ie had everything they wanted.* **3** (idm) **be lacking** t̃ul tikah ngah a theih lomi: *Money for the project is still lacking.* **be lacking in sth** thil a daih ding zat um lo: *be lacking in warmth, courage, strength* ○ *The film was lacking in pace.*

**have/lack the courage of one's convictions** ⇨ COURAGE.

▷ **lack** *n* [U, sing] sambau: *a lack of care, money, water* ○ *The project had to be abandoned for (ie because of) lack of funds.*

□ **lack-lustre** *adj* thatho lo, mi lung a khawih lo: *lack-lustre eyes* ○ *They gave a lack-lustre performance.*

**lackadaisical** /lækə'deɪzɪkl/ *adj* lungtho thathawhnak um lomi/a sambau mi: *a lackadaisical approach to his studies.*

▷ **lackadaisically** /lækə'deɪzɪkl/ *adv*.

**lackey** /lækɪ/ *n* **1** (formerly) tirhfiat ih hman mi mipa/hnenum mipa. **2** (fig derog) hnenum vekih hmanmi: *The singer was surrounded by the usual crowd of lackeys and hangers-on.*

**laconic** /lə'bɒnɪk/ *adj* t̃ong tawite ih tiduhsan nei zetmi: *a laconic person, remark, style.*

▷ **laconically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *'Too bad,' she replied laconically.*

**lacquer** /lɒkə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** thir le thing parih hnihmi (tin-baw-sii). **2** (becoming dated) samtluang dingih hnihmi.

▷ **lacquer v** [Tn] cuvek ti toihmi/hnihmi: *a lacquered table* ○ *lacquered hair.*

**lacrosse** /lə'krɒs/; -krɔːs/ *n* [U] lehnak phunkhat — a lektu 10 veve tel mi bawhlung fung ih thawimi phun lehnak.

**lactation** /læk'teɪʃn/ *n* [U] (medical or biology) **1** nunau (minung) pawhte ti suah dan; ramsa a nu pawhte ti suah dan. **2** pawhteti a suah caan.

**lactic** /lɒktɪk/ *adj* [esp attrib] pawhteti thawn a pehpar mi.

□ **lactic acid** (chemistry) pawhteti/cawhnawi a thur ih a ra cangmi.

**lactose** /lɒktəʊs, -əʊz/ *n* [U] (chemistry) cawhnawi/ pawhte tii sungih telmi cithlum.

**lacuna** /lə'kjʊ:nə/ *n* (pl -nae /-ni/ or ~s) (fml) ca lole, thuhla a karlak ih hrelhmi; pehzomnak a catmi: *a lacuna in the manuscript.*

**lacy** /leɪsɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) pathri vek: *the lacy pattern of a spider's web.*

**lad** /læd/ *n* **1** mipa mino: *The town's changed a lot since I was a lad.* **2** (indml) (esp in N England) mi: *The lads at the office have sent you a get-well card.* **3** (Brit infml approv) virvak zet/ngam thei/ khawruat lo: *He's quite a lad/a bit of a lad.*

**ladder** /lɒdə(r)/ *n* **1** kailawn. **2** (US run) mawca hriphang a poih ih a dormi (a tung zawngin kailawn vekih a poihmi). **3** (fig) mi pakhat a dotdot ih hnaʔuannak a kaiso vivo mi: *climbing the ladder of succes* ○ *He is still on the bottom rung of the political ladder.*

▷ **ladder v** (a) (of stockings, etc) mawca hriphang a dormi: *Have you any tights that won't ladder?* (b) [Tn] mawca hri a dor: *She laddered her new tights climbing the fence.*

**laddie** /lɒdi/ *n* (infml esp Scot) mipa mino (tlangval no) (Scotland t̃onghman). Cf LASS.

**laden** /leɪdn/ *adj* [usu pred] **1** ~ (with sth) khingrit — thil a khat ih sanmi: *trees laden with apples*

○ a lorry laden with supplies ○ Shoppers with their baskets fully laden. **2 ~ with sth** (fig) (of a person) thinlung har; helhkam, donhar: laden with guilt, grief, remorse, etc.

**la-di-da** /ləˈdɪˈdɑː/ *adj* (infml usu derog) mah sinak hnakin siawter um dan: *I can't stand her or her la-di-da friends.*

**ladle** /ˈleɪdl/ *n* buhtlei ih hmanmi hai kum saupi, hai saupi: a soup ladle.

▷ **ladle** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) butlei thawn thil hei suak: *She ladled cream over her pudding.* ○ *ladling out the stew.* **2** (phr v) **ladle sth out** (infml) siangzet ih pek — ðongkam ða olte ih hmang: *He isn't one to ladle out praise, so when he says 'Good,' he means it.*

**lady** /ˈleɪdi/ *n* **1** [C] upat tlak nunau: *She's a real lady — never loses her temper.* Cf GENTLEMAN. **2** [C] (esp formerly) dinhmun sang (milian le mi upa fanu): *She was a lady by birth.* **3** [C] (esp in polite use) nunau (upa) parih upatnak ðong hmanmi: *Ask that lady to help you.* ○ *The lady at the tourist office told me it opened at 1 pm.* ○ *the old lady next door* ○ *the tea-lady* ○ [attrib] a lady doctor. **4** [C] (US infml) (used as a term of address) nunau nu: *Hey lady — you can't park there!* **5 Lady (a)** (esp in the UK) mi phunhnam u pawl ih nupi pawl kawhnak: *Lady (Randolph) Churchill.* (b) (esp in the UK) England ram ah phun-u nunau pawl hmin thawn kawh cihnak ih hman: *Lady Philippa (Stewart).* (c) bawi upa a ðuanmi nunau kawhnak: *Lady Mayoress* ○ *Lady President.* **6 Ladies** [sing v] (Brit) nunau pawng thawnnak inn: *Is there a Ladies near here?* **7** (idm) **the lady of the house** innsang ih nunau thu neitu bik: *Might I speak to the lady of the house?* **one's young lady/young man** ⇨ YOUNG. □ **Lady chapel** biakinn tumpi ah, Thianghlim Mary zuk retnak inn khan pakhat.

**Lady Day** (Feast of the Annunciation, 25 March) Vanmi Gabriel in Mary hnenah Jesuh Khrih a pawl ding thu a thannak hngilhlonak puai.

**lady-in-waiting** *n* (pl **ladies-in-waiting**) siangpahrang bawinu, lole, siangpahang fanu tuamhlawmtu nunau/nunau rual.

**lady-killer** *n* (infml often derog) nunau pawl ih duhmi ti hmin nei mi le nunau rak zawl theitu.

**ladylike** *adj* (approv) nunau fel nunzia kengmi: *ladylike behaviour, speech* ○ *She drank her wine with small ladylike sips.*

**ladyship** (also **Ladyship**) *n* nunau hmin ðatnak neimi pawl parih kawh mawinak hmin pekmi: *their ladyships* ○ *If your ladyship will step this way, please.* ○ (ironic or joc) *What out, Jill — her ladyship is in one of her moods!*

**lady's man** (also **ladies' man**) nunau rual thawn umtlang sunsak theimi mipa.

**ladybird** /ˈleɪdɪbɜːd/ (US **ladybug** /ˈleɪdɪbʌɡ/) *n* thla pali nei, a zam theimi ceep phunkhat..

**lag**<sup>1</sup> /læɡ/ *v* (-gg-) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (behind sb/sth); ~

(behind) dungtang; mi man thei lo, nekhor: *The small boy soon became tired and lagged far behind (the rest of the walkers).* ○ (fig) *Prices are rising sharply, while incomes are lagging far behind.*

▷ **lag** (also **time-lag**) *n* thil pahnih a cangmi kar ih caan ummi: *a lag of several seconds between the lightning and the thunder.*

**lag**<sup>2</sup> /læɡ/ *v* (-gg-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) ti khal lo ding le thil a sa mi dai lonak dingin thil pakhat ih tuam (tidawng tivek).

▷ **lagging** *n* [U] cuvek tuamnak thil.

**lager** /ˈlɑːɡə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] tha cak lomi beer zu. **2** [C] cuvek zu khuat khat (hai khat); laang khat.

**laggard** /ˈlæɡəd/ *n* mi man thei lo pa/nu — nekhor pa/nu: *He's no laggard when it comes to asking for more money, ie He is very quick to do this.*

**lagoon** /ləˈɡuːn/ *n* **1** tipi — tiffinriat ihsin a dangte ih (a peh aw lo) ummi ci tili. **2** (US or Austral or NZ) tili tum deuh; tiva, lole, tiffinriat ihsin a dangte ih ummi tili thiang kiangih ummi tidai a puanmi.

**lah** (also **la**) /lɑː/ *n* (music) sol-fa aw ih a paruknak.

**laid** *pt, pp* of LAY<sup>1</sup>.

**lain** *pp* of LIE<sup>2</sup>.

**1 POLITE ADDRESS Ladies and gentlemen** are used as the plural forms of sir and madam.

OCCASION	SINGULAR	PLURAL
giving a public speech		Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to thank ...
in a shop	Yes, sir/madam, will there be anything else?	Good morning, ladies/gentlemen, can I help you?
writing formal letters	Dear Sir/Madam, Thank you for your ...	Gentlemen, (very formal) Dear Sirs, .. (less formal)  (There is no plural form of madam)

**2 REFERRING TO PEOPLE Lady and gentleman** are used instead of woman and man to show politeness.

with the person present	Mr Smith, this lady/gentleman wishes to make a complaint.
describing behaviour	He's very gentlemanly. She's very ladylike.
approving behaviour	He's/She's a real gentleman/lady
referring to public toilets	the Gents (US the men's room) the Ladies (US the ladies' room) Where's the Gents, please? Where's the Ladies, please?

**lair** /leə(r)/ *n* **1** ramsa pawl ih beunak/a kua. **2** (fig)

## laird

thuh-awknak hmun: *The kidnappers' lair was an old farm in the hills.*

**laird** /leəd/ *n* (Scot) lo neitu.

**laissez-faire** (also **laissez-faire**) /leisə'feə(r)/ *n* [U] (French) kumpi thuhla lenglam ih mahte zalen zetin pursum leilawn cangvaih theinak thu pom dan: [attrib] *a laissez-faire economy.*

**laity** /leɪəti/ *n* **the laity** [Gp] **1** biakinn ih zirhtu saya si lomi mizaran, **2** thil pakhat khat ðuan thiamnak ah sungtel a si lo mi.

**lake** /leɪk/ *n* **1** tili: *We sail on the lake in summer.* ○ *Lake Victoria* ○ *the Great Lakes.* **2** (idm) **jump in the/a lake** ⇒ **JUMP 2.**

□ **the Lake District** (also **the Lakes**) England ram ih tili tampi umnak ram hmun.

**Lake Poets** Mirang biazai thiam pawl, a bik in Wordsworth, Coleridge le Southey (Filipi pengram ih um pawl).

**lake** /leɪk/ *n* (also **crimson lake**) [U] sendup rong (pianzia) a nei mi thilri.

**lakh** /læm/ *n* (in India and Pakistan) India le Pakistan pawl ih ðongah thawngza khat tinak: *50 lakhs of rupees.*

**lam** /læm/ *v* (-mm-) (sl) **1** [Tn] napi in thawi. **2** (phr v) **lam into sb** taksa in mi va thawi; mi thin naa ko ih ðong: *My father really lamed into me for damaging his car.*

**lam** /læm/ *n* (US sl) **1** hmakhatte/rinlopi ah tlanhlo (luat). **2** (idm) **on the lam** tlanhlo; relh — palik hnen ihsin.

**lama** /lɑ:mə/ *n* Tibet ram ih Buddha phungki.

▷ **lamasery** /lɑ:məsəri/; US -seri/ *n* lama phungki rual um khawmnak inn pawl.

**lamb** /læm/ *n* **1** (a) [C] tuufaa. Cf **EWE.** (b) [U] tuusa: *a leg of lamb* ○ [attrib] *lamb chops.* Cf **MUTTON.** **2** (infml) mi nunnem; duhdawtmi. **3** (idm) **one may/might as well be hanged/hung for a sheep as a lamb** ⇒ **HANG<sup>1</sup>.** **like a lamb (to the slaughter)** eel loin; dodal loin: *She surprised us all on her first day of school by going off like a lamb.* **mutton dressed as lamb** ⇒ **MUTTON.**

▷ **lamb v** [I] **1** (of a ewe) tuu faahring: *lambing ewes.* **2** (of a farmer) tuu faahrin lai kilkhawi: *the lambing season, ie when lambs are born.*

□ **lambskin** *n* **1** [C] tuuphaw (a pari a hmul thawn a simi). **2** [U] tuuvun ihsin tuahmi tuuphaw.

**lamb's-wool** *n* [U] puan ih takmi tuuhmul sah: *a scarf made of lamb's-wool* ○ [attrib] *a lamb's-wool cardigan.*

**lambaste** /læm'beɪst/ *v* [Tn] (infml) **1** mi pakhat vuak ciamco. **2** mi na piin kaw; nasa zet in ralrinnak pek.

**lambent** /læmbənt/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** (of a flame) thil pakhat parah tleudok tleudok lo ih ummi. **2** (of the eyes, sky, etc) diim te'n/nuam te'n a tleumi. **3** (of humour, style, etc) fimnak thawn a neem zawng ih capoh/thil tuah thiam dan.

▷ **lambency** /-ənsi/ *n* [U].

**lame** /ləm/ *adj* **1** taksa piangsual; taksa siatnak ruangah a awl ih a feh mi: *the accident made him lame in the left leg.* ○ *Halfway through the race the horse went lame.* **2** (of an excuse or argument) thu eelawknak ah thuhram a ðawnðai ih mi lung a kuai lomi. **3** (idm) **help a lame dog over a stile** ⇒ **HELP<sup>1</sup>.** **a lame duck** (a) minung, pawlkomnak; thil pakhat harsatnak sungin bom loin caangsuak thei lo a simi/a tisuak thei lo: *the government should not waste money supporting lame ducks.* (b) (esp US) hrilnak ih a ngah nawn lomi bawi upa, ram uktu bawi (a ngah nawn lo hnu ah caan tawite ðuan peh): [attrib] *a lame duck President.*

▷ **lame v** [Tn] ramsa/minung awl ko, bai ko ih tuahmawh;; taksa siatsuah: *lamed in a riding accident.*

**lamely** *adv.*

**lameness** *n* [U].

**lamé** /lɑ:meɪ; US lɑ:'meɪ/ *n* [U] puan tahnak ah sui, lole, ngun rong pat le pu, tuuhmul, lole, pat thawn tahcimi: [attrib] *a silver lamé evening gown.*

**lament** /lə'ment/ *v* (a) [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (for/over sb/sth) mi pakhat parah, lole, thu le thil pakhat parah sirawknak/riahsiatnak langter: *lament loudly* ○ *lament (for) a dead friend* ○ *lament (over) one's misfortunes* ○ *lament the passing of old ways.* (b) [I, Tn] thil/thuhla pakhat parah tlokiar/phunzai: *She's always lamenting the lack of sports facilities in town.*

▷ **lament n** **1** lung/rehsiat zetnak langter, lungzurnak langter. **2** zunngaih hla: *a funeral lament.*

**lamentable** /læməntəbl/ *adj* lungsiatza zet a simi: *a lamentable loss of life, lack of foresight.*

**lamentably** /-əbli/ *adv.*

**lamentation** /lə'men'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] zungngaihnak: *Much lamentation followed the death of the old king.* **2** [C] lungsiatnak, zunngaihnak langternak.

**lamented** *adj* (rhet or joc) ngai zetmi (a luan zomi parah); hraphria zetmi thil, minung: *the much lamented pound note* ○ *our late lamented friend.*

**laminare** /lə'minert/ *v* [Tn] thil paa zet pakhat le pakhat parah a kom/ben aw: *laminated plastic.* **2** thir/thilri a paat zet ih sut per/rial permi, rial bekmi.

▷ **laminare** /lə'minət/ *n* [U] a paatte ih tuahmi thilri, paatter.

**lamp** /læmp/ *n* **1** electric/datsi/zinan tivek khaang ih meisa vanternak: *a street, table, bicycle lamp.* **2** electric satnak hmanhig thil nat emnak: *an infrared/ultraviolet lamp.*

□ **lampblack** *n* [U] thing meihol, lung meihol, thil khangmi ihsin ra cangmi meihol vut.

**lamplight** *n* [U] mei inn ihsin tleumi.

**lamplighter** *n* (formerly) lamzinpi kaptluan ih



meiinn vaang le hmittu pa.  
**lamp-post** *n* zinpi ih meivannak thuum.  
**lampshade** *n* thlalang, puan tivek ih tuahmi mei-inn tleu khuhtu thil.  
**lamppoon** /læm'pu:n/ *n* mi pakhat cabu, lole, thupom dan tivek pawl parih relsia le hnihsuah/ setetnak ih nganmi ca.  
 ▷ **lamppoon** *v* [Tn] thil/mi pakhat mizapi theih ih mualpho ko in hnihsuah sainak ih tuah: *His cartoons mercilessly lampooned the leading politicians of the day.*  
**lamprey** /læmpri/ *n* a kaa a bial ih nunghring dang parah a haa in zuuk ih a va bekmi ngarul phunkhat.  
**lance**<sup>1</sup> /lɑ:ns; US læns/ *n* 1 nga dawtnak, khawhnak feipi. 2 (formerly) hlanlai rang ralkap le raldo hminthang pawl ih hmanmi cuvek feipi.  
 ▷ **lancer** *n* cuvek hriamhrei keng mi rang ralkap.  
 □ **lance-corporal** *n* (in the British army or US Marines) ralkap/ti-ralkap senkhat.  
**lance**<sup>2</sup> /lɑ:ns; US læns/ *v* [Tn] kaphnih hriammi naam thawn thil pakhat aat: *lance an abscess, a boil, a swelling, etc.*  
**lancet** /lɑ:nsɪt; US 'læn-/ *n* 1 (medical) hmabol/ taksa bol atnak hmanmi kap hnih hriam rai-nak namte. 2 (architecture) tukvirh a tlun lam zum, lole, inn saknak ah a kual zum ih sakmi phardawl.  
**land**<sup>1</sup> /lænd/ *n* 1 [U] lei/leilung (ti um lonak): *travel over land* ○ *be on, reach, come to land* ○ *The journey to the far side of the island is quicker by land than by sea*, ie by car, train, etc than by boat. ○ *On land the turtle is ungainly, but in the water it is very agile.* 2 [U] ramhmun: *The land west of the mountains stretched as far as the eye could see.* 3 [U] (a) leiram: *rich, stony, forest land.* (b) thlawh mi loram: *farming land* ○ *arable land* ○ *The city suffers from a shortage of building land*, ie land on which to build houses. 4 the land [U] (a) thlawh lai: *working the land.* (b) hmunram — *khua um lonak: Many farmers are leaving the land to work in industry.* 5 (a) [U] bulram: *How far does your land extend?* ○ *a house with a hundred acres of land adjoining it* ○ *land for sale.* (b) **lands** [pl] bulhmun le ram. 6 [C] (rhet) umnak ram/ramkulh, lole, rampumpi: *my native land* ○ *the finest orchestra in the land* ○ (fig) *the land of dreams.* ⇒ Usage at COUNTRY. 7 (idm) **in the land of the living** (joc) nung (alive), a nungmi. **the land of Nod** (joc) it. **the lie of the land** ⇒ LIE<sup>2</sup>. **live off/on the fat of the land** ⇒ LIVE<sup>2</sup>. **live off the land** ⇒ LIVE<sup>2</sup>. **make land** (nautical) tipi kap (leilung) hmu, thleng. (be/go) **on the Land** lothlo hnañuan: *He left his office job to try to make a living on the land.* **the promised land** ⇒ PROMISE<sup>2</sup>. **see, etc how the land lies** thil um dan theithiam: *We'd better find out how the land lies before taking any action.* **spy out the**

**land** ⇒ SPY *v*.  
 ▷ **landed** *adj* [attrib] hmun le ram tampi nei: *the landed classes/gentry.*  
**landless** *adj* hmunram nei lo.  
 □ **land-agent** *n* (esp Brit) mi pakhat ih hmunram kilvengtu.  
**land-breeze** *n* lei ihsin tiffinriat hawih ih hrangmi zanlam thlizil nemte.  
**landfall** *n* (a) tipi ih khualtlawnnak in tikap lam pan ih lei va ton hmaisai bik: *We made a landfall at dusk after three weeks at sea.* (b) lei hei hmuhmi, lole, thlenmi: *Our next landfall should be Jamaica.*  
**land-form** *n* (geology) leilungpi ih a lenglam pianthlai.  
**landholder** *n* leiram neitu.  
**landlocked** *adj* lei kulhmi ram; tipi thawn a dai-aw lo, a peh-aw lomi ram: *a land-locked harbour, bay, inlet, etc* ○ *Switzerland is completely land-locked.*  
**landlubber** *n* (derog or joc) tiffinriat (tipi) le tangphawlawng ah nun a rem aw lo mi.  
**landmark** *n* 1 hlat pi ihsin hmuh olmi le hminsin olmi thil: *the Empire State Building is a famous landmark on the New York skyline.* 2 (fig) hminsin tlak a simi thilcang, ton le tuahmi: *a landmark in the history of modern art* ○ [attrib] *a landmark decision, victory, speech.*  
**land mass** leiram kaupi a si mi: *several small islands separated from the main land mass by a deep channel.*  
**land-mine** *n* nen/pal tikih puakkuai theimi kammi bomb.  
**land office** (US) leiram zuar thu cakhumnak zung, leiram zung: **land-office business** (US infml) zamrangte ih caangvai theimi hnañuan.  
**landowner** *n* leiram neitu: *one of the biggest single landowners* (ie individual people owning the most land) *in England.*  
**Land-rover** *n* (propr) hmunsia lak ih feh thei dingih an tuahmi zip hnak ih tum deuh mawñawka.  
**landslide** *n* 1 (also **landslip**) lei min. 2 (fig) uktu hril awknak ah khatlam in a nehtukmi: *Opinion polls forecast a Conservative landslide.* ○ [attrib] *a landslide victory.*  
**landsmen** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) tangphawlawng parih tangphawlawng hlautu a si lomi, tangphawlawng hnañuantu.  
**landward** *adj* /lændwəd/ lei lam panmi: *on the landward side of the island.*  
**landwards** *adv* lei lam pan in.  
**land**<sup>2</sup> /lænd/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (at...) (cause sb/sth to) minung/thil tangphawlawng tum/thum: *We landed at Dover.* ○ *Troops have been landed at several points.* 2 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] vanzam lei ih tumter: *The pilot managed to land the damaged plane safely.* (b) [I, Ipr] vanzam tum: *We shall be landing (at Gatwick airport)*

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*shortly* — please fasten your seat-belts. **3** [I, Ipr] khir, lole, tlaknak in lei vun daithleng: *Try to catch the ball before it lands.* ○ *He fell down the stairs, landing in a heap at the bottom.* **4** [Tn] nga kaingah: *Fewer herring than usual have been landed this year.* **5** [Tn] (infml) zuam awknak sungin thil co ngah thei: *land a good job, a big contract, the prize.* **6** [Tn] (sl) thawi; cuum, thong: *unable to land any good punches in the early rounds.* **7** (idm) **fall/land on one's feet** ⇒ FOOT<sup>1</sup>. **land sb one** (sl) thong, thawi, vua: *She landed him one in the eye.* **8** (phr v) **land sb/oneself in sth** (infml) mi harsat va tonter; mahte harsat ton: *This is a fine mess you've landed us in!* ○ *He's really landed himself in it this time.* **land up (in...)** (infml) a netnak ih va thlen; a neta bik ih va cannak: *Her hat flew off and landed up in the river.* ○ *You'll land up in prison at this rate, ie if you continue to act in this way.* **land up doing sth** (infml) mangbang vansan ih thil tuah: *They landed up not only having to apologize but also offering to pay.* ○ *Why is it that always land up cleaning the bath?* **land sb with sth/sb** (infml) tuanvo thiah/pek: *I found myself landed with three extra guests for dinner.* ○ *Don't try and land me with your responsibilities!*

**landing** /'lændɪŋ/ **n** **1** thleng/tum (vanzam): *during the Queen's landing from the Royal Yacht* ○ *Because of engine trouble the plane had to make an emergency landing, ie come to land suddenly to avoid further danger or damage.* ○ *She slipped and fell, but had a soft landing on some cushions.* **2** (also **landing-place**) lawng pawl thil le minung an thumnak hmun: *There is no safe landing on that coast.* ○ *a convenient landing-place in a nearby sheltered cove.* **3** innsung kainak kailawn pakhat le pakhat karlak ih zialdon, lole, kailawn zim ih zial phahrawn: *Your room opens off the top landing.*

□ **landing-craft** **n** ralkap le ralthuamhnaw pawl tangphawlawng ihsin titlang ih thiarnak a tawphahper lawng.

**landing-field** (also **landing-strip**) **n** = AIRSTRIP (AIR).

**landing-gear** **n** [U] = UNDERCARRIAGE.

**landing-net** **n** (in angling) ngasio thaw ih kaih mi nga khumnak dingih hmanmi sur.

**landing-stage** **n** (usu floating) lawng kiang ti parih phahmi minung le thil thumnak hmanmi zialtlep donmi.

**landlady** /'lændleɪdi/ **n** **1** inn khan le hmunram, mi ih an saannak nu. **2** misenpi hmanmi inn neitu nu; a man pek ih rawl-einak inn neitu nu. Cf LANDLORD.

**landlord** /'lændlə:d/ **n** **1** mi ih inn khan, lo, leiram, inn tivek an saannak pa. **2** zudaw; rawldaw: *It's a nice pub, except for the landlord.* Cf LANDLADY. ⇒ Usage at TENANT.

**landscape** /'lændskeɪp/ **n** **1** [C] khua hei cuan

ih hmuhi lei le hmunram: *a bleak urban landscape* ○ *Mountains dominate the Welsh landscape.* **2** (a) [C] ram le hmun zuk: *an exhibition of landscapes by local artists.* (b) [U] ram le hmun zukmi. Cf PORTRAIT **1**. **3** (idm) **a blot on the landscape** ⇒ BLOT<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **landscape** **v** [Tn] hmuan le cAWlhdamnak hmun pawl amahte cang vekin tuah.

□ **landscape gardening** minung ih tuahmi bang lo, amah te um vekin hmuan tuah.

**lane** /leɪn/ **n** **1** hrambur karlak, lole, tiva tlangtluan tivek ih zinte. **2** (esp in place names) inn karlak, lole, zin pi (khawsung zinpi) karlak ih zin fate: *Drury Lane.* ⇒ Usage at ROAD. **3** zin tuan khat si dingih rinmi hminsinnak: *the inside/near side lane* ○ *the outside/off side lane* ○ *the slow/fast/overtaking lane of a motorway.* **4** vanzam lole tangphawlawng pawl ih feh kelnak zawn: *shipping lanes* ○ *ocean lanes.* **5** ti leuh le tlan zuam awknak ih theihthiamnak dingih rinmi, a tlangkham: *The world champion is in lane four.* ⇒ Usage at PATH.

**language** /'læŋgwɪdʒ/ **n** **1** [U] ʔong: *the origins of language* ○ [attrib] *the development of language skills in young children.* **2** [C] mipun khat ih hmanmi ʔong: *the Bantu group of languages* ○ *one's native language* ○ *a second, a foreign, an acquired language.* **3** [U] mi pakhat ih ʔong a hman dan: *His language was uncompromising: he told them their work must improve or they would be fired.* ○ *bad/strong/foul language*, ie words considered improper, eg those marked ⚠ in this dictionary ○ *everyday language*, ie not specialized or technical. **4** [U] mi pawl khat ih hman kelmi tong um dan: *the language of science, drug users, the courtroom* ○ *medical language.* **5** [C, U] thu thanawknak hmanmi, theih thiamnak tuahmi, mithmai kutke cangvaih dan: *Music has been called the universal language.* ○ *the language of flowers* ○ *body, sign language* ○ *This theory can only be expressed in mathematical language.* **6** [C, U] (computing) computer zir tikah cangandan amah computer ih simmi: *BAISIC is the language most programmers learn first.* **7** (idm) **speak the same language** ⇒ SPEAK.

□ **language laboratory** ʔong aw khumnak thilri thaw n a khatmi ʔong zirnak inn khan.

**languid** /'læŋgwɪd/ **adj** thazaang nei lo/sam/khulfung: *languid movements* ○ *speak with a languid drawl.*

▷ **languidly** **adv.**

**languish** /'læŋgwɪʃ/ **v** [I] (fml) **1** cahnak nei lo/cahnak sam: *Since the war the industry has gradually languished.* ○ *The children soon began to languish in the heat.* **2** ~ (for sb/sth) ruahnak vek ih thil cang thei lo ruangah retheih le ʔumtawl simi: *languish for love, company, sympathy.* **3** ~ (in/under sth) rethei rero ih

- um: *He languished in poverty for years.* ○ *languishing under foreign domination.*  
 ▷ **languishing** *adj* (of looks, etc) zaangfakza zet ih ummi: *a languishing sight.*
- languor** /'læŋgə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] baang le ʈhopʈheeng. **2** [sing] hnangamnak ruat le suangtuah in daite ih um: *music that induces a delightful languor.* **3** [U] thawthawt pit cecet ih thawthaang um lo: *the hazy languor of a summer's afternoon.*  
 ▷ **languorous** /'læŋgərəs/ *adj.*  
**languorously** *adv.*
- lank** /læŋk/ *adj* **1** (of hair) a ding ih a neem. **2** (of a person) a sang ih a ʈawl; mi hreu.
- lanky** /'læŋki/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (of a person) zohrem loih sang le ʈawl: *a lanky teenager.*  
 ▷ **lankiness** *n* [U].
- lanolin** (also **lanoline**) /'lænəlɪn/ *n* [U] vun parih thuhmi tuuhmul ihsin laak mi hriak.
- lantern** /'læntən/ *n* **1** (usu portable) a ken zaangkhaumi mei inn. **2** (architecture) inn khan tlunlam, lole, luanglu a bial ih tuahmi inn parih tukvirh, lole, a ong tuahmi (thli le tleu lutnak ah).  
 □ **lantern jaws** kahberuh zum. **lantern-jawed** *adj.*
- lanthanide** /'lænθənaɪd/ *n* (chemistry) atom nambat pek dan ah 57 in 71 karlak nambat 15 sungih pakhat khat.
- lanthanum** /'lænθənəm/ *n* [U] (chemistry) thir, dar, sui tivek rawinak le thlalang tuahnak ih hmanmi ngun vek varmi thir phunkhat.
- lanyard** /'lænjəd/ *n* **1** namte, lole, phirit thlaihnak ah hngawng orh hri. **2** (nautical) tipar thilri thlaihnak hri.
- lap**<sup>1</sup> /læp/ *n* cawn, kawng (to tikah): *Come and sit on Grandpa's lap!* ○ *She had fallen asleep with an open book in her lap.* **2** cawn khuhtu hnipuan: *She gathered the fallen apples and carried them in her lap.* **3** (idm) **drop/dump sth in sb's lap** (infml) mi pakhat parah tuah ding ʈuanvo zem/pek: *You've got to deal with this — don't try and dump it in my lap.* **in the lap of the gods** (of future events) theih thei si hrih lomi. **in the lap of luxury** duh tawk nuam zet ih um.  
 □ **lap-dog** *n* duat zet mi ui faate.
- lap**<sup>2</sup> /læp/ *v* (**-pp-**) **1** [Tn.pr] ~ **A round B/ ~ B in A** thil pakhat ih tuam: *lap a bandage round the wrist/the wrist in a bandage.* **2** [I, Tn] (cause sth to) thil a khuh/a thuah; tlan zuamnak ah velkhat in mi a hleih: *She's lapped all the other runners.*  
 ▷ **lap n 1** thil pakhat parih a thuah awk zat. **2** tlanzuamnak tualrawn ih vel khat: *The leading car crashed midway through the tenth lap.* ○ *do a lap of honour*, ie make a ceremonial circuit of a race-track, etc after winning a contest. **3** khualtlawnnak ih ʈhen khat: *The next lap of our trip takes us into the mountains.* **4** (idm) **the last lap** ⇨ **LAST**<sup>1</sup>.
- lap**<sup>3</sup> /læp/ *v* (**-pp-**) **1** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth (up)** (esp of animals) ramsa pawl ti/a ti tivek liak: *a dog noisily lapping water.* **2** [I, Ipr] (of water) (ti) ti awn: *waves lapping on a beach, against the side of a boat, etc.* **3** (phr v) **lap sth up** (infml) pawrhnak, thuthang, thil ʈha ngah tikah hlawptlo zet, duhham zet ih cohlanmi: *He tells her all those lies and she just laps them up.* ○ *The film got terrible reviews but the public are lapping it up*, ie going to see it in great numbers. ○ *lap up sunshine, knowledge, company.*  
 ▷ **lapping** *n* [U]: *the gentle lapping of the waves.*
- lapel** /lə'pel/ *n* kawt angki/jekin ʈang ih thluah sukmi khawla (collar): *What is that badge on your lapel?*
- lapidary** /'læpɪdəri; US -deri/ *adj* (fml) **1** [attrib] lung mankhung, lole, lungto menmen tanmi/hnawt naal mi, lole, cangan khuarmi. **2** (approx) felfai le remcangmi: *a lapidary inscription, proverb, speech, etc.*  
 ▷ **lapidary** *n* lungman khung aattu, hnawttu le khuartu.
- lapis lazuli** /'læpɪs 'læzjʊli; US 'læzəli/ *n* (**a**) [U, C] lung mankhung vek a si zikte mi/lung mankhung zikzik a simi a pawl ih tleumi. (**b**) [U] cui pianrong: [attrib] *a sea of lapis lazuli blue.*
- lapse** /læps/ *n* **1** hngilh pang le poisa deuh loin um ruangih thil tisual mi: *A brief lapse in the final set cost her the match.* ○ *It was a superb performance, despite occasional lapses of intonation.* **2** ~ (**from sth**) (**into sth**) si kelnak ihsin ʈha lo deuh ih cang vivo/dungsip: *Wives were expected to forgive their husbands' lapses*, ie forgive them when they were unfaithful. ○ *The debate was marred by a brief lapse into unpleasant name-calling.* ○ *a lapse from grace*, ie becoming out of favour. **3** a liam zomi caan: *after a lapse of six months.* **4** (law) (hman nawn lo ruangih) covo cemter.  
 ▷ **lapse v 1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**from sth**) (**into sth**) mah si kel hnakin a sia lam pan, ʈumsuk: *lapse back into bad habits* ○ *a lapsed Catholic.* **2** [Ipr] ~ **into sth** thil dangah va pil vivo, lole, va cang deuhdeuh: *She lapsed into a coma.* **3** [I] (law) hman nawn lo, thasuah nawn lo ruangih covo sunralnak: *He didn't get any compensation because his insurance policy had lapsed.*  
 □ **lapse rate** leilung a san vivo vekin thlitha a duai vivonak.
- lapwing** /'læpwɪŋ/ (also **peewit, pewit**) *n* a dum le raang rawi mi tipar vaak vate fate phunkhat.
- larceny** /'lɑ:səni/ *n* (law) [C, U] mi thil fir.  
 ▷ **larcenous** /'lɑ:sənəs/ *adj.*
- larch** /lɑ:tʃ/ *n* (**a**) [C] a kung a saang ih a hnah a ʈil theimi farthing phunkhat. (**b**) cuvek thingkung ih thing-ah (inn saknak thing).
- lard** /lɑ:d/ *n* [U] rawl suannak ih hmanmi vok thau/hriak.  
 ▷ **lard v 1** [Tn] voksa a semsem ih hei kan, roast ih kio: *Lean meat can be larded to keep it*

*moist in the oven.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth with sth** (often derog) hei mawiter/thatter: *a lecture larded with obscure quotations.*

**larder** /lɑ:də(r)/ *n* (esp formerly) bizu, lole, rawl retnak khan fate. Cf PANTRY.

**large** /lɑ:dʒ/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** a tum: *A large family needs a large house. She inherited a large fortune.* ○ *He has a large appetite*, ie eats a lot. ○ (euph) *a large (ie fat) lady.* **2** a kau, a sau: *an official with large powers* ○ *take the large view* ○ *a book dealing with large themes* ○ *large and small farmers.* ⇨ Usage at BIG. **3** (idm) (as) **large as life** (joc) mithmuh/hmaiton a simi, a si taktakmi: *And there she was as large as life!* **bulk large** ⇨ BULK *v.* **by and large** zate huap ih ruat tikah: *By and large, the company's been pretty good to me.* **larger than life** zum vaang seh ti in hei pawrh ih rel: [attrib] *The hero appears as a larger-than-life character.* **writ large** ⇨ WRIT. ⇨ **large n** (idm) **at large** (a) (of a criminal, animal, etc) (misual, ramsa tivek pawl) luat; zalen ih um: *The escaped prisoner is still at large.* (b) thil a terek tiang khawih thluh in/a zate in/famkim zet in: *The question is discussed at large in my report.* (c) (used after a *n*) a zate parah/a zaraan in/a tam bik ah: *the opinion of students, voters, society, etc at large.*

**largely** *adv* a si bik theitawh in: *His success was largely due to luck.*

**largeness** *n* [U].

**largish** *adj* tum nawn.

□ **large-scale** *adj* [esp attrib] **1** huapkau takin/thupi takin: *a large-scale police search.* **2** (of a map, model, etc) zuk sungah kau le tumpi ih langter.

**largess** (also **largesse**) /lɑ:dʒes/ *n* [U] **1** mah hnak ih sinak/hnaŋuan nauta hnen ah siang zet ih paisa, thil pek. **2** hi tivek ih thil hei pek mi.

**largo** /lɑ:gəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s), *adv* (music) awnmawi fuungzet le ropi zet ih tum/sak: *The second movement is a largo.*

**lariat** /læriət/ *n* (esp US) rangkaihnak hri a sau zetmi.

**lark<sup>1</sup>** /lɑ:k/ *n* **1** aw ring le ʈha vate fate phunkhat khat. **2** (idm) **be/get up with the lark** tuante thawh.

**lark<sup>2</sup>** /lɑ:k/ *n* (usu sing) (infml) **1** panghel, capohnak: *The boys didn't mean any harm — they were only having a lark.* ○ *They stole the car for a lark, but now they're in trouble.* ○ *What a lark!* ie How amusing! **2** (Brit ironic) (esp) thil ti nuam lo zetmi: *I don't much like this queuing lark.*

⇨ **lark v** [I, Ip] ~ (about/around) thuruahnak nei lo ih lek/panghel zet: *Stop larking about and get on with your work.*

**larkspur** /lɑ:kspɜ:(r)/ *n* a par tikah mepian, senpawl, le a raang a simi hman pangpar phunkhat.

**larva** /lɑ:və/ *n* (pl **larvae** /lɑ:vi:/) nunghring (cucikkharbok) a ti sungin a ra keuh pek — pangang a si laimi (pelep ih a canhlan): *A caterpillar is the larva of a butterfly.*

⇨ **larval** /lɑ:vl/ *adj* [attrib]: *in a larval state.*

**larynx** /læriŋks/ *n* (pl **larynges** /læ'rindʒi:z/) (anatomy) aw suahnak hrok.

⇨ **laryngitis** /lariŋgitis/ *n* [U] (medical) hrok thling nat.

**lasagne** (also **lasagna**) /lə'zænjə/ *n* [U] (a) arti le sangvut rialbek mi rawl, khauhsuai vek a si ih a per tlang pipi tuahmi. (b) hi vek ih tuahmi le sahme, kawhang, cawhnawi-khal pawl rawh caarmi.

**Lascar** /læskə(r)/ *n* E Indies tikulh ram pawl ih tangphawlawng hnaŋuan.

**lascivious** /lə'si:vɪəs/ *adj* nu le pa tisa pawl awk duhnak nei/hivek hiarnak neihter, hiarter.

⇨ **lasciviously** *adv.*

**lasciviousness** *n* [U].

**laser** /leɪzə(r)/ *n* tleu ih hmual (thacahnak) a suahtertu thilri: [attrib] *laser beams, radiation, physics* ○ *a laser-guided missile.*

**lash<sup>1</sup>** /læʃ/ *n* **1** [C] sorfung (mi vuaknak) ih a neemnak zawn. **2** [C] sorfung thawh thawi: (fig) *feel the lash of sb's tongue*, ie be spoken to harshly or cruelly by sb. **3 the lash** [sing] (formerly) sorfung hmanhah cawhkuan pek (thawi): *sailors sentenced to the lash.* **4** [C] = EYELASH (EYE 1).

**lash<sup>2</sup>** /læʃ/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] thawi; thil pakhat khat ih mi/thil hei khawng, deng: *rain lashing (down) on the roof, against the windows, etc* ○ *waves lashing the shore* ○ *lashed the horses with a stick* ○ (fig) *politicians regularly lashed (ie strongly criticized) in the popular press.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] sorfung hman vekih cangvaiter: *a tiger lashing its tail angrily to and fro/from side to side.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (into sth)** thilung thawhter: *a speech cleverly designed to lash the audience into a frenzy.* **4** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **A to B/A and B together** hri thawh fekte'n ʈawn. **5** (phr v) **lash sth down** thil pakhat hmunkhat ah fekte'n ʈawn: *lash down the cargo on the deck.* **lash out (at/against sb/sth)** kuttum in mi thong (ʈhua, sai, thawi) vukvi, lole, ʈongka in mi va sawh: *The horse lashed out with its back legs.* ○ *He lashed out at the opposition's policies.* **lash out (on sth)** (infml) tangka (paisa) hmanghlo ʈheh: *Let's lash out and have champagne.* ○ *This is no time to lash out on a new stereo.*

**lashing** /læʃɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C] sorfung ih thawi; thawi: *He gave the poor donkey a terrible lashing.* **2** [C] thil ʈawnnak hri, thil pawl ʈawn khawmnak hri — thil hmunkhat ah ʈawn thei loi ʈawn.

**3 lashings** [pl] (Brit infml) ~ **s (of sth)** tampi: *lashings of cream on one's fruit salad.*

**lass** /læs/ (also **lassie** /læsi/) *n* (esp in Scotland and N England) nunau no; fala note. Cf LADDIE.



**lassitude** /ləsɪtjuːd; US -tʊd/ n [U] (fml) thinlung, ruangpi baang zet.

**lasso** /lə'suː/ n (pl ~ **s** or ~ **es**) hrisaupi a zim ah a rek thei ih tuahmi hrikual — rang le caw kaihnaak, hri thanghlim.

▷ **lasso** v [Tn] hivek hri hmang: *lassoing wild horses.*

**last**<sup>1</sup> /lɑːst; US læst/ adj **1** a neta bik, nekhor, a net: *December is the last month of the year.* ○ *the last Sunday in June* ○ *the last time I saw her* ○ *the last two/the two last people to arrive.* Cf FIRST<sup>1</sup>. **2** [attrib] atu naibik a simi: *last night, week, month, summer, year, etc* ○ *last Tuesday/on Tuesday last* ○ *in/for/during the last fortnight, few weeks, two decades, etc* ○ *I thought her last book was one of her best.* ⇒ Usage at LATE 1. **3** [esp attrib] netabik a taangmi, a netabik simi, nekhor: *This is our last bottle of wine.* ○ *He knew this was his last hope of winning.* ○ *I wouldn't marry you if were the last person on earth.* **4** a si lo bik awm; a remcang lo-bik: *the last thing I'd expect him to do* ○ *She's the last person to trust with a secret.* **5** (idm) **at one's last gasp** netabik thasuah; thih hlan le tha cem hlan ih tumtah: *The team were at their last gasp when the whistle went.* **be on one's/its last legs** derdai; tha nawn lo: *My car's on its last legs — it keeps breaking down.* **draw one's first/last breath** ⇒ DRAW<sup>2</sup>. **every last/sing one, etc** rualkhat ih um a zozo khal: *we spent every last penny we had on the house.* **famous last words** ⇒ FAMOUS. **first/last; next but one, two, three, etc** ⇒ FIRST<sup>1</sup>. **first/last thing** ⇒ THING. **have the last laugh** a netnak ih ralpawl neh thluhnak. **have, etc the last word** eel awknak ih a netbik thuri thennak: *We can all make suggestions, but the manager has the last word.* **in the last/final analysis** ⇒ ANALYSIS. **in the last resort; (as) a one's last resort** (person or thing one turns to) beidong ngah hnu ih panmi: *In the last resort we can always walk home.* ○ *I've tried everyone else and now you're my last resort.* **one's last/dying breath** ⇒ BREATH. **the last ditch** nunnak dingih netabik cangvai; luatnak dingih tuahmi: [attrib] *a last ditch stand.* **the last minute/moment** thil pakhat a can deuh hlan ih caan netbik: *change one's plans at the last minute* ○ *We always leave our packing to/till the last moment.* ○ [attrib] *a last-minute dash for the train.* **the last lap** khualtlawnnak ih a netbik caan; zuam awknak a netbik: *We're on the last lap, so don't slacken!* **the last/final straw** ⇒ STRAW. **the last word (in sth)** netabik susak, sanman, uarmi thil: *Ten years ago this dress was considered the last word in elegance.* **the last word (on sth)** thu a fiangtertu bik: *a book which may fairly claim to be the last word on the subject.* **say/be one's last word (on sth)** neta bik ruahnak, ruatcat ding pekmi: *I've said my last word — take it or leave it.* ○ *I hope that's*

*not your last word on the subject.* **to a man/to the last man** ⇒ MAN. **a week last Monday, etc** ⇒ WEEK.

▷ **last** n **1** the ~ (of sb/sth) (pl unchanged) a netabik: *These are the last of our apples.* ○ *We invited Bill, Tom and Sue — the last being Bill's sister.* **2** (idm) **at (long) last** a netnak ahcun: *At last we were home!* ○ *At long last a compromise was agreed on.* **breathe one's last** ⇒ BREATHE<sup>3</sup>. **hear/see the last of sb/sth** (a) mi pakhat netabik hmuh/theihtanak: *That was the last I ever saw of her.* (b) netabik theihtha/hmuhtami thil/minung: *It would be a mistake to assume we've heard the last of this issue.* **to/till the last** a net tiangin: *He died protesting his innocence to the last.*

**lastly** a netbik ah: *Lastly, we're going to visit Athens, and fly home from there.*

□ **the Last Judgement** = JUDGEMENT DAY (JUDGEMENT).

**last name** hmin netnak (hmin pathum lakih a neta bik).

**the last post** ralkap sungah ni luh (zanlam) caan le mithi phum tawkih tawtawrawt phawt.

**the last rites** thih zik cuahco zawngih thlacamsaknak: *administer the last rites to sb.*

**the Last Supper** (religion) Khrih le a dungthluntu pawl zanriah a neta bik ei khawmnak.

#### EXPRESSING TIME

When referring to days, weeks, etc in the past, present and future the following expressions are used, speaking from a point of view in the present.

	PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
morning	yesterday	this morning,	tomorrow
afternoon	morning,	etc	morning, etc
evening	etc		
night	last night	tonight	tomorrow night
day	yesterday	today	tomorrow
week	last week	this week	next week
month	last month	this month	next month
year	last year	this year	next year

**last**<sup>2</sup> /lɑːst; US læst/ adv **1** a netabik ih ra suah: *He came last in the race.* ○ *This country ranks last in industrial output.* Cf FIRST<sup>2</sup>. **2** atu caan hlante deuh ih thil a simi: *I saw him last/last saw him in New York two years ago.* ○ *They last defeated England in 1972.* **3** (idm) **first and last** ⇒ FIRST. **he who laughs last laughs longest** ⇒ LAUGH. **last but not least** (used before the final item in a list) netabik si naan a neep bik a si lo: *And last but not least there is the question of adequate funding.* **last in, first out** netabik hnaṭuan lut

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pawl khal dawī an si thotho ding: *The firm will apply the principle of 'last in, first out'.*

**last**<sup>3</sup> /lɑːst/; US læst/ v 1 [I, In/pr] ~ (for) **sth** rei daih, a ʔang: *The pyramids were really built to last.* ○ *How long do you think this fine weather will last?* ○ *She won't last long in that job — it's too tough.* ○ *The war lasted (for) five years.* 2 [I, Ip, In/pr] ~ (out); ~ (for) **sth** a daih tawk: *Will the petrol last (out) till we reach London?* ○ *enough food to last (us) three days.* ⇒ Usage at TAKE 1. 3 [no passive: Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) tuar cawk, daih cawk: *He's very ill and probably won't last (out) the night, ie will probably die before the morning.*

▷ **lasting** adj rei daih: *a lasting effect, interest, relationship* ○ *a work of lasting significance.*

**last**<sup>4</sup> /lɑːst/; US læst/ n 1 kadam tuahnak ih hmanmi ke vek pianzia thing/thir. 2 (idm) **stick to one's last** ⇒ STICK<sup>2</sup>.

**lat** abbr latitude: *lat 70°N/S*, ie North/South. Cf LONG abbr.

**latch** /lætʃ/ n 1 sangka kharnak tlunih khaimi kothroh. 2 sangka hrennak cabi (sangka parih bencihmi). 3 (idm) **on the latch** (esp of a door) sangka khar naan tawh hren lo.

▷ **latch** v 1 [I, Tn] sangka a hrennak ih hrenmi: *This door won't latch properly.* ○ *Please latch the front gate when you leave.* 2 (phr v) **latch on (to sth)** (infml) simmi theithiam: *He's a bit slow but in the end he latches on.* ○ *I haven't really latched on to what you mean — could you explain it again?* **latch on to sb** (infml) mi pakhat um pi ringringtu (rualpi ih duh zetmi asinan) pawl ringringmi: *He always latches on to me when he sees me at a party.*

□ **latchkey** n inn sangkapi tawh (cabi). **latchkey child** (becoming dated) nu le pa hnaʔuan neihmi ruangah nauhak mahte a kilkhawi awmi.

**late**<sup>1</sup> /leɪt/ adj (-r, -st) 1 [esp pred] tlai, hnu: *My flight was an hour late.* ○ *Because of the cold weather the crops are late this year.* ○ *It's never too late to stop smoking.* ○ *a late marriage* ○ *a late riser*, ie sb who gets out of bed late in the morning. Cf EARLY 2. 2 caan a tlai hnu ah: *till a late hour* ○ *in the late afternoon* ○ *in late summer* ○ *She married in her late twenties, eg when she was 28.* ○ *the late nineteenth century* ○ *a late Victorian house* ○ *Beethoven's late quartets*, ie the last ones he wrote. Cf EARLY 1. 3 [attrib] (esp in the superlative) tu naite: *the latest news* ○ *There were several clashes before this latest incident.* ○ *the latest craze, fashion, vogue, etc* ○ *her latest novel* ○ (fml) *during the late political unrest.* 4 [attrib] (a) nung nawn lomi: *her late husband.* (b) a hlan ih a simi; a ʔuan dahmi: *The late prime minister attended the ceremony.* 5 (idm) **at the latest** a tlaibik ah: *Passengers should check in one hour before their flight time at the latest.* **an early/late night** ⇒ NIGHT. **it's never too late to mend night** ⇒ NIGHT.

**it's never too late to mend** (saying) rem dingah a tlai dah lo. **of late** tu naite ih/ah.

▷ **latish** /leɪtɪʃ/ adj, adv tlai nawn deuh.

□ **latecomer** n tlai ih ratu: *Latecomers will not be admitted until the interval.*

NOTE ON USAGE : **The last** may indicate the final item in a sequence, after which there are no more: *The last bus leaves at 11.15 pm.* ○ *That was the last novel he wrote before he died.* It may also refer to the item before the one being discussed: *I much prefer this job to my last one/ the last one I had.* ○ *The last time we met you had a beard.* **The latest** means 'the most recent': *She always dressed in the latest fashion.* ○ *His latest novel is a great success.* **The latter** refers to the second of two items already mentioned and is rather more formal: *One can travel there by ship or plane. Most people choose the latter.*

**late**<sup>2</sup> /leɪt/ adv 1 tlai ah: *get up, go to bed, arrive home late* ○ *I sat (ie stayed) up late last night.* ○ *She married late.* Cf EARLY 2. 2 caan pakhat ih a nehnu lampi: *It happened late last century — in 1895, to be exact.* ○ *As late as the 1950s tuberculosis was still a threat.* ○ *He became an author quite late in life*, ie when he was quite old. Cf EARLY 1. (idm) **better late than never** ⇒ BETTER<sup>2</sup>. **late in the day** tlai hnu ah: *It's rather late in the day to say you're sorry — the harm's done now.* **later on** nehnu deuh ah: *a few days later on* ○ *At first things went well, but later on we ran into trouble.* **sooner or later** ⇒ SOON.

**lately** /leɪtli/ adv rei hlante ah/tu nai hrawngah: *Have you seen her lately?* ○ *It's only lately that she's been well enough to go out.* ○ *We've been doing a lot of gardening lately.* ⇒ Usage at RECENT.

**latent** /leɪnt/ adj [esp attrib] a um ko naan, a lang hngan ah hmuh a theih lomi: *latent abilities* ○ *a latent infection.*

▷ **latency** /leɪtnəsi/ n [U]. **latency period** (psychology) kum nga tluk in tlangval/falat thawhtir tiang thinlung um dan.

□ **latent heat** thil pakhat a khal in a ti, a ti in a khu ah a can tikah satnak a hlo.

**latent image** (in photography) zuk a canghlan, khawlh hlanah film parih hmuh theih ngaingai lo ih langmi zuk thlaam.

**latent period** natnak kan ngah le natnak kan nei ti theinak caan kar.

**lateral** /lætərəl/ adj [esp attrib] a sir lam ih ummi/a pang: *a lateral vein, artery, limb, etc* ○ *lateral buds, shoots, branches, etc.*

□ **lateral thinking** thubuainak ʔhatternak dingah a si lo/remcang lo zawngih vun daihter duh.

**laterite** /lætərəl/ n [U] lamzin tuahnak ʔha khawhlum ram ih leisen.

**latex** /lɛtɛks/ *n* [U] **1** thinghnaai/rubber hnaai.  
**2** cetzung ih tuahmi thil thuhti, thil erhnak thil hnaang.

**lath** /lɑːθ/ *US* læθ/ *n* (*pl* ~ *s* /lɑːðz/; *US* læðz/) **1** [C] thingfem tluan. **2** [U] (*esp formerly*) a parah mirang leilung tivek (plaster) nalh dingah phar ih sonmi thingtluan: [attrib] *a lath-and-plaster wall*.

**lathe** /leɪð/ *n* thing, thir *pung-san* tuahnak cet.

**lather** /lɑːðə(r)/, also 'læð-; *US* 'læð-/ *n* **1** [U] satpia tivek phulmi: *work up a lather on one's chin*, ie before shaving. **2** [U] rang thlanphul. **3** (idm) **be in/get into a lather** (*infml*) (a) phang le lau in um thiam lo: *She's in a lather about having to speak to such a large crowd*. (b) thinkeng/aithok: *there's no need to get into a lather about it!*

▷ **lather v** **1** [I, Ip] ~ (up) phulter: *Soap will not lather in sea-water*. **2** [Tn] a phul ih thil hei khuh: *lather one's chin before shaving*. **3** [Tn] (*dated infml*) minung, lole, ramsa thil thawn vuak.

**Latin** /'læɪn/; *US* 'lætn/ *n* [U] hlanlai Rome san ih hmanmi ðong le ca.

▷ **Latin adj** **1** Latin ðong le ca thaw ih pehparmi: *Latin poetry*. **2** Latin ihsin a ra piangmi ðonghman, eg France, Italy, Portugal, Spain: *the Latin temperament, landscape*. Cf ROMANCE.

**Latinist** *n* Latin ðong zir le hman thiammi.

□ **Latin America** Spain, lole, Portugal ðong hmanak Ameria a lai le America thlangta ram pawl. **Latin-American** *n*, *adj* (native) hi ram minung pawl.

**the Latin Church** RC biaknak (Bu).

Latin cross a tanglam tluan a sau deuh cuangmi thinglamtah.

**the Latin Quarter** Paris khawsung Seine tava kap tlawngta le zukuai pawl umnak.

**latitude** /'læɪtɪtjuːd/; *US* -tʊd/ *n* **1** (*abbr lat*) [U] ruahnak in a rin um timi equator sak le thlang leilungpi kimvel phei rin. **2** **latitudes** [pl] equator ihsin a nai le hlatnak: *high/low latitudes*, ie regions far from/near to the equator. **3** [U] dawnkhamtu um loih thuruah theinak le um huahhonak: *They allow their children too much latitude, in my view; they should be stricter*.

▷ **latitudinal** /'læɪtɪtjuːdɪnəl/; -'tʊdən/ *adj* [attrib]: *latitudinal variation*.

**latitudinarian** /'læɪtɪtjuːdɪneəriən/; *US* -tʊdɪneəri-/ *n*, *adj* (*fml*) (person who is) ruahnak kau zet nei le ruahsak thiamtu — a bik ah biaknak lam.

**latrine** /læ'triːn/ *n* leukua laihmi pawng thawhnak (ekinn).

**latter** /'lætə(r)/ *adj* (*fml*) [attrib] caan neta lam deuh/caan neta sawn: *the latter half of the year* ○ *in the latter part of her life*.

▷ **the latter** *n*, *pron* thil pahnih lole minung pahnih ah a neta deuh: *Many support the former alternative, but personally I favour the latter (one)*. ⇒ Usage at LATE 1.

**latterly** *adv* tunai sung, tunai hrawng. Cf FORMER.

□ **latter-day** *adj* [attrib] sanman, tunai: *latter-day technology* ○ *They see themselves as latter-day crusading knights*. **Latter-day Saints** Mormon biaknak pawl ih anmah le anmah an kawhawknak hmin.

**lattice** /'lætɪs/ (also **lattice-work**) *n* [U, sing] **1** tukvirh, puanthlaih zarnak, hman kulhnak, thilhri zamnak tivek ah a kalh-aw ih tuahmi: (a) *steel-work placed around dangerous machinery*. **2** hivek thil tuah dan a simi: *peering through the lattice of tall reeds*.

□ **lattice window** thlang le a khaptu phundang zet ih tuahmi tukvirh.

**laud** /lɔːd/ *v* [Tn] (*fml or rhet*) thangthat, porh: *a much-laude production*.

**laudable** /'lɔːdəbl/ *adj* (*fml*) porhtlak: *a laudable ambition, endeavour, enterprise, etc* ○ *Her work for charity is highly laudable*.

▷ **laudably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**laudanum** /'lɔːdənəm/ *n* [U] (*esp formerly*) thinlung daihternak ihmutnak hrangih tuahmi bing.

**laudatory** /'lɔːdətəri/; *US* -tɔːri/ *adj* (*fml*) mi va thangthat.

**laugh** /lɑːf/; *US* læf/ *v* **1** [I] hni, hnihsan: *laugh aloud/out loud* ○ *He's so funny — he always makes me laugh*. ○ *Don't laugh* (ie think me ridiculous), but *I've decided to teach myself Chinese*. **2** [I] hnihdh theinak, poisat lonak: *a man who laughs in the face of danger* ○ *She hasn't got much to laugh about, poor woman*.

**3** (idm) **he who laughs last laughs longest** (*saying*) (used as a warning against expressing joy or triumph too soon) lungawinak, lole, nehnak kha zamrang tukih langter lo ding tihi ralin peknak. **laugh in sb's face** mi ziangsiar lo.

**laugh like a drain** (*infml*) ringzet ih hni. **laugh on the other side of one's face** (*infml*) lungkim lungnom zetnak in lungsiat le sir awknak ah thleng: *He'll be laughing on the other side of his face when he reads this letter*. **laugh sb/sth out of court** (*infml*) hmuhsuamnak thawn dawi, suah, cemter: *Their allegations were simply laughed out of court*. **laugh oneself silly/sick** hnihtuknak ah thinlung dik lo. **laugh till/until one cries** mitthli tlak tiangih hni. **laugh sb/sth to scorn** (*fml*) hmuhsuam/setet. **laugh up one's sleeve** (*at sb/sth*) (*infml*) a thupteih hnihsuak, hnihsan: *She knew the truth all along and was laughing up her sleeve at us*. **4** (phr v) **laugh at sb/sth** (a) mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat in a hni suakter: *laugh at a comedian, a joke*. (b) minung, lole, thil pakhat hmuhsuam: *We all laughed at Jane when she said she believed in ghosts*. (c) minung, lole, thil ziangsiar lo: *laugh at danger*. **laugh sth away** thinlung ih tuarmi hloseh tihi hnihsan: *He tried without success to laugh her fears away*. **laugh**

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**sb/sth down** duh lo ruangih nautat ih hnihsan: *laugh down a speaker, a proposal. laugh sth off* (infml) thil poisa lo ti langter: *An actor has to learn to laugh off bad reviews.* ○ *There was an embarrassing silence after her indiscreet remark but she was able to laugh it off.* **laugh sb out of sth** khawruah harnak hloseh tihi hni ko ih tuah: *He could tell she was in a bad mood, and tried to laugh her out of it.*

▷ **laugh n 1** hni: *give, let out, break into, utter, etc a (laud) laugh* ○ *a cynical, gentle, polite, hearty, etc laugh* ○ *I recognized him by his raucous, penetrating laugh.* **2** (infml) hnihsuakza: *And he didn't realize it was you? What a laugh!* ○ (ironic) *Her, offer to help? That's a laugh!* ○ *He's a real laugh — such fun to be with.* **3** (idm) **have the last laugh** ⇒ LAST<sup>1</sup>. **raise a laugh/smile** ⇒ RAISE.

**laughable** /-əbl/ *adj* (derog) hnihsuak/hnihsuakza: *a laughable attempt to discredit the Government.*

**laughably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**laughing** /'lɑ:fiŋ; US 'læfiŋ/ *adj* **1** hnih hmuhihmel nomter: *laughing faces.* **2** (idm) **be laughing** (sl) lungkimza, dawt-umza: *It's all right for you, with a good job and a nice house — you're laughing.* **be no laughing matter** capoh men ding si lo. **die laughing** ⇒ DIE<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **laughingly** *adv* **1** lungkimza zetin. **2** (often derog) hnihsuakza zet in: *They're fond of holding what are laughingly known as literary soirées.*

□ **laughing gas** *n* [U] = NITROUS OXIDE (NITROUS). **laughing-stock** *n* (esp sing) hnihsuakza minung/thil: *His constant blunders made him the laughing-stock of the whole class.*

**laughter** /'lɑ:ftə(r); 'læf-/ *n* [U] hnihzia, hnih-aw, lolé, hnih dan: *roar with laughter* ○ *tears of laughter* ○ *a house full of laughter*, ie with a happy relaxed atmosphere.

**launch** /'lɔ:ntʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] hei cangter, a fehnak zawn nei ih cangvaiter: *launch a blow, a missile, a torpedo, a satellite* ○ (fig) *launch threats, insults, etc at sb.* **2** [Tn] tangphawlawng ti sung/par ih thlak, lolé, fehter: *the Queen is to launch a new warship today.* ○ *The lifeboat was launched immediately to rescue the four men.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] thok: *launch an attack/offensive (against the enemy)* ○ *The company is launching a new model next month.* ○ *he's launching his son on a career in banking.* **4** (phr v) **launch (out) into sth** tumtahnak zawn ih cangvai: *He launched into a long series of excuses for his behaviour.* ○ *She wants to be more than just a singer and is launching out into films*, ie starting a career as a film actress. **launch out at sb** taksapum in, lolé, tóngka in mi va tawng/do: *He suddenly launched out at me for no reason at all.* ▷ **launch n** (esp sing) tangphawlawng, vanzam, thilthar tuahmi zuanter/fehter: *the launch of*

*their new saloon received much media coverage.*

□ **launching pad** (also **launch pad**) rocket vanleng zam pawl lei in van ih an zuannak ding thil donmi/tangphah thil.

**launch<sup>2</sup>** /'lɔ:ntʃ/ *n* lawng tumpi.

**launder** /'lɔ:ndə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] (fml) hnipuan sawp ih puanhnawtnak thirsa (is-ta-ri) ih hnawt: *Send these shirts to be laundered.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] (fig) a thuhla thup ngah dingah firmi paisa kha ramdang tangka zung pawl le sumtuahnak hmunpi pawl ah ret/thawn: *The gang laundered the stolen money through their chain of restaurants.*

▷ **laundress** /'lɔ:ndris/ *n* puansawp le thirsa hnawt ih pumcawmtu nunau.

**launderette** (also **laundrette**) /'lɔ:ndə'ret, 'lɔ:ndret/ *n* misenpi in anmai puan fingfing an sawp ih an roternak (thir tangka hmanna cet in).

**laundromat** /'lɔ:ndrəmət/ *n* (propr esp US) launderette.

**laundry** /'lɔ:ndri/ *n* **1** [C] (a) hnipuan sawp, roter le hnawtnak hnaʔuan: *sent to the laundry*, ie attrib ○ *a laundry van.* (b) hnipuan sawp, roter, le hnawtnak rawldawr inn khan. **2** [U] sawp ding le hnawt ding sin puan le puan dang: *There's not much laundry this week* ○ *Did you do the laundry today?* ○ [attrib] *a laundry basket.*

**Laureate** /'lɔ:riət; US 'lɔ:r-/ *n* = POET LAUREATE (POET).

**laurel** /'lɔ:rəl; US 'lɔ:rəl/ *n* **1** [C] a hnah hring ringring ih a naalmi hramkung. **2** (also **laurels** [pl]) hlan Greek le Rome miphun pawl in nehnak le upatnak ih hmanmi cui hnah thawn tuahmi lukhuhkual. **3** (idm) **gain/win one's laurels** hminthannak ngah/upatnak co. **look to one's laurels** mah sinak (upa sinak) tumsuk lo dingih ralrinnak: *There are so many good new actors around that the older ones will soon have to look to their laurels.* **rest on one's laurels** ⇒ REST<sup>1</sup>.

**lav** /læv/ *n* (infml) lavatory — pawng thawhnak a tawizawng nganmi.

**lava** /'lɑ:və/ *n* [U] **1** meisa tlangih a ra luangmi a sami lungto ti. **2** hivek lungto ti a dai ih a hak tikah a khalmi lungto.

**lavatory** /'lævətəri; US -tɔ:ri/ *n* **1** (also **dated water-closet**) tidai toihnak ummi pawngthawhnak inn. **2** hivek thil a kim ih ummi pawngthawhnak khaan, inn. ⇒ Usage at TOILET.

**lavender** /'lævəndə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** (a) sen duppaal par nei mi rimhmui kung. (b) hnipuan pawl rim thawtternak dingah hivek par le kung a car ih tuahmi. **2** sen duppaal rong.

□ **lavender-water** *n* [U] lavender kung/par in tuahmi thil rimthawmi.

**lavish** /'læviʃ/ *adj* **1** ~ (in/of/with sth); ~ (in doing sth) siangzet in tampipi ih pe/suah: *He was lavish with his praise for/lavish in praising the*



project. **2** *tampi*; ti huaihuai: a *lavish display, meal, reception*.

▷ **lavish** *v* (phr *v*) **lavish sth on/upon sb/sth** siangzet ih thil ti/tampipi ih hman: *lavish care on an only child*.

**lavishly** *adv*.

**law** /lɔ:/ *n* **1** [C] upadi: *the new law comes into force next month*. **2** [U] (also **the law**) nundaan le thlun ding upadi: *respect for tribal law* ○ *observe/obey the law* ○ *She acts as if she's above the law*, ie as if the law does not apply to her. ○ *The law is on our side*, ie We are right according to the law. **3** [U] phunsang tlawngih zirni upadi: *read (ie study) law at university*. ○ *He gave up law to become a writer*. ○ [attrib] *a law student*. **4** [C] thil tuahnak ah, lole, lehnak ah thlun ding daan: *the laws of perspective, harmony* ○ *the laws of tennis*. **5** [C] a cang theu mi thil um dan: *the law of gravity* ○ *the laws of motion*. **6** **the law** [sing] (*infml*) palik: *Watch out — here comes the law!* ⇒ **THING**. (idm) **the arm of the law** ⇒ **ARM**<sup>1</sup>. **be a law unto oneself/itself** simcia theih lo, a duhduh ih cangmi: *My car's a law unto itself — I can't rely on it*. **go to law (against sb)** lupu, thukhing (*ta-ya-cuai*). **have the law on sb** (*infml*) palik hnenih thu thlen: *If you do that again I'll have the law on you*. **law and order** daan thlunnak: *a breakdown in/of law and order* ○ *establish, maintain, uphold, etc law and order* ○ [attrib] *a law-and-order policy*. **the law of averages** thu luarkai pakhat a um tikah a khatlam ih thu luarkai thawn khaikhin ih thu laitan hawl ding ti ih zumnak. **the law of the jungle** a cakkik le ziang ruat lo-bik a taang ding a neh ding ti thu um dan. **law down the law** daan thlun ding tuah: *He's always laying down the law about gardening but he really doesn't know much about it*. **the letter of the law** ⇒ **LETTER**. **possession is nine points of the law** ⇒ **POSSESSION**. **take the law into one's own hands** thil tha lo ti ih zummi remtha dingah upadi poisa loin mai thuthu ih cangvaihnak. **there's no law against sth** (*infml*) duhduh ih um: *I'll stay in bed as long as I like — there's no law against it*. **an unwritten law/rule** ⇒ **UNWRITTEN**. ▷ **lawful** /-fəl/ *adj* **1** upadi vekin: *take power by lawful means*. **2** [esp attrib] upadi ih tuah sianmi, upadi vekin: *his lawful heir*. **lawfully** /-fəli/ *adv*.

**lawless** *adj* (**a**) (of a country or area) upadi thlun lonak ram/hmun. (**b**) (of people or actions) upadi upatnak um lo — ziangsiar lo: *a lawless mob looting and destroying shops*.

**lawlessly** *adv*. **lawlessness** *n* [U].

□ **law-abiding** *adj* daan thlun: *law-abiding citizens*.

**law agent** (Scot) sihni — upadi thiammi.

**law-breaker** *n* upadi buartu.

**lawcourt** (also **court of law**) thuṭhennak zung.

Cf **COURT**<sup>1</sup> **1**.

**Law Lord** (in Britain) Mirang ramah upadi lam a ṭuanphah theimi House of Lords sungtel.

**lawmaker** *n* upadi tuahtu.

**lawsuit** (also **suit**) thuṭhennak zungih thurel ding thlenpi; lupu.

**lawn**<sup>1</sup> /lɔ:n/ *n* [C, U] hrampi khuhmi tualrawn: *In summer we mow our lawn once a week*. ○ *The house has half an acre of lawn*. ○ *a croquet lawn*.

□ **lawn-mower** *n* hrampi aahnak cet.

**lawn tennis** (*fml*) = **TENNIS**.

**lawn**<sup>2</sup> /lɔ:n/ *n* [U] hnipuan hrang pathri naal phun.

**lawyer** /lɔ:jə(r)/ *n* upadi thiamtu (*sih-ni*): *Don't sign anything until you've consulted a lawyer*. Cf **ADVOCATE** *n* **2**, **ATTORNEY** **2**, **BARRISTER**.

**lax** /læks/ *adj* thuhla khauhkhah lomi/ol-aite ih ummi: *lax security, behaviour, regulations* ○ *He's too lax with his pupils*.

▷ **laxity** /læksəti/ *n* [U]. **laxly** *adv*.

**laxative** /læksətiv/ *n*, *adj* (medicine, food or drink) sungdok si, sungdawnak rawl le thil a ti: *If you're constipated you may need a laxative*.

**lay**<sup>1</sup> /leɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **laid** /leɪd/)

▷ **PLACING SOMETHING IN A CERTAIN POSITION OR ON A SURFACE** **1** (**a**) [Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] thil/minung thil parih re/ret: *lay the book on the table* ○ *lay the blanket over the sleeping child* ○ *lay oneself down to sleep* ○ *He laid his hand on my shoulder*. ○ *The horse laid back its ears*. ○ *The storm laid the crops flat*. (**b**) [Tn, Tn-pr] a remcang dingih thil hei ret/rem zet ih ret: *lay a carpet, cable, pipe* ○ *lay the foundations of a house* ○ *lay the table*, ie put plates, cutlery, etc on it for a meal ○ *A bricklayer lays bricks to make a wall*. ○ *They are laying new sewers along the road*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A (on/over B)**; ~ **B with A** thil pakhat parah thil hei darh, thuah; hnih bet: *lay the paint evenly* ○ *lay straw everywhere* ○ *lay carpeting on the floor/lay the floor with carpeting*. ⇒ Usage at **LIE**<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **CAUSING SOMEBODY OR SOMETHING TO BE IN A CERTAIN STATE** **3** [Tn-pr] (*fml*) pakhat khat ah umter, siter: *lay sb under an obligation (ie oblige sb) to do sth* ○ *lay new laws before parliament*. **4** [Tn] thil a sinigte ih umter: *sprinkle water to lay the dust*. **5** [Tn] naal ko, ding ko ih tuah: *using hair cream to lay the hair sticking up at the back*. **6** [Tn] (*fml*) der ko, deem ko ih tuah: *lay sb's fears, doubts, suspicions, etc*.

▷ **OTHER MEANINGS** **7** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-f no passive] ~ **sth (on sth)** thil pakhat a si le si lo dingah paisa hei thaap: *gamblers laying their stakes in roulette* ○ *How much did you lay on that race?* ○ *I'll lay you £5 that she won't come*. **8** [Tn esp passive] (Δ *sl*) (of a man) nunau pakhat va ihpi: *get laid*. **9** [I, Tn] (of birds, insects,

**L**

etc) ramsa (vate tivek, ar tivek) ti tit (eggs): *The hens are not laying well* (ie not producing many eggs) *at the moment*. ○ *The cuckoo lays its eggs in other birds' nests*. ○ *new-laid eggs at 90p a dozen*. **10** (in some combinations of *lay* + *n* + *prep/infinite*, having the same meaning as a *v* related in form to the *n*, eg *lay the emphasis on certain points* = *emphasize certain points*) a duhnak tarlang: *lay stress on neatness*, ie stress it ○ *Who should we lay the blame on?* ie *Who should we blame?* ○ *lay (one's) plans* (ie *plan*) *to do sth* ○ *lay a trap for* (ie *prepare to trap*) *sb*. **11** (idm) **lay it on (thick/with a trowel)** (infml) a hleifuan ih pawrh: *To call him a genius is laying it on a bit (too thick)!* (For other idioms containing **lay**, see entries for *ns*, *adjs*, etc, eg **lay one's hands on sb/sth** ⇒ *HAND*<sup>1</sup>; **lay sth bare** ⇒ *BARE*<sup>1</sup>.)

**12** (phr v) **lay a bout one (with sth)** a kimvel thawi ciamco: *As we approached her, she laid about her with a stick*. **lay about sb/sth (with sth)** minung/thil hro le kawc ciamco, lole, mi va thawi ciamco: *She laid about him, calling him a liar and a cheat*.

**lay sth aside** (fml) (a) a dangah ret: *I laid my book aside, turned off the light and went to sleep*. (b) thil tuah laimi thlah/bansan: *lay aside one's studies, one's responsibilities*. (c) (also **lay sth by**) hmailam ih hman dingih retsung/khawlhrih: *lay some money aside for one's old age*.

**lay sth away** (US) tangka a thang ngah sal, lole, a thang thawn ngahsal dingih paisa ret.

**lay sth down** (a) ret — hmanlai dingih ret: *lay down claret*. (b) thil tuah hram hei thok: *lay down a new ship, railway track*. (c) (fml) thil tuahmi bansan, thlah: *lay down one's office, duties*. **lay sth down; lay it down that...** thlunding thu tuah: *You can't lay down hard and fast rules*. ○ *It is laid down that all applicants must sit a written exam*.

**lay sth in** thil hman ding, eg rawl tivek mah hman ding rak khawl/ret: *lay in food, coal, supplies, etc*.

**lay into sb/sth** (infml) mi/thil pakhat besia zet ih thawi, lole, that lonak tong ciamco/mi sualnak hei sawh ciamco: *He really laid into her, saying she was arrogant and unfeeling*.

**lay off** (sb) (infml) mi va hnaihnoknak bansan: *lay off!* *You're messing up my hair!* ○ *Lay off him! Can't you see he's badly hurt?* **lay off** (sth) (infml) thil tihnung hmang nawn lo, tuah nawn lo: *I've smoked cigarettes for years, but now I'm going to lay off (them)*. ○ *You must lay off alcohol for a while*. **lay sb off** bang sungter: *They were laid off because of the lack of new orders*.

**lay sth on** (a) thil poihai mi pek/ret supply): *We can't move in until the electricity has been laid on*. (b) (infml) pek, thil rak tuah sak — hman dingih tuah sakcia: *lay on a party, show, trip* ○

*lay on food and drink* ○ *sightseeing tours are laid on for visitors*.

**lay sb out** lung cimit ziang thei lo ko ih thawi/thong/cuum: *The boxer was laid out in the fifth round*. **lay sth out** (a) thil hman ding, lole, zoh dingih hei pharh: *beautiful jewellery laid out in the shop window* ○ *Please lay out all the clothes you want to take on holiday*. (b) (often passive) tumtah vekih thil rak tuah: *lay out a town, garden* ○ *a well laid out magazine*. (c) (infml) paisa thil leinak ih hman: *I had to lay out a fortune on that car*. (d) mithi phum dingih timtuah.

**lay over** (US) khualtlawn lai lamlak ih cawl: *We laid over in Arizona on the way to California*. Cf STOP OVER (STOP<sup>1</sup>).

**lay sb up** (usu passive) dam lo ruangih ihkhun parih it ringring: *She's laid up with a broken leg*. ○ *I've been laid up with flu for a week*. **lay sth up** (a) thil khawl: *lay up supplies, fuel, etc*. (b) mawtaw, lawng tivek hman theih nawn lo mi hmunkhat ih ret: *lay a ship up for repairs* ○ *I've been laid up with flu for a week*. **lay sth up (for oneself)** thil pakhat tuah le tuah lo ruangah mai ton dingmi hmailam harsatnak: *You're only laying up trouble (for yourself) by not mending that roof now*.

▷ **lay n** (Δ *sl esp sexist*) ihpi mi (a bik in nunau): *an easy lay*, ie person who is ready and willing to have sexual intercourse.

□ **layaway n** [U] (US) thil lei tikah a hrekhat hrang lawng pekcia ih a hrekhat a zuartu hnenah ret hrih in, a man zate pek lawngah a tanglai thil lak theih a si mi thil lei awk dan: *She buys her Xmas presents on layaway*.

**lay-off n** (a) hnaŋuantu a laang ih baan sungternak, cawlhter sungnak: *many lay-offs among factory workers*. (b) hivek banter lawk caan sung: *a long lay-off over the winter*.

**layout n** thil rak tim awk dan: *the layout of rooms in a building* ○ *a magazine's attractive new page layout*.

**lay-over n** (US) khualtlawn tikihei cawhlawkm. Cf STOPOVER (STOP<sup>1</sup>).

**lay<sup>2</sup>** /leɪ/ *adj* [attrib] **1** biaknak ih pastor tivek a si lomi/mi menmen: *a lay preacher*. **2** (a) thil pakhat ah a thei zettu a si lo mi (mi zaran): *lay opinion* ○ *speaking as a lay person*. (b) thil thiam taktak a si lo mi (a bik ah upadi le si lam). □ **layman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) **1** thil/thu thiamnak a thiam taktak/ngaingai lo mi: *a book written for professionals and laymen alike*. **2** zirhtu saya, lole, pastor/puithiam a si lo mi menmen.

**lay<sup>3</sup>** /leɪ/ *n* (arch) hla siarsak ding nganmi.

**lay<sup>4</sup>** *pt of* LIE<sup>2</sup>.

**layabout** /leɪəbaʊt/ *n* (Brit infml) hnaŋuan paih lo, mi zaangzel.

**lay-by** /leɪ baɪ/ (pl **lay-bys**) (Brit) (US **rest stop**)

mawṭaw zinpi a sir ih mawṭaw dinnak dingih tuahmi hmum, motor cawlhmun.

**layer** /leɪə(r)/ *n* **1** a *thuah*: *Several thin layers of clothing will keep you warmer than one thick one.*  
 ○ a *layer of dust on the furniture* ○ a *layer of clay in the earth* ○ *remove layers of old paint.*  
**2** (preceded by an *adj*) *ar* a *ti tiitu*: a *poor, good, etc layer.* **3** (in gardening) *hrampi* no *leivawr* ih *hei khuhter*.

▷ **layer** *v* [Tn] **1** a *tlaptlap* ih *rak tuah/a* *thuahthuah* ih *tuah*: *layer lime and garden clippings to make compost* ○ *layered hair*; *ie cut* to several differing lengths. **2** (in gardening) a *ṭek cerh* *thar* a *kungpi* *thawh* *pek aw lai* ih a *hram thlakter*.

□ **layer cake** *sang* a *sung* a *dotdot* ih *thil dang* *ei ṭha retmi*.

**layette** /leɪet/ *n* *naute* *hrin* *pek hrang* *hnipuan* *pawl*.

**lay figure** /leɪ 'figə(r)/ *kutthiam* *nei pawl* ih *thingih* *tuahmi* *minung* a *kut* a *ke cangvai* *theih* *tuahmi*.

**layman** ⇒ LAY<sup>2</sup>.

**laze** /leɪz/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around) *zaangzel* *ah tuah ding um lo ih umlak rero men*: *lazing by the river all day* ○ *spend the afternoon lazing around (the house).* **2** (phr *v*) **laze sth away** *man* *nei lo/a lak ih caan cemter men*: *You can't go on lazing your life away.*

**lazy** /leɪzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** *hnaṭuan* *paih lo/zaangzel*: *He's not stupid, just lazy.* **2** *thathawhnak* *nei lo/cangvai lo ih um*: *lazy yawn* ○ a *lazy summer evening* ○ *We spent a lazy day at the beach.*

▷ **lazily** *adv*: a *river flowing lazily beside the meadow.* **laziness** *n* [U].

□ **lazy-bones** *n* (infml) *mi* *zaangzel pa/nu*.

**lazy Susan** (US) = DUMB WAITER (DUMB).

**lb** *abbr* (pl unchanged or lbs) Latin *ṭong* *ih libra* *timi thilrit* *tehnak* a *tawinak ih ngan* (weight) (Latin *libra*): *apples 20p* (ie 20 pence) *per lb* ○ *Add 2lb sugar.* Cf *oz*.

**lbw** /el bi: 'dʌblju:/ *abbr* (in cricket) *leg befor* *wicket*; *cricket lehnak ah bawhlung in a thawitu* *ih ngal a ngah*.

**LCD** /el si: 'di:/ *abbr* (electronics) *liquid crystal display*.

**L/Cpl** *abbr* Lance-Corporal: *L/Cpl (Colin) Small*.

**lea** /li:/ *n* (arch) *hrampi* *khonak hmum kaupi*.

**LEA** /el i: 'ei/ *abbr* (Brit) *Local Education Authority*: *an LEA study grant*.

**leach** /li:tʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn] *thil* a *timi leilung*, *vutcam* *le vunnel sung* a *zun* (a *zut*). **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth from sth**; ~ **sth out/away** a *vut le* a *hnawm* *tivek* *tifai dingah cit*: *leach minerals from the soil*.

**lead<sup>1</sup>** /led/ *v* **1** [U] (chemistry) *suan* (cerec/sur *thlahi* *tivek ih hmanmi*). **2** [C, U] (thin stick of) *khedan zim/hmur ih hmanmi*. **3** [C] (nautical) *tangphawlawng* a *tangih ṭemcih* *mi ti* a *thuklam*

*tahnak suantum.* **4 leads** /ledz/ [pl] *luanglu* *khuhnak hmanmi suan* *tluan per*. **(b)** *hi vekih* *rak khuhmi luanglu.* **(c)** *tukvirh thlalang* a *kaitu* *suan per tlang*. **5** (idm) **swing the lead** ⇒ SWING<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **leaded** /ledid/ *adj* [usu attrib] *suan ih khuh* *mi/suan tlang ih bunmi*: *leaded windows, glass*.

**leaded light** *tukvirh thlalang kilhtu suan tlang*.

**leaden** /ledn/ *adj* **1** *nin um/thatho lo zawng zet* a *simi* — a *ti hnuamhni*: *the leaden atmosphere of the museum* ○ a *leaden heart* ○ *moving at a leaden pace.* **2** *suan pianrong* a *si mi*: *leaden clouds promising rain.* **3** [attrib] (dated) *suan ih* *tuahmi thil*: *leaden pipes*.

**leading** /ledɪŋ/ *n* [U] (in printing) *canammi ah* *catluan karlak*.

□ **lead pencil** *suan fung thunmi khedan*.

**lead-poisoning** *n* *suan ihsin* a *ra cangmi tur*.

**lead<sup>2</sup>** /li:d/ *n* **1** [U, sing] *thlun mi*: *He's the chief trouble-maker; the others just follow his lead.*

**2** [sing] *mi va hleihnak/mi*: *have a lead of three metres, two lengths, half a lap, etc* ○ *The company has built up a substantial lead in laser technology.* **3 the lead** [sing] a *pakhat nak*: *move/go into the lead* ○ *take (over) the lead (from sb)/lose the lead (to sb).* **4** [C] *thuanthucawn ah* a *thupi bik sinak ih teltu*: *play the lead in the new West End hit* ○ [attrib] *the lead guitarist of the group.* **5** [C] (in card-games) a *lek thoktu*: *Whose lead is it?* **6** [C] *thubuai pakhat rel suaknak* *ding hrangah thu theihnak/thil fiangternak*: *The police are investigating an important new lead.*

**7** [C] (also **leash**) *uico hruainak hngawng hri*: *You must keep your dog on a lead in the park.* **8** [C] (also **leash**) *electric* *tha* a *thawhnak hmum* *in hmannak tiang* a *pehzomtu thirhri.* **9** (idm)

**follow sb's example/lead** ⇒ FOLLOW. **give (sb) a lead (a)** *mi thathawhnak dingih mah ih tuah* *hmaisanak*: *The Church should give more of a lead on basic moral issues.* **(b)** *thil harsa/buainak* *daihternak dingih* a *thuthlam te pek*. **take the lead (in doing sth)** *mi zohṭhim* *dingih thil tuah*.

□ **lead story** (journalism) *thuthang thannak*, *lole*, *thuthangca ah* a *thupitnak bik* a *si mi*.

**lead<sup>3</sup>** /li:d/ *v* (pt, pp **led** /led/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p]

**(a)** *hruai*; *lamhmuh*: *lead a guest to his room* ○ *He led the group out into the garden.* **(b)** *kutkai/thil kai ih hruai*: *lead a blind man across the road* ○ *She grasped the reins and led the horse back.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-t] ~ **sb (to sth)** *mi oltei* *hruai theih* — *thlunter theih*: *He's too easily led.* ○ *What led you to this conclusion?* ○ *Don't be led astray* (ie tempted to do wrong) *by him.* ○ *Her constant lying led me to distrust everything she said.* **3** [Ipr, Ip] *zin*, *lole*, *hmunkhat ih* *va pemnak*, *va thlennak*: *This door leads into the garden.* **4** [Ipr] ~ **to sth** *thil pakhat in* a *ra cangmi*: *This misprint led to great confusion.* ○ *Your work seems to be leading nowhere*, ie achieving nothing. **5** [Tn] *nun phunkhat ih nun*,

nunhar zet ih nung: *lead a miserable existence, a life of luxury, a double life, etc* ○ *decide to lead a new life*. **6** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (in sth) a hmasabik (minung/thilri) hleih; hmaithi: *The champion is leading by eighteen seconds*. ○ *lead the world in cancer research*. **7** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (into sth) hruai, ho, hoha, lamhmuh; uk/hruai: *I'll take part, but I won't want to lead*. ○ *lead an army, an expedition, a strike* ○ *lead a discussion, the singing, the proceedings* ○ *Who is to lead the party into the next election?* **8** [Tn] (in card games) leh thawhnak dingih hmanmi phe-hnah: *lead trumps, the two of clubs, etc*. **9** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** (a) (journalism) thuthang ih a thupibik ih rak neihmi: *We'll lead with the dock strike*. (b) (in boxing) a thawhnak ih hmanmi thongnak: *lead with one's left/right*. **10** (idm) **all roads lead to Rome** ⇒ ROAD. **the blind leading the blind** ⇒ BLIND<sup>1</sup>. **lead sb by the nose** mi pakhat mah duhmi hmuhhmuah tuahter, a uk ih uk (hnarphe hri in dir). **lead sb a (merry) dance** mi pakhat zonzaiah pek (a bik in hmun dangdang ah hei thlunter vivo). **lead a dog's life** thinhar/donhar rethei ringring ih nun. **lead sb a dog's life** mi pakhat harsa zet ih tuah/rethei zet ih tuah. **lead sb to the altar** (dated or joc) mi pakhat nupi/pasal ih thit. **lead sb to believe (that)...** mi pakhat thil pakhat a dik lo, lole, a si taktak lo ding ti ih zumter (sth that is false or uncertain). **lead sb up the garden path** mi pakhat bum. **lead the way (to sth)** a hmaisa bik ih feh/tuah; lam hmuh: *Our scientists are leading the way in space research*. **11** (phr v) **lead (sth) off** thil pakhat hei tuah thok: *Her recital led off/She led off her recital with a Haydn sonata*. **lead sb on** (infml) mi pakhat a dik lo ih thil zumter/tuahter ih thu kamter: *The salesman tried to lead me on with talk of amazing savings on heating bills*. **lead up to sth** thil timtuah cia, a hmaisa bik ih rak tuah/feh: *the events leading up to the outbreak of war*.

□ **lead-in** *n* **1** thu pakhat thawhnak dingih simmi: *He told an amusing story as a lead-in to the serious part of his speech*. **2** radio le television pawl ih electric hipnak (aerial) fung a tawnnak thirhri.

**leader** /li:də(r)/ *n* **1** minung/thil a hruaiter: *the leader of an expedition, a gang, the Opposition, etc* ○ *He is well up with the leaders (ie the leading competitors) at the half-way stage of the race*. **2** (music) (US **concert-master**) awnmawi burpi tumnak ah violin awnmawi tum hruaitu. **3** (law) upadi zung thuthennak ah a thupibik a simi mi ai-awhtu. **4** = LEADING ARTICLE (LEADING). **5** film, lole, tape tivek ih a dumnak zawn — cet sungih thun olnak ih tuahmi. **6** (botany) a kungpi ihsin, lole, a tek ihsin a cerhmi a tek (thingthei rah tamseh tiin a hngetete tanmi ihsin a cerhmi).

▷ **leaderless** *adj*: *a leader less rabble*.

**leadership** *n* **1** [U] hruaitu sinak: *the responsibilities of leadership* ○ [attrib] *a leadership crisis*. **2** [U] hruaitu si theinak: *qualities of leadership necessary in a team captain* ○ [attrib] *leadership potential*. **3** [CGp] hruaitu/hotu rual: *calling for firm action by the union leadership*.

□ **Leader of the House** (in Britain) Parliament Ram Uk thurelnak khawmpi ih thurel ding a tawltreitu le a thantu.

**leading** /li:dn/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a thupibik: *one of the leading writers of her day* ○ *play a leading role in sth*. **2** a hmaisa bik sinak: *the leading runners*. □ **leading article** (also **leader**) (Brit journalism) thuthangca (hotu-bik) (editor) in thil a cangmi parah a ruahnak a nganmi).

**leading edge** vanzamleng a thla ih a hmailam tlang.

**leading lady, leading man** zuknung sungih thuanthu cawngtu a thupibik nu/pa.

**leading light** (infml approv) pawlkom pakhat ih a langtu bik.

**leading question** thusuh duhsannak vekih saang thei dingin tongfang thlak.

**leading-rein** *n* (a) ranghruainak hri sau. (b) (also **walking rein**) nauhak vak thei pekte parih an tawnmi/pehmi hri.

**leaf** /li:f/ *n* (pl **leaves** /li:vz/) **1** [C] zanthing hnah: *lettuce, cabbage, etc leaves*. **2** [C] ca-hnah: *carefully turn over the leaves of the precious volume* ○ *a loose leaf of paper lying on the desk*. **3** [U] sui, lole, ngun pata zet ih tuahmi; sui/ngun tlep: *gold leaf*. **4** [C] kapza thawn tuahmi/khenmi cabuai a thlep aw theimi a phah. **5** (idm) **come into/be in leaf** hnah kho, lole, a hnah in a khuh. **shake like a leaf** ⇒ SHAKE<sup>1</sup>. **take a leaf out of sb's book** mi um dan cawng. **turn over a new leaf** ⇒ NEW.

□ **leaf v** (phr v) **leaf through sth** cabu tivek thil a tlap hei kau rero, thil hei zoh hruak: *leaf idly through a magazine while waiting*.

**leafage** /li:fidz/ *n* [U] thinghnah, hramhnah.

**leafless** *adj* thinghnah um lo, a hnah kolh thluh.

**leafy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) a hnah tam: *a leafy forest, branch, bush*. (b) hnah nei: *leafy vegetables*. (c) a hnah ruangah — a hnah in: *a leafy shade*.

□ **leaf-mould** *n* [U] thinghnah a muat umnak leilung,

**leaflet** /li:flit/ *n* **1** thuthannak cet khenmi cahnah te: *pick up a leaflet about care of the teeth*. **2** (botany) thinghnah fate.

**league** /lig/ *n* **1** tumtah mi nei minung pawlkom/ram dangdang pawlkom: *the league of Nations*. **2** lehnak pawlkom — lek zuam-awmi: *the local darts league* ○ [attrib] *the league champions* ○ *bottom of the league table*. **3** (infml) thil thiamnak saang mibur khat/mi pawl khat: *They're not in the same league*. ○ *I'm not in his league*. ○ *be out of one's league*, ie outclassed. **4** (idm) **in**



**league** (with sb) thil tuah thup tumtahnak nei ih pawlkom mi: *He pretended not to know her but in fact they were in league (together).*

▷ **league** *v* (phr *v*) **league together** pawlkom aw: *We must league together against this threat.*

**league**<sup>2</sup> /li:g/ *n* (arch) hlanlai hmandan ah, peng thum a hla mi.

**leak** /li:k/ *n* **1** (a) a tiimi thil a zun/a dok theinak ong/kua/khing/kek: *a leak in the roof*, ie allowing rain to enter ○ *a leak in the gas pipe*, ie allowing gas to escape ○ *a slow leak in a bicycle tyre*. (b) dat khu/thil a ti tivek a zun mi: *smell a gas leak*. **2** electric thirhri tuamnak tha lo/a ong ruangih electirc tha a leng ah a pawtmi. **3** (fig) thuthup phuangsuaq: *the latest in a series of damaging leaks*. **4** (Δ sl) zun thawh: *have/take/go for a leak*. **5** (idm) **spring a leak** ⇒ SPRING<sup>3</sup>.

▷ **leak** *v* **1** (a) [I] (of a container) thil retnak pakhat ihsin dat, lole, ti a zun: *this boat leaks like a sieve*, ie very badly. (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] (of liquid or gas) hi vekih thil zun/thil suak: *The rain's leaking in*. ○ *Air leaked out of the balloon*. ⇒ Usage at DRIP<sup>1</sup>. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** mi pakhat hnenah thuthup hei theihter: *who leaked this to the press?* **3** (phr *v*) **leak out** (of information) thuthup phuangsuaq: *The details were supposed to be secret but somehow leaked out*.

**leakage** /li:kɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] (instance of) a zun mi: *a leakage of toxic waste* ○ (fig) *the leakage of technological secrets is reaching alarming proportions*. **2** [C] thil a zun mi.

**leaky** *adj* zunnak a neimi/a ummi: *a leaky ship, kettle, roof*.

**lean**<sup>1</sup> /li:n/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (of people and animals) tawli; tawli ih dammi: *a lean athletic body*. **2** (of meat) a thau malte, lole, a thau tel lo: *lean beef*. **3** [esp attrib] (a) thil a malmi; a tenaumi: *a lean diet, harvest*. (b) (of a period of time) paam kum thil tisuak um lo caan: *lean years* ○ *a lean season for good films*.

▷ **lean** *n* [U] (sa) a thau tel lo, a tit hlir: *a lot of fat but not much lean*.

**leanness** /li:nɪs/ *n* [U].

**lean**<sup>2</sup> /li:n/ *v* (pt, pp **leant** /lent/ or **leaned** /li:nd/) ⇒ Usage at DREAM<sup>2</sup>. **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] zau, kun: *lean out of the window, back in one's chair, over to one side, etc* ○ *Just lean forward for a moment, please*. **2** [Ipr] ~ **against/(up)on sth** thil pakhat hei hngauhsan ih um: *a ladder leaning against the wall* ○ *The old man leant upon his stick*. ○ *lean on sb's arm, one's elbows, etc*. **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth against/on sth** thil pakhat a dang hngauhsan ih ret: *the workmen leant their shovels against the fence and went to lunch*. **4** (idm) **bend/lean over backwards** ⇒ BACKWARDS (BACKWARD). **5** (phr *v*) **lean on sb** (infml esp US) mah duhnak thlun seh tiah mi va hriing: *If they don't pay soon we'll have to lean on them a little*. **lean**

(**up**) **on sb/sth (for sth)** mi pakhat/thil pakhat rinsan ih um: *lean upon others for guidance* ○ *lean on his friends' advice*. **lean towards sth** thil pakhat lam hoicia ih um: *He leans towards more lighthearted subjects in his later works*.

▷ **leaning** *n* si duhdan deuh ih umnak/a lungput hoih dan; khat lamah dinhmun tlukcianak: *have a leaning towards socialism/have socialist leanings*.

□ **lean-to** *n* inn a tum sawn ah, lole, a phar le inn kulh parah inn fate pakhat luanglu hei hngauhsan ih um: *They keep hens in a lean-to at the end of the garden*. ○ [attrib] *a lean-to greenhouse*.

**leap** /li:p/ *v* (pt, pp **leapt** /lept/ or **leaped** /li:pt/) ⇒ Usage at DREAM<sup>2</sup>. **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] naa piin dawp: *The cat leapt from the chair*. ○ (fig) *My heart leapt for joy at the news*. ○ *A frog leapt out*. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] hmunkhat lam zawn pan ih va zuang (tlaan): *leap to the telephone, into one's car, upstairs* ○ (fig) *They leapt to stardom with their first record*. **3** (a) [Tn] lamzin khamtu khir ih hei lan: *leap a gate, puddle, ditch, etc*. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth over sth** thil pakhat kha a dang thil hei lanter: *leap a horse over a fence*. ⇒ Usage at JUMP<sup>2</sup>. **4** (idm) **jump/leap to conclusions** ⇒ CONCLUSION<sup>2</sup>. **look before you leap** (saying) thil tuah hlanah ruatta aw. **5** (phr *v*) **leap at sth** thil pakhat ruatta lo ih cohlang: *She leapt at the chance to go to America*. ○ *leap at an opportunity, offer, invitation, etc*.

▷ **leap** *n* **1** na pi ih dawpnak: *He crossed the garden in three leaps*. **2** (fig) hma khatte ih thang/thleng awmi: *a leap in prices, oil production, the number of people out of work*. **3** (idm) **a leap/shot in the dark** ⇒ DARK<sup>1</sup>. **by/in leaps and bounds** zamrang zet in: *Her health is improving by leaps and bounds*.

**leaping** *adj* [attrib] a caan dik lo zet ih tlun le tang thawn aw reromi: *leaping waves, flames, etc*.

□ **leap-frog** *n* [U] mi pakhat a kunmi parah ke karih a zaang parih dawp (khir) zuam-awkm lehnak. — *v* (-gg-) [Tn] hiti vekih dawp (khir). **leap year** kum li ah kum khat, February 29 a ummi kum.

**learn** /lɜ:n/ *v* (pt, pp **learnt** /lɜ:nt/ or **learned** /lɜ:nd/) ⇒ Usage at DREAM<sup>2</sup>. **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tw, Tt] ~ (**sth**) (**from sb/sth**) mi hnen ihsin fimnak theihnak le thiamnak zir: *I can't drive yet — I'm still learning*. ○ *learn from one's mistakes* ○ *learn a poem by heart*, ie memorize it ○ *She learns languages with ease*. ○ *learn (how) to swim, to walk, to fly, etc*. **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tw] ~ (**of/about**) **sth** thil pakhat thuhla theihnak, lole, hmuh felnak ruangih thil ralrinnak/theih suaknak: *I'm sorry to learn of/about your illness*. ○ *I never learned his name*. ○ *learn (that) it's no use blaming other people* ○ *Learn what it means to be poor*. **3** (idm) **learn one's lesson** thil tuah

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zomi thusuak parin zir: *I'll never do that again; I've learned my lesson!* **show sb/know/learn the ropes** ⇒ ROPE. **you/we live and learn** ⇒ LIVE<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **learned** /lɜːnd/ *adj* **1** zirnak in thu thei zet/thil thei le thiam zetmi: *learned men* ○ He's very learned but rather absent-minded. **2** rak theih: *learned journals, societies, language* ○ the learned professions, eg law, medicine ○ (law) my learned friend, ie legal colleague (a term of courtesy). **learnedly** *adv*: *speak learnedly and at length.*

**learner** *n* zirtu/fim zirtu: *I'm still only a learner, so don't expect perfection!* ○ a quick/slow learner ○ That car's being driven by a learner, ie a learner driver.

**learning** *n* [U] zir ih ngahmi fimnak: *a man of great learning.*

□ **learner driver** mawṭaw mawng zir rerotu — a ong suak hrih lo mi.

**lease** /liːs/ *n* **1** caan khiahmi sung hman dingih hman man pe dingih leiram/inn tivek neitu thawn cangan ih tiamkamnak tuahmi: *take out a lease on a holiday home* ○ When does the lease expire? ○ The lease has four years left to run. ○ (esp Brit) have a flat on a 99-year lease. ⇒ Usage at TENANT. **2** (idm) **a new lease of life** ⇒ NEW.

▷ **lease** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth (to/from sb)** mi hnenin thil saan: *lease a car, building, field* ○ The firm leases an office with views over the river.

□ **leasehold** (esp Brit) *n* ~ (of/on sth) tiamkamnak thawn thil neihnak: *have the leasehold on a house, etc.* — *adj, adv*: *a leasehold property* ○ own a flat leasehold. **leaseholder** *n*. Cf FREEHOLD (FREE<sup>1</sup>).

**leash** /liːʃ/ *n* **1** = LEAD<sup>2</sup>. **2** (idm) **hold sth in leash** kham/suup: *I managed to hold my anger in leash until she had gone.* **strain at the leash** ⇒ STRAIN<sup>1</sup>.

**least** /liːst/ *indef det, indef pron* (used as the superlative of LITTLE<sup>2</sup>) **(a)** (det) mal bik/fate bik — a si lo bik ah: *He's the best teacher even though he has the least experience.* ○ The least worry we have is about the weather. ○ If you had only the least thought for others you would not have spoken out in that way. ⇒ Usage at MUCH. **(b)** (pron) a mal bik/fate bik: *That's the least of my anxieties.* ○ It's the least I can do to help. ○ She gave (the) least of all towards the wedding-present.

▷ **least** *adv* **1** a mal bik/a fate bik ah: *just when we least expected it* ○ He disliked many of his teachers and Miss Smith he liked (the) least. ○ She chose the least expensive of the hotels. ○ one of the least performed of Shakespeare's plays. ○ one of the least performed of Shakespeare's plays. **2** (idm) **at least** **(a)** tal a si ding: *She may be slow but at least she's reliable.* **(b)** hnak mal lo ding — tal cu a si ding: *at least 3 months, £3, 10 inches.* **least of all** mal bik ah/lawmmam

ah: *Nobody need worry, you least of all/least of all you.* ○ Least of all would I lie to you. **not in the least** si hrimeh lo; si lamlam hlah: *It doesn't matter in the least.* ○ 'Would you mind if I put the television on?' 'No, not in the least.' **not least** a bik ah/tal ah: *the film caused a lot of bad feeling, not least among the workers whose lives it described.* **last but not least** ⇒ LAST<sup>2</sup>.

□ **leastways, leastwise** *advs* (dialect or infml) tiangah/theih tawp ah: *There's no pub round here, leastways not that I know of.*

**leather** /leðə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** ramsa vun ih tuahmi thilri: *this sofa is covered in real leather.* ○ [attrib] *leather shoes, gloves, belts, etc.* **2** (idm) **hell for leather** ⇒ HELL.

▷ **leatherette** /leðə'ret/ *n* [U] savun ngaingai si lo — savun bang zetmi.

**leathery** /leðəri/ *adj* savun bangmi khauhmi: *leathery skin, meat.*

□ **leather-jacket** *n* cucik phunkhat ih rawl.

**leave** /liːv/ *v* (pt, pp **left** /left/) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] feh suak/hmun khat in pok: *It's time for us to leave/time we left.* ○ The plane leave Heathrow for Orly at 12.35. **2** [I, Tn] taan; taanta: *He left England in 1964 and never returned.* ○ Many children leave school at 16. ○ My secretary has threatened to leave. **3** [Ca-n, Cn-g] si vekih taanta, rak umter ringring: *Leave the door open, please.* ○ Don't leave her waiting outside in the rain. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] taantak — rak hngilhta: *I've left my gloves on the bus.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] thil pakhat canter, ruangih a cannak: *Red wine leaves a stain.* ○ The accident left a scar on her leg. **6** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb)** thil pakhat taantak: *Did the postman leave anything?* ○ Someone left this note for you/left you this note. **7** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth to sb** ro roh ta/thil hei roh: *How much did he leave?* ○ She left you £500. ○ leave all one's money to charity. **8** [Tn-pr] kilkhawi dingih pek: *You can leave the cooking to me.* leave an assistant in charge of the shop/leave the shop in an assistant's charge. **9** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (till/until sth)** reiter/tuah lo, ti lo ih taan: *Let's leave the washing-up till the morning.* ○ I like to leave the best bits till last. **10** [Tn] (mathematics) a taanglai: *Seven from ten/Ten minus seven leaves three, ie 10 - 7 = 3.* ○ There are six days left before we go. **11** [Tn] thihtik ih taantak: *He leaves a widow and two children.* **12** (idm) **be left at the post** a thok in mi hnupi ah taang; zuam-awknak ah nekhoh. **keep/leave one's options open** ⇒ OPTION. **leave/let sb/sth a lone/be** mi, lole, thil pakhat va hnaihok lo: *Leave me be! Go away!* ○ I've told you to leave my things alone. **leave a bad/nasty taste in the month** (of experiences) thil pakhat hmuhton hnu ah lungkim lonak, thinhen le ningzahnak tonmi: **leave sb cold** thil lung, um dan daiziar teih um: *Her emotional appeal left*

him completely cold. ○ *Jellied eels leave me cold!*  
**leave the door open** nehnu rel saal, reltonnak ding hrang caan remcang on/zuah: *Although talks have broken down the door has been left open.* **leave/let go (of sth), leave hold (of sth)** kai lo ih thlah: *Leave go of my arm – you're hurting!*  
**leave sb holding the baby** (infml) mi pakhat a tul lo zetmi tuanvo pek. **leave sb in the lurch** (infml) mi pakhat zinf ko ih tuah. **leave/make one's its, etc, mark** ⇒ MARK<sup>1</sup>. **leave it at that** (infml) tong/tuah nawn lo: *We'll never agree, so let's just leave it at that.* **leave a lot, much, something, nothing, etc to be desired** lungkim lo za zet a si mi: *Your conduct leaves a lot to be desired*, ie is extremely unsatisfactory. **leave the room** (euph) pawng va thawh. **leave no stone unturned (to do sth)** a cang thei patawp ih tuah/zuam: *They left no stone unturned in their search for the child's mother.* **leave sth out of account/consideration** thil tuahngah lo/thupi lo ih ruah. **leave sb/be/go out on a limb** ⇒ LIMB. **leave sb to his own devices/to himself** mi pakhat a harnak a mahte tuah dingin taantak, lole, a hramhram in a mahte tuah seh ti ih taan — mi pakhat parah thu neih tum lo: *He leaves his staff to their own devices – as long as the work gets done he's happy.* **leave sb/sth to the tender mercy/mercies of sb/sth** (ironic) (ling let tong) mi pakhat/thil pakhat mi pakhat/thil pakhat hnenah rethei harsa dingih taantak: *Never leave a silk shirt to the tender mercies of an automatic washing-machine.* **leave/let well alone** ⇒ WELL<sup>3</sup>. **leave word (with sb)** mi pakhat hnenah thuchah: *Please leave word with my secretary if you can't come.* **13** (phr v) **leave sth** a sile ruat lo/siar lo: *leaving the expense aside, do we actually need a second car?* **leave sb/sth behind** (a) taantak/taan hrim: *Wait – don't leave me behind!* ○ *It won't rain: you can leave your umbrella behind.* (b) (fml) taanta: *a ruler who left behind a legacy of bitterness* ○ *The storm left a trail of destruction behind.* **leave sb/sth for sb/sth** a dang pakhat duhsawn deuh ruangah a um cia/neih cia taan: *He left his wife for one of his students.* ○ *leave advertising for a job in publishing.* **leave off** baang/cawl: *Hasn't the rain left off yet?* **leave off sth/doing sth** (infml) thil pakhat tuahlai baansan: *It's time to leave off work.* ○ *I wish you'd leave off whistling like that.* **leave sth off** hruk nawn loih um: *Pullovers can be left off in this warm weather.* **leave sb/sth out (of sth)** rak telh lo/rei lo/telh cih lo, hrelh: *Leave me out of this quarrel, please – I don't want to get involved.* ○ *This word is wrongly spelt; you've left out a letter.* **leave sth over** rak thiin: *these matters will have to be left over until the next meeting.*  
**leave**<sup>2</sup> /li:v/ n **1** [U] hnaṭuan, lole, tuanvo tuah dingmi caan rak pelh/hnaṭuan loih um caan: *sick, shore, annual leave* ○ *a fortnight's leave.*

**2** [U] ~ **to do sth** (fml) (a) zung upa ih thlah/siannak ih hnaṭuannak ihsin cawl-um/a khuan: *be given leave to visit one's mother.* (b) tuah/feh siannak: *She has my leave to see him.* ⇒ Usage at HOLIDAY. **3** (idm) **beg leave to do sth** ⇒ BEG. **by/with your leave** (fml) nangmaih thlah (khuan) nak thawh/in. **take French leave** ⇒ FRENCH. **leave of absence** pelh siannak (khuan): *ask for leave of absence to attend a wedding.* **on leave** (a khuan) pelh siannak ih um: *He's just gone on leave.* **take (one's) leave (of sb)** (fml) then-awknak tongkam sim (say goodbye). **take leave of one's senses** (rhet or joc) aatthlak ih um: *Have you all taken leave of your senses?* **without as/so much as a by your leave** (infml) lungkim siannak sutta loin/hei ti rumro/remcang lo zet in.

□ **leave-taking** n (fml) then-awknak tongkam hman: *a tearful leave-taking.*

**-leaved** (forming compound adjs) thinghnah um dan: *a broad-leaved plant* ○ *a three-leaved clover.*

**leaven** /levn/ n [Tn] **1** colh (thilnu). **2** (fig) lungtho thathawh neihter theinak: *a lively artistic community, acting as the leaven in society.*

▷ **leaven** v [Tn] **1** colh rak phulhmi: *leavened bread.* **2** (fig) colh phulh.

**leaves** pl of LEAF.

**leavings** /li:vɪnz/ n [pl] thil a taangmi (duh lomi, man nei lo)/hman hleimi hlahmi rawl; rawl tilfuan: *Give our leavings (ie unwanted food) to the dog.*

**lechery** /letʃəri/ n [C, U] (instance of) nu le pa pawl-awknak lam ah a hiar zet mi/mi hur.

▷ **lecher** /letʃə(r)/ n (derog) nu le pa pawl awknak lawnglawng a ruat ringringtu pa.

**lecherous** /letʃərəs/ adj a hurmi. **lecherously** adv.

**lectern** /lektən/ n thusimtu ih cahnah retnak, biakinn sungih Baibal retnak khungsang.

**lecture** /lektʃə(r)/ n **1** ~ **(to sb) (on sth)** mi tampi hmai, lole, tlawngta pawl hmai ih thu zirhnak: *give/deliver/read a lecture* ○ *a course of lectures on Greek philosophy* ○ [attrib] *a lecture tour.* **2** kawh phah ih thusimnak: *the policeman let me off with a lecture about speeding.* ○ *give sb a lecture*, ie scold sb.

▷ **lecture** v **1** [I, Ipr] ~ **(on sth)** thu zirh/ca zirh: *Professor Jones is not lecturing this term.* ○ *He is lecturing on Russian literature.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for/about sth)** kawh, lole, ralrin pek: *Do stop lecturing me!* ○ *lecture one's children for being untidy/about the virtues of tidiness.* **lecturer** /'lektʃərə(r)/ n ca zirhtu (a bik ah phunsang tlawng ah).

**lectureship** n phunsang tlawng ca zirhtu zaka.

**led** pt, pp of LEAD<sup>3</sup>.

**LED** /el i: 'di:/ abbr (electronics) light-emitting diode.

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## ledge

**ledge** /ledʒ/ *n* **1** phartlang/kham ih lungto tlang pawtmi: *a window-ledge* ○ *The climbers rested on a sheltered ledge jutting out from the cliff.* ○ *a ledge for chalk beneath the blackboard.* **2** tidai tang ih lungto tlang a kuul ih ummi.

**ledger** /ledʒə(r)/ *n* **1** tangka thilri khumnak cabu. **2** (music) = **LEGER**.

**lee** /li:/ *n* [sing] **1** thli phennak lam: *shelter in/under the lee of a hedge.* **2** [attrib] (nautical) tipa ah thli hranlonak lam: *the lee side of the ship.* Cf **WINDWARD** (**WIND**<sup>1</sup>).

□ **lee shore** (nautical) tipa (tiffinriat) ihsin leilam thli zawhnak lam tikap.

**leech** /li:tʃ/ *n* **1** hnit/hlit (tisung ummi). **2** (fig derog) midang hnen ihsin tangka, rawl, zu tivek ngah duh ah mi va neel, va tlon rerotu. **3** (arch or joc) sibawi. **4** (idm) **cling/stick to sb like a leech** mi va nai le va neel, daw hloh theih lomi (cangvat vek minung).

**leek** /li:k/ *n* khasuan sen phun thawn a bang awmi asinan a baa tlun ah a hnah hring sen pi a nei mi — Tuluk khasuan.

**leer** /liə(r)/ *n* (usu sing) mi parah duhhiar le hrokhrawl ih zohmi/mitkem zoh: *He has a most unpleasant leer.*

▷ **leer** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (at sb) mitkem zoh/hiarnak thawn zoh: *I don't enjoy being leered at.*

**leery** /liəri/ *adj* [pred] ~ (of sb/sth) (infml) dokalh; rinhmai, zum lo: *I tend to be a bit leery of cut-price 'bargains'.*

**lees** /liz/ *n* [pl] thil a tawne ih um a haa; hnawmbal: *Don't shake the bottle you will disturb the lees.*

**leeward** /li:wəd or, in nautical use, 'lu:wəd/ *adj, adv* thli phennak lam zawn: *sandhills on the leeward side of the island.* Cf **WINDWARD** (**WIND**).

▷ **leeward** *n* [U] (nautical) tipa thli hrannak zawn: *steer to leeward.* Cf **WINDWARD** (**WIND**<sup>1</sup>).

**leeway** /li:wei/ *n* [U] **1** zalen zet ih um theihnak zat: *This itinerary leaves us plenty of leeway.* ○ *The parking space was big enough, but there wasn't much leeway, ie margin for error.* **2** thlihran ruangih tangphawlawng/vanzam a puur deuhnak — a hawr deuhnak lam. **3** (idm) **make up leeway** a caan cem lak zomi ngah sal/umnak kel ah um sal: *She's been off school for a month, so she has a lot of leeway to make up.*

**left**<sup>1</sup> *pt, pp* of **LEAVE**<sup>1</sup>.

□ **left-luggage office** (Brit) (**US baggage room**) puantom pawl an ret lawknak tlangleng cawlnak tivekah.

**left-overs** *n* [po] thil a t̃heh hnu a hlei taantak/rawl hlei. ⇒ Usage at **REST**<sup>3</sup>.

**left**<sup>2</sup> /left/ *adj, adv* **1** keh lam: *Fewer people write with their left hand than with their right.* ○ *Turn left here.* ○ [attrib] (sport) *left half, back, wing(er), etc.* Cf **RIGHT**<sup>5</sup>. **2** (idm) **about/left/right face** ⇒ **FACE**<sup>2</sup>. **about/left/right turn** ⇒ **TURN**<sup>1</sup>. **eyes right/left/front** ⇒ **EYE**<sup>1</sup>. **have two left feet** (infml) ti hnuaphno ih um. **left, right and centre** (infml)

khaitaw khalah: *I've been looking for it left, right and centre – where did you find it?* **right and left** ⇒ **RIGHT**<sup>5</sup>.

▷ **left** *n* **1** [U] kehlam: *In Britain cars are driven on the left.* ○ *She was sitting immediately to my left.* **2** [C] (in boxing and fist-fighting) kehlam kut ih thong: *He knocked down his opponent with a powerful left.* **3 the Left** [Gp] (politics) (a) uknak (ramhruainak) ah kehlam ih ding timi pawlkom; uknak thleng duh pawlkom. (b) socialism uknak duh/thapetu pawl: *a history of the Left in Europe/of the European Left.*

**leftist** *n, adj* (politics) (supporter) socialism za-awitu pawl.

**lefty** (also **leftie**) *n* (infml) **1** (derog) leftist. **2** (esp US) kehtlak.

□ **left bank** tiva a luannak lam hoi ih din tikah kehlam zawn.

**left-hand** *adj* [attrib] kehlam zawn: *the left-hand side of the street* ○ *a left-hand drive car*, ie one with the steering wheel and other controls on the left-hand side. **left-handed** *adj* **1** (of a person) keh tlak. **2** (of a blow) kehlam ih thong. **3** (of a tool) kehlam hman dingih tuahmi: *left-handed scissors.* **4** (of a screw) keh lam hoi in mer ih hrenmi. **5** (idm) **a left-handed compliment** duhsannak theihthiam lomi lomnak le a thu um dan/duhsannak a linglet in ummi lomnak. — *adv* kehtlak in: *Do you always write left-handed?*

**left wing** (politics) party sungih socialism uknak duh hleicetu: *the left wing of the Labour Party.*

**left-wing** *adj*: *left-wing ideas, intellectuals, policies.* **left-winger** *n* socialism uknak lungkim pitu/tanpitu.

**leg** /leg/ *n* **1** [C] minung/ramsa pawl ih ke: *have long, short, straight, crooked, skinny, sturdy, bandy, shapely, etc legs* ○ *the powerful back legs of a frog* ○ *the long thin legs of a spider* ○ *a gammy (ie lame) leg.* **2** [C, U] a kawngsa (a cawnsa): *a leg of lamb* ○ *Would you like some leg or some breast (eg of turkey)?* **3** [C] ke khuhtu hnipuan: *The leg of my tights has torn.* ○ *a trouser leg.* **4** [C] tohkheng le cabuai tivek ih ke: *a chair with one leg missing.* **5** [C] (a) khualtlawnnak ih a t̃henkhat: *the last leg of our trip was the most tiring.* (b) (sport) a tawng aw t̃heumi khatlam khatlam lektu pawl lehnak caan khatkhat. **6** [U] (in cricket) bawhlung thawi bawhtu ih a kehlam tualrawn le a thawitu ih dunglam kau hmun: *long, short, square leg*, ie fieldsmen at various positions there ○ [attrib] *a leg break*, ie a ball bowled so as to move away from this side ○ *a leg glance*, ie a stroke by batsman that sends the ball there ○ *the leg stump*, ie the stump nearest this. **7** (idm) **as fast as one's legs can carry one** ⇒ **FAST**<sup>1</sup> *adv.* **be all legs** (derog) ke sau t̃iangt̃iang. **be on one's/its last legs** ⇒ **LAST**<sup>1</sup>. **be on one's legs** (joc) (a) ding



— a bik in mi hmai thu hei sim ding. **(b)** (*infml*) (after an illness) nat hnu ah vaak thei khop ih dam sal. Cf ON ONE'S HIND LEGS (*HIND*<sup>1</sup>). **give sb a leg up** (*infml*) **(a)** mi pakhat rang to dingih hon som/phar kai dingih hon som. **(b)** (*fig*) mi pakhat tangka, lole, ti theinak ih bom. **have hollow legs** ⇒ *HOLLOW*. **have, etc one's tail between one's legs** ⇒ *TAIL*. **leg before wicket** (*abbr lbw*) (*in cricket*) bawhlung a bawm (goal) sung lut ding a dik lo zawngin a ke, lole, a taksa dai ih kham ruangah bawhlung thawitu suahnak. **not have a leg to stand on** (*infml*) mah thu pomm i dik zia langter thei lo, lole, cangvaih dan a dik ti langter thei lo. **pull sb's leg** ⇒ *PULL*<sup>2</sup>. **shake a leg** ⇒ *SHAKE*<sup>1</sup>. **show a leg** ⇒ *SHOW*<sup>2</sup>. **stretch one's legs** ⇒ *STRETCH*<sup>1</sup>. **talk the hind legs off a donkey** ⇒ *TALK*<sup>2</sup>. **walk one's legs off** ⇒ *WALK*<sup>1</sup>. **walk sb off his feet/legs** ⇒ *WALK*<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **leg** *v* (*idm*) **leg it** (*infml*) ke ih feh: *It's no use, the car won't start — we'll have to leg it.*

□ **leg-pull** *n* (*infml*) bumnak. **leg-pulling** *n* [U]. **leg-rest** *n* a totu ih keretnak.

**leg-room** *n* [U] a totu ih kethluannak/ke retnak: *There's not much leg-room in these aircraft.*

**leg-warmers** *n* [pl] tuam awknak, a bik in tuuhmul, khuk in kemit tiang tuamnak.

**leg work** (*infml*) thuhla (thuthang) ngah dingih vaak tul le khualtlawn tulmi: *Being a detective involves a lot of leg work.*

**legacy** /'legəsi/ *n* **1** tangka, lole, thilri in ro vuihmi. **2** (*fig*) pu le pa a sansan ihsin rah sawng vivomi (thuhla, nunphung tivek pawl): *the cultural legacy of the Renaissance* ○ *His weak chest was a legacy of a childhood illness.* Cf *INHERITANCE* (*INHERIT*).

**legal** /'li:gl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] upadi ih thu um vekin, daan vekin: *my legal adviser/representative, eg a solicitor* ○ *seek legal advice*, ie consult a solicitor ○ *take legal action*, ie sue or prosecute ○ *the legal age for drinking, driving, voting, etc*, ie the minimum age for doing these things legally. **2** upadi ih onmi, tul a ti dan in: *Should euthanasia be made legal?* ○ (*joc*) *Why shouldn't I take a holiday? It's perfectly legal.*

▷ **legalism** /'li:gəlizəm/ *n* [U] (*usu derog*) a feekfeek le a cekci ih dan thlun; a luarkai ih dan uarnak.

**legally** /'li:gəli/ *adv*: *be legally responsible for sth* ○ *a legally witnessed will.*

□ **legal aid** upadi thu ronnak, lole, ai-awhtu sinak hrang pekmi mi senpi khonmi sum.

**legal proceedings** thuṭhennak zungih thu ṭhencatmi: *take, begin, threaten etc legal proceedings (against sb).*

**legal tender** paisa leibat rulhnak ah leiba rulhnak tangka timi kha cohlan ding a simi: *the old pound note is no longer legal tender.*

**legality** /'li:gələti/ *n* [U] upadi vekih a sinak: *the legality of this action will be decided by the courts.*

**legalize, -ise** /'li:gəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] upadi thaw ih remcangter, upadi sung luhter: *Some people want to legalize the possession of cannabis.*

**legate** /'legɪt/ *n* Pope (RC Kawhhran lu bik) ih ramdang pakhat khat ih thlahmi palai.

**legatee** /'legə'ti/ *n* (*law*) ro roh mi cotu.

**legation** /'lɜ:geɪʃn/ *n* **1** [CGp] ramdang ih thlah mi palai vuanzi (*ambassador*) hnakh a zakaa nauta deuh le a kut hnuai mi rual. **2** [C] vuanzi pakhat ih umnak inn.

**legato** /lə'gɑ:təʊ/ *adj, adv* (*music*) (to be played) nuamnai te le aw phei tluangih sakmi/tummi.

**legend** /'ledʒənd/ *n* **1** [C] khuahlan san ihsin a sansan ih sim vivo mi thungai a si lemlo mi thuanthu: *the legend of Robin Hood.* **2** [U] thuanthu tawite te khonkhawmmi: *exploits famous in legend and song* ○ *the heroes of Greek legend.* **3** [C] (*infml*) a hminthang minung, lole, thil maksak a cangmi: *Her daring work behind the enemy lines is now legend.* ○ *one of the great legends of pop music, Elvis Presley.* **4** [C] **(a)** thir tangka parih nganmi cawang, lole, tacik parih ca nganmi. **(b)** (*fml*) ramzuk le suaimi zuk parih nganmi ca. **5** (*infml*) a nunlai ah thil maksak a tuahsuaktu: *a legend in one's (own) lifetime.* **6** (*idm*) **a living legend** ⇒ *LIVING*<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **legendary** /'ledʒəndrɪ/ *US -derɪ/ adj* **1** thuanthu maksak a simi: *legendary heroes.* **2** (*infml*) a hminthang zetmi: *a legendary recording* ○ *her patience and tact were legendary.*

**leger** /'ledʒə(r)/ *n* (also **leger line, ledger, ledger line**) (*music*) tanbo (*staff/stave notation*) rin panga ih tlun le tangih betmi rin tawitete.

**legerdemain** /'ledʒədə'meɪn/ *n* [U] (*fml*) **1** kut cangvaih dan a phunphun ih mibumnak; mitkher vek tuahnak. **2** dik lo zet, lole, bumnak in sim/eel.

**-legged** (forming compound *adjs*) ke neih dan: *a three-legged stool* ○ *bare-legged* ○ *long-legged* ○ *cross-legged.*

**leggings** /'legɪŋz/ *n* [pl] ke tuamnak: *a pair of leggings.*

**leggy** /'legɪ/ *adj* **1** kesaupi nei mi: *a tall leggy girl in a short dress* ○ *a leggy newborn foal.* **2** (of a plant) a kuang hreu zetmi thingkung.

**legible** /'ledʒəbl/ *adj* (print or handwriting) cet ngan, lole, kut ngan ol te siar a theihmi: *the inscription was still legible.* Cf *READABLE* (*READ*).

▷ **legibility** /'ledʒə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**legibly** /-əbɪli/ *adv*: *Please write more legibly.*

**legion** /'li:dʒən/ *n* **1** **(a)** ralkap bur khat (Rome san ih ralkap bur siar dan): *Caesar's legions.* **(b)** a ce ih retmi ralkap bur, a bik in mahte paihnak in ramdang ah ralkap va tuan: *the French Foreign legion.* **2** minung tampi, miburpi: *This new film will please his legions of admirers.*

▷ **legion** *adj* [pred] (*rhet*) a tam zet: *Their crimes are legion.*

**legionary** /'li:dʒənəri/ *US -nerɪ/ n, adj* (*member*)

biaknak sungtel.  
**legionnaire** /li:dʒə'neə(r)/ *n* ralkap burpi sungtel, a bik in France pawl ih ramdang ralkap va'tuan.  
 □ **legionnaires' disease** (medical) pneumonia tivek cuapthling nat suahtertu rulcawng.  
**legislate** /ledʒɪsleɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for/against sth) upadi tuah: *It is the job of Parliament to legislate.* ○ *It's impossible to legislate for every contingency.* ○ *legislate against racial discrimination.*  
 ▷ **legislation** /ledʒɪs'leɪʃn/ *n* [U] (a) upadi tuahnak: *legislation will be difficult and take time.* (b) tuahmi upadi/tuah taak upadi: *New legislation is to be introduced to help single-parent families.*  
**legislative** /ledʒɪs'lətɪv/ *US* -lətɪv/ *adj* [esp attrib] upadi tuah thawn pehparmi: *a legislative assembly, chamber, body, etc.* ○ *Legislative reform is long overdue.*  
**legislator** /ledʒɪsleɪtə(r)/ *n* (fml) upadi tuahtu sungtel.  
**legislature** /ledʒɪsleɪtʃə(r)/ *n* [CGP] (fml) upadi thlang thei le tuah thei thuneitu pawlkom.  
**legit** /lɪdʒɪt/ *adj* (sl) upadi thawn a remcangmi/a kaihmi: *all legit and above-board* ○ *a legit excuse.*  
**legitimate** /lɪdʒɪtɪmət/ *adj* **1** upadi le daan thawn a remcangmi; daan vek a simi; a daan bangin: *the legitimate heir* ○ *I'm not sure that his business is strictly legitimate, ie is legal.* **2** a dikmi: *a legitimate argument, reason, case, etc* ○ *Politicians are legitimate targets for satire.* **3** (of a child) nu le pa ʔhate ih ʔhit-awknak sungin hrinmi faa. Cf ILLEGITIMATE. **4** a si taktak mi: *legitimate theatre*, ie serious drama, not musicals, revues, etc.  
 ▷ **legitimacy** /lɪdʒɪtɪməsɪ/ *n* [U] (fml) a dik a hman a sinak/daan bangih a sinak: *question the legitimacy of his actions.*  
**legitimately** *adv.*  
**legitimize, -ise** /lɪdʒɪtɪmaɪz/ *v* (fml) [Tn] upadi daan vekih canter: *a court ruling that legitimized the position taken by the protestors.*  
**legless** /leglɪs/ *adj* **1** ke lo. **2** [pred] (sl) zu ri zet.  
**legume** /legju:m, lɪ'gju:m/ *n* **1** be le pe phun a simi, a rah kawm a nei ih mu a neimi (a hramzim ah dawm khawlnak botete a nei). **2** ei ding a kawm le a mu.  
 ▷ **leguminous** /lɪ'gju:mɪnəs/ *adj* pe le be phun a simi.  
**lei** /leɪ/ *n* (esp in Polynesian countries) hri ih thul hngawng orhmi pangpar kual (a bik in Polynesian ram ih hmuh ʔheumi).  
**leisure** /'leɪzə(r); *US* 'li:zə/ *n* [U] **1** ʔuanvo le hna'tuan neih lo caan, caan lawng, zalen caan/duhduh tuah theih caan: *We've been working all week without a moment's leisure.* ○ [attrib] *leisure activities, eg sport, hobbies* ○ *leisure wear*, ie casual clothing. **2** (idm) **at leisure**

(a) (fml) caan lawngkaang: *They're seldom at leisure.* (b) hmanhmawh lo, zamrang ʔul lo: *I'll take the report home and read it at leisure.* **at one's leisure** maih man caan. **marry in haste, repent at leisure** ⇒ MARRY.  
 ▷ **leisured** /'leɪzəd/ *adj* [attrib] caan lawng tampi neih: *the leisured classes.*  
**leisurely** *adj, adv* nuamnai te'n: *walk at a leisurely pace* ○ *work leisurely.*  
 □ **leisure centre** lehnak le umhar phen tuah ding/cangvaih nak a phunphun tuahnak misenpi hman/tlaang inn.  
**leitmotiv** (also **leitmotif**) /ləɪtməʊti:f/ *n* **1** (music) awnmawi ah atu le atu hla cang tawite sak non/tum non zet (mi pakhat thu/thil dang thu, lole, ruah daan). **2** (fig) tuah non rero/cang sal rero mi thil: *The leitmotiv of her speech was the need to reduce expenditure.*  
**lemming** /'lemɪŋ/ *n* leilung hlum a lu lam ihsin tampipi a vaai ʔheu mi zinghnam vek ramsa, tipi sungah tampi an pil that ʔheu: *a lemming-like readiness to follow their leaders into the abyss*, ie with blind obedience to disaster.  
**lemon** /'lemən/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] a rah a thur mi sahawk phun — tanphaya rah. (b) [C] (also **lemon tree**) sahawk tanphaya kung. **2** (also **lemon yellow**) [U] a rong aihre rau a simi. **3** [C] (sl) lungkimza a si lomi/ʔha te hman theih lo (a bik in mawʔawka).  
 □ **lemon curd** (also **lemon cheese**) tanphaya ti, cini, arti le thawphat ih tuahmi tanphaya thawphat.  
**lemon sole** sa-ei phun a si mi nga-per phunkhat.  
**lemon squash** (Brit) tanphaya rim nei ih tuahmi in-mi a ti phunkhat.  
**lemon-squeezer** *n* tanphaya ti sawrnak thil.  
**lemonade** /ləme'neɪd/ *n* [U, C] (a) a thlum ih tuahmi tanphaza ti. (b) tanphaza a ti, cini le tidai rawi mi tanphaya ti.  
**lemur** /'li:mə(r)/ *n* Africa continent Madagascar ram thing parih um zan ah cangvai ciamco theimi zawng phunkhat.  
**lend** /lend/ *v* (pt, pp **lent** /lent/) **1** [Tn, Dn-ns, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) (a) thil pakhat mi san ta: *Can you lend me £5? I'll pay you back tomorrow.* ○ *I lent that record to John but never got it back.* (b) a miat/a ʔhang thawn rulh saal dingih mi tangka va cawih: *The banks are lending money at a competitive rate of interest.* Cf BORROW. **2** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sth) thil pakhat hman dingih suah — thil canter: *lend one's service* ○ *His presence lend dignity to the occasion.* ○ *A little garlic lends flavour to a sauce.* **3** [Tn-pr] ~ sth to sth (fml) thil a cangmi pakhat zum tlak ih tarlang: *lend credibility, credence, plausibility, etc to a report* ○ *This news lends some support to earlier reports of a ceasefire.* **4** (idm) **give/lend colour to sth** ⇒ COLOUR<sup>1</sup>. **lend an ear (to sb/sth)** thinsau le zawnruahnak thaw ih ngai.

**lend (sb) a (helping) hand (with sth)** thil pakhat hmangin mi va bawm. **lend oneself/one's name to sth** (fml) midang thawn pehpar-awknak va neih: *a man who would never lend himself to violence* ○ *She lent her name to many worthy causes.* **5** (phr v) **lend itself to sth** thil pakhat hrangah a remcang: *a novel which lends itself well to dramatization for television.*

▷ **lender** *n* thil mi va santu. Cf BORROWER (BORROW).

**length** /lɛŋθ/ *n* **1** [U] a saunak/a sau lam: *a river 300 miles in length* ○ *This room is twice the length of the other, but much narrower.* ○ *a book the length of (ie as long as) 'War and peace'* ○ *He jogged the length of the beach.* ⇒ App 5, 11. **2** [U] caan a rei dan; thil pakhat sinak/tuahnak ih a reinak: *You spend a ridiculous length of time in the bath.* ○ *Pension depends on length of service with the company.* ○ *a speech, symphony, ceremony, etc of considerable length.* **3** [C] thil pakhat a saulam tahnak ih hman: *This car will turn in its own length.* ○ *The horse/boat won the race by two lengths, ie by a distance equal to twice its own length.* **4** [C] thil a saulam — a sau: *timber sold in lengths of 5, 10 or 20 metres* ○ *a dress length, ie a piece of cloth long enough to make a dress.* **5** (idm) **at arm's length** ⇒ ARM<sup>1</sup>. **at length (a)** (fml) thil reipi hnu ah; a net ahcun; a net nak ah: *At length the bus arrived, forty minutes late.* (b) caan rei zet laak; caan reiter; thil a terek tiang ih ti: *discuss sth at some, great, excessive, etc length* ○ *He went on at tedious length about his favourite hobby.* (at) **full length** ⇒ FULL. **go to any, some, great, etc lengths (to do sth)** thil ziang pohpoh ti dingih rak um/tumtah: *They went to absurd lengths to keep the affair secret.* ○ *There are no lengths to which an addict will not go to abstain his drug.* ○ *She even went to the length of driving me home.* **keep sb at arm's length** ⇒ ARM<sup>1</sup>. **the length and breadth of sth** khoitawh kip ah: *travel the length and breadth of the British Isles.* **measure one's length** ⇒ MEASURE<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **-length** (forming compound adjs) tiangin: *a knee-length dress* ○ *floor-length curtains* ○ *a feature-length film, ie about two hours long.*

**lengthen** *v* [I, Tn] (**cause sth to**) sauter/sau deuh ih tuah: *The days start to lengthen in March.* ○ *lengthen a skirt.* Cf SHORTEN.

**length-ways** (also **lengthwise, longways, longwise**) *adv, adj* a sau zawngin (a zim le zim tong aw in ret): *The tables were laid lengthways.*

**lengthy** /lɛŋθi/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** sau zet; rei zet: *Lengthy negotiations must take place before any agreement can be reached.* **2** (derog) bangthlak zet ih re/nin um: *lengthy explanations, speeches, etc.*

▷ **lengthily** *adv.*

**lenient** /liːniənt/ *adj* neem; deem, zaangfah nei

(a bik ih cawhkuan peek ah): *a lenient fine, law, view* ○ *I hope the judge will be lenient.*

▷ **lenience** /-əns/ (also **leniency** /-ənsi/) *n* [U] deem, neem deuhnak: *a magistrate known for her leniency with first-time offenders.*

**leniently** *adv*: *treat sb leniently.*

**lens** /lɛnz/ *n* (pl **-es**) **1** durbing thalang — thil fiang deuh ih hmuh theinak dingih tuahmi thalang kuum/kual (mitkharh, mi zuknak, nathrik zohnak tivek ih hmanmi). **2** (anatomy) tlang ko ih hmuh theinak mitmu sunglam.

**Lent** /lɛnt/ *n* (in the Christian religion) Bawi Jesuh Thawhsalhlan ni sawmli sung: *give up chocolates, smoking, meat for Lent.*

▷ **Lenten** /lɛntən/ *adj* [attrib] lent thawn a pehparmi: *Lenten services.*

**lent** *pt, pp* of LEND.

**lentil** /lɛntli/ *n* (a) purawng phun be phun khat. (b) cuvek be roter ih rawl dingih tuahmi: [attrib] *lentil soup.*

**lento** /lɛntəʊ/ *adj, adv* (music) nuamnaai le fuung zet ih tum/sak mi.

**Leo** /liːəʊ/ *n* **1** [U] kiosa. ⇒ ZODIAC. **2** [C] (pl **~s**) hih hmuhsaknak caan sungih suakmi milai.

**leonine** /liːənəɪn/ *adj* (fml) kiosa vek/kiosa thawn pehpar mi: *leonine dignity.*

**leopard** /lepəd/ *n* tlavang (a hmuh aihre parah a dum hlum tete ih tialmi).

▷ **leopardess** /lepədɛs/ *n* tlavang a nu.

**leotard** /liːətɑːd/ *n* laamtu pawl, lole, ruangpi cangvaih lehnak piahtu pawl ih a tet mi ruangpi hrolh hnipuan.

**leper** /lepə(r)/ *n* **1** phar nat neitu; miphar. **2** (fig) mi hnou mi: *His unpopular views made him social leper.*

**leprechaun** /lepɹəkəʊn/ *n* (in Irish folklore) lasi a si ih putar fate vek a simi.

**leprosy** /lepɹəsi/ *n* [U] phar nat.

**lesbian** /lezbiən/ *n* nunau le nunau a ngaizawng awmi.

▷ **lesbian** *adj* cuvek um dan thawn a pehparmi: *a lesbian relationship.*

**lèse-majesté** (also **lese-majesty**) /leɪzˈmæʒestɛ; US ˌliːzˈmædʒɪsti/ *n* [U] (French) **1** (law) uktu kumpi dorahnak. **2** (joc) nauta deuh ih puarthau nuncan: *Firing senior staff without reference to the boss comes pretty close to lèse-majesté.*

**lesion** /liːzn/ *n* (medical) **1** tuahmawhnak hma: *painful lesions on his arms and legs.* **2** natnak, lole, taksa tuahmawhnak hma ruangih taksa siatsuahnak: *a lesion of the left lung.*

**less** /les/ *indef det, indef pron ~ (sth) (that...)* (used with [U] ns as the comparative of LITTLE<sup>2</sup>) mal sawn. (a) thil mal sawn: *less butter, sugar, time, significance* ○ *less coffee than tea* ○ *I received less money than the others did.* ○ *You ought to smoke fewer cigarettes and drink less beer.* ⇒ Usage at MUCH. (b) si sawn lomi (pron): *It seems less of a threat than I'd expected.* ○ *There's less*

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to do in this job than the last. ○ 'You must have paid £3 000 for your car.' 'No, (it was) less.' ○ It's not far — it'll take less than an hour to get there. ○ The receptionist was less than (ie not at all) helpful when we arrived. ○ It took less than no (ie very little) time to write a reply.

▷ **less** *adv* ~ (than...) **1** mal deuh in: I read much less now than I did at school. ○ rains less in London than in Manchester. ○ less colourful, expensive, hungry, intelligent, tired, etc ○ less colourful, expensive, hungry, intelligent, tired, etc ○ less awkwardly, enthusiastically, often. **2** (idm) **any (the less** mal sawn in: She wasn't any (the) less happy for being on her own. **even/much still less** si lo lailai — cucu sim hlah aw la ... tinak: He's too shy to ask a stranger the time, still less speak to a room full of people. **less and less** nuam tete mal vivo, eg nuam lo deuhdeuh: She found the job less and less attractive. ○ He played the piano less and less as he grew older. **the less, more, etc... the less, more etc...** ⇒ **THE. more or less** ⇒ **MORE. on less (than...)** tlukin; hnak mal lo: We won £500, no less, in a competition. ○ We won no less than £500 in a competition.

**less** *prep* hnuk in, dir in: a monthly salary of £450, less tax and national insurance ○ send a cheque for the catalogue price, less 10% discount.

**NOTE ON USAGE:** **Less**, instead of **fewer**, is now commonly and increasingly used with plural nouns: *There have been less accidents on this road since the speed limit was introduced.* However, this is still thought to be incorrect English, and careful speakers prefer **fewer**: *fewer accidents.*

**-less** *suff* (used widely with *ns* to form *adjs*) loin: treeless ○ hopeless.

▷ **-lessly** (forming *advs*): meaninglessly.

**-lessness** (forming uncountable *ns*): helplessness.

**lessee** /le'si:/ *n* (law) inn/leiram tivek a man ih santu. Cf LESSOR. ⇒ Usage at TENANT.

**lessen** /lesn/ *v* **1** [I] malter; mal deuh canter; deemter: The pain was already lessening. **2** [Tn] mal deuhter; si lo deuhter: lessen the impact, likelihood, risk of sth.

**lesser** /lesə(r)/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a mal deuhmi; a tenau deuhmi: one of the author's lesser works ○ He's stubborn, and so is she, but to a lesser degree, ie not as much. ○ one of the lesser lights (ie less prominent members) of his profession. **2** (idm) **the lesser of two evils** thil pahnih a tha lo ton dingmi ah a deem deuhmi.

**lesson** /lesn/ *n* **1** tlawngta ih zirmi ca: The first lesson in driving is how to start the car. **2** thil/ca pakhat zir caan sung: My yoga lesson begins in five minutes. ○ She gives piano lessons. **3** ~

(to sb) thil hmuhtonmi ihsin fim zirnak: Let this be a lesson to you never to play with matches! ○ His courage is a lesson to us all. ○ We are still absorbing the lesson of this disaster. **4** (religion) Baibal sungih catlang tarlang duhmi: The first lesson is taken from St John's Gospel. **5** (idm)

**learn one's lesson** ⇒ LEARN.

**lessor** /lesə(r)/ *n* (law) thilri a man nei ih mi hnen santu. Cf LESSEE. ⇒ Usage at TENANT.

**lest** /lest/ *conj* (fml) **1** a si lo pangah/cuti si dingah: He ran away lest he (should/might) be seen. ○ Lest anyone should think it strange, let me assure you that it is quite true. **2** (used after fear, be afraid, be anxious, etc) pang ding ti ah: She was afraid lest he might drown.

**let** /let/ *v* (-tt-, pt, pp **let**) **1** [Cn-i no passive] (often with the infinitive omitted when the context is clear) sian — tuah sian: Don't let your child play with matches. ○ My father's only just had his operation and they won't let me see him yet. ○ She asked me if she could leave but I wouldn't let her (leave). **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] siter; tuah siang: let sb into the house ○ I'll give you a key to the flat so that you can let yourself in ○ You've let all the air out of the tyres. ○ Windows let in light and air. **3** [Cn-i no passive] (used as an imperative) (a) (with the first person plural to make a suggestion) hnuk pei, pei uh: Let's go to the cinema. ○ I don't think we'll succeed but let's try anyway. (b) (in requests and commands) (zaangfah dil le thu pek) seh, hlah seh: Let the work be done immediately. ○ let there be no mistake about it, ie Don't misunderstand me. (c) (used to express an assumption, eg in mathematics) siter sehla (thinlung tuat, kanan): Let line AB be equal to line CD. ○ Let ABC be an angle of 90°. (d) (used to express defiance) hnuk hai seh: Let them do their worst. ○ Let them attack: we'll defeat them anyway. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (out/off) (to sb) thil hman dingih siang: I let (out) my spare rooms (to lodgers). ○ They decided to let (off) the smaller flats at lower rents. **5** (idm) **let sb/sth be** hnaihknoknak pe lo — amahte um seh: Let me be, I want a rest. ○ Let the poor dog be, ie Don't tease it. **let sb/sth go; let go of sb/sth** thil/minung rak thlah; kai lo ih thlah: let the rope go/let go of the rope ○ Let me go! ○ Will they let the hostages go? **let oneself go** (a) thinlung ah suup lo te'n: go on, enjoy yourself; let yourself go. (b) ralring lo te'n/thinlung zinfetnak deem deuh: He has let himself go a bit since he lost his job. **let it go (at that)** thil cang/tuahmi rak tawtker/banter: I don't agree with all you say, but I'll let it go at that. ○ I thought she was hinting at something but I let it go. **let sb have it** (sl) deeng, theh, cawh tivek: Hold this bucket of water, and when he comes round the corner let him have it, ie throw the water at him. **let me see** ka ruat rero; hei



ruat saal, ciing tum sal: *Let me see — where did I leave my hat?* **let us say** thu thimnak ah: *If the price is £500, let us say, is that too much?* **to let** san theih: *Rooms to let*, eg on a sign outside a house. (For other idioms containing let, see enteries for *ns*, *adjs*, etc, eg **let alone** ⇒ *ALONE*; **let rip** ⇒ *RIP*.) **6** (phr v) **let sb down** rak bawm ngah lo/riahsiater/tha siater: *Please come and support me. Don't let me down.* ○ *This machine won't let you down*, ie is very reliable. **let sth down** (a) thil a tanglam ah thlak/niamter: *We let the bucket down by a rope.* ○ *This skirt needs letting down*, ie lengthening by lowering the hem-line. (b) thil pakhat sungin thli suah, eg bawhlung sungin thli suah: *let sb's tyres down.* **let sth in** fiakter; biter: *This skirt needs letting in at the waist.* **let sb/oneself in for sth** (infml) harsa tuarter (mi/thil): *You're letting yourself in for trouble by buying that rusty old car.* **let sb in on/into sth** (infml) a thupte ih tuah ding theihter; thuthup theih piter: *Are you going to let them in on the plans?*

**let sth into sth** thil pakhat thil dang sungih ben/khum: *window let into a wall.*

**let sb off** (with sth) napin cawhkuan pe lo: *She was let off with a fine instead of being sent to prison.* ○ *Don't let these criminals off lightly*, ie Punish them severely. **let sb off** (sth) mi pakhat a hramhram in tuahter lo: *We've been let off school today because our teacher is ill.* **let sth off** puakter, puah, eg phangphang puah: *the boys were letting off fireworks.*

**let on** (about sth/that...) (to sb) (infml) thuthup hei phuang: *I'm getting married next week, but please don't let on (to anyone) (about it), will you?*

**let sb out** mi pakhat thlah suak — nom lo zetnak in thlah suak: *The teacher said only Janet, George and Sue were to be punished, so that let me out.* **let sth out** (a) hnipuan thitmi dorte/tuumter: *He's getting so fat that his trousers have to be let out round the waist.* (b) au suak: *She let out a scream of terror.* (c) mi theihter; phuang: *Don't let it out about me losing my job, will you?*

**let sb through** thil tuahmi (camipuai tivek) ongter: *I'm a hopeless driver, but the examiner let me through.*

**let up** thlahthlam dorte: *Will the rain ever let up?* ○ *We mustn't let up, even though we're winning.*

□ **let-down** *n* thin nomlonak; lungkim lonak: *The party was a big let-down.*

**let-up** *n* cahnak/hmualneihnak tum sukte, zuamnak tlak deuhter: *There is no sign of a let-up in the hijack crisis.*

**let<sup>2</sup>** /let/ *n* (Brit) thil san — a man laak in: *I can't get a let for my house*, ie find anyone to rent it from me.

▷ **letting** *n* (Brit) thil a man lak ih san; sangter: *a furnished letting*, ie a furnished house or flat

that is let ○ *a holiday letting.*

**NOTE ON USAGE:** Compare **let**, **rent** and **hire**. In British English these three verbs indicate a person giving permission for someone else to use something in return for money: *X lets (out)/rents (out)/hires (out) Z to Y*. Additionally, the user (Y) can be the subject of **rent** and **hire**: *Y rents/hires Z from X*. We usually **let** (out) accommodation, buildings or land: *He lets (out) his house to tourists during the summer.* ○ *The biggest factory in town is to let.* **We rent** (out) houses, cars, etc, usually for fairly long periods of time: *She decided to rent out a room to get extra income.* ○ *I don't own my video. I rent it from a shop.* **We hire** (out) a building, car, suit, etc, usually for a short period and for a particular purpose: *They hire out boats by the hour.* ○ *The Labour party hired a concert hall for the election meeting.* In US English **rent** (out) is used in all the above meanings and **hire** can mean 'employ': *The company's hiring more men next week.* This use is less common in British English.

**let<sup>3</sup>** /let/ *n* **1** (in tennis) bawhlung thawi thokah sur tlang ngah ih khat lam ih va tlak. **2** (idm) **without let or hindrance** (fml or law) dawnkhamtu um lo: *Please allow the bearer of this passport to pass freely without let or hindrance.*

**-let suff** (with *ns* forming *ns*) **1** fate, eg cabu patte suahmi — a fate/thil fate/fate: *booklet* ○ *piglet*. **2** thil thupi lo; tenau: *stalet*.

**lethal** /li:θl/ *adj* **1** thihnak tlak — thih theimi: *a lethal dose of poison* ○ *lethal weapons*. **2** siatsuah thei — siatnak thil: (fig) *The closure of the factory dealt a lethal blow to the town.* ○ (joc) *This wine's pretty lethal!* ie very strong.

▷ **lethally** /li:θəli/ *adv*.

**lethargy** /leθədʒi/ *n* [U] thaazaang sambau — zaangnemnak: *She suffers from bouts of lethargy and depression.* ○ *government lethargy on this issue.*

▷ **lethargic** /ləθə:dʒik/ *adj*: *Hot weather makes me lethargic.*

**lethargically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**let's** contracted form let us ⇒ *LET<sup>1</sup> 3a*.

**letter** /letə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] cafang: 'B' is the second letter of the alphabet. ○ *Fill in your answers in capital letter, not small letters.* **2** [C] cakuat: *Are there any letter for me?* ○ *Please inform me by letter of your plans.* **3** **letters** [pl] (dated or fml) calai lam thiamnak: *the profession of letters* ○ *a man/woman of letters.* **4** (idm) **a bread-and-butter letter** ⇒ *BREAD*. **a dead letter** ⇒ *DEAD*. **the letter of the law** upadi ah a tul zat ih hman dingmi tongfang; upadi tongfang vek rori in; daan vek cekci in. **to the letter** thil a terek tiang zohthatnak tuah: *carry out an order*

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to the letter ○ keep to the letter of an agreement, a contract, etc.

▷ **lettering** /'letərɪŋ/ *n* [U] cafang, ñongfang ngan dan: *The lettering on the poster is very eye-catching.*

□ **letter-bomb** *n* ca-ik sung thanmi bomb a si ih carek in kuat mi (ñihnungza a puak theimi), caik bom.

**letter-box** *n* (a) (Brit) cakuat thlaknak kuang. (b) (US mailbox) innleng ih retmi carek kuang. (c) = POST-BOX (POST<sup>3</sup>).

**letterhead** *n* (a) [C] cakuatnak cahnah parih hmin le umnak hmun nganmi. (b) [U] cuvek ih nganmi thilri (ca thilri).

**letter of credit** (finance) tangka zung pakhat in kuatmi paisa a dang tangka zungah va suah theinak caken.

**letterpress** *n* [U] 1 cabu sungih zuk pawl simfiangnak ca. 2 Lang peppap ih nganmi.

**lettuce** /'letɪs/ *n* 1 [C] a hnah a hring ih ei mi kawpi phun. 2 [U] a hnah hring ih theihmi: [attrib] a lettuce and tomato salad.

**leucocyte** (US leukocyte) /'lu:kəsəɪt/ (medical) thi sung um thiraang.

**leucotomy** /'lu:kətəmi/ *n* (Brit) = LOBOTOMY.

**leukaemia** (US leukemia) /'lu:'ki:mɪə/ *n* [U] thisen natnak (thikang nat).

**levee**<sup>1</sup> /'levi/ *n* (arch) puainak ih a suak khawmmi mibur, mipi.

**levee**<sup>2</sup> /'levi/ *n* (esp US) tiva tlang ti khamnak: *the levees along the Mississippi.*

**level**<sup>1</sup> /'levl/ *adj* 1 a ruang aw — a rawn; a peer: *Find level ground for the picnic table.* ○ *Add one level* (ie not heaped) *tablespoon of sugar.* 2 a sannak a can awmi: *The two pictures are not quite level — that one is higher than the other.* ○ *France took an early lead but Wales drew level* (ie equalized the score) *before half-time.* 3 (of voice, looks, etc) ciamciam in, nuamnai te: *a level stare.* 4 (idm) **have a level head** sia le ða thleidang thiam. **level pegging** hmanhman te ih ðangso.

□ **level-crossing** *n* (US grade crossing) mawtaw zin le tlangleng zin a canraan ih an ton-awknak. Cf CROSSING 2.

**level-headed** *adj* sia le ða thleidang thiam; thu ruat thiam.

**level**<sup>2</sup> /'levl/ *n* 1 [C] ziangtluk a sang ti tahnak a dotdot ih ummi: *1 000 metres above sea-level* ○ *a multi-level car-park*, ie one with two or more storeys ○ *The controls are at eye-level.* 2 [C] thil a ðat le ðat lo, a cahnak, a man a bang-awmi, a can-awmi: *the level of alcohol in the blood* ○ *Levels of unemployment vary from region to region.* ○ (fig) *I could use threats too, but I refuse to sink to your level*, ie behave as badly as you. 3 [U] zaka, thu neihnak, a phun a bang awmi: *discussions at Cabinet level*, ie involving members of the Cabinet ○ *high-/low-level negotiations.* 4 [C] (a) a rawn, a thuah, a

zawn awmi: *The archaeologists found gold coins and pottery in the lowest level of the site.* (b)

**levels** [pl] (Brit) hramlak hmunrawn kaupi. 5 [C] = SPIRIT-LEVEL (SPIRIT). 6 (idm) **find one's/its level** ⇒ FIND<sup>1</sup>. **on a level** (with sb/sth) a bang awmi; a si veve mi: *Technically, both players are on a level*, ie of the same standard. ○ *The water rose until it was on a level with the river banks.* **on the level** (infml) dingfel te'n, dik zet in: *Are you sure this deal is on the level?* ○ *I'd like to help, but I can't — on the level!*

**level**<sup>3</sup> /'levl/ *v* (-ll-; US -l-) 1 [Tn] rawnter; bang awter; a ruang aw: *The ground should be leveled before you plant a lawn.* ○ *She needs to win this point to level the score.* ○ *level social differences.*

2 [Tn esp passive] culrual; rawnter, peerter: *a town levelled by an earthquake.* 3 [Tn] ~ **sth** (at sb) sawh; thluah: *The hostage had a rifle levelled at his head.* 4 (phr v) **level sth at sb** mi pakhat thil tuah sual puh/mawhter: *level criticism at the council* ○ *accusations levelled at the directors.*

**level sth down/up** a sang sawnmi niamter ih a niam sawnmi santer ih hei ruangter, rualranter: *Marks at the lower end need to be levelled up.*

**level off/out** (a) (of an aircraft, etc or its pilot) zuan dan tum, lole, kai hnu ah ding zet in a phei ih zuang: *level off at 20 000 feet.* (b) (fig) thil a ðum/a kai hnu ah rual te ih um: *House prices show no sign of levelling off*, ie are continuing to rise or fall. ○ *Share values have levelled off after yesterday's steep rise.* **level with sb** (infml) thinlung tluangtei mi va biak, lole, va pawl.

▷ **leveller** (US leveler) /'levələ(r)/ *n* thil a culrualtu; thleidang awknak siatbal a duhtu: (fig) *death, the great leveller.*

**lever** /'li:və(r); US 'levər/ *n* 1 thil kalhnak hmanmi fung/taal, thilsin onnak. 2 cet mawng nak ding kut kaih fung: *Move this lever to change gear.* 3 (fig) mi parah mah lungduh thathawhnak tlunter: *This latest incident may be the lever needed to change government policy.*

▷ **lever** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] thil kalhnak (taal) hmangin thil thawnter: *They levered the rock into the hole.* ○ *lever a crate open.*

**leverage** /-ə'ridʒ/ *n* [U] 1 thil kalh theinak/kalh theinak (taal) a cah dan. 2 (fig) cahnak/huham; mi thinlung hiip theinak: *Her wealth gives her enormous leverage in social circles.*

**leveret** /'levərɪt/ *n* sabek (hramlak ta) a faate.

**leviathan** /li'vaɪəθən/ *n* 1 (Bible) tiffinriat khawsia.

2 thil tum zet le huham cahnak nei zet.

**Levis** /li'rvaɪz/ *n* [pl] (proper) jean hnipuan.

**levitate** /'levɪteɪt/ *v* [I, Tn, Tn-pr] dawi thiamnak in thli lak ih zuan theinak.

▷ **levitation** /'levɪteɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *powers of levitation.*

**levity** /'levəti/ *n* [U] (fml) daithlang, a puanlaang men ih um — thutak sinak um lo.

**levy** /'levi/ *v* (pt, pp levied) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (on

**sb** a hramhram in khuan mi — thu neihnak in thil kuanter: *a departure tax levied on all travellers*. **2** (phr v) **levy on sth** (law) leibat hrangih thil lak sakmi: *levy on sb's property, estate, etc.*

▷ **levy** *n* **1** cuvek ih rak khon. **2** tangka le thil dang cuvek kuanter ih ngahmi.

**lewd** /lju:d/; US lu:d/ *adj* **1** zahmawh lam tòng mawi lo a simi: *a story full of lewd innuendos*. **2** hiarnak neih; hur: *a lewd expression, glance, gesture, etc.*

▷ **lewdly** *adv*. **lewdness** *n* [U].

**lexical** /'leksikl/ *adj* (linguistics) tòngfang thawn a pehpami: *lexical items*, ie words and phrases.

**lexically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

**lexis** /'keksɪs/ *n* [U] tòngfang.

**lexicography** /'leksɪkəgrəfi/ *n* [U] tòng lehnak cabu tuah ding dan ih thiam tūlmi pawl.

▷ **lexicographer** /'leksɪkəgrəfə(r)/ *n* tòng lehnak cabu tuahtu.

**lexicographical** /'leksɪkə'græfɪkl/ *adj*.

**lexicon** /'leksɪkən/; US -kən/ *n* **1** khuahlan Greek, lole, Hebrew tòng lehnak pawl. **2** (linguistics) tòngfang.

**ley**<sup>1</sup> /lei/ *n* hrampi vorh mi leiram — a laang te ih hrampi vorhnak leiram — hrampi vorh sungmi leiram.

**ley**<sup>2</sup> /lei/ *n* (also **ley line**) khuahlan reipi ah rak um bang sehla ti ih ruatmi tlangzim le tlangzim karlak tivek dingzet ih fehnak lamzin.

**LF** /el 'ef/ *abbr* (radio) low frequency. Cf HF.

**lh** *abbr* left hand. Cf RH.

**liability** /'lɪəbɪləti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sth) tūanvo neihnak/a pehpaw tūlmi: *liability for military service* ○ *Don't admit liability for the accident*. **2** [C] (infml) sambauan — a poizia/a poinak — tūlsamnak: *Because of his injury Jones was just a liability to the team*. Cf ASSET. **3** **liabilities** [pl] leiba, tangka lam ih tūanvo neihnak.

**liable** /'laɪəbl/ *adj* [pred] **1** ~ (for sth) upadi vekin tūanvo neitu: *Is a wife liable for her husband's debts?* ○ *Be careful — if you have an accident I'll be liable*. **2** ~ to sth thil a canter thei: *a road liable to subsidence* ○ *Offenders are liable to fines of up to £100*. **3** ~ to do sth thil cangter thei: *We're all liable to make mistakes when we're tired*.

**liaise** /'lɪeɪz/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (with sb); ~ (between A and B) (infml) palai.

**liaison** /'lɪeɪzn/; US 'lɛzən/ *n* **1** [U] pawlkom pakhat sung pawl awknak; pehtlaihnak: *excellent liaison between our two departments* ○ [attrib] *a liaison officer*. **2** [U] (often derog) palai tūantu. **3** [C] (often derog) a daan lo nu le pa pawl awknak: *a brief liaison*.

**liana** /'lɪɑ:nə/ *n* khawhlumnak ram ih hri nei thingkung (a zaammi).

**liar** /'lɪə(r)/ *n* thuphan simtu: *a good/bad liar*, sb who can/cannot easily deceive others by

telling lies.

**lib** /lɪb/ *n* [U] (infml) (in compound) liberation: *gay, women's animal, etc lib*.

▷ **libber** *n* (in compounds): *Is she a women's libber?*

**Lib** /lɪb/ *abbr* (Brit politics) Leberal (Party): *Joan Wells (Lib)* ○ *a Lib-Lab pact*, ie between the Liberal and Labour Parties. Cf L 4.

**libation** /lɪ'beɪʃn/ *n* **1** (pouring out of an) khawzing khuavang biaknak ah zu hei pek — hei thlet ih pek. **2** (joc) zureu phun.

**libel** /'laɪbl/ *n* **1** [C] mi thangsianak ih thu dik lo nganmi. **2** [U] (law) mi thangsianak ca suah: *sue a newspaper for libel* ○ [attrib] *libel proceedings*. **3** [C] ~ (on sb) (infml) mi pakhat hminsiat theinak a siter: *That interview was an absolute libel on a honest man*. Cf SLANDER.

▷ **libel** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) [Tn] a dik lomi ca suah ih mi hminsiatter.

**libelous** (US **libelous**) /'laɪbələs/ *adj* **1** hminsiat ternak a simi: *a libelous statement*. **2** cuvek hminsiatnak ding ngan rero tūeunak: *a libelous magazine*.

**liberal** /'lɪbərl/ *adj* **1** thinlung ah thleidan nei lo ih tuangtlam zet le ruatsak thiam ih ummi: *a liberal attitude to divorce and remarriage*. **2** siangzet i pek: *She's very liberal with promises but much less so with money*. ○ *a liberal sprinkling of sugar*. **3** (of education) thiamnak men si loin thinlung khawruah kauhnak thupi zet ih ruat. **4** a cekci a si lo, thu fek lo/ thlahthlam: *a liberal translation giving a general idea of the writer's intentions*. **5** **Liberal** (politics) England ih Liberal party tinak: *Liberal housing policy*.

▷ **liberal** *n* **1** ngaihthiamnak nei le thinlung tuangmi. **2** **Liberal** (Brit politics) (*abbr* **Lib**) Liberal Party sungtel.

**liberalism** /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] thu ruat kautu; Liberal thupom le ruahnak.

**liberally** /-rəli/ *adv*: *rolls spread liberally with butter* ○ *interpret the ruling liberally*.

□ **Liberal Party** (Brit politics) England ram ih uknak Party pakhat.

**liberality** /'lɪbə'ræləti/ *n* [U] **1** peek sian zetnak; siannak. **2** thinlung tuang le zawnruah tuar theinak: *a period remarkable for its liberality*.

**liberalize, -ise** /'lɪbrəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] uknak daan — ruahnak daan tēmṭawnnak/khammi in luatter: *There is a move to liberalize literature and the Arts*.

▷ **liberalization, -isation** /'lɪbrəlaɪ'zeɪʃn/; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**liberate** /'lɪbəreɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (from sth) luatter: *liberate prisoners, an occupied country*.

▷ **liberated** zalennak a ngahmi: *a liberated male, mother, lifestyle*.

**liberation** /'lɪbə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] luatternak, zalennak: *the liberation of Europe by Allied troops* ○ *The*

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*break-up of their marriage was an enormous liberation for her.*

**liberator** *n*: *hailing the soldiers as liberators.*

**libertine** /libəti:n/ *n* nun suup loin that lonak phunphun ih nung.

**liberty** /libəti/ *n* 1 [U] zalennak; sal tannak, uktu tha lo ihsin luatnak. 2 [C, U] mah duh vekih um theinak: *Liberties enjoyed by all citizens* ○ *They give their children a great deal of liberty.* 3 [C esp pl] thu neitu ih mah co ding ngah theinak le thil ti theinak pekmi: *liberties enjoyed by all citizens.* 4 (idm) **at liberty (to do sth)** (a) (of a person) zalen, ti/tuah sianmi: *You are at liberty to leave.* (b) dawnkhamtu um lo: *Your're at liberty to say what you like.* **Liberty Hall** duhduh um theinak dinhmun, lole, umnak: *Wear what you like for the party — it's Liberty Hall.* **set sb free/at liberty** ⇒ **FREE**. **take liberties (with sb/sth)** ziangsiar lo ih um; hngal zet ih um: *She told him to stop taking liberties*, ie treating her with too much familiarity. ○ *The film takes considerable liberties with the novel on which it is based*, eg by shortening or changing it. **take the liberty of doing sth** siannak um lo ih thil tuah: *I took the liberty of borrowing your lawn-mower while you were away.*

**libidinous** /li'bidi:nəs/ *adj* (fml) hur, tisa hiarhaal.

**libido** /li'bi:dəu, also 'libidəu/ *n* (pl ~ s) [U, C] (psychology) tisa (nupa pawl-awk) hiarnak, hurnak.

**Libra** /li:brə/ *n* 1 [U] Greek kum caan siarnak (zodiac) ah a pasarih theih thiamnak, a thilri ah Cuai-thlainak ih langmi. 2 [C] himi caan sungih suaktu.

▷ **Libran** *n, adj.* ⇒ Usage at ZODIAC.

**library** /laibrəri/ *US* -breri/ *n* 1 (a) siar ding, san ding cabu pawl retkhawmmi: *a public, reference, university, etc library* ○ *He has many foreign books in his library.* ○ [attrib] *When is that library book due back?* ie When must it be returned to the public library? (b) cuvek cabu retnak inn khaan/inn; calai buk: *Let's meet outside the library.* 2 cuvek ih ret khawm/khawlkhawm mi aw khum/zuk khum tivatek pawl: *a recording to add to your library* ○ *a photographic library.*

▷ **librarian** /laibrəriən/ *n* cuvek cabu khawlkhawmmi ah tuanvo neitu/rak kiltu.

**librarianship** *n* [U] calai buk hnaŋuan.

**libretto** /li'bretəu/ *n* (pl ~ s or -retti /-ti:/) opera timi hla lawnglawng saknak hmun ih sak ding hlaŋang.

▷ **librettist** /li'bretist/ *n* cuvek hla phuahtu.

**lice** *pl* of LOUSE.

**licence** (*US* **license**) /laɪsəns/ *n* 1 [C] kumpi nhen ihsin thil neih theinak caken: *a driving licence* ○ *a licence to practise as a doctor* ○ *This used to be a pub but the landlord has lost his licence*, ie is no longer permitted to sell alcoholic drinks.

2 [U] (fml) siannak (permission): *Why give these people licence to enter the place at will?* 3 [U]

(a) zalennak duhduh ih hmannak: *artistic/poetic licence.* (b) mah duhduh ih ca rem theinak, tongfang pawl a hleihluat ih hman theinak.

4 (idm) **a licence to print money** (infml) lungkimpzi zomi hnaŋuan a sina'n paisa hmanzia thiam lo ruangah tamtuk a cem dingmi.

□ **licence plate** (*US* **license plate**) *n* (esp *US*) = NUMBER-PLATE (NUMBER).

**licence** (also **license**) /laɪsəns/ *v* [Tn, Cn-t] mi/thil pakhat tuah/neih theinak pek (laisin pek): *shops licensed to sell tobacco* ○ *licensed premises*, ie where the sale of alcoholic drinks is permitted.

▷ **licensee** /laɪsən'si:/ *n* laisin caken neitu (a bik in zu zuar theinak).

□ **licensing laws** (*Brit*) zu ziang tikah le khoi hmunah zuar ding ti a ri tuah mi upadi.

**licentiate** /laɪ'senʃiət/ *n* laisin caken neitu: *a licentiate in dental surgery.*

**licentious** /laɪ'senʃəs/ *adj* nu le pa thu ah ziaza daithlang, dawngdah. **licentiously** *adv.*

**licentiousness** *n* [U].

**lichen** /li:kən/ *n* [U] zoh tiki a caar a bangmi, aihre, meikhu vek, lole, a hring rong a nei ih lungto par, pharpar, thingkung parih kheumi hrampi. Cf moss.

**lichgate** /li:tʃgeɪt/ *v* 1 (also **lychgate**) /li:tʃgeɪt/ *n* biakinn tual va pannak ding tlunkhuh a neimi luh/suahnak kotka.

**lick** /lik/ *v* 1 [Tn, Cn-a] liak: *He licked his fingers.*

○ *The cat was licking its fur.* ○ *lick the back of a postage stamp*, ie to moisten the glue ○ *He licked the spoon clean.* 2 [Tn] (of waves or flames) tisuar/meialh in tong ngah: *flames beginning to lick the furniture.* 3 [Tn] (sl) mi va neh. 4 (idm) **lick sb's boots** (infml); **lick sb's arse** (Δ sl) mi ih sal va cang. **lick sb/sth into shape** (infml) mi/thil pakhat felter/thatter — hman theih ih tuah: *The new recruits will be fine once they've been licked into shape.* **lick/smack one's lips/chops** (infml) thil a nuam ding hngakhlap; khadi forcia: *the children licked their lips as the cake was cut.* ○ (fig) *She's licking her chops at the thought of spending all that money!*

**click one's wounds** sung zo hnu, tlasam hnu ah thazaang lak sal tum/thatho tum sal: *The disappointed losers crawled home to lick their wounds.* 5 (phr v) **lick sth from/off sth** lei in cem ko ih liak: *lick blood from a cut, honey off a spoon.*

**lick sth up** liak theh: *The cat licked up its milk.*

▷ **lick n** 1 [C] liak: *One last lick and the milk was gone.* ○ *a lick of ice-cream.* 2 [sing] thil thuh — mal lai thuh: *The boat would look better with a lick of paint.* 3 [sing] (sl) khulrang le rang lo: *going at quite a, a fair old, a full, etc lick*, ie quite, fairly, extremely fast. 4 = SALT-LICK (SALT).

5 (idm) **a lick and a promise** (infml) zamrang le daithlang ih thil khawlh, faiter tum



(ti tungtlang).

**licking** *n* (esp *sing*) (sl) **1** sunnak — sun: *give sb/get a (right) licking*. **2** thawi: *If your father hears about this he'll give you such a licking!*

**licorice** = LIQUORICE.

**lid** /lɪd/ *n* **1** a sin/thil sin (thingkuang, beel tivek). **2** = EYELID (EYE). **3** (idm) **flip one's lid** ⇒ FLIP. **put the (tin) lid on sth/things** (infml) mi thinhennak dingih a neta bik thil cangter. **take, lift, blow, etc the lid off sth** ngai/theih nuam lomi thuthup hei phuan: *an article that lifts the lid off the world of professional gambling*.

▷ **lidded** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (of a box, pot, etc) a sin nei mi (thingkuang, beel, tivek). **2** (of eyes) mit tlang vun phundang: *heavily lidded eyes*.

**lidless** *adj*.

**lido** /'lɪdəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) misenpi khawlh awknak tikap, lole, a tlun khuh um lo ti leuhnak tili.

**lie**<sup>1</sup> /laɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **lied**, prese p **plying**) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (about sth) thuphan per: *He's lying*. ○ *Don't you dare lie to me!* ○ *She lies about her age*. **2** [I] a si ngaingai vekih um awter: *the camera cannot lie* ○ *lying smiles*. **3** (idm) **lie in one's teeth/throat** (infml) ningzah mualpho phang loih thuphan per. **lie one's way into/out of sth** thuphan pernak in thil pakhat ngah/thil pakhat sungin luat: *He's lied his way into a really plum job*. ⇒ Usage at LIE<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **lie n 1** thuphan: *His story is nothing but a pack of lies*. Cf FIB. **2** (idm) **give the lie to sth** thil pakhat a dik lo ti ih tarlang/langter: *These figures give the lie to reports that business is declining*. **live a lie** ⇒ NAIL. Cf WHITE LIE (WHITE<sup>1</sup>). □ **lie-detector** *n* thuphan per le per lo tahnak thil (thifeh dan, thawthawt dan in).

**lie**<sup>2</sup> /laɪ/ *v* (pt **lay** /leɪ/, pp **lain** /leɪn/, pres p **lying**) **1** [Ipr] zau, it, kual, rill: *The corpse lay face down in a pool of blood*. ○ *lie on one's back/side/front* ○ *Don't lie in bed all morning!* ○ *a dog lying at his master's feet*. **2** [La, Ipr] (of a thing) thil pakhat parah um (a pharh ih um): *The letter lay open on his desk*. ⇒ Usage. **3** [La, Ipr] hmunkhat ih um: *snow lying thick on the ground* ○ *these machines have lain idle since the factory closed*. ○ *I'd rather use my money than leave it lying in the bank*. **4** [Ipr] zoh ding tham in a kau pi ih pharh-aw: *The valley lay at our feet*. ○ (fig) *You're still young — your whole life lies before you!* **5** [Ipr] hei um: *The town lies on the coast*. ○ *ship lying at anchor, at its moorings, alongside, etc*. **6** [Ipr] (of abstract things) hngat-aw; hrambun: *I only wish it lay within my power to* (ie that I could) *help you*. ○ *The cure for stress lies in learning to relax*. ○ *it's obvious where our interest lies*, ie which option, development, etc would be to our advantage. **7** [I] (law) cohlan theih, lole, tanpi theih: *an action, appeal that will not lie*. **8** (idm) **as/so far as in me lies** ⇒ FAR<sup>2</sup>. **as one makes one's bed so one must lie in it** ⇒ BED<sup>1</sup>.

**keep/lie close** ⇒ CLOSE<sup>1</sup>. **let sleeping dogs lie** ⇒ SLEEP<sup>2</sup>. **lie at sb's door** si theinak, ti theinak sungah: *I accept that the responsibility for this lies squarely at my door*. **lie doggo** (infml) dai thep thep ih it/caang lo. **lie heavy on sth** nuam loter/nuam lo ih tuah: *the rich meal lay heavy on my stomach*. ○ *a crime lying heavy on one's conscience*. **lie in state** (of a corpse) phum hlan ah zoh dingih miruak retmi. **lie in wait (for sb)** rak bawh; mi lanter dingah relhthup: *arrested by the police who had been lying in wait*. **lie low** (infml) dai te'n um, lole, thup-aw: *He's been lying low ever since I asked him for the money he owes me*. **see, etc how the land lies** ⇒ LAND<sup>1</sup>. **take sth lying down** hmuhsuam/nautatnak kha phunzainak nei loih cohlang. **time hangs/ lies heavy on one's hands** ⇒ TIME<sup>1</sup>. **9** (phr v) **lie behind sth** phen ah, dunglam ah; thuhram: *What lay behind this strange outburst?* **lie back** cawl; cawl hahdam ih um: *You don't have to do anything — just lie back and enjoy the journey*. **lie down** ihkhun parih zau: *go and lie down for a while*. ○ *he lay down on the sofa and soon fell asleep*. **lie down under sth** (infml) mi in thil tha lo kan par thlenmi phunzai lo ih ngai men: *We have no intention of lying down under these absurd allegations*. **lie in (a)** (Brit) (US **sleep in**) (infml) thawh a cu zo na'n ihkhun in tho loih um: *It's a holiday tomorrow, so you can lie in*. (b) (dated) naute hring ding ihkhun parih hngak: *a lying-in hospital*. **lie over** (of problems, business, etc) thuhla, buainak tivek a nehnu tiang hei hngak: *These items can lie over till our next meeting*. **lie to** (nautical) (of vessel) thli lam hoih tangphawlawng ih rak cawl. **lie with sb (to do sth)** (fml) mi pakhat ih tuanvo, lole, a tuah dingmi: *The decision on whether to proceed lies with the Minister*. ○ *It lies with you to accept or reject the proposal*.

▷ **lie n 1** [sing] thil a um zia — a um hmun. **2** [C usu sing] (in golf) thawi hnu ah a bawhlung caang loih a va umnak zawn: *a good, poor, etc lie*. **3** (idm) **the lie of the land** (US **the lay of the land**) (a) ram/hmun pakhat ih tlang, tiva tivek a um dan — a phah awk dan. (b) thil dinhmun pakhat parih a sinak hei tuat le ruah: *I'll need several weeks to discover the lie of the land before I can make any decisions about the future of the business*.

□ **lie-down** *n* (usu sing) (Brit infml) hei cawl hruak — a bik ah ihkhun parih cawl.

**NOTE ON USAGE:** Note the difference between the intransitive verb **lie** (**lying, lay, lain**), meaning 'be in a resting position': *I was feeling ill, so I lay down on the bed for a while* and the transitive verb **lay** (**laying, laid, laid**), meaning 'put on a surface': *She laid her dress on the bed to keep it neat*. There is another

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intransitive verb **lie** (**lying, lied, lied**), meaning 'say something untrue': *He lied about his age to join the army.*

**lied** /li:t/ *n* (pl **lieder** /li:də(r)/) (*German music*) mi pakhat ih sakmi le a piano tummi.

**liege** /li:dʒ/ *n* **1** (also **liege lord**) (in feudal times) hlanlai uktu/lal. **2** (also **liegeman** /-mən/) cuvek lal riantu mipa/hnen um.

**lien** /li:ən/ *n* [C] (*law*) ~ (**on/upon sth**) thil pakhat tuah sakmi hrangih (leibakmi) pek hlan lo a thilri rak neih sung.

**lieu** /lu: or, in British use, lju:/ *n* (idm) **in lieu (of sth)** ai ih hman/ai ih lak: *accept a cheque in lieu of cash.*

**Lieut** (also **Lt**) *abbr* ralkap bo hnih: *Lieut (James) Brown.*

**lieutenant** /leɪtənənt; US lu:t-/ *n* **1** ralkap bo hnih. **2** ti ralkap ah uktu a sangtu tang deuh (lieutenant commander). **3** (in compounds) cumi ih a tang deuh bawi: *lieutenant-general* ○ *lieutenant-governor*, ie official next below a governor-general. **4** a sangtu bawi.

**life** /laɪf/ *n* (pl **lives** /laɪvz/) **1** [U] nunnak: *the origins of life on earth* ○ *The motionless body showed no signs of life.* **2** [U] nunghring: *Is there life on Mars?* ○ *animal and plant life.* **3** [U] minung nunnak: *The riot was brought under control without loss of life*, ie without anyone being killed. **4** [U] minung sinak ih thil ti theinak, thil a ra cang mi le hmuhton mi: *He does not want much from life.* ○ *What do you expect? That's life!* ie These things happen and must be expected and accepted. **5** [C] mi pakhat ih nunnak: *Doctors worked through the night to save the life of the injured man.* ○ *Three lives were lost (ie Three people died) in the accident.* **6** (a) [C] suah le thih karlak caan: *She lived her whole life in the country.* ○ *He spent his adult life in Canada.* (b) [C] suah ihsin atu tiang: *I've lived here all my life.* **7** [U] (a) atu ihsin thih tiang; thihhlan lo: *a friend, job, membership for life.* (b) (infml) (also **life sentence**) nunsung thawng thlak: *be given/get/do life.* **8** [U] (a) nunnomnak, pumcawmnak: *As a taxi-driver you really see life.* (b) cangvaihnak, hnaṭuan: *There are few signs of life here in the evening.* **9** [U] thathawhnak, thil theih duhnak: *Children are always so full of life.* ○ *Put more life into your work.* **10** [U, C] nun dan: *private/public life* ○ *Village life is too dull for me.* ○ *have an easy/hard life* ○ *Singing is her life*, ie the most important thing in her existence. ○ *That's the life (for me)!* ie the best way to live ○ *He's decided to emigrate and start a new life in America.* **11** [C] mi pakhat ih thuanthu: *He's writing a life of Newton.* **12** [U] zohṭhim mi thilnung: *a portrait drawn/taken from life* ○ [attrib] *a life class*, ie one in which art students draw, etc from living

models. **13** [C] thil pakhat a rak um, cang rero sung — a caan: *throughout the life of the present government* ○ [attrib] *a long-life battery.* **14** [C] (a) har zet ih luat hnu ah thar thawh sal: *The batsman was given a life* (eg because a fielder missed an easy catch) *when his score was 24.* (b) (in children's games) nauhak pawl nambat thupolh lehnak. **15** (idm) **at one's time of life** ⇒ TIME<sup>1</sup>. **the bane of sb's existence/life** ⇒ BANE. **the breath of life** ⇒ BREATH. **bring sb/sth to life** **give sb/sth** mi/thil pakhat cahnak a thar ih pek; tha thoter: *Let's invite Ted — he knows how to bring a party to life.* **a cat-and-dog life** ⇒ CAT<sup>1</sup>. **the change of life** ⇒ CHANGE<sup>2</sup>. **come to life** nuam ih um; hlumsa ih um: *You're very cool with your brother, but with your friends you really come to life.* ○ *Sunrise — and the farm comes to life again.* **depart this life** ⇒ DEPART. **end one's days/life** ⇒ END<sup>2</sup>. **expectation of life** ⇒ EXPECTATION. **a fact of life** ⇒ FACT. **the facts of life** ⇒ FACT. **for dear life/one's life** thihnak in luat dingah: *Run for your life!* **for the life of one** (infml) ziangtluk zuam khalle: *I cannot for the life of me remember her name.* **frighten the life out of sb** ⇒ FRIGHTEN. **full of beans/life** ⇒ FULL. **have the time of one's life** ⇒ TIME<sup>1</sup>. **in fear of one's life** ⇒ FEAR<sup>1</sup>. **in peril of one's life** ⇒ PERIL. **large as life** ⇒ LARGE. **larger than life** ⇒ LARGE. **lay down one's life (for sb/sth)** (rhet) mah ih nun pek-aw: *He laid down his life for the cause of freedom.* **lead a dog's life** ⇒ LEAD<sup>3</sup>. **lead sb a dog's life** ⇒ LEAD<sup>3</sup>. **life and limb** thupoi cakkhai, lole, tuahmawhnak sungin luatnak: *Fire-fighters risk life and limb every day in their work.* **the life and soul of sth** (infml) puainak ih thathotertu le hnihsuah saitu bik. **the love of sb's life** ⇒ LOVE<sup>1</sup>. **make (sb's) life a misery** mi ih nitin nun ah harsatnak pek: *Having unpleasant neighbours can make one's life an absolute misery.* **make one's way in life** ⇒ WAY<sup>2</sup>. **a matter of life and death** ⇒ MATTER<sup>1</sup>. **a new lease of life** ⇒ NEW. **not on your (sweet) life!** (infml) si hrimhrim lo/dah lo ding: **put an end to one's life/oneself** ⇒ END<sup>1</sup>. **sell one's life dearly** ⇒ SELL. **take one's (own) life** mah le mah that aw. **take sb's life** mi va that. **to the life** a hmaisa bik vek rori: *draw, imitate, resemble sb to the life.* **true to life** ⇒ TRUE. **walk of life** ⇒ WALK<sup>2</sup>. **a/sb's way of life** ⇒ WAY<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **lifeless** *adj* **1** nunnak nei lo: *lifeless stones* ○ *a lifeless planet.* **2** thi: *the lifeless bodies of the slaughtered animals.* **3** cakvak lo/virvat lo; ninum: *a lifeless performance.* **lifelessly** *adv.* **lifelessness** *n* [U].

**lifer** /laɪfə(r)/ *n* (sl) nun sung thawngthlak tuartu. □ **life-and-death** (also **life-or-death**) *adj* [attrib] thutak suah/poimawh takin/thih-maw-nun-hril: *desert animals locked in a life-and-death struggle with the elements* ○ (fig) *a life-or-death attempt to reach the grand final.*

**life annuity** (*finance*) nun sung peekmi tangka (pension).

**life assurance, life insurance** mi pakhat a thih tikah paisa cuzat pek ding timi nun-amkam hnañuan.

**lifebelt** (also **lifebuoy**) *n* ti sungah pil loin mi a phuan theimi rabar thli phawtmi.

**life-blood** *n* [U] **1** nunnak hrang a ðulmi thisen. **2** (*fig*) thazaang le cahnak petu: *Credit is the life-blood of the consumer society.*

**lifeboat** *n* (**a**) tangphawlawng a siat tiki to ding lawng fate. (**b**) tisung pil ding pawl bomnak ih retmi tipi le tiva kapluan ih lawng, runtu lawng, humtu.

**life cycle** (*biology*) nunghring a nun sung a phunphun ih a thleng awmi caan: *the life cycle of the butterfly.*

**life expectancy** (**a**) minung pakhat ih a nun sau dingzat: *Women have a higher life expectancy than men.* (**b**) mi pakhat ih nunnak ding caan: *the life expectancy of the average car, the present government.*

**life-giving** *adj* [esp attrib] tharthawhnak pekmi.

**life-guard** mi runtu dingih an retmi tileuh thiam pawl.

**Life Guards** Mirang (England) ralkap ah rang ralkap.

**life history** (*biology*) nunnak nei pakhat ih a nun a phunphun a thleng awknak thu hminsinnak.

**life interest** (*law*) a nunlai ah mi pakhat ih a co thei dingmi (thilri tivec ihsin) a hlawkmi.

**life-jacket** *n* ti sungih pil thei lonak dingih tuahmi a baan nei lo ti parih puan thei angki, nunhimnak angki.

**lifelike** *adj* minung taktak/thilri taktak a bangmi: *a lifelike statue, drawing, toy.*

**lifeline** *n* **1** (*nautical*) (**a**) ti parah phuan thei dingih rubber kual pawl thawn ðawnmi hri, lole, tangphawlawng ralkap pawl in thlipi hran let angphawlawng a hnin tiki an kaih ding tuahmi hri. (**b**) tiffinriat sung luttu pawl parih hri ðawnmi. **2** (*fig*) nunpehnak dingih rinmi thil: *Public transport is a lifeline for many rural communities.*

**lifelong** *adj* [attrib] nunsung daih/nun sung: *a lifelong interest, friendship, wish.*

**life peer** midang roh sin thei lomi cohmin.

**life-preserver** *n* (US) nunhimnak angki.

**life-raft** *n* (esp inflatable) poimawh cakkhai tiki hmanmi phawt theimi rabar-lawng, nunhimnak lawng.

**life-saver** *n* (**a**) (*Austral or NZ*) ti sung pil pawl runtu dingih retmi nunruntu. (**b**) thil a ðathnemter theimi — ðathnemnak ih hmanmi — a ðahnem zetmi: *The clothes-dryer was a life-saver during the wet weather.*

**life sciences** taksa ruangpum nunnak thuhla thawn a pehparmi thiamnak.

**life-size** (**d**) *adj* minung tia, thilri a mah tia: *The*

*statue is twice life-size.*

**life-span** *n* sansung — sankhat sung: *Some insects have a life-span of no more than of a few hours.*

**life story** nunsung thuhla: *She told me her life story.*

**life-style** *n* mi pakhat/mibur pakhat ih nuncan daan — nun daan zia: *He and his brother have quite different life-styles.*

**life-support** *adj* [attrib] (of equipment) lakhruak poipeng caan ih nunnak bawmtu thil. **life-support system** cu vekih hmanmi thilri.

**lifetime** *n* **1** nunsung — thil pakhat a um sung: *a lifetime of service* ○ *In your lifetime you must have seen many changes.* ○ [attrib] *a lifetime subscription (to a magazine, etc).* **2** (idm) **the chance, etc of a lifetime** nun lai ih um sun/a cang sunte: *Book now for the holiday of a lifetime!*

**life-work** *n* (usu sing) (also **life's work**) nunsung ih thil kan tuahmi — cangvaihnak hmuahhmuah.

**lift** /lift/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (**up**) minung/thil a sang ih khai — thilr: *Lift me up, mummy — I can't see.* ○ *Three men were lifted by helicopter from the burning ship.* ○ (*fig*) *This piece of luck lifted his spirits.* **2** [Tn-pr] thil a umnak ihsin (ðawn dingah) lak: *lift a box into a lorry, out of a train, down from a shelf, etc.* **3** [I] (mero tivec) a tlun lam ih kai/zuang hlo: *The mist began to lift.* ○ (*fig*) *Her heart lifted at the sight of him.* **4** [Tn] lei sung ta lai (ei theih pawl); lei par ta pawl lak, phawt: *lift potatoes, turnips, etc.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**from sb/sth**) (*infml*) (**a**) thil fir: *She was caught lifting make-up from the supermarket.* (**b**) ca ngantu siannak um lo ih a thu lak/cawng: *Many of his ideas were lifted from other authors.* **6** [Tn] thil tuah lo ding timi — thil khammi bal saal — tuah siang saal: *lift a ban, embargo, curfew, etc.* **7** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (thil, sumhnam, minung) phur (vanzam tivec in): *fresh tomatoes lifted in from the Canary Islands.* **8** (idm) **have one's face lifted** ⇒ FACE<sup>1</sup>. **lift/raise a finger/hand (to do sth)** (*infml*) (usu negative) mi bawm: *He never lifts a finger round the house, ie never helps with the housework.* **lift/raise a hand/one's hand against sb** ⇒ HAND<sup>1</sup>. **lift (up) one's eyes (to sth)** (*rhet*) a so ah zoh — zoh so — daak. **lift/raise one's voice** ⇒ VOICE. **9** (phr v) **lift off** (of a rocket or spacecraft) thlah — a suaknak hmun in a pok/zuang.

▷ **lift** *n* **1** [sing] khai, thilr: *Give him a lift: he's too small to see anything.* **2** [C] (Brit) (US **elevator**) electric kailawn: *It's on the sixth floor — let's take the lift.* **3** [C] bul paak mawñaw parih a lak ih va cuan/to: *I'll give you a lift to the station.* ○ *thumb/hitch a lift*, ie hitch-hike. **4** [U] vanzam zuan tikah thli in tlun lam ih a semnak. Cf DRAG<sup>1</sup>. **5** [sing] thinlung ai-puannak: *Winning*

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*the scholarship gave her a tremendous lift.*

□ **lift-off** *n* rocket, lole, vanzam a tlun lam ding zet ih zuang, zuangso: *We have lift-off.*

**lift-attendant** *n* (US **elevator operator**) electric kailawn ih tñanvo neitu (mawngtu).

**ligament** /'lɪgəmənt/ *n* ruh hlikhlok pawl a pekhawmtu a fek zetmi thahri (a dok/a com thei): *tear/pull a ligament.*

**ligature** /'lɪgətʃə(r)/ *n* 1 tuahmawhnak ih hmatuamnak puan le a tawnnak tivek thil. 2 (*music*) aw thluai hminsinnak slur, tie; a bang aw lomi pawl tluang le remten sakding ti hminsinnak. 3 (cet cuk mi ca) cawang peh awmi.

**light**<sup>1</sup> /laɪt/ *n* 1 [U] (a) tleunak — khawtleu: *the light of the sun, a lamp, the fire, etc.* (b) a tleu daan: *The light was beginning to fail,* ie It was getting dark. ○ *This light is too poor to read by.* ○ *the flickering light of candles* ○ (fig) *A soft light* (ie expression) *came into her eyes as she looked at him.* Cf DARK<sup>1</sup>. 2 [C] a tleu ngahnak — a tleu petu thil: *turn/switch the lights on/off* ○ *Far below the plane we could see the lights of London.* ○ *A light was still burning in his study.* ○ *That car hasn't got its lights (ie headlights) on.* ○ *Keep going, the lights* (ie traffic lights) *are green.* 3 [C] meitek, meich tivek: *Have you got a light?* eg for a cigarette. 4 [U] theihfiannak — thei suak: *I wrestled with the crossword clue for ages before light finally dawned,* ie I understood the solution. 5 [C] (esp in compounds) (*architecture*) inn sungih tleu lutnak sangkate, canphio tleu tivek: *skylight* ○ *leaded light.* 6 [U, C usu sing] (*art*) zuknak ah a tleu a ngah le ngah lo ... tivek: *light and shade.* 7 (idm) **according to one's lights** (fml) mi pakhat ih zumnak, ruahnak, ti theinak tivek thawn a kaih in: *We can't blame him: he did his best according to his lights.* **at first light** ⇒ FIRST. **be/stand in sb's light** mi pakhat ih tleunak phen — a vaangnak phen: *Can you move? You're in my light and I can't read.* **the bright lights** ⇒ BRIGHT. **bring sth to light** thil pakhat theihter; phuang: *New evidence has recently come to light.* **give sb/get the green light** ⇒ GREEN<sup>1</sup>. **go out like a light** (infml) lungeimit, lole, itthat lohli. **hide one's light under a bushel** ⇒ HIDE<sup>1</sup>. **in a good, bad, favourably, etc light** (a) (of a picture, etc) zuk thate hmuh thei/hmuh thei lo: *Two pictures have been hung in a bad light.* (b) (fig) tha, sia, lungkim zawng tivek: *Press reports make his actions appear in the worst possible light.* ○ *it is hard to view his conduct in a favourable light.* **in the light of sth** (US **in light of sth**) thil pakhat ruat ciamciam: *review the proposals in the light of past experience.* **jump the lights** ⇒ JUMP<sup>2</sup>. **light at the end of the tunnel** vanduai le harsa in reipi tuar hnu ih hlawhtlinnak, lungawinak: *Lights out!* ○ *No talking after lights out.* **lights out** (in barracks, dormitories, etc) mei hmit; meitleu a mih caan:

*Lights out!* ○ *No talking after lights out.* **see the light** (a) mangbang vansan hnu ih theihthiam/cohlan. (b) biaknak pakhat zum ngah. **see the light (of day)** (a) (*rhet*) suak, hring, piang. (b) ruatsuak, tuahsuak: *The notion of a Channel Tunnel first saw the light of day more than a century ago.* **set light to sth** thil kaangter. **strike a light** ⇒ STRIKE<sup>2</sup>. **sweetness and light** ⇒ SWEETNESS (SWEET<sup>1</sup>).

▷ **light** *adj* Cf DARK<sup>2</sup>. 1 tleu nak: *a light airy room* ○ *In spring the evenings start to get lighter.* 2 a rau: *Light colours suit you best.* ○ *light-green eyes.* **light-coloured** *adj*: *I prefer light-coloured fabrics.*

□ **light bulb** = BULB<sup>2</sup>.

**lighthouse** *n* tangphawlawng tivek lam hmuhtu ih tuahmi meisa (vanpar mei).

**light meter** = EXPOSURE METER (EXPOSURE).

**light pen** (*computing*) (also **wand**) cawang vek computer thilri a si ih a ngannak, lole, a siarnak ih hman a si.

**lightsip** *n* tangphawlawng a cawlmi ihsin mei van mi.

**light-year** *n* (*astronomy*) van a hlat zia tahnak a si ih tleu kumkhat ah peng million 6 hrawng a feh theimi a si (*light-year* pakhat cu peng million 6 hrawng).

**light**<sup>2</sup> /laɪt/ *v* (pt, pp **lit** /lɪt/ or **lighted**) (*Lighted* is used esp as an attributive *adj*, as in *a lighted candle*, but Cf *He lit the candle* and *The candles were lit.*) 1 [I, Tn, Tn-pr] (cause sth to) meisa alhter — meisa muah: *this wood is so damp it won't light.* ○ *Let's light a fire in the living-room tonight.* 2 [Tn] thil vang — meisa vang tivek: *Light the torch — I can't see the path.* 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] meisa pek tleuter: *These streets are very poorly lit.* ○ *Nowadays, houses are mostly lit by electricity.* 4 [Tn-pr] mei vannak in lam hmuh: *a candle to light your way.* 5 (phr v) **light (sth) up** (infml) kuak cawng; kuak fawp: *light up a pipe.* **light up (with sth)** (of a person's face, etc) mithmai tha (pan): *Her eyes lit up with joy.* **light sth up** (a) hei tleu: *a castle lit up with floodlights* ○ *flashes of lightning lit up the sky.* (b) mithmai mawi/tha: *A rare smile lit up his stern features.*

▷ **lighting** *n* [U] 1 inn khaan, inn tivek vannak ding thilri: *street lighting.* 2 a tleunak: *Subtle lighting helps people relax.*

**lighting-up time** lamzin feh lai mawtaw ih mei van caan.

□ **lit up** /lɪt 'ʌp/ (sl) a ri (zu).

**light**<sup>3</sup> /laɪt/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 a zaang, rit lo, khiing zaang: *He's lost a lot of weight: he's three kilos lighter than he used to be.* ○ *Carry this bag — it's the lightest.* 2 [esp attrib] thil zaang: *This coat is light but very warm.* ○ *light shoes, clothing,* ie for summer wear ○ *The old bridge can only be used by light vehicles.* ○ *a light aircraft.* 3 (following *ns*) rin hnakh a zaannak: *This sack of*



potatoes is five kilos light. **4** [esp attrib] nuamte, dim, napi si lo: a light tap on the shoulder; a light patter of rain on the window ○ a light knock on the door; ie not loud ○ be light on one's feet, ie agile or nimble. **5** [esp attrib] (a) tuah olmi; ol-aimi hna: Since her accident she can only do light work ○ take a little light exercise. (b) cin thiam/theih thiam ol mi, theih har lo: I took some light reading (eg a thriller) for the train journey. ○ light music, comedy, entertainment, ie not serious or difficult. **6** besia lo, tuar ol, mal lai: The company was fined £1000, which critics said was too light. ○ a light attack of flu. **7** besia lo, hmuai nei lo, a deem, malte lai: The wind is very light. ○ Trading on the Stock Exchange was light today. ○ light showers of rain. **8** [esp attrib] a sah lo, a paa, mal: light traffic ○ The river was visible through a light mist. ○ This plant will only grow in light (ie sandy) soil. **9** (a) (of meals) malte lai: a light snack, supper, etc. (b) (of food) rawl cip ol, rawl rial olmi: a light pudding ○ Her soufflés are always so light. **10** [attrib] (of sleep) ihhmuh thaw lo, thang ol: Please don't make any noise — my mother's a very light sleeper, ie wakes easily. **11** [esp attrib] (of drinks) (zu) a tha cak lo, rit har: light ale ○ a light white wine. **12** [esp attrib] lungawi thei, thinbang nei lo: with a light heart. **13** (idm) (as) light as air/as a feather a zaang zet. **light relief** malte deemter: His humour provided some welcome light relief. **make light of sth** thupi lo ih neih/tuah, poisa lo: He made light of his injury, ie said it was not serious. **make light work of sth** tha suah lo ih rak tuah: We made light work of the tidying up. **many hands make light work** ⇒ HAND<sup>1</sup>.  
▷ **light adv** bawmzaang (used esp in the expression shown): travel light.  
**lightly adv** **1** ol-ai te in. **2** thutak ih ruat lo, thupi ih ruat lo: Marriage is not something to be undertaken lightly. **3** (idm) **get off lightly/cheaply** (infml) cawhkuan nasa zet, lole, nom lo zinfetnak ihsin luat.  
**lightness n** [C]: great lightness of touch, eg when playing the piano.  
□ **light-fingered adj** (infml) rukru thei.  
**light-headed adj** luri nawn/luziing nawn.  
**light-headedness n** [U].  
**light-hearted adv** (a) donhar nei lo, lungawi thei. (b) (derog) thutak in um lo, lole, ruah thiamnak nei lemlo.  
**light-heartedly adv**. **light-heartedness n** [U].  
**light-heavyweight n** a khing 72.5 le 79.5 kg (kilogram) a ritmi thongawknak lektu.  
**light industry** thil fatete tuahnak cet hmun.  
**lightweight n**, **adj** **1** (boxer) 59 le 61 kg (kilogram) lakkar ritmi thong lehnak zuamtu: the European light weight champion. **2** (infml) (person or thing) minung, lole, thil thupi lo: a political lightweight ○ a lightweight news item.

**light**<sup>4</sup> /laɪt/ *v* (pt, pp **lit** /lɪt/ or **lighted**) (phr *v*)  
**light into sb** (sl) ruangpum in/tongkam in mi va do (physically or verbally). **light on/upon sb/sth** rin lo pin mi/thil va ton: Luckily, I lit on a secondhand copy of the book. **light out** (US sl) a rangin taan: I lit out for home.

**lighten**<sup>1</sup> /laɪtn/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** (cause sth to) zaangter: lighten a burden, cargo, pack etc. **2** donharnak/thinbangnak zaangter: My mood gradually lightened. ○ lighten sb's duties.

**lighten**<sup>2</sup> /laɪtn/ *v* **1** [Tn] tleu deuter: These new windows have lightened the room considerably. **2** [I] (fig) tleu deuh in um: His face lightened as she apologized.

**lighter**<sup>1</sup> /laɪtə(r)/ *n* = CIGARETTE LIGHTER (CIGARETTE) meitek: a cigar lighter.

**lighter**<sup>2</sup> /laɪtə(r)/ *n* kap thleng lo tangphawlawng ah thil hei ret, lole, thlaaknak ih hmanmi a tanglam permi lawng. Cf PINNACE.

▷ **lighterage** /laɪtərɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (a) lighter lawng ih thil phurh. (b) hih lawng ih thil phurh man ngenmi.

□ **lighterman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **lightermen** /-mən/) lighter lawng hnaʔuantu.

**lightning**<sup>1</sup> /laɪtnɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U] nimthlakau; teektla: be struck by lightning ○ a flash of lightning. **2** (idm) **lightning never strikes in the same place twice** (saying) tek cu a tlaknak leek/hmun ah veihnih a tla lo ding, thil lamdang hi a keel ah a cang saal lo. **like (greased) lightning; like a streak of lightning; (as) quick as lightning** khulrang zet.  
□ **lightning-bug n** (US) demde, dumde.

**lightning conductor** (Brit) (US **lightning rod**) tektlak khamnak inn parih thirhri an sihmi.

**lightning**<sup>2</sup> /laɪtnɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] **1** khulrang; zamrang: Police made a lightning raid on the house. **2** (idm) **with lightning speed** zamrang zet.

□ **lightning strike** cetzung hnaʔuan pawl rin lopi ih hnaʔuan bansan: a lightning strike called to protest about the dismissal of a workmate.

**lights** /laɪts/ *n* [pl] tuu cuap, vok cuap tivek (a sa ei mi).

**lignaceous** /lɪɡnəs/ *adj* (of plants) a bur luaili.

**lignite** /lɪɡnaɪt/ *n* [U] a neem ih a pawl nawnmi lung meihol.

**like**<sup>1</sup> /laɪk/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tg, Tsg] duh, nuam ti zet, ngaih zet: Do you like fish? ○ She likes him (ie is fond of him) but doesn't love him. ○ She's never liked swimming. ○ I didn't like him/his taking all the credit. (b) [Tn, Tnt, Cn-a] ti duh/tuah duh, duh; hril: On Sundays I like to sleep late. ○ 'How do you like your tea?' 'I like it rather weak.' **2** [Tt, Tg] (in negative sentences) duh lo; thukthun: I didn't like (ie felt reluctant) to disturb you. ○ He doesn't like asking for help. **3** [Tn, Tt, Tnt] (used with should/would/'d to express a wish or preference at a particular time) should/would thawn hman tikah duh sawn sawnnak

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langtermi: *Would you like something to eat?* ○ *I'd like to think it over before deciding.* ○ *We would like you to come and visit us.* ○ (ironic) *So he thinks it's easy, does he? I'd like to see him try!* ie He would find it difficult. ⇒ Usage at WANT<sup>1</sup>. **4** [Tn] (infml) (of food) taksa thawn rem lo: *I like lobster but it doesn't like me.* **5** (idm) **I like his nerve, cheek, etc** (ironic) (used as an exclamation to complain that sb's behaviour is too impudent) (linglet ih tɔŋ) mi pakhat ih mi zawmthainak kha a ling let ih simnak tɔŋ: *'She has written to demand an apology.'* *'I like her nerve!'* **I like that!** (ironic) (used to protest that has been said is untrue or unfair) (linglet tɔŋ hman) simmi thu hi a hman lo/a dik lo ti duhnak ih tɔŋ sanmi: *'She called you a cheat.'* *'Well, I like that! if you like'* (used as a polite form of agreement or suggestion) lungkimnak/forhfiak duhnak a mawi zawng ih hman: *'Shall we stop now?'* *'If you like'* ○ *If you like, we could go out this evening.* **like the look/sound of sb/sth** mi pakhat/thil pakhat thuhla theihmi parah lungkim hnathlaknak: *I like the look of your new assistant — she should do very well.* ○ *I don't like the sound of that cough — oughtn't you to see a doctor?* **that's what I'd like to know** (infml) (used to express disbelief, suspicion, etc) zum lo thu, rin lo thu sim duhnak: *Where's all the money coming from? That's what I'd like to know.* ▷ **like-able** (also **likable**) /laɪkəbl/ *adj* duhnungza; a nuam/a t̃ha: *He's likeable enough, but a bit boring.* **likes** *n* [pl] (idm) **likes and dislikes** duh mi le duh lo mi: *He has so many likes and dislikes that it's impossible to please him.*

**NOTE ON USAGE:** Note these ways of using **Would you like?** **1** *'Would you like to come to dinner tomorrow?'* *'Yes, thank you.'* (invitation). **2** *'Would you like to clear the table?'* *'Okay.'* (request). Sometimes the speaker uses pattern 2 in order to make a complaint: *'Would you like to turn that music down?'* *'Yes, sorry.'*

**like**<sup>2</sup> /laɪk/ *prep* **1** mi/thil pakhat a bangmi; thawn a bang-awmi: *wearing a hat like mine* ○ *a house built like an Indian palace* ○ *I've always wanted a garden like theirs.* ○ *I'm going to be a pop star like Michael Jackson.* ○ *He's like his father,* ie in character or looks. ○ *She looks a bit like the Queen.* ○ *That sounds like* (ie I think I can hear) *the postman.* **2** um daan/nuncan in mi/thil pakhat a bang: *It's just like her to tell everyone about it.* **3** mi/thil pakhat tidan tuahdan a bangmi: *chatter like monkeys* ○ *behave like children* ○ *run like the wind,* ie very fast. ⇒ Usage at AS. **4** thimnak ah: *We could look at some modern poets, like Eliot and Hughes.* ○ *Practical lessons, like woodwork and cookery, are*

*not considered as important as maths.* **5** (idm) **like anything** (infml) rang zet, nasa zet in tivek: *I had to run like anything to catch the bus.* ○ *We must work like anything to finish on time.*

▷ **like** *conj* (infml) **1** vekin: *No one sings the blues like she did.* ○ *Don't think you can learn grammatical rules like you learn multiplication tables.* **2** (esp US) si awter in: *She acts like she owns the place,* ie is very bossy.

**-like** *suff* (forming *adjs*) bang/vek: *childlike* ○ *ladylike* ○ *snake-like.*

**like**<sup>3</sup> /laɪk/ *adj* **1** bang zet, tluk-aw, cuvek: *They're not twins, but they're very like.* ○ *Like causes tend to produce like results.* ○ *mice, rats and like creatures.* **2** (idm) (as) **like as two peas/as peas in a pod** bang aw zet.

▷ **like** *adv* (idm) (as) **like as not; like enough; most/very like** (dated) cang thei zetmi: *It'll rain this afternoon, as like as not.*

**like** *n* **1** [sing] thil pakhat a dang thawn a bangmi/vek a simi: *You should only compare like with like.* ○ *jazz, rock and the like,* ie similar kinds of music ○ *I've never seen the like of it!* ie anything so strange, etc. **2** (idm) **the likes of sb/sth** (infml) vek simi: *He's a bit of a snob — won't speak to the likes of me.*

□ **like-minded** *adj* duhnak/ruahnak bang awmi: *I have complained to my MP, and urge all like-minded people to do the same.*

**-like** *suff* (used widely with *ns* to form *adjs*) thil pakhat thawn a bangmi: *childlike* ○ *shell-like.*

**likely** /laɪkli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ~ (to do sth/that...) cang thei dingmi/si awm: *the likely outcome, winner* ○ *It isn't likely to rain.* ○ *She's very likely to ring me tonight.* ○ *It's very likely that she'll ring me tonight.* **2** thil pakhat hrang a remcang: *This looks a likely field for mushrooms.* ○ *a likely-looking candidate,* ie one expected to succeed. **3** (idm) **a likely story** (ironic) (used to express scorn and disbelief about what sb has said) mi ih sim mi parah ngaih lo le hmuhsuam/phirsit ih simmi: *He says he just forgot about it — a likely story!*

▷ **likely** *adv* (idm) **as likely as not; most/very likely** si thei (zet)mi: *As likely as not she's forgotten all about it.* **not (bloody, etc) likely!** (infml) si hrimeh hlah: *Me? Join the army? Not likely!*

**likelihood** /laɪklihʊd/ *n* [U] a si theinak: *There's no likelihood of that happening.* ○ *In all likelihood* (ie Very probably) *the meeting will be cancelled.*

**liken** /laɪkən/ *v* [Tn.pr] ~ **sth to sth** (fml) tahthim: *Life has often been likened to a journey.*

**likeness** /laɪknɪs/ *n* **1** (a) [U] bangawknak: *I can't see much likeness between him and his father.* (b) [C usu sing] a bang-awmi sinak: *All my children share a strong family likeness.* **2** [sing] (following an *adj*) zuksuai mi ah zohthim ih a suaimi a

..... bangnak: *That photo is a good likeness of David.*

**likewise** /laɪkns/ *adj (fml)* **1** cuvek thotho in: *I'm going to bed and you would be well advised to do likewise.* **2** khal: *the food was excellent, (and) likewise the wine.*

**liking** /laɪkɪŋ/ *n* (idm) **have a liking for sth** thil rak duh/ngaihawng/duh thei: *I've always had a liking for the sea.* **to sb's liking** (fml) duhawng si: *I trust the meal was to your liking.*

**lilac** /laɪlək/ *n* **1** (a) [C] a par a rang, lole, sendup paal nawn ih rimthaw a nei mi thingkung niamte: *The lilacs are in flower.* (b) [U] cuh pangpar: *a bunch of lilac.* **2** [U] sendup paal rong.

**lilliputian** /lɪlɪˈpjʊːʃn/ *adj (fml)* thil a fate zawngin, fate: *a model railway layout peopled with lilliputian figures.*

**lilo** /læɪləʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (Brit propr) a zaang ih puarter theih zaunak ihphah (tipi kap ih zaunak tivek).

**lilt** /lɪlt/ *n* [sing] **1** ʔong tiki aw saang thul/niam thul tuahmi: *She has a faint Irish lilt.* **2** awnmawi ah hmaanhmaan te'n saangthul niamthul ih fehmi.

▷ **lilting** *adj* sasngthul niamthul.

**lily** /lɪli/ *n* **1** (a) lily pangpar kung: *water lilies.* (b) a par raangmi lily: *daffodils and lilies flowering in the spring.* **2** (idm) **gild the lily** ⇒ GILD.

□ **lily-livered** /lɪli ˈlɪvəd/ *adj (dated)* ʔih hrut in.

**lily of the valley** a rim thaw, khawnglawng pian a si ih a par a rangmi pangpar kung.

**limb** /lɪm/ *n* **1** kut, ke, thla: *I need to sit down and rest my weary limbs.* **2** zanthing kuang pakhat ih a ʔek tum bik. **3** (idm) **life and limb** ⇒ LIFE. **out on a limb** (infml) a pakte le phan ding um, bawmtu nei loin: *leave sb/be/go out on a limb.* **sound in wind and limb** ⇒ SOUND<sup>1</sup>. **tear sb limb from limb** ⇒ TEAR<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **-limbed** /lɪmd/ (forming compound adjs) kut ke umzia simnak: *long-limbed* ○ *weary-limbed* ○ *loose-limbed*, ie supple.

**limber** /lɪmbə(r)/ *adj (dated)* merh thei/her theimi.

▷ **limber** *v* (phr *v*) **limber up** lehnak ding hrangih kut ke cangvaihter, thihlumter (WARM<sup>2</sup>): *I always do a few easy exercises to limber up before a match.*

**limbo**<sup>1</sup> /lɪmbəʊ/ *n* (idm) **in limbo** ziang a cang ding ti sim theih lo/laklawh laifang: *The project must remain in limbo until the committee makes its decision.*

**limbo**<sup>2</sup> /lɪmbəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s /-bəʊz/) America lam West Indies mi pawl laam dan — laamtu cu a dingih a zau in a um — cule a zau ih retmi fung pakhat tangah zaphathal zawng in a dingih a fung cu an niamter vivo.

**lime**<sup>1</sup> /lɪmbəʊ/ *n* [U] **1** (also **quicklime**) thung — lungto ur ih a sat laiah ti toih tikah vut a cang. **2** = BIRDLIME (BIRD).

▷ **lime** *v* [Tn] ram ʔha seh tiah thung vut burhmi.

□ **lime-kiln** thung urnak hmun.

**limestone** *n* [U] thung tuahnak lungto.

**lime**<sup>2</sup> /laɪm/ *n* [U] **1** (also **lime-tree**, **linden**) *n* thin pianhmang hnah a nei ih rimhmui par aihre a neimi thingkung phunkhat.

**lime**<sup>3</sup> /laɪm/ *n* **1** [C] (tree bearing) tanphaza kung/rah. **2** [U] (also **lime green**) aihre le hring nawn mi a rah zawng (rong, pian).

□ **lime-juice** *n* [U] tanphaza ti, in ding ti ih tuahmi.

**limelight** /laɪmlaɪt/ *n* [U] mipi theih, lole, theih duhnak: *She claims she never sought the limelight.* ○ *When I was president, I was always in the limelight — there was no privacy.*

**limerick** /lɪməˈrɪk/ *n* rin nga ih ngan mi hnihsuahnak telmi biazai.

**limey** /laɪmi/ *n* (pl ~s) (US sl usu derog) Mirang (England) mipa tisannak.

**limit**<sup>1</sup> /lɪmɪt/ *n* [C] **1** rikhiahnak, a ri then: *within the city limits* ○ (fig) *He tried my patience to its limits.* ○ *No fishing is allowed within a twenty-mile limit.* **2** a tam bik miangmo ih tuah/ti sianmi: *The speed limit on this road is 70 mph.* ○ *There's a limit to how much I'm prepared to spend.* **3** (idm) (be) **the limit** (sl) tuar thei khop tiang/si thei zat: *You really are the (absolute) limit!* **off limits** (US) = OUT OF BOUNDS (BOUNDS). **the sky's the limit** ⇒ SKY. **within limits** rikhiiah tiang sung: *I'm willing to help, within limits.* **without limit** si thei patawp tiang.

▷ **limitless** tawp ti um lo/a tawp timi leengah: *limitless ambition, greed, wealth.*

**limit**<sup>2</sup> /lɪmɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth (to sth)** rikhiiah/a tawp ti ih tuahmi: *We must try and limit our expenditure.* ○ *I shall limit myself to three aspects of the subject.*

▷ **limited** *adj* khiahmi vial; a tawp zat tuah, a mal: *Only a limited number of places is available.* ○ *His intelligence is rather limited.*

**limited edition** cabu malte lawng tuah. **limited liability company** (abbr **Ltd**) sumtuah hnaʔuan khawmnak kampani (company): *Acme Interiors Ltd.*

**limiting** *adj* riʔhentu; khammi: *Time is the limiting factor.*

**limitation** /lɪmɪˈteɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] riʔhennak, riʔhen ih um: *resist any limitation of their powers.* **2** [C] malternak, tawkternak: *impose limitations on imports, expenditure, reporting.* **3** [C] tlaksamnak, thil ti thei lo: *He knows his limitations, ie knows what he can and cannot achieve.*

**limousine** /lɪməˈziːn, ˌlɪməˈziːn/ *n* thil phurhnak silo, minung tonak lawng hmanmi mawʔawka (a mawngtu dungin a khaan ʔhen um mi).

**limp**<sup>1</sup> /lɪmp/ *adj* **1** khauh lomi, a dormi: *a limp edition*, ie a book with a flexible binding. **2** tha/cahnak um lo; uai: *a limp handshake, gesture, response* ○ *The flowers looked limp in the heat.*

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▷ **limp** *adv.* **limpness** *n* [U].  
**limp**<sup>2</sup> /lɪmp/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ke-awl i vaak: *That dog must be hurt — he's limping.* ○ *The injured footballer limped slowly off the field.* ○ *limp about, along, away, off* ○ (fig) *The third act limps badly.* ⇒ Usage at SHUFFLE. **2** [Ipr] (of a ship, etc) har zet in hmai lam ih feh: *After the collision both vessels managed to limp into harbour.*  
 ▷ **limp** *n* [sing] ke-awl: *walk with/have a bad, slight, etc limp.*  
**limpet** /lɪmpɪt/ *n* lungto parih bek theimi a phaw hakmi nga, ngalungbok: *cling, hold on, etc (to sb/sth) like a limpet, ie very tenaciously.*  
**limpid** /lɪmpɪd/ *adj* (of liquids, etc) a faimi; tlangko a lang theimi (transparent): *limpid eyes.*  
 ▷ **limpidity** /lɪmpɪdətɪ/ *n* [U]. **limpidly** *adv.*  
**linchpin** /lɪntʃpɪn/ *n* **1** hreitlung fang hreiha par tangko khennak thir. **2** (fig) pawlkomnak pakhat ih a thupi bik mi minung, lole, thil: *Controlling wages is the linchpin of the Government's policies.*  
**linctus** /lɪŋktəs/ *n* [U] (Brit) khuhkhuh sii a tii, awmna siti.  
**linden** /lɪndən/ *n* = LIME<sup>2</sup>.  
**line**<sup>1</sup> /laɪn/ *n* **1** [C] (a) rin: *a straight line* ○ *Don't park on the double yellow lines, ie those painted at the side of a road in Britain.* ○ *Draw a line from A to B.* (b) vun parih a rin: *The old man's face was covered in lines and wrinkles.* **2** [U] thil suai tiki a rin nganmi: *Line and colour are both important in portrait painting.* **3** lines [pl] a tlangpi pianhmang: *the graceful lines of the ship.* **4** [C] (usu **the line**) (in sport) lehnak tualrawn ih rinmi: *first across the line, ie in a race* ○ *If the ball crosses the line it is out.* (b) [C] ramri rin, ramri then: *cross the line (ie border) from Mexico into the US.* (c) **the Line** [sing] equator rin. **5** [C] ral bawhnak thingphun, lei laihkuarmi: *the front line, ie that nearest to the enemy* ○ *a safe position well behind the lines.* **6** [C] a tlar ih um, lole, artlang ih um minung/thil: *a line of customers queuing* ○ *lines of trees in an orchard* ○ *a long line of low hills.* **7** [C usu sing] sankhat hnu sankhat a sangsang ih ummi minung/thil: *a line of kings* ○ *the Stuart line* ○ *in the male/female line.* **8** (a) [C] cabu sungih ca-tluan: *page 5, line 13* ○ *The last two lines (ie of verse) rhyme.* (b) [C] (infml) cakuat nganmi: *Just a short line to say thanks.* (c) **lines** [pl] baisakup sungih thuanthu ah a cangvaitu pawl ih simdingmi tongfang: *Have you learnt your lines yet?* (d) **lines** [pl] (in schools) tlawngta cawh tikah ngantermi ca-tluan: *The maths teacher was furious and gave me 50 mines.* **9** [C] (a) pathri, hridai a tluan ih hmanmi: *a fishing line* ○ *Hang (out) clothes on the line.* (b) (esp nautical) hri. **10** [C] (equipment providing a) telephone hri, aw fehnak: *Our firm has twenty lines.* ○ *I'm sorry, the line is engaged.* ○ *a bad (eg noisy) line.* **11** [C] (a) tlangleng zin: *The train was delayed*

*because of ice on the line.* (b) tlangleng zintluan hmunkhat: *a branch line* ○ *the main line* ○ *the second stop from Oxford on the Worcester line.* **12** [sing] thil ruah dan/umzia cangvaih dan: *Don't take that line with me.* ○ *I absolutely reject the management's line on this.* ○ *She always takes a Marxist line.* **13** [sing] ~ (of sth) thil pakhat fehnak zawn: *the line of march (of sth)* ○ *the line of march (of an army, etc)* ○ *the line of fire, ie direction in which guns, etc are fired.* **14** [C] tangphawlawng, mawtaw (bus), vanzam fehnak kel: *a shipping line* ○ *an air line.* **15** **the lines** [pl] (esp in the army) ralkap umnak inntluan. **16** **the line** [sing] (a) (Brit) (in the army) raldotu ralkap. (b) (US) (in the army) ralkap pohpoh. **17** [sing] (in the army) ralkap tlar hnih: *attack in extended line.* **18** [sing] (a) hnatuan daan then aw mi, eg, si lam, inn sak lam, lilawn lam, cet lam tivek: *He's something in the banking line.* ○ *her line is more selling that production.* ○ *That's not (much in) my line, ie not one of my skills or interests.* (b) thil tuahmi a phun in: *This shop has a nice line in winter coats.* **19** (idm) **all along the line** (infml) khoi lam pohpoh ah, khoi zawn khal in: *I've trusted you all along the line and now you've let me down.* **along/on the same, etc lines** cuti zawn in: *Could you write another programme on the same lines?* ○ *The novel develops along traditional lines.* **be in the firing line** ⇒ FIRE<sup>2</sup>. **bring sth, come, fall, get, move, etc into line (with sb/sth)** remter; kopter; kaihter: *He'll have to fall into line with the others.* **draw the line at sth/doing sth** ⇒ DRAW. **drop sb a line** ⇒ DROP<sup>2</sup>. **the end of the line/road** ⇒ END<sup>1</sup>. **get, have, etc one's lines crossed** (a) cet thilri siat ruangah telephone in be-aw thei lo: *I can't get through — the lines must be crossed.* (b) (infml) mi pakhat thawn anciing aw lo. **give sb/get/have a line on sth** (infml) thuhla theihter. **hard lines** ⇒ HARD<sup>1</sup>. **hold the line** telephone rak kai ta hrih (na biak duhmi ka ko ta ding tinak): *Hold the line while see if she's here.* **hook, line and sinker** ⇒ HOOK<sup>1</sup>. **in (a) line (with sth)** thil pakhat thawn artlaang dingih um: *Place you right toe in line with your left heel.* **(stand) in/on line** (US) artlaang ih ding, a sangsang ih ding (in a queue). **in line for sth** thil pakhat ngah/co dingih um: *She's in line for promotion.* **in the line of duty** tluanvo neih laifang, tluan lai. **in line with sth** thil pakhat thawn bangaw, a dang pakhat vekin: *in line with the other/with the latest research.* **lay it on the line** (infml) suup lo ih tong, thuhmi nei lo ih tong: *Let me lay it on the line — I think you're cheating.* **(choose; follow, take, etc) the line of least resistance** thil a ol bik zawn ih tuah. **(put sth) on the line** (infml) phan ding um: *If this goes wrong your job's on the line.* **out of line (with sb/sth)** (a) a rin a dingmi zawn ah um lo: *One of the soldiers is out of line.* (b) a si lo



lawmmam ih a dangaw mi: *Our prices are out of line with those of our competitors.* **read between the lines** ⇒ READ. **shoot a line** ⇒ SHOOT<sup>1</sup>. **sign on the dotted line** ⇒ SIGN<sup>2</sup>. **somewhere, etc along the line** thil a cang laifang mi cankhat te zawn ah: *He started off enthusiastically but at some point along the line boredom set in.* **step out of line** ⇒ STEP<sup>1</sup>. **take a firm, etc line (on/over sth)** (thu-hnok tivek) thil pakhat khoh zet ih kai/khoh zet ih um. **take a hard line** ⇒ HARD<sup>1</sup>. **toe the line** ⇒ TOE v.

□ **line-drawing** n cafung, pen, khedan ti vekih zuk suaimi/rinmi.

**line printer** (computing) rangzet ih ca tampi suahnak cet.

**line**<sup>2</sup> /laɪn/ v **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] a rin ih ngan; ca hnah parih rin: *line paper*, ie with lines printed on it ○ *a face lined with age and worry.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] thil pakhat zawn a tluan ih rin, thil tluan pakhat zawn ih a rin tuah: *a road lined with tree* ○ *Crowds of people lined the route of the procession.* **3** (phr v) **line up (for sth)** (US) a sangsang ih ding, um. **line (sb) up** a tlar ih ding: *line up the suspects/get the suspects to line up.* **line sth up** (infml) tluan, kaikhawm, hoha: *I've got rather a lot lined up* (ie I'm very busy) *this week.* ○ *He's lined up a live band for the party.* □ **line-out** n (in Rugby football) a ralsan hmainor pahnih dinnak tluan.

**line-up** n **1** cek ding ruangah mi a tlar ih ding: *a line-up of men in an identification parade.* **2** a tlarte/artlangte ih ummi/retmi; tumtahnak pakhat hrangih hrilmi: *Jones will be missing from the team line-up.* ○ *A film completes this evening's TV line-up.*

**line**<sup>3</sup> /laɪn/ v **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** thil pakhat thil dangih thuahmi: *an overcoat lined with silk* ○ *fur-lined gloves* ○ *Line the drawers with paper before you use them.* ○ *The walls of the room were lined with books.* **2** (idm) **line one's (own)/sb's pocket(s)** tangka ngah thei (a bik in a dik lo, lole, hrokhrawlak in).

**lineage** /ˈlɪnɪdʒ/ n [U] (fml) pupa ihsin a sansan ih a rami, sansiar: *trace one's lineage back many centuries* ○ *be of humble lineage.*

**lineal** /ˈlɪniəl/ adj [usu attrib] **1** (fml) pupa san tnatnak ah: *a lineal heir to the title.* **2** = LINEAR. ▷ **lineally** /-ɪəli/ adv: *lineally descended from sb.*

**lineaments** /ˈlɪniəmənts/ n [pl] (fml) hmai pianthlai/thil um dan: (fig) *the lineaments* (ie *main factors*) *of the situation.*

**linear** /ˈlɪniə(r)/ adj **1** a rin thawn pehparmi: *a linear design.* **2** sau lam/saunak: *linear measure*, eg metres, feet, inches. ⇒ App 5.

▷ **linearity** /ˈlɪniərəti/ n [U].

**lineman** (esp US) = LINESMAN.

**linen** /ˈlɪnɪn/ n [U] **1** bawri puanthan: [attrib] *linen handkerchiefs.* **2** innsang hman thilri (cabuai khuh, ihphah khuh puan tivek): [attrib] *a linen*

*cupboard.* **3** (idm) **wash one's dirty linen in public** ⇒ WASH<sup>2</sup>.

**liner**<sup>1</sup> /ˈlaɪnə(r)/ n **1** a fehnak kel ih hmanhman a feh ringring mi mi phurtu/thil phurtu tangphawlawng: *a transatlantic cruise liner.* **2** = FREIGHTLINER (FREIGHT). **3** = EYE-LINER (EYE<sup>1</sup>).

**liner**<sup>2</sup> /ˈlaɪnə(r)/ n tuktak thil tuamnak: *nappy-liners* ○ *bin-liners*, ie plastic bags used to line a rubbish bin.

**linesman** /ˈlaɪnzsmən/ (also esp US **lineman** /ˈlaɪnmən/) (pl **-men** /-mən/) n **1** bawhlung lehnak ah bualrawn leng ihsin *refree* a rak bawmtu. **2** electric le telephone hri rak zoh thatu/a siat tuahtu.

**ling**<sup>1</sup> /lɪŋ/ n [U] type of heather; *khawng-lawng* pianhmang nei pangpar kung phun.

**ling**<sup>2</sup> /lɪŋ/ n Europe ram saklam ih tipi nga.

**-ling** suff **1** (with *ns* forming *ns*) a faa tinak (rampai faa tivek): *duckling.* **2** (with *vs* forming *ns*) (usu derog) thil/minung pakhat thawn a pehpar awmi: *hireling* ○ *nursling.*

**linger** /ˈlɪŋɡə(r)/ v [I, Ipr, Ip] **1** malte lai tang hrih/um hrih: *She lingered after the concert, hoping to meet the star.* ○ *linger about/around/on.* **2** fuung, celcek: *there's no time to linger — it'll soon be dark.* ○ *linger (long) over one's meal.* **3** rak tang/nung tonto/awk lai/tanglai hrih; um lai hrih: *Though desperately ill he could linger on* (ie not die) *for months.* ○ *The custom still lingers (on) in some villages.* ○ *The smell of her perfume lingered in the empty house.*

▷ **lingerer** n rak tanghrihtu.

**lingering** adj [esp attrib] (a) rei daih/reipi/rei awk: *a lingering illness* ○ *a last lingering look.* (b) tanglai, umlai hrih: *a few lingering doubts* ○ *a lingering sense of guilt.* **lingeringly** adv.

**lingerie** /ˈlæŋʒəri/; US /ˌlɒndʒəˈreɪ/ n [U] (in shops, etc) nunau sunghruk.

**lingo** /ˈlɪŋɡəʊ/ n (pl ~ **es**) (infml joc or derog) **1** ram dang tɔŋg/mi tɔŋg: *If you live abroad it helps to know the local lingo.* **2** mi burkhat/mi rualkhat ih an hman theumi tɔŋg dan: *Don't use all that technical lingo — try and explain in plain English.*

**lingua franca** /ˈlɪŋɡwəˈfræŋkə/ tlangtɔŋg, mi zapi hman tɔŋg, zaran hmanmi tɔŋg: *Swahili is the principal lingua franca in east Africa.*

**linguist** /ˈlɪŋɡwɪst/ **1** midang tɔŋg phunphun a thiammi: *She's an excellent linguist.* ○ *I'm afraid I'm no linguist*, ie I am poor at foreign languages. **2** a dante ih mi tɔŋg a zirtu.

**linguistic** /ˈlɪŋɡwɪstɪk/ adj tɔŋg thawn a pehparmi. ▷ **linguistics** n [sing v] tɔŋg dang, lole, tɔŋg phunkhat a si dan ding zet ih zir. Cf PHILOLOGY.

**liniment** /ˈlɪnɪmənt/ n [C, U] taksa, ruang thop, ruangna tivek a dam, lole, dem dingih a hnawt ih thuhmi hriak si.

**lining** /ˈlaɪnɪŋ/ n **1** (a) [C] thil pakhat ih a sunglam dam; kawt angki a sungthuah paate: *a coat with a fur lining.* (b) [U] hivek ih hmanmi thil. **2** [U]

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## link

taksa sunglam dam paate: *the stomach lining*. **3** (idm) **every cloud has a silver lining** ⇒ CLOUD<sup>1</sup>.

**link** /lɪŋk/ *n* **1** hrikual/thirkual. **2** thil pahnih a pehtlaitu, a peh awmi: *Police suspect there may be a link between the two murders.* ○ *commercial, cultural, diplomatic, etc links (between two countries).* **3** (formerly) a sau lam tahnak; 7.92 ruhpi bok (letmah), lole centemeter 20 tluk sau mi. **4** (idm) **the missing link** ⇒ MISS<sup>3</sup>.  
▷ **link v** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] **A with B/~ A and B (together); ~ sth (up)** minung/thil pawl peh awter, peh aw: *The crowd linked arms to form a barrier.* ○ *Television station around the world are linked by satellite.* ○ *The newspapers have linked his name with hers,* ie implied that they are having an affair. ○ *a new road to link (up) the two motorways.* **2** (phr v) **link up (with sb/sth)** peh awknak tuah: *The two spacecraft will link up (with each other) in orbit.*

□ **linkman** /-mæn/ *n* (pl **-men** /-men/) radio thil thuam/hna, lole, television caan neih dan, lole, caan hnih karlak rak tuahtu.

**link-up** pehnak: *the first link-up of two satellites in space.*

**linkage** /lɪŋkɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [U, C] peh awknak, rak peh aw. **2** [C] thil pehtu a thilri.

**links** /lɪŋks/ *n* **1** = GOLF-LINKS (GOLF). **2** [pl] (esp Scot) tipi kiang vunnel tlang tete.

**linnet** /lɪnɪt/ Europe ram ih um a awn theumi vate phunkhat.

**lino** /lɪnəʊ/ *n* [U] (infml) = LINOLEUM.

□ **linocut** *n* (a) leonoleum zialphah thaana a suahmi mawi seh ti in tan ih tuahmi. (b) cuvek ih telhmi.

**linoleum** /lɪnəʊliəm/ (also infml **lino**) *n* [U] tleu dingih si hnihmi zialphah phunkhat.

**linseed** /lɪnsiːd/ *n* [U] bawri hri kung rah (a mu).

□ **linseed oil** linseed mu ihsin a suakmi hriak (tlawrh le tleuternak ih hnihmi).

**lint** /lɪnt/ *n* [U] **1** hma tuamnak puan neem/thil neemte: [attrib] *a lint bandage*. **2** puan, angki tivek parih hmanmi vate, lole, ramsa hmul neemte te.

**lintel** /lɪntl/ *n* sangka/tukvirh — parah a phei ih sak cihmi lungto, lole, thing, sangkate khamphei.

**lion** /laɪən/ *n* **1** kiosa. **2** (becoming dated) mi ralṭha/hminthang: *a literary lion*, ie celebrated author. **3** (idm) **beard the lion in his den** ⇒ BEARD<sup>2</sup>. **the lion's share (of sth)** thil hei then tikah (vo zem tikah) a tum bik, a uak bik vo upa vo: *As usual, the lion's share of the budget is for defence.*

▷ **lioness** /-es/ *n* kiosa a nu.

**lionize, -ise** /-aɪz/ *v* [Tn] hminthanter; hlorh, thupi zet ih zoh: *Marilyn wanted to be loved, not lionized.*

□ **lion-hearted** *adj* ralṭha zet.

**lip** /lɪp/ *n* **1** [C] hmur, a tlun/a tang: *the lower/upper*

*lip* ○ *kiss sb on the lips* ○ *She had a cigarette between her lips.* ○ *He put the bottle to his lips and drank deeply.* **2** [C] thil a tlang (hai, kheng tivek ih a tlang): *the lip of a cup, saucer, crater.* **3** [U] (sl) mi upat lo/ziang siar lo: *Less of your lip!* ie Don't be so cheeky! **4** (idm) **bite one's lip** ⇒ BITE<sup>1</sup>. **button one's lip** ⇒ BUTTON. **curl one's lip** ⇒ CURL<sup>2</sup>. **hang on sb's lips** ⇒ HANG<sup>1</sup>. **lick/smack one's lips/chops** ⇒ LICK. **one's lips are sealed** kaa phit; humr khuaiseng erh; rel lo ding, phuan lo ding: *I'd like to tell you what I know but my lips are sealed.* **a stiff upper lip** ⇒ STIFF. **there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip** ⇒ SLIP<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **-lipped** (forming compound *adjs*) hmur um dan (hmur paa, hmur kawi tivek): *thin-lipped* ○ *tight-lipped*.

□ **lip-read** *v* (pt, pp **lip-read** /-red/) [I, Tn] hmur cangvaih dan zoh i tɔngmi thei (hnaset pawl ih theih thei dan). **lip-reading** *n* [U].

**lipsalve** *n* [C, U] hmurhma thuh si — si bek.

**lip-service** *n* (idm) **give/pay lip-service to sth** kaa lawng ih ṭanpi, lungkim, tuahnak um lo: *He pays lip-service to feminism but his wife still does all the housework.*

**lipstick** *n* [C, U] (*stick of*) hmur thuh si; hmur sen si.

**liquefy** /lɪkwɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [I, Tn] thil pakhat a khal mi titer: *liquefied wax*.

▷ **liquefaction** /lɪkwɪfæksən/ *n* [U]: *the liquefaction of gases.*

**liquescent** /lɪkwesnt/ *adj* (of a gas or solid) a ti ih cang zik, cang dingmi.

**liqueur** /lɪkjuə(r); US -'kɜːr/ *n* a thlum ih a cakmi zu (rawl-ei theh ah malte te'n an in): [attrib] *liqueur brandy*, ie one of special quality for drinking as a liqueur ○ *a liqueur glass*, ie a small one for liqueurs.

**liquid** /lɪkwɪd/ *n* **1** [C, U] a tii — tidai, sa hriakti: *Air is a fluid but not a liquid, while water is both a fluid and a liquid.* ○ *If you add too much liquid the mixture will not be thick enough.* **2** [C] (*phonetics*) awtung siar daan /r/ lole /l/.

▷ **liquid** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a ti in a simi, a ti mi; a khal lo: *liquid food/nourishment*, ie easily swallowed, eg by sick people ○ (*joc*) *a liquid lunch*, ie beer, etc rather than food. **2** a fiang ih a thiang, tidai vek: *eyes of liquid blue*. **3** (*of sounds*) a fiang, a fai ih a tluang: *the liquid song of a blackbird*. **4** (*finance*) ol te'n tangka ih canter: *one's liquid assets*.

□ **liquid gas** daih zetternak in thlikhu in a ti ah canter mi.

**liquidate** /lɪkwɪdeɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** pek, sam (leiba). **2** (thil zuarnak) thil tuahmi (sum hawlnak) khar ih a miat ngah mi zem ih leiba samnak ah hmang. **3** (that tahrat in) raal pawl ti hlo: *liquidated his political opponents*.

▷ **liquidation** /lɪkwɪdeɪsən/ *n* [U] **1** cuvek ih tuahnak. **2** (idm) **go into liquidation** (of a

- business) khar — leiba tam ruangah.  
**liquidator** *n* sum hawlnak (dawr tivek) kharnak ih tuanvo neitu bik.  
**liquidity** /lɪkwɪdəti/ *n* [U] **1** (*finance*) paisa ih canter lo hlo theimi thilri pawl neihnak: *The company has good liquidity.* **2** cu ti ih cantermi.  
**liquidize, -ise** /lɪkwɪdaɪz/ *n* [Tn] (**a**) titer, a ti ah cangter. (**b**) (thingthei rah pawl) rial ih a ti ah suah.  
 ▷ **liquidizer, -iser** (also *esp* **US** **blender**) *n* (usu electric) rawl titernak thil.  
**liquor** /lɪkə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** (**a**) (*Brit*) zu a si mi pohpoh: *under the influence of liquor*, ie drunk. (**b**) (*esp* **US**) zureu tivek: *hard liquor* ○ *She drinks wine and beer but no liquor.* **2** rawl suangih a ti canter.  
**liquorice** (**US** **licorice**) /lɪkərɪs/ *n* **1** [U] (**a**) sii le thil thlum tuahnak ih rawimi thil dum. (**b**) **2** [U] cumi hrangih thinghram.  
**lira** /lɪərə/ *n* (**pl** **lire** /lɪərə/ or **liras**) (*abbr* **L**) Italy le Turkey ih tangka.  
**lisle** /laɪl/ *n* [U] mawca le kuthruk ih tahmi patzai tha.  
**lisp** /lɪsp/ *n* tɔng fel lo; speech defect in which /s/ is pronounced as /θ/ and /z/ as /ð/: *speak with a lisp* ○ *have a bad, pronounced, slight, etc lisp.*  
 ▷ **lisp** *v* [I, Tn] fiangfai lo ih tɔng.  
**lispily** *adv.*  
**lissom** (also **lissome**) /lɪsəm/ *adj* a mawi ih a rangmi cangvaih dan.  
 ▷ **lissomness** *n* [U].  
**list**<sup>1</sup> /lɪst/ *n* **1** minung hmin, thil hmin le nambat; *cazin: a shopping list* ○ *make a list of things one must do* ○ *put sb/sth on the list* ○ *take sb/sth off the list.* **2** (*idm*) **on the danger list** ⇒ **DANGER**.  
 ▷ **list** *v* [Tn] (**a**) *cazin* tuah: *list one's engagements for the week.* (**b**) *cazin* sungih than/telh, khum: *The books are listed alphabetically.*  
 □ **listed building** (*Brit*) inn a sak dan a lamdang zetmi, lole, san thuanthu ah a thupi ti ih rak timi.  
**list price** (*commerce*) ca ih thianmi thilri man *cazin: selling sth for less than the list price.*  
**list**<sup>2</sup> /lɪst/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**to sb/sth**) tangphawlawg khatlam ah a lei, a sawn: *The damaged vessel was listing badly.* ○ *The ship lists to port.*  
 ▷ **list** *n* [sing] a sawn, a leimi: *develop a heavy list.*  
**listen** /lɪsn/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**to sb/sth**) ngai, hna ih ngai, hna hei tun, theih tum ih ngai: *We listened carefully but heard nothing.* ○ *You're not listening to what I'm saying!* **2** [Ipr] ~ **to sb/sth** mi thu sawm/forhnak zum; a thu ngai: *I never listen to (ie believe) what salesmen tell me.* **3** (*idm*) **listen to/hear reason** ⇒ **REASON**. **4** (*phr v*) **listen (out) for sth** theifiang duh ih hna tun; tha te ngai: *Please listen out for the phone while I'm in the bath.* **listen in (to sth)** (**a**) radio thuthan ngai: *listening in to the BBC World Service.* (**b**) mi thurel ngai: *She loves listening in to other people's gossip.* ○ *The criminals did not know*

*the police were listening in*, eg by tapping their telephone.

▷ **listen** *n* (usu sing) (*infml*) thu/reلمي ngainak: *Have a listen and see if you can hear anything — I can't.*

**listener** *n* (**a**) ngaitu: *a good listener*, ie one who can be relied on to listen attentively or sympathetically. (**b**) radio ngaitu: *Good evening to all our listeners!*

**listless** /lɪstlɪs/ *adj* tha nei lo, mi derthawm: *She was very listless after her illness.*

▷ **listlessly** *adv.* **listlessness** *n* [U].

**lists** /lɪsts/ *n* [pl] **1** (*formerly*) rang par to veve in namsau thawn do-awknak hmum. **2** (*idm*) **enter the lists** ⇒ **ENTER**.

**lit** *pt, pp* of **LIGHT**<sup>2</sup>.

**litany** /lɪtəni/ *n* **1** (**a**) [C] biakinn sungih (khawmnak ah) siangbawi pa le pawlpi san-awknak a ummi thlacam; thlacam son-awknak a si mi. (**b**) **the Litany** [sing] Anglican biaknak ih hmanmi zapi hman thlacam cabu. **2** [C] (*fig*) ~ (**of sth**) a saumi le nin-umza nolh reromi: *a litany of complaints.*

**litchi** = **LYCHEE**.

**liter** (**US**) = **LITER**.

**literacy** /lɪtərəsi/ *n* [U] ca siar thei, ngan thei.

**literal** /lɪtərəl/ *adj* **1** [*esp* attrib] (**a**) a hmasa bik ta thawn a bang-awmi: *a literal transcript of a speech* ○ *a literal* (ie word-for-word) *translation*. Cf **FREE**<sup>1</sup> **11**. (**b**) tɔngfang, lole, catluan ih a duhsannak hrampi thawn a pehparmi: *His story is incredible in the literal sense of the word*, ie It is impossible to believe him, so he must be lying. Cf **FIGURATIVE**, **METAPHORICAL** (**METAPHOR**). **2** (*esp derog*) nin-um zet mi; a keel le a cekci a simi: *His interpretation of the music was rather too literal.* ○ *Don't be so literal-minded — you know what I meant!*

▷ **literal** *n* (also **literal error**) cet ih ngan khen sual.

**literally** /lɪtərəli/ *adj* **1** a si veki, a cekci in: *Idioms usually cannot be translated literally in another language.* ○ *When he said he never wanted to see you again I'm sure he didn't mean it literally.* **2** (*infml*) (used loosely, to intensify meaning) tiduhsanmi hmual nei dingih tɔng hman: *I was literally bored to death!*

**literality** *n*.

**literary** /lɪtərəri/ *US* /lɪtəteri/ *adj* ca thawn pehpar in; ca thiamnak lam thawn pehparmi: *literary criticism* ○ *a literary agent*, ie one acting on behalf of writers ○ *His style is a bit too literary* (ie formal or rhetorical) *for my taste.*

**literate** /lɪtərət/ *adj* **1** ca ngan le siar thiam: *Though nearly twenty he was barely literate.* Cf **NUMERATE**. **2** ca siar zet mi, nunzia fel a neimi: *Every literate person should read this book.*

**literati** /lɪtəˈrɑːti/ *n* [pl] (*fml*) calai le cabu ihsin tampi a siar, a zirtu mifim.

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**literature** /lɪtrətʃə(r); US -tʃʊər/ *n* [U] **1** (a) siar nuam ca; thuanthu phuahcop, hla, lemcawn tivek pawl sunsak ih nganmi ca pawl. (b) ca zirnak: *a degree in American literature*. (c) ram pakhat khat ih calai: *French literature* ○ *18th century (English) literature*. **2** thuhla pakhat thawn pehpar ih nganmi — pakhat khat thuhla: *I've read all the available literature on poultry-farming*. ○ *There is now an extensive literature on the use of computers in the home*. **3** (infml) zem darhmi ca: *Please send me any literature you have on camping holidays in Spain*.

**-lith comb form** (forming *ns*) lungto: *monolith* ○ *megalith*.

▷ **-lithic** (forming *adjs*): *palaeolithic*.

**lithe** /laɪð/ *adj* (of a person, the body, etc) a duhduh ih merh le her theimi, taksa a neemmi: *The lithe grace of a gymnast*.

**lithium** /lɪθiəm/ *n* [U] (infml) a neem, ngun vekih a varmi thirphun.

**litho** /laɪθə/ *n* [U] (infml) lithography; thir le dar, lungto parih khih ih ca ngan

**lithograph** /lɪθəgrəf; US -græf/ *n* cuvek khih ih ngan in zuk tivek suaimi.

▷ **lithograph** *v* [Tn] cuvek tuah dan hman ih ngan.

**lithography** /lɪθɒgrəfi/ (also infml **litho** /laɪθə/ *n* [U]) offset canamnak cet ih canam: *a book printed by offset litho*.

▷ **lithographic** /lɪθə'græfɪk/ *adj*.

**litigant** /lɪtɪɡənt/ tazacuai (thukhinnak) ah tel.

**litigate** /lɪtɪɡeɪt/ *n* (law) (a) [I] upadi (vekin) ih thu then dingih thu neih. (b) [Tn] lu pu ih a neh ding zuam awk.

▷ **litigation** /lɪtɪ'ɡeɪʃn/ *n* (law) (a) [U] upadi feh dan vekih thu nei. (b) lu putnak.

**litigious** /lɪ'tɪdʒəs/ *adj* (esp law) **1** upadi vekin thu then dingih luput. **2** luputnak tiang a suah theimi. **3** (often derog) zung lam ih luput a duh zetmi.

**litmus** /lɪtməs/ *n* [U] acid thawn rawi tikah a sen ah a cangih alkali thawn rawi tikah tangphaw ah a cangmi thil phunkhat.

□ **litmus paper** acid maw alkaline a si deuh ti ceknak ih hmanmi litmus cahnah.

**litotes** /lɪtəʊtɪz/ *n* [U] a ti duhsan mi a linglet ih simmi, eg 'a har zet' ti ai ah 'a ol lo' tivek ('It wasn't easy' meaning 'It was very difficult').

**litre** (US **liter**) /lɪtə(r)/ *n* (abbr **l**) glucose thawl, lole, santhar tithawl pakhat tlem.

**Litt D** /lɪt 'di:/ *abbr* = **D LITT**.

**litter** /lɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] hnawmhne fatete — a bik in mi senpi tlanlennak ih a baalmi: *Please do not leave litter*. (b) [sing] baal hnuaiahni, felfai lo zet ih thil um: *Her desk was covered in a litter of books and papers*. ○ *His room was a litter of old clothes, dirty crockery and broken furniture*. **2** [U] ramsa hrangih phah sakmi fangkung ro, tivek. **3** [CGp] vei khat hrin ih

faarual hrinmi a faate pawl: *a litter of puppies*.

**4** [C] (a) mina zawnnak. (b) (formerly) minung liang ih phurhmi zaunak do thiang, lole, ramsa ih phurh mi — tlawnnak ih hmanmi.

▷ **litter** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) (with **sth**) hmunhnawm darh/tuah: *Newspapers littered the floor*. ○ *He's always littering up the room with his old magazines*. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (down) ramsa hrang fangkung car tivek a ihnak dingih tuah sak. **3** [I] (of animals) faate hring: *The sow's about to litter*.

□ **litter-bin, litter-basket** *ns* hnawmpung; hnawmbawm.

**litter-lout** (Brit) (also esp US **litter-bug**) (infml derog) zapi tlanlennak hmun ih hnawm pengtu (darh ih taantu).

**little<sup>1</sup>** /lɪtl/ *adj* [usu attrib] (The comparative and superlative forms, **littler** /lɪtlə(r)/ and **littlest** /lɪtlɪst/ are rare. It is more common to use smaller, smallest.) **1** a fate: *six little puppies* ○ *a little coffee-table* ○ *a little movement of impatience* ○ *a little group of tourists* ○ *There's a little mark on your sleeve*. ○ *a house with a little garden* ○ *little holes to let air in*. **2** (of distance or time) a naite, caan tawite: *It's only a little way now*. ○ *You may have to wait a little while*. ○ *Shall we go for a little walk?* **3** (used usu after nice, pretty, sweet, nasty, etc to express the speaker's feeling of affection, pleasure, annoyance, etc): *a nice little room* ○ *a sweet little child* ○ *a funny little restaurant* ○ *What a nasty little man!* ○ *A (dear) little old lady helped me find my way*. ○ *There's a little shop on the corner that sells bread*. **4** thupi lo, ti tlak lo, theih tham lo: *a little mistake* ○ *We only had a little snack at lunchtime*. **5** a no mi, a kum malmi, nonal: *I had curly hair when I was little*. ○ *My little (ie younger) brother is 18*. **6** a fate sawn deuh mi: *one's little finger* ○ *the little hand of the clock* ○ 'Which packet would you prefer?' 'I'll take the little one.' ⇒ Usage at SMALL. **7** (idm) **big, etc oaks from little acorns grow** ⇒ OAK. **in little** (fml) malte in. **a little bird told me (that...)** (joc) ka thei na'n ziangtin, zo hnenin ti ka lo sim lo ding. **twist sb round one's little finger** ⇒ TWIST.

□ **the Little Bear** leilung hlumpi a luzim (north pole) lam ih arsi pakhat. Cf **THE GREAT BEAR** (GREAT).

**the little people, the little folk** minung fate — lasi, khuavang, ramthang.

**little<sup>2</sup>** /lɪtl/ *indef det* (used with [U] *ns*) malte a simi, a daih lomi: *I have very little time for reading*. ○ *We had little rain all summer*. ○ *There's little point in telling her now*. ⇒ Usage at MUCH<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **little** *indef pron* (used as a *n* when preceded by *the*) a mal, malte: *Little of the music was recognizable*. ○ *I understood little of what he*



said. ○ *We read a lot of poetry at school — I remember very little now.* ○ *The little that I have seen of his work is satisfactory.*

**little** *adv* **1** mallai: *He is little known as an artist.* ○ *She left little more than an hour ago.* ○ *I slept very little last night.* ○ *Little does he know* (ie He doesn't know) *what trouble he's in.* **2** (idm) **little by little** nuamte te'n, malte te in: *Little by little the snow disappeared.* ○ *His English is improving little by little.* **little or nothing** zianghman si lo, a si kupkap lo: *She said little or nothing about her experience.* **make little of sth** (a) = MAKE LIGHT OF STH (LIGHT<sup>3</sup>). (b) thei ngah cuca lo: *It's in Chinese — I can make little of it.* Cf LESS.

**little**<sup>3</sup> /lɪtl/ **a little** *indef det* (used with [U] ns) malte, mallai; tam tuk lo: *a little milk, sugar, tea, etc* ○ *Could you give a little more attention to spelling?* ○ *I need a little help to move these books.* ○ *It caused not a little* (ie a great deal of) *confusion.*

▷ **a little** *indef pron* **1** thil mallai. (a) (referring back) a um le, malte tal: *There was a lot of food but I only ate a little.* ○ *If you've got any spare milk, could you give me a little?* (b) (referring forward) malte lawng: *I've only read a little of the book.* ○ *A little of the conversation was about politics.* **2** (idm) **after/for a little** a tawite lai, a caan mallai sung: *After a little he got up and left.* ○ *We left the car and walked for a little.*

**a little** *adv* a mawi tawk tiang; tawkfang tiang: *She seemed a little afraid of going inside.* ○ *These shoes are a little too big for me.* ○ *She was not a little* (ie very) *worried about the expense.*

**littoral** /lɪtərəl/ *n, adj (fml)* ram pakhat ih tipik pak tuan leiram.

**liturgy** /lɪtədʒi/ *n* biakinn ih Pathian biaknak ah si dan keel ih hmanmi.

▷ **liturgical** /lɪtʃɜːdʒɪkl/ *adj.* **liturgically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

**live**<sup>1</sup> /lɑːv/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a nung mi: *live fish.* **2** (used esp of surprising or unusual experiences, etc) a si ngaingai mi: *We saw a real live rattlesnake!* **3** a kaang/alh rero mi: *live coals.* **4** puakter hrih lomi, hman ding a cia ih um: *a live bomb* ○ *several rounds of live ammunition* ○ *a live match.* **5** (of a wire, etc) electric tha a feh lai mi (hri vek): *That terminal is live.* ○ *the live rail*, eg on an electric railway. **6** mi ih ruah thupitmi/tulai ih thil thupi: *Pollution is still very much a live issue.* **7** (a) (of a broadcast) a cang rero lai thuthan, eg bawhlung leh laifang ih than: *live coverage of the World Cup.* (b) (of a musical performance or recording) thil tuah/sak lai awnmawi khummi (awkhumnak inn sungah si loin): *a live recording made at Covent Garden in 1962.* Cf PRE-RECORD. **8** (idm) **a live wire** mi virvat; mi thatho.

▷ **live** *adv* tuahlai a simi (thuthan, awnmawit tvek khum): *This show is going out live.*

□ **live birth** a nung ih hrin mi naute. Cf STILLBIRTH (STILL<sup>1</sup>).

**live**<sup>2</sup> /lɪv/ *v* **1** [I] (less common than be alive in this sense) nung. **2** [I, Ipr, It] nung lai/nung: *live to be old/to a great age* ○ *The doctors don't think he will live through the night.* ○ *Some trees can live for hundreds of years.* ○ *How long do elephants live?* ○ *live to see many changes.* **3** [I, Ipr] um: *Where do you live?* ○ *live at home, in London, in a flat, abroad.* **4** [Ln, I, Tn] rak nun: *live and die a bachelor* ○ *live honestly* ○ *He lives well*, ie enjoys the luxuries of life. ○ *live like a saint* ○ *live a peaceful life.* **5** (fig) (of things without life) a um ringring; a caam/hlo lo: *The memory will live in my heart for ever*, ie I will never forget it. **6** [I] nun nuam; nun man nei ih nuam: *I don't call that living.* ○ *I don't want to work in an office all my life — I want to live!* **7** (idm) **how the other half lives** ⇒ HALF<sup>1</sup>. **live and let live** (saying) mi va ngaidam awla mi in an lo ngaidam ve ding. **live beyond/within one's means** mah ngah zat ih hman, lole, mah ngah zat hnakh tam hman. **live by one's wits** thiamnak in pumcawm, veikhat khat cu hrokhrawl in ngah ih nung. **live from hand to mouth** ⇒ HAND<sup>1</sup>. **live in hope(s)** (of sth) beiseinak nei ringring: *live in hopes of better times to come* ○ *The future looks rather gloomy, but we live in hope.* **live in the past** a hlanlai nun dan thotho ih nuncan khawsak. **live in sin** (dated or joc) a thi-aw vekih um tlaang. **live it up** duhtaw ih nung, sokphak ih tlang: *Now you've been left some money you can afford to live it up a bit.* **live a lie** nungdeu: *She lived a lie for 20 years by pretending to be his wife.* **live like fighting cocks** rawl a thaw thei taw ih ei. **live like a lord** nunnuam zet ih khawsa. **live off/on the fat of the land** a tha bik rawl, zu, umnak, nom-awknak in nung. **live off the land** lo thlawh thlaici rawl suakmi in nung. **live rough** harsa ih nun, nunhar: *He's a tramp and used to living rough.* **you/we live and learn** (used to express surprise at some new or unexpected information, etc) thu thar rinlopi, lole, thil thar theih tiki thong hman. **8** (phr v) **live by doing sth** thil pakhat tuan ih nunnak hawl/nung. **live sth down** a hlan ih ningzah mualpho, thil tha lo tuahmi, sualnak pawl hngilh ko ih nun: *Beaten by the worst team in the league? They'll never live it down!* **live for sth** a nunsan bik mi ti ih ruah: *She lives for her work.* ○ *After she died he had nothing to live for.* **live in/out** (of an employee) umpi/umpi lo: *They both go out to work and have a nanny living in.* **live on** hei nung hrih: *She lived on for many years after her husband died.* ○ *Mozart is dead but his music lives on.* **live on sth** (a) thil pakhat ei ih nun: *live on* (a diet of) *fruit and vegetables* ○ *You can't live on 200 calories a day.* (b) tangka ngahnak dingih thil pakhat parih hei rinnak: *live on one's salary, on £8000 a*

## liveable

*year, on charity. live through sth* thil hmuhton hnuh nun suak: *He lived through both wars. live together (a)* hmunkhat ih um tlang. *(b) thi-aw vekih um. live up to sth* thil pakhat thawn a remcaang thei ih nun, nun tlin: *failed to live up to his principles, his reputation, his parents' expectations. live with sb* = LIVE TOGETHER. *live with sth* ngaithiam thinsau ih um — tuar thei ih um: *You'll have to learn to live with it, I'm afraid.*

**liveable** /'lɪvəbl/ *adj* (of life) nunpi tlak, nun a theih.

□ **liveable-in** *adj* [pred] (*infml*) (of a house, etc) umnak ding a tlak (inn tivek).

**liveable-with** *adj* [pred] (*infml*) (of a person, etc) um pi theih.

**livelihood** /'lɪvlihud/ *n* (usu sing) **(a)** nuncan khawsaknak; tangka ngahnak: *earn one's livelihood by teaching* ○ *deprive sb of his livelihood.* **(b)** nunnak ding hrang tuanhawlnak, hnaʔuan: *Farming is his sole livelihood.*

**livelong** /'lɪvlɔŋ/ *US* /'lɪvlɔ:ŋ/ *adj* (idm) **the livelong day/night** (*dated or rhet*) sunvu/zanvar.

**lively** /'lɪvli/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** **1** thinlung thatho zet, cakvak zet: *She's a lively child and popular with everyone.* ○ *The patient seems a little livelier/more lively this morning.* ○ *one of the liveliest parties I've been to* ○ *a lively melody* ○ *She has a lively interest in everything around her.* **2** a lang fiangmi/a langmi: *a lively imagination* ○ *a lively shade of pink* ○ *She gave a lively account of her adventures.* **3** napi caangvai; ʔhawn durdo: *The sea is quite lively today.* ○ *We batted on a lively pitch,* ie a cricket pitch that caused the ball to move sharply. **4** (idm) **look lively** rang deuh ih caangvai/ʔhawn/vaak; ʔhazaang nei i rak um/cahnak langter: *We'd better look lively if we're to finish in time. make it/things lively for sb* (*esp ironic*) thil thatho zet in tuah ih mi hrang ʔihnung phan um a simi.

▷ **liveliness** *n* [U].

**liven** /'lɪvn/ *v* (phr v) **liven (sb/sth) up** minung/thil pakhat thathoter: *Put on some music to liven things up.* ○ *Do liven up a bit.*

**liver<sup>1</sup>** /'lɪvə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] thin. **2** [U, C] ei mi sa-thin: *pig's liver* ○ *chicken livers.*

▷ **liverish** (also **livery**) *adj* **1** thinnat nei. **2** thintawi, ai-thok theimi.

□ **liver sausage** (also *esp US liverwurst* /'lɪvəwɜ:st/) sa-thin fate te can ih suanmi sawhti, a daih tikah sang (paunghmuk) thawn eimi.

**liver<sup>2</sup>** /'lɪvə(r)/ *n* mah thu te ih phun dangih ummi: *a fast, quiet, loose, etc liver.*

**livery** /'lɪvəri/ *n* **1** [U, C] mipa hnenum pawl hruk dingmi hnipuan thuum: *in/out of* (ie wearing/not wearing) *livery.* **2** [U] (*rhet*) a khuhtu — a tlun khuhtu, tuamtu: *trees in their spring livery,* ie with new leaves.

▷ **liveried** /'lɪvərið/ *adj* cuvek hnipuan thuum hrukmi: *a liveried chauffeur.*

□ **livery company** cuvek ih thil thuum hrukmi London ih sumdawng thilzuar ʔuan pawl.

**liveryman** /-mən/ *n* (*pl -men*) **1** cuvek pawlkomnak (company) ih sungtel. **2** *livery stable* ih hnaʔuantu.

**livery stable** ret man peknak rang inn, rang san theinak inn/hmun.

**lives** *pl* of LIFE.

**livestock** /'laɪvstɒk/ *n* [U] hman dingih vulhmi sumhnam/zuar ding vulhmi sumhnam, eg caw, tuu tivek.

**livid** /'lɪvɪd/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] suan rong a simi: *a livid bruise.* **2** [usu pred] (*infml*) thinheng zet: *livid with rage* ○ *He'd be livid if he found out what you're doing.*

▷ **lividly** *adv.*

**living<sup>1</sup>** /'lɪvɪŋ/ *adj* **1** a nungmi (atu): *all living things* ○ *the finest living pianist* ○ *No man living could have done better.* **2** hman lai mi/a um lai mi: *living languages,* ie those still spoken ○ *a living hope, faith, reality.* **3** (idm) **a living legend** thil maksak zet tuahtu a nunglai mi. **be living proof of sth** a nung lai ti theihteinak. *He is living proof of the wonders of modern medicine. within/in living memory* vun cin ban zat ah, cin ban tawk tiang: *Wages were sixpence a week within living memory.* ○ *the coldest winter in living memory.*

▷ **the living** *n* [*pl v*] **1** a nung lai mi: *the living and the dead.* **2** (idm) **in to land of the living** ⇒ LAND<sup>1</sup>.

□ **living death** har fualfo ih um ringring, thih le nun kar ih zonzaihna: *Exile was for him a living death.*

**living<sup>2</sup>** /'lɪvɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] **(a)** nun khawsak dan, tangka ngahnak: *earn one's living as a journalist, by/from writing* ○ *make a good, an adequate, a meager, etc living.* **(b)** nunnak hrangih tangka ngahnak dingih hnaʔuan: *It may not be the best job in the world, but it's a living.* **2** [U] nun dan: *Both the cost and the standard of living were lower before the war.* ○ *understand the art of living,* ie how to live a worthwhile, satiation, satisfying life. **3** [C] (religion) biaknak saya pakhatih dinhmun, a nunnak ding hrang paisa ngah dan. **4** (idm) **scrape a living** ⇒ SCRAPE<sup>1</sup>.

□ **living-room** (also *esp Brit sitting-room*) *n* mi leeng khaan. Cf DRAWING ROOM.

**living wage** mi pakhat nunnak daih dingih a niam bik hlawhman phalhmi.

**lizard** /'lɪzəd/ *n* (usu small) laiking.

**ll** *pl* of L 2.

**llama** /'lɑ:mə/ *n* America thlanglam ram um thil phurtu ih hmanmi a hmul sahmi sumhnam.

**LL B, LL D, LL M** *abbrs* Bachelor, Doctor, Master of Laws: *have/be an LL B* ○ *David Grafton LL B.*

**lo** /ləʊ/ *interj* **1** (*arch*) zoh, hmu. **2** (idm) **lo and be hold** (*esp joc or ironic*) (used to indicate surprise)

mangbangza a si tikih hman — hei zoh hnuk tivek, ngaihnuk!: *As soon as we went out, lo and behold, it began to rain.*

**load**<sup>1</sup> /ləʊd/ *n* **1** [C] bawm phurh, phurrit: *a load of sand.* **2** [C] (esp in compounds) a phurh thei zat; a tlem zat: *coach-loads of tourists* ○ *a boat-load of survivors.* **3** [C] (a) cet ih a tuah/tuan thei zat ding tha. (b) eelectric ah dynamo pakhat ih a suah thei dingmi electric tha. **4** [C usu sing] (fig) tuavno neih mi, thinharnak, retheihnak: *a heavy load of guilt.* **5 loads (of sth)** [pl] (infml) tampi: *loads of friends, money, time* ○ *'Have you got any change?'* **Loads!** **6** (idm) **be/take a load/weight off sb's mind** ⇒ MIND<sup>1</sup>. **a load of (old) rubbish, etc** (infml) thuphan, thulolak men: *I've never heard such a load of garbage!* **get a load of sb/sth** (infml) hminsins/hliah: *Get a load of that old bloke with the funny hat!*

□ **load-shedding** *n* [U] a ngah thei zat hnakin electirc tha tam sawn a tūl tikah electric tha hmun hrekkhat pe lo ih um.

**load**<sup>2</sup> /ləʊd/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (up)/ ~ (up with sth); ~ st/sb (down/up) (with sth); ~ sth (into/onto sth/sb) thil pakhat/mi pakhat parah bawmrit hei suan: *We're still loading.* ○ *load a lorry (up) with bricks/load bricks onto a lorry* ○ *loaded down with shopping* ○ (fig) *load sb with honours.* (b) [I] thil rit ret: *The boat is still loading.* **2** [Tn esp passive] suan thawn ritter (funghreu kha hriamnak ah): *a loaded cane, stick, etc*, ie for use as a weapon ○ *loaded dice*, ie one weighted so as to fall in a certain way, eg with the six uppermost. **3** (a) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) camera (zuknak) sungah film than, meithal sungah zian, cerek than tivek: *Be careful, that gun's loaded.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (into sth) thil pakhat sungah thil san: *load a new film into the camera.* **4** [Tn] (computing) cangan mi a dangih than/tleng. **5** (idm) **load the dice (against sb)** (usu passive) mi pakhat harsatnak vanduinak ih um/tong: *Having lost both his parents when he was a child he always felt that the dice were loaded against him.*

▷ **loaded** *adj* **1** bawm phur. **2** [pred] (sl) lian zet. **3** (idm) **a loaded question** mi pakhat a duh lo zawngih a tōng ding, lole, a maihhrang a tha lomi thangkam ih thu suhnak.

**loadstar** = LODESTAR (LODE).

**loadstone** (also **lodestone**) /ləʊdstəʊn/ *n* (a) [U] thirhiip. (b) [C] thirhiip ih hmanmi: (fig) *She seems to be a loadstone for people in trouble*, ie They come to her regularly for help.

**loaf**<sup>1</sup> /ləʊf/ *n* (pl **loaves** /leʊvz/) **1** pawngnmuk tlang (hlom): *Two brown loaves and one large white one, please.* **2** (idm) **half a loaf is better than none/than no bread** (saying) zianghman ngah lo hnakin zum hnaknak ih mal deuh, lole, ngah ding zat hnakh mal ngah a tha sawn. **use one's loaf** ⇒ USE<sup>1</sup>.

□ **loaf sugar** cini a khal tete ih tuahmi/a kiil nei te ih tuahmi.

**loaf**<sup>2</sup> /ləʊf/ *v* (infml) [I, Ipr, Ip] tikcu hmanglak men: *Don't stand there loafing — there's work to be done.* ○ *loaf around (the house all day).*

▷ **loafer** *n* **1** mi zaangzeel. **2** (esp US) kedam peer.

**loam** /ləʊm/ *n* [U] sentlung, vulneel le thing hnah muat a telmi leiram (leiram tha) dawm.

▷ **loamy** *adj*: *loamy land.*

**loan** /ləʊn/ *n* **1** [C] thil saan/cawi (a bik in paisa): *I'm only asking for a loan — I'll pay you back.* ○ *a bank loan*, ie money lent by a bank. **2** [U] saannak; saang: *May I have the loan of (ie borrow) your bicycle?* ○ *Can we ask your father for the loan of his car?* ○ *It's not my book — I've got it on loan from the library.*

▷ **loan v** [Tn, Dn-pn, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) (esp US) (Brit fml) mi thil va san: *a painting graciously loaned by Her Majesty the Queen.*

□ **loan-collection** *n* zukuai mi a neitu ih mi va saan (piaah dingah).

**loan-word** *n* miphun dang tōngfang mai tōng ih hman mi (sanmi tōngfang).

**loath** (also **loth**) /ləʊθ/ *adj* [pred] (fml) **1** ~ to do sth paih lo, duhlo: *He seemed somewhat loath to depart.* **2** (idm) **nothing loath** paih zet/hiar zet.

**loathe** /ləʊð/ *v* (a) [Tn] hua zet; mikem zet; fih; ngaih lo zet: *loathe the smell of fried fish.* (b) [Tn, Tg] (infml) thil pakhat duh lo zet: *I loathe having to go to these conferences.*

▷ **loathing** *n* [U] ngaih lo zawngmi: *have a loathing of sth* ○ *feel intense loathing for sb/sth.*

**loathsome** /-səm/ *adj* ngaih lo zawng, nin um; mitkem za: *a loathsome disease* ○ *What a loathsome creature he is!*

**loaves** pl of LOAF<sup>1</sup>.

**lob** /lɒb/ *v* (-bb-) [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (in tennis, cricket, etc) tlun vansaang ih bawlung thawi: *She lobbed the ball over her opponent's head to the back of the court.*

□ **lob** *n* (a) tlunvan khir mi bawlung. (b) cricket bawlung lehnak ah baan tang ih bawlung den.

**lobby** /lɒbi/ *n* **1** [C] a leeng ta bik khaan: *the lobby of a hotel, theatre, etc.* **2** [C] (in the House of Commons, etc) England Parliament inn ah misenpi ton theinak inn khaan kaupi. **3** [CGp] upadi tuahmi el ding, lole, dinpi dingah ram uktu vuan ci le MP pawl ih cohlan thei dingih zuamtu: *The anti-nuclear lobby is/are becoming stronger.* **4** [C] = DIVISION LOBBY (DIVISION).

▷ **lobby v** (pt, pp **lobbied**) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb) (for sth) mah duhnak vekih tanpitu siter ding zuam — upadi eel ding le tanpi ding ah: *lobby (MPs) for higher farm subsidies.* **2** (phr v) **lobby sth through (sth)** mi va forh ihupadi tuahmi cohlang, lole, el: *lobby a bill through Parliament/the Senate.* **lobbyist** /-ist/ *n* cuvek ih thu tuahtu.

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## lobe

**lobe** /ləʊb/ *n* **1** hna leng a tanglam neemnak. **2** a peer ih a bialmi taksa, eg cuap/thluak.

▷ **lobed** *adj* having lobes.

**lobotomy** /ləʊˈbɒtəmi/ (also *Brit leucotomy*) *n* (*medical*) [C, U] (operation involving) thluak thahri aat ih thinlung hman lo damternak.

**lobster** /ˈlɒbstə(r)/ *n* (**a**) [C] kaikuang phunkhat. (**b**) cui kaikuang sa.

□ **lobster-pot** *n* kaikuang kaihnak thang — arbawm vek a simi.

**local** /ləʊkl/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** mah le hmunkhur; peng/bial tivek thawn a pehparmi: *Following the national news we have the local news and weather.* ○ *the local farmer, doctor, shopkeeper, etc* ○ *local knowledge*, ie detailed knowledge of an area that one gets esp by living there ○ *She's a local girl*, ie from this area. ○ *a local train/bus*, ie not long-distance. **2** (*esp medical*) natnak (ruang pumpi le a tlangpi ih nat a si lo; hmun khat vohvi); hmun khatta: *local inflammation* ○ *Is the pain local?*

▷ **local** *n* **1** (usu pl) hmun pakhat ih umtu: *the locals tend to be suspicious of strangers.* **2** (*Brit infml*) mi senpi hmanmi inn — thil zuarnak hmun: *pop into the local for a pint* ○ *Which is your local?* **3** (US) sumtuahnak tivek pawlkhat ih a then. **4** (*esp US*) lam naite lawng a fehmi — mawṭaw, lole, tlangleng. **locally** /-kəli/ *adv*.

**local anaesthetic** (*medical*) ruangpi hmun khat te lawng a hittermi taksa hit sii.

**local authority** (*Brit*) mah khua le ram sungte lawng parah thu neihnak neimi.

**local call** naite ih telephone biakmi, a man ol te ih pek.

**local colour** thuanthu phuahcop nganmi ah thungai bang dingin a hmun le tikcu pawl felte ih nganmi.

**local government** ramkulh ramthen uktu ah mipi hrilmi palai thawn uk-awk daan.

**local option** (*esp in Scotland, New Zealand and the US*) a ram a khua ih um mi pawl in duh hril theinak neihmi, eg zu zuar le zuar lo ding tivek mi tamsawn lungkimnak in relcat theih.

**local time** (according to the) a ram sungih tikcu: *We reach Delhi at 1400 hours local time.*

**locale** /ləʊˈkeɪl/; US -ˈkæl/ *n* thil canternak (ding) hmun, thil tuahnak (ding) hmun: *The director is looking for a suitable locale for his new film.*

**locality** /ləʊˈkæləti/ thil pakhat ih a umnak; umnak — hmun, lole, peng pakhat ah thil a cannak: *trying to pinpoint the ship's exact locality* ○ *The entire locality has been affected by the new motorway.*

**localize, -ise** /ləʊkəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] hmun pakhat thil ah canter; hmun pakhat/umnak pakhat thawn lawng a pehparmi: *try to localize an outbreak of disease, violence, unrest* ○ *a localized infection.* ▷ **localization, -isation** /ləʊkəlaɪzeɪʃn/; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**locate** /ləʊˈkeɪt/; US -ˈləʊkeɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] mi pakhat/thil pakhat ih a umnak hawlsuak, hmu, thei: *locate an electrical fault* ○ *locate a town on a map* ○ *I'm trying to locate Mr Smith. Do you know where he is?* **2** [*esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr*] thil pakhat um dingih dinsuah: *A new factory is to be located on this site.* ○ *The information office is located in the city centre.* **3** [Ipr] (US) hmun khat ah rak um, umta dingin, hmun khuar: *The company has located on the West Coast.*

**location** /ləʊˈkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] a hmun, umnak: *a suitable location for new houses.* **2** [U] mi pakhat/thil pakhat ih umnak thei/tong: *responsible for the location of the missing yacht.* **3** [C] (*computing*) computer ih thil a cin ken theinak, thil pakhat ciar a khum theinak. **4** (*idm*) **on location** (*cinema*) a zuk nak innsung si loin hmun dang a rem cannak hmun.

**loc cit** /lək ˈsɪt/ *abbr* simcianak a si zomi (Latin *loco citato*). Cf OP CIT.

**loch** /lək, lɒx/ *n* (*Scot*) (ofen in names) **1** tili: *Loch Ness.* **2** tiffinriat lam ihsin lei lam ah ti a tuan saupi in a ra li mi. Cf LOUGH.

**loci** *pl* of LOCUS.

**lock<sup>1</sup>** /lək/ *n* **1** [C] hmunkhat ih sam tlai/a tom ih ummi: *He kept a lock of her hair as a memento.* **2** **locks** [pl] (*esp rhet or joc*) sam: *He gazed ruefully in the mirror at his graying locks.*

**lock<sup>2</sup>** /lək/ *n* **1** [C] a on nak tawhfung ṭulmi. **2** [C] ti sangka (lawng pawl ṭhum thei khai thei ih tuahmi). **3** [C] (*in wrestling*) a buanmi pa ih kut ke caang thei lo ih tuah, pomhrem, kaihrem: *have sb's arm in a lock.* **4** [U] caangvai thei lo ko ih thilri pawl a kalh aw thluh, a kai aw thluh. **5** [U] (*maximum extent of the*) mawṭaw a mawnnak kut kaih hmangih mawṭaw ke hei merh theinak: *on full lock*, ie with the steering-wheel turned as far as it will go one way or the other ○ *My car has a good lock*, ie can turn within a short distance. **6** [C] meithal sung ih thil a puak theinak. **7** (*idm*) **lock, stock and barrel** thil a famkim ih um; a pumhlum in (a zate in). (**keep sth/put sth/be**) **under lock and key** hrengkhen, thawnginn sungih khum: *The criminals are now safely under lock and key.*

□ **lock-gate** *n* tihriat tiva ih lawng feh le lutnak sangka.

**lockjaw** *n* [U] natnak pangang ruangah khabe ruh a tlun le a tang cip ih um.

**lock-keeper** *n* tihriat/tiva sangka kaitu.

**lock-nut** *n* thir ṭialhrem a hlei pakhat in hei hren bet, dor saal lo dingah.

**locksmith** *n* tangphawlawng/lawng pawl tihriat le tiva ih fehnak sangka tuahtu le remtu.

**lock-stitch** *n* [U] puan ṭhitnak cet in pat hri pawl fekte ih ṭem awmi.

**lock<sup>3</sup>** /lək/ *v* **1** (**a**) [Tn] sangka, thil siin tivek a hrennak ih hren: *Is the gate locked?* (**b**) [Tn] inn/thingkuang thirleng tivek hren: *Be sure to lock*



*your bicycle.* (c) [I] a hrennak hmangih hren theih: *This suitcase doesn't lock*, ie has no lock or has a lock that is broken. ⇨ Usage at CLOSE<sup>4</sup>.

**2** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth/sb) (in/into sth); ~ (sb/sth) (together) thawn thei lo, caang thei lo ih hrencih, caang thei lo ih taang, erh aw, kop aw: *the brakes locked, causing the car to skid.* ○ *The pieces of the puzzle lock into each other/lock together*, ie interlock. ○ (fig) *two nations locked in mortal combat*, ie at war ○ *two lovers locked in each other's arms*, ie embracing. **3** (idm) **lock, etc the stable door after the horse has bolted** ⇨ STABLE<sup>2</sup>. **4** (phr v) **lock sth away** thil pakhat him dingih ret: *lock away one's jewellery.* **lock onto sth** (of a missile, etc) a hmuitin mi lam a mahte a panmi. **lock sb/oneself out (of sth)** in mi pakhat/mah le mah lut thei lo/suak thei lo dingih sangka khar ih kharhkhum awmi, kharhkhum aw: *At 9 pm the prisoners are locked in for the night.* ○ *I've lost my key and I'm locked out!* ○ *lock oneself out of the house.* **lock (sth) up** (inn) sangka le tukvirh pawl khar ih himte im um: *Don't forget to lock up before leaving home.* **lock sb up** mi pakhat thawng i thlak, mi aa (thawng inn) kilkhawinak inn ah ret. **lock sth up (a)** = LOCK STH AWAY. (b) olte'n paisa ih cang lo dingih tangka thawn thil pakhat khat lei: *All their capital is locked up in land.*

▷ **lockable** adj hren theihmi: *a lockable steering-wheel.*

□ **lock-out** *n* hnaṭuan kaituin hnaṭuantu pawl cetzung sungah, thil thuhla a um mi parah lungkimnak neih hlan lo, lut lo dingih elnak, sian lonak.

**lock-up** *n* (a) thawngtla pawl ret sungnak. (b) (infml) thawnginn. (c) (Brit) (usu small) dawr neitu riak ih um lonak dawr fate. — [attrib] hren theih: *a lock-up garage.*

**locker** /'lɒkə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) hnipuan retnak bizu fate (lehnak innpi tivek ah hnipuan ret duaknak): *left luggage lockers*, ie for depositing luggage in, eg at a railway station. (b) (nautical) tangphawlawng parah puan retnak hmanmi/cerek le ralthuam retnak thingkuang, lole, innkhaan. **2** (idm) **be in/go to Davy Jones's locker** tiffinriat pil that.

□ **locker-room** *n* (esp US) lehnak hmun/inn ah hni puan thleng awknak inn khaan.

**loket** /'lɒkɪt/ *n* sui, lole, ngun ih tuahmi zuk, sam tivek retnak, a mawinak men ih orh mi kuang fate.

**loco**<sup>1</sup> /'ləʊkəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (infml) tlangleng a cet khaan (a lu): [attrib] *loco-spotting*, ie as a hobby.

**loco**<sup>2</sup> /'ləʊkəʊ/ *adj* [pred] (sl esp US) aa, thinlung dik lo, thluak kim lo.

**locomotion** /'ləʊkə'məʊʃn/ *n* [U] (fml or joc) caangvai rero (hmunkhat in hmukhat ah).

▷ **locomotive** /'ləʊkəm/ *adj* caangvai thei/caangvaiter: *locomotive power.* — *n* = ENGINE<sup>2</sup>:

*electric, diesel, steam, etc locomotives.*

**locum** /'ləʊkəm/ *n* (also fml **locum tenens** /'tiːnɛnz, 'tenenz/) sibawi, lole, pastor a um lo caan ah amai ṭuanvo rak latu amah a sangtu: *When they are on holiday the work of doctors is often done by locums.*

**locus** /'ləʊkəs/ *n* (pl **loci** /'ləʊsaɪ/) thil pakhat ih a umnak cekci.

□ **locus classicus** /'klæsɪkəs/ (Latin) thuhla nganmi parah mi ih theih tambik le zum tlak a sinak.

**locust** /'ləʊkəst/ *n* hram hring le thinghnah pawl siatsuah theitu a burpi um thei kharbok, kharbawk rual.

**locution** /lə'kjuːʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (fml) mipi hmai thusim dan, ṭongfang hman dan. **2** [C] (esp linguistics) tisan neimi ṭong fangkom pawl.

**lode** /ləʊd/ *n* leisung thilsuak (thir phun) lei sungah a zung ih ummi.

□ **lodestar** (also **loadstar**) *n* (a) ti par ih khualtlawnnak ah lam hmuhtu hmanmi arsi — a bik ah leihlum sak lam (a luzim) um arsi. (b) (fig) mi pakhat ih nun le cangvaih dan pawl a hruaitu nundaan.

**lodestone** *n* = LOADSTONE.

**lodge**<sup>1</sup> /lɒdʒ/ *n* **1** parhmuan, lole, inn hmuan kaupi ih sangka kiltu umnak inn fate. **2** tikcu caan hrekkhat sungih umnak ding sakmi hramlak inn, lole, thlaam: *a hunting/fishing/skiing lodge.* **3** inn tumpi/phunsang tlawng/cetzung tivek luhnak ih hnṭuantu kuli/thil phurtu umnak khaan. **4** sungtel, lole, pawlkom hrekkhat pawl ih tonkhawmnak hmun. **5** sahrem phunkhat pawl ih umnak kua. **6** America saklam ram um Indian miphun pawl umnak, lole, innsang. **lodge**<sup>2</sup> /lɒdʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] mi pakhat caan tawite sung riahnak pek; um sungter: *The refugees are being lodged in an old army camp.*

**2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/at...) mi inn ah paisa pek ih va um: *Where are you lodging?* ○ *I'm lodging at Mrs Brown's (house)/with Mrs Brown.* **3** [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) in sth thil pakhat sungah lut ih taangihter: *The bullet (was) lodged in his brain.* **4** [Tn-pr] ~ sth with sb/in sth paisa, tivek le thil dang mi pakhat hnenah rak kilter/ret sung: *lodge one's valuables in the bank.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sb) (against sb) thuhla neitu hnenah an theih dingih thu pakhat hei thlen (lungkim lonak): *lodge a complaint with the police against one's neighbours* ○ *lodge an appeal, a protest, an objection, etc.*

▷ **lodger** *n* mi inn ih paisa pek ih rak umtu, inn sangtu: *She makes a living by taking in lodgers.*

**lodgement** (also **lodgment**) /'lɒdʒmənt/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] upa thunei hnenih thu thlennak thu (LODGE<sup>2</sup> 5): *the lodgement of a complaint.* **2** [C] thil a peng aw mi, lole, thil rak khartu/pittertu: *a lodgement of dirt in a pipe.*

**lodging** /'lɒdʒɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U, C] a laangte ih umsungnak:

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*full board and lodging*, ie a room to stay in and all meals provided. ○ *find a lodging for the night*. **2 lodgings** [pl] (rawl dawr si lomi ah) umnak ding inn khaan sanmi: *It's cheaper to live in lodgings than in a hotel*.

□ **lodging-house** *n* umnak ding inn khaan sannak inn — a zarh ih um dingin.

**loess** /ləʊes/ *n* [U] Asia, Europe le America ram pawl ih ummi a rong rau nawn ram tha leilung.

**loft** /lɒft/; US lɔ:ft/ **1** (a) thil retnak ih hmanmi luanglu hnua ih um a khaan/a lawngmi: [attrib] *a loft conversion*, ie one that has been made into a room or rooms for living in. (b) rang inn/caw inn luanglu tangih a lawngmi/rawl retnak inn luanglu tang a lawngmi. **2** (US) biakinn, lole, khaan kaupi ih a tlunta dot: *the organ-loft*.

**loft** /lɒft/; US lɔ:ft/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] (esp sport) bawlung beng, sit, deeng — vangro vek kawin in: *loft the ball over the goalkeeper* ○ *a lofted drive*, eg at cricket or golf.

▷ **lofted** *adj* (of a golf-club) bawlung thawinak remcang dingih tuah.

**lofty** /lɒfti/; US 'lɔ:fti/ **adj** (-ier, -iest) **1** [usu attrib] (of thoughts, aims, etc) a pi i pa, a saang: *lofty sentiments*. **2** (derog) hngal le zum aw, a sang-awter mi: *in a lofty manner*. **3** (rhet) (not used of people) a saang: *a lofty mountain* ○ *lofty halls*.

▷ **loftily** /-li/ *adv*. **loftiness** *n* [U].

**log** /lɒg/; US lɔ:g/ **1** (a) thingtum: *birds nesting in a hollow log*. (b) thingtum tan tawimi, tihthing: *Put another log on the fire*. **2** (idm) **easy as falling off a log** ⇒ EASY<sup>1</sup>. **sleep like a log/top** ⇒ SLEEP.

▷ **logging** *n* [U] (US) a phunphun ih hman dingah tupi thing hau (cumi hnaʔuan): [attrib] *a logging camp*.

□ **log cabin** thingtum ih sakmi thlaam.

**log-jam** *n* (esp US) hmai ah feh thei lo, a laar, taang cih, caang thei lo ih um.

**log-rolling** *n* [U] (derog esp US) mi bom ruangah anmah hei bawm saal (cabu ngantu pawl pakhat le pakhat faksel an tuah-awknak pawl).

**log** /lɒg/; US lɔ:g/ **2** **1** (formerly) tangphawlawng a cah le cah lo theihnakh dingih a dunglam ih thlahi mi tipar a phuan thei thilri: *sail by the log*, ie calculate a ship's position using this. **2** vanzam/tangphawlawng tivek ah thuhla khumnak cabu (nitin hnaʔuan cangvaihakh tivek).

▷ **log v** (-gg-) [Tn] **1** log cabu sungah thuhla ngan. **2** thil feh (tangphawlawng/vanzam) a cah daan/a feh zat, nazi an feh zat log cabu sung ah ngan: *The pilot had logged over 200 hours in the air*. **3** (phr v) **log in/on** (computing) ong/lut. **log off/out** (computing) phit/suak.

□ **log-book** **1** vanzam/tangphawlawng pawl ih khualtlawnnak thuhla ngannak cabu. **2** mawʔaw kaa ih thuhla khumnak cabu.

**log** /lɒg/; US lɔ:g/ **3** *n* (infml mathematics) thinlung

tuat, kanaan tuat daan ih nambat hman daan: [attrib] *log tables*.

**-log** US = -LOGUE.

**loganberry** /'lɒgənberi/; US -beri/ *n* theihmu rah sendup.

**logarithm** /'lɒgərɪðəm/; US 'lɔ:g-/ *n* (mathematics) nambat a zai/zem tuahnakh ah a kom le a dir hmangih tuat olnakh dingih ngan daan.

▷ **logarithmic** /-kli/ *adj*: *a logarithmic function*.

**logarithmically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**loggerheads** /'lɒgəhedz/ *n* (idm) **at loggerheads** (with sb) hau aw/lungkim aw lo: *He and his wife are always at loggerheads*. ○ *His father's will has set him at loggerheads with his brother*, ie caused them to quarrel.

**loggia** /'lɒdʒə, 'lɒdʒiə/ a khuh um lo/luanglu um lo mi zialsin — a bik in hman lam hoih ih sakmi.

**logic** /'lɒdʒɪk/ *n* [U] **1** thuruah thiamnak lam zirnakh. **2** thuruah thiam zirnakh thil um daan/a si daan danlam deuh daan. **3** thuruah daan a peh zom-awmi (regarded as good or bad): *You have to accept the logic of his argument*. **4** dikte ih thu ruahdaan. **5** (computing) (a) computer pianzia tuah daan a zin le a kong. (b) himi tuahnakh ih hmanmi a kual pawl.

▷ **logician** /'lɒdʒɪʃn/ *n* a dik le dik lo thu khai thiamtu.

**logical** /'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* **1** a dik ciah ih thuruah daan: *a logical argument, conclusion*. **2** (of an action, event, etc) a dik le a si thei daan vekin: *the logical outcome* ○ *It seemed the only logical thing to do*. **3** ʔhate ih thuruah thiamnak: *a logical mind*.

▷ **logicality** /'lɒdʒɪkæləti/ *n* [U] thu dik sinakh.

**logically** /-kli/ *adv*: *argue logically*.

**logistics** /lɒdʒɪstɪks/ *n* [sing or pl v] thil thupi le harsa ʔuansuaknak dingah ʔuantu le ʔuanzia pawl khawkhah ngaihtuahnakh.

▷ **logistic, logistical** /lɒdʒɪstɪkl/ *adjs*: *Organizing famine relief presents huge logistical problems*.

**logistically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**logo** /'lɒgəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) thil zuarnakh, hnaʔuannakh, company ah anmahte theih thiamnak dingih hmanmi hminsinnakh cangfang kom.

**-logue** (US **-log**) *comb form* (forming *ns*) ʔong/ thusim: *monologue* ○ *travelogue*.

**-logy** *comb form* (forming *ns*) **1** zirmi thuhla, thil zirmi: *mineralogy* ○ *sociology* ○ *theology* ○ *zoology*. **2** ʔong, lole, nganmi: *trilogy* ○ *phraseology* ○ *tautology*.

▷ **-logic(al)** *comb form* (forming *adjs*): *physiological(al)* ○ *pathological*.

**-logist** *comb form* (forming *ns*) thil a thiamtu: *biologist* ○ *geologist*.

**loin** /lɔɪn/ **1** [C] (*anatomy*) a neem; hnakhruh le khelruh kar ruangpi ih a sir lam le dung lam. **2** [C, U] (joint of) hi tawk zawn; sa a neem (ramsa/ saʔil sa): *some loin of pork*. **3** **loins** [pl] (*dated*) (a) tai le ke karlak. (b) (*euph*) zah-mawh. **4** (idm)

**gird one's loins** ⇒ GIRD.

□ **loincloth** *n* biar.

**loiter** /lɔɪtə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around) zaangzel zet ih ding: *loitering at street corners*. **2** [I] nuam tete in cawl phahphah ih feh, celcek: *Don't loiter on the way home!*

▷ **loiterer** *n*.

**loll** /lɒl/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around) zaangzel zet ih cawl cang/to/ding rero, thil pakhat hngauhsan phahin: *loll around the house*. **2** (phr *v*) **loll out** (of the tongue) (lei) tlaai hnianghni.

**lollipop** /lɒlɪpɒp/ *n* a tum ih a peer fung parih kopmi, kaa ih zukmi mīthai (*chu-chin*).

□ **lollipop man** (*fem lollipop woman, lollipop lady*) (*Brit infml*) tlawngta pawl lamzin tan theinak dingah catar keng in mawṭaw pawl hmuhtu — mawṭaw dingter ih tlawngta pawl lamzin tantertu.

**lollop** /lɒləp/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] (*esp Brit infml*) cangvaih dan mawi lo zet ih khir, kaan, dawp; tihnuaihni: *lolloping along (the road)*.

**lolly** /lɒli/ *n* (*Brit*) **1** [C] (*infml*) lollipop tinak. **2** [U] (*sl*) tangka.

**lone** /ləʊn/ *adj* [attrib] (*usu rhet*) **1** mahlawng, rualpi lo: a *lone figure trudging through the snow*. Cf ALONE<sup>1</sup>, LONELY **3**. **2** (*dim*) a *lone wolf* mahlawng um le tuan duh sawntu; paksai.

▷ **loner** *n* (*infml*) mi pawl duh lo ih kian; a peu mi: *She's been a loner all her life*.

**lonely** /ləʊnli/ *adj* **1** rualpi neih lo ruangih lungsia/nuam lo/um har: *I live all alone but I never feel lonely*. ○ a *lonely-looking child* ○ *Living in a big city can be (ie make one feel) very lonely*. ○ *Hers is a lonely life*. **2** [attrib] (of places) minung um lonak, thlen theu lonak, a hla, ram ṭhing, hmun ṭhing: *Antarctica is the loneliest place on earth*. **3** [attrib] rualpi nei lo: a *lonely traveler*. **4** (*idm*) **plough a lonely furrow** ⇒ PLOUGH *v*. ⇒ Usage at ALONE.

▷ **loneliness** *n* [U]: *suffer from loneliness*.

□ **lonely hearts** rualpi (kop) hawl (a bik in) ṭhit dingin/nupa dingin: [attrib] a *lonely hearts column*, ie a section of a newspaper, etc containing messages from such people.

**lonesome** /ləʊnsəm/ *adj* (*esp US*) **1** umhar; umharza: *I get lonesome when you're not here*. ○ a *lonesome mountain village*. **2** umhar thlak: a *lonesome journey*. ⇒ Usage at ALONE. **3** (*idm*) **by/on one's lonesome** (*infml*) mahlawng, pakhat te lawng ih um.

**long**<sup>1</sup> /lɒŋ; US lɔːŋ/ *adj* (-*nger* /-ŋgə(r)/, -*ngest* /-ŋgɪst/) **1** a sau: *How long is the River Nile?* ○ *Your hair is longer than mine*. ○ *Is it a long way (ie far) to your house?* ○ *These trousers are two inches too long*. Cf SHORT<sup>1</sup> **1**. **2** tikcu rei: *He's been ill for a long time*. ○ *How long are the holidays?* ○ *They're six weeks long*. ○ *Don't be too long about it*, ie *Do it soon or quickly*. ⇒ Usage at LONG<sup>3</sup>. **3** (*phonetics*) (of vowel sounds)

awsau suah ṭulmi: *The vowel sound in 'caught' is long; in 'cot' it is short*. **4** a si ngaimi hnakin tam sawn, rei sawn a bang: *ten long years, miles, etc*.

**5** (of memory) reipi zo ta ciing lai. **6** (*idm*) **at the longest** a rei bik ah (simmi a caan hnakin rei lo ding): *He's only away for short periods — a week at the longest*. **go far/go a long way** a hlensuah

zet: *That girl will go a long way, I'm sure*. **go far/go a long way towards doing sth** thil pakhat hrang tawkfang rak bawm ve: *concessions which go a long way towards satisfying his critics* ○ *The new legislation does not go far enough towards solving the problem*. **go a long way (a)** (of money, food, etc) reipi daih: *She makes a little money go a long way*, ie buys many things by careful spending ○ *A little of this paint goes a long way*, ie covers a large area. (**b**) tuar theih fang in: *A little of his company goes a long way*, ie One can tolerate his company for a short time only.

**happy as the day is long** ⇒ HAPPY. **have come a long way** ṭhangzo zet: *We've come a long way since those early days of the project*. **have a long arm** a hlatpi tiang huap bau ih thuneih theinak. **in long/short pants** ⇒ PANTS. **in the long run** reipi ahcun: *In the long run prices are bound to rise*.

**in the long/short term** ⇒ TERM: *We must aim for world peace in the long term*. **it's as broad as it's long** ⇒ BROAD<sup>1</sup>. (**put on, have, wear, etc**) a *long face* mithmai sia. a *long haul* a rei ih a harsa mi cangvaihna: *It's been a long haul but at last this dictionary is published*. a *long shot* ruahnak menmen, lole, tumnak. **long in the tooth** (*joc*) tar nawn: *He's getting a bit long in the tooth to be playing football*. **long time no see** (*infml*) (used as a greeting) (ton-awk ih ṭong hmaisai bik hman) kan ton-awk lonak a rei. **not by a long chalk**; *Brit not by a long shot* si hrimehrim lo/lamlam: *We're not beaten yet, (not) by a long chalk*. **take a long (cool/hard) look at sth** thubuai le thil cang theimi ṭhate'n le nuamte'n ruat. **take the long view** atufang hrang hnakin hmailam reipi thuumdan, a cang thei dingmi pawl ruat. **to cut a long story short** a tawinak bik in rel sehla.

□ **longboat** *n* tangphawlawng tumpi parih phurhmi lawng tum bik.

**longbow** *n* vate hmul tarhmi thalsainak minung can li (saili). Cf CROSSBOW.

**long-distance** *adj, adv* lamhla tlawnnak/lamhla pi thil tuah: a *long-distance lorry driver*; *phone call, runner* ○ *to phone long-distance*.

**long division** (*mathematics*) (process of) kanan tuatnak ih a zem: *Can you do long division?* ○ [attrib] a *long-division sum*.

**long drink** zu tampi ih in.

**longhand** *n* [U] kutngan menmen (kutngan tawi/cet khen si lomi) (contrasted with shorthand, typing, etc): *all written in longhand*.

**long hop** (in cricket) bawlung den naite

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**long Johns** (*infml*) bawngbi sunghruk ke mit tiang thlengmi, bawngbi sau sunghruk: *a warm pair of long Johns*.

**long jump** (*US broad jump*) lei pari hlat theitawp pet (dawp) zuam-awknak: *competing in the long jump*.

**long-life** *adj* (esp of dairy products) reipi tiang hman theih, rei daih: *long-life milk*.

**long odds** (in betting) a hleih aw tukmi, eg 50:1 tivek.

**long-range** *adj* [attrib] (a) hmailam caansaupi hrang: *long-range planning* ○ *a long-range weather forecast*. (b) (of vehicles, missiles, etc) lam hlapipi banmi: *a long-range bomber*.

**long-sighted** (also esp *US far-sighted*) *adj* [usu pred] (a) a hlatpi ta lawng fiangte'n hmu thei: *She's long-sighted and needs glasses to read*. (b) (*fig*) hmailam thu ruat ban, ralrinnak nei, fimkhur.

**longstop** *n* (in cricket) denmi bawlung kaitu, kawli kiltu dungih ding.

**long suit** **1** kut sungah phe tha bik pawl hum ngah: *Play the highest card in your longest suit*. **2** (*fig*) ti thatnak zawn bik: *Modesty is not his long suit*.

**long-time** *adj* [attrib] reipi, a reimi: *a long-time friendship*.

**long-term** *adj* [usu attrib] reipi hrang a simi: *a long-term commitment*.

**long ton** a rih/a khiing tahnak, a rit pawng (pound 2240) a si mi.

**long wave** (*abbr LW*) radio aw feh daan ah metre 1000 hnak tam: [attrib] *a long-wave broadcast*.

**long week end** a thok, lole, a cemnak ah ni bet ruangih zarhnet cawlh caan sautermi.

**long-winded** *adj* reipi/saupi sim le ngan — nin-um simi, nin-um za: *a long-winded speaker, speech, style*.

**long-windedness** *n* [U].

**long**<sup>2</sup> /lɒŋ; US lɔːŋ/ *n* **1** [U] rei, a rei: *This won't take long*. ○ *Will you be away for long?* ○ *I hope to write to you before long*. ⇒ Usage at LONG<sup>3</sup>. **2** [C] thirhri thawih nak ah aw sau ih suakmi: *a long and two shorts*. **3** (idm) **the long and (the) short of it** ziangziang a vasi ah/sim duhmi ah/a thusuak cu...

**long**<sup>3</sup> /lɒŋ; US lɔːŋ/ *adv* (-**er** /-ɪŋgə(r)/, -**est** /-ɪŋgɪst/) **1** reipi tiang/reipi sung: *Were you in Rome long?* ○ *Stay as long as you like*. ○ *long into the next century* ○ *I shan't be long*, ie will come, go, etc soon. **2** caan khat ihsin thok a rei daan (used esp in the expressions shown): *long ago/before/after/since* ○ *He died not long (ie soon) after (that)*. ⇒ Usage at RECENT. **3** (with *ns* indicating duration) caankhat sung, eg ni khat sung: *all day long* ○ *I've waited for this moment my whole life long*. **4** (idm) **as/so long as** (a) a si tak ah/a si ahcun/a si sungcu: *As long as it doesn't rain we can play*.

(b) (*US*) ihsin, a si sungah. **be not long for this world** thi cing ding a bang ko (thi cing awm). **no/any/much longer** cutheh hnu-ah; cumi theh in: *I can't wait any/much longer*. ○ *He no longer lives here*. **he who laughs last laughs longest** ⇒ LAUGH. **so long** (*dated infml*) goodbye tinak.

□ **long-drawn-out** *adj* reituk tiang a simi, a tul lo zet tiang ih rei: *long-drawn-out negotiations*.

**long-lived** *adj* nunkhawsau, nun khop nung: *My family tend to be quite long-lived*.

**long-playing record** (also **dated long-player**) (*abbr LP*) dardawng (hla khumnak) reipi tummi a khatlam ah minit 30 lai rei.

**long-standing** *adj* [esp attrib] reipi a daihmi: *long-standing grievances* ○ *a long-standing arrangement*.

**long-suffering** *adj* mi ruangih buainak, harsatnak tivek thinsau zet ih tuar: *I pity his long-suffering wife*.

NOTE ON USAGE: Both **long** and **a long time** are used as adverbial expressions of time. **1 Long** is not used in positive sentences unless it is modified by another adverb, eg too, enough, ago: *You've been sleeping too long/long enough*. ○ *She waited there (for) a long time*. **2** Both can be used in questions: *Have you been here long/a long time?* **3** In negative sentences there can be a difference in meaning. Compare: *I haven't been here for a long time* (ie It is a long time since I was last here) and *I haven't been here long* (ie I arrived here only a short time ago).

**long**<sup>4</sup> /lɒŋ; US lɔːŋ/ *v* [Ipr, It] ~ **for sth/~ (for sb) to do sth** thil pakhat duh zet, ngah duh zet: *The children are longing for the holidays*. ○ *She longed for him to ask her to dance*. ○ *I'm longing to see you again*.

▷ **longing** /lɒŋɪŋ; US 'lɔːŋɪn/ *n* [C, U] ~ **(for sb/ sth)** ngai, duh zet: *a longing for home* ○ *a deep sense of longing*. — *adj* [attrib] duhnak, ngainak nei, langter: *a longing look* ○ *gaze with longing eyes*.

**longingly** *adv*: *speak longingly of one's native land* ○ *The children were gazing longingly at the toys in the shop window*.

**long** *abbr* longitude; mihmuh thei lo ih suaimi leilungpi tunggrin: *long 23°E/W*, ie East/West. Cf LAT.

**longevity** /lɒŋ'dʒevəti/ *n* [U] (*fml*) nun sau: *a family noted for its longevity*.

**longitude** /lɒndʒɪtjuːd/ *n* [U] (*abbr long*) leilungpi a lu in a taw tiang rinmi (nisuah nitlak a hlat a nai tahnak ah hman a si): *lines of longitude marked on a map*. Cf LATITUDE 1.

▷ **longitudinal** /lɒndʒɪtjuːdɪnəl; US -tʊːdnəl/ *adj* **1** longitude thawng pehparmi. **2** a saunak lam in, a sau zawngin: *longitudinal stripes*, eg on a flag.



**longitudinally** /-nəli/ *adv.*

**long-shoreman** /lɒŋʃɔːmən; US 'lɔːn-/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (esp US) tangphawlawng cawlnhak ih thil suah/thil ret hnaʔuantu.

**longways** /lɒŋweɪz; US 'lɔːŋ-/ (also **longwise** /lɒŋweɪz; US 'lɔːn-/) *adv* = LENGTHWISE (LENGTH).

**loo** /luː/ *n* (Brit *infml euph*) pawng thawhnak inn, thiar-awknak inn (ekinn): *I need to go to the loo.* ⇒ Usage at TOILET.

**loofah** (also esp US **luffa**) /luːfə/ *n* [C] uum rahvek ihsin ngahmi ti kholhnak hrang hmanmi thil neem (baal nginnak).

**look**<sup>1</sup> /lʊk/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (at sb/sth) *zoh*: *If you look carefully you can just see the church from here.* ○ *We looked but saw nothing.* ○ *'Has the postman been yet? 'I'll just look and see.'* ○ *Look to see whether the road is clear before you cross.* ○ *I was looking the other way when the goal was scored.* ○ *She looked at me and smiled.* ○ *She looked out of the window and saw the postman coming up the path.* ○ *They looked across the room at each other.* ○ *She blushed and looked down at the floor.* **2** [Ipr, Tw] ~ at sth (esp imperative) thil pakhat *zoh*, *zohhliah*: *Look at the time! We should have been at the theatre ten minutes ago.* ○ *Can't you look where you're going? You nearly knocked me over!* ○ *Look what Denise has given me for Christmas!* ○ *Look who's here!* **3** (a) [La, Ln] a bang, dingah a mawi: *look healthy, ill, pale, puzzled, sad, tired* ○ *That book looks interesting/That looks an interesting book.* ○ *That pie looks good, ie good to eat.* ○ *The town always looks deserted on Sunday mornings.* ○ *'How do I look in this dress?'* *You look very nice (in it).'* ○ *You made me look a complete fool!* (b) [Lpr] ~ like sb/sth (to sb); ~ (to sb) as if .../as though ... *zoh tikah thil pakhat thawn a bangmi/bangter*: *It looks like salt and it is salt.* ○ *That photograph doesn't look like her at all.* ○ *This looks to me like the right door.* ○ *It looks like rain/It looks as if it's going to rain.* ○ *It looks like being/as if it's going to be a nice day.* ○ *You look as if you slept badly.* ○ *It doesn't look to me as if the Socialists will win the election.* ⇒ Usage at FEEL<sup>1</sup>. **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb/sth) *haw!*: *'I can't find the papers.'* *'Well, keep looking!'* ○ *Where have you been? We've been looking for you everywhere.* ○ *Are you still looking for a job? Negotiators are looking for a peaceful settlement to the dispute.* ○ *The youths were clearly looking for (ie were intending to star) a fight.* **5** [Ipr, Ip] hmaihoih: *The house looks east.* ○ *The hotel looks towards the sea.* ○ *My bedroom looks onto the garden.* **6** (idm) **be looking to do sth** thil pakhat *tuah tun*: *The government will be looking to reduce inflation by a further two per cent this year.* **look bad; not look good** *ruah daan tlangpi thawn kaih lo ruangah mi ih hmuhsualnak a um thei*: *It looks bad not going to your own brother's*

*wedding.* **look bad (for sb)** thil *tuah tha lo ding a bang, harsatnak, lole, siatnak thleng ding a bangmi*: *He's had a severe heart attack; things are looking bad for him, I'm afraid, ie he is probably going to die.* **look good** thil a *tha ding a bangmi, thahnem vivo ding a bang*: *This year's sales figures are looking good.* **look here** (used to express protest or to ask sb to pay attention or listen to sth) *duh lonak langternak/mi pakhat mah thu ngaiter, thil pakhat hei ngai*: *Now look here, it wasn't my fault that we missed the train.* ○ *Look here, I'm not having you make remarks like that about my sister.* (not) **look oneself** *tunghmun le dam hmel keng*: *You're not looking yourself today, eg You look tired or ill.* **look sb up and down** *mi pakhat tha zet ih zohfel, lole, nautatnak ih zoh*: *I didn't like the way he looked me up and down before speaking to me.* **never/not look back** (*infml*) *thangso vivo/thil tuahnak tlamtling*: *Her first novel was published three years ago and since then she hasn't looked back.* **to look at sb/sth** a *hmui in zoh hlah, a aan in ngai*: *To look at him you'd never think he was a successful businessman.* **not be much to look at** (*infml*) *zoh mawi lem lo, duh nung lo*: *The house isn't much to look at but it's quite spacious inside.* (For other idioms containing **look**, see entries for *ns*, *adjs*, etc, eg **look one's age** ⇒ AGE; **look sharp** ⇒ SHARP.)

**7** (phr *v*) **look after oneself/sb** *mah le mah/mi pakhat thate ih fingkhawi/zoh that*: *He needs to be properly looked after.* ○ *Who will look after the children while their mother is in hospital?* ○ *He's good at looking after himself/his own interests.* **look after sth** *tuavvo nei, kilkhawi*: *Our neighbours are looking after the garden while we are away.*

**look ahead** *hmailam ziang cang ding ti ruat*: *Have you looked ahead to what you'll be doing in five years' time?*

**look at sth** (a) thil pakhat *nai zet ih cekfel*: *Your ankle is badly swollen; I think the doctor ought to look at it.* ○ *I haven't had time to look at (ie read) your essay yet.* ○ *I'm taking my car to the garage to be looked at.* (b) *ruat, zir*: *The implications of the new legislation will need to be looked at.* ○ *The committee wouldn't even look at my proposal.* (c) *zoh, ruat, hmu*: *The Americans looks at life differently from the British.* ○ *Looked at from that point of view, the job becomes easy.*

**look back (on sth)** a *cem ciami thu ruat saal/hlaan thu ruat saal*: *look back on one's childhood, past, life.*

**look down on sb/sth** (*infml*) *mi/thil pakhat nautatnak ih zoh*: *She looks down on people who've never been to university.* ○ *He was looked down on because of his humble background.*

**look for sth** *beisei* — thil pakhat *co/ngah dingih beisei, a that ding beisei*: *We shall be looking for*

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an improvement in your work this term.

**look forward to sth/doing sth** hmai lam ih hmuh/tuah ding pawl lung nuam ih ruat/hlawptlo: *look forward to one's holidays, the weekend, a trip to the theatre* ○ We're so much looking forward to seeing you again.

**look in (on sb/at ...)** mi va leng hruak — mi caan tawite sung va leng: *The doctor will look in again this evening.* ○ *Why don't you look in (on me) next time you're in town?* ○ *I may look in at the party on my way home.*

**look into sth** thil pakhat zingzoi: *A working party has been set up to look into the problem.* ○ *His disappearance is being looked into by the police.*

**look on** thil pakhat a cangmi ah a zohtu lawng hei si: *Passers-by just looked on as a man was viciously attacked.* **look on sb/sth as sb/sth** mipakhat/thil pakhat hei si ih ruah: *She's looked on as the leading authority on the subject.* **look on sb/sth with sth** mi/thil pakhat phun dangih ruah — mi/thil pakhat parih lungput: *I look on him/his behaviour with contempt.* ○ *She was always looked on with distrust.* ○ *How do people in general look on her?*

**look out** (used in the imperative) ralrinnak pek, ralring aw: *Look out! There's a car coming.*

**look out (for sb/sth)** tong dingih zoh, ralrinnak nei: *Will you go to the station and look out for Mr Hill?* ○ *Look out for pickpockets.* ○ *Police will be looking out for trouble-makers at today's match.* ○ *Do look out for spelling mistakes when you check your work.* **look sth out (for sb/sth)** tong dingih hawl: *I must look out some bits and pieces for the church jumble sale.*

**look over sth** tha le tha lo cek: *We must look over the house before we decide to rent it.* **look sth over** pakhat hnu pakhat, thenkhat hnu thenkhat ih cek: *Here's the mail, I've looked it over.*

**look round (a)** hmu thei dingih lu mer/her: *She looked round when she heard the noise behind her.* **(b)** thil a can theinak ding zohfel: *We're going to look round a bit before deciding where to buy a house.* **look round sth** (hmun, lole, inn) va zoh — mikhuat le hmu dah lo sinak ih hei zoh: *Shall we look round the cathedral this afternoon?*

**look through sb** mithmai pe duh lo/hmu lo vekih um-awter: *She just looked straight through me.*

**look through sth** zamrang ih zoh uatvo: *She looked through her notes before the examination.*

**look sth through** ralring te zet ih zoh/siar: *Always look your work through before handing it in.* ○ *He looked the proposals through before approving them.*

**look to sb for sth; look to sb to do sth** mi rinsan/mi ih pek ding beisei/mi ih tuah sak ding beisei: *We are looking to you for help.* ○ *She's regularly looked to for advice.* ○ *Many people are looking to the new government to reduce unemployment.*

**look to sth** thil pakhat parah ralring; a him maw, a tha maw ti ih cekfel: *The country must look to its defences.* ○ *You should look to your health.*

**look up (a)** hun zoh: *She looked up (from her book) as I entered the room.* **(b)** (infml) (of business, sb's prospects, etc) thil zuar/thil tuah thahnem deuh: *Inflation is coming down; unemployment is coming down; things are definitely looking up!* **look sb up** (infml) (hmuh awk lo rei hnu) mi leng/ton awknaknei: *do look me up the next time you're in London.* **look sth up** theih lomi tongfang/thuhla dictionary le cabu dangdang ah zoh: *If you want to know how a word is used, look the word up in the Advanced Learner's Dictionary.* ○ *Look up the time of the next train in the timetable.* **look up to sb** mi pakhat uar/upat: *She has always looked up to her father.*

▷ **look interj** (used to make sb listen to sth important that one is saying) tongmi ngai ternak/tong laimi hi a thupi ti ih ngaiter: *Look, don't you think you're over-reacting slightly?*

**looker n** (infml approv sexist) fala, nunau zoh mawi/hmeltha/duhningza: *She's a real looker!*

**looker-on** /lʊkər'ɒn/ n (pl **lookers-on**) /lʊkəz'ɒn/ thil pakhat zohtu, mah tel loin. **-looking** (forming compound adjs) cuvek pianzia a nei ti simnak: *a strange looking place* ○ *She's not bad-looking, ie quite attractive.*

□ **look-alike n** (often used after a person's name) midang pakhat thawn a bang aw zet mi: *the Prime Minister's look-alike* ○ [attrib] a *Marilyn Monroe look-alike contest.*

**look-in n** (idm) **(not) give sb/get/have a look-in** (infml) rak tong ngah lo/rak tel ngah lo: *She talks so much that the rest of us never get a look-in.* ○ *He'd love to play for the school team but he never gets a look-in, ie is never chosen.*

**looking-glass n** (dated) hmel bih awknak thlalang, zohawknak thlalang, thlalang.

**look-out 1** [C] raal pawl/siimtu pawl connak (thlirnak) hmun: [attrib] a *look-out tower.* **2** [C] cuvek a cuantu: *We posted several look-outs.* **3** (idm) **be a bad, grim, poor, etc look-out (for sb/sth)** hmailam hrang thiltha um lo /beisei ding um lo: *It's a bleak look-out for the coal industry as the number of pit closures increases.* **be sb's look-out** (infml) (used to describe an action that is considered irresponsible) mi pakhat ih tuanvo: *If you want to waste your money, that's your own look-out.* **be on the look-out for sb/sth; keep a look-out for sb/sth** = LOOK OUT FOR SB/STH.

**look-over n** [sing] mallai cek/zohfel: *Would you give these figures a look-over to check my calculations?*

**look-through n** [sing] zamrang zet ih siar: *I gave her article a quick look-through.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Look (at)** means to direct one's eyes towards a particular object: *Just look at this beautiful present.* ○ *I looked in the cupboard but I couldn't find a clean shirt.* **2 Gaze (at)** means to keep one's eyes turned in a particular direction for a long time. We can gaze at something without looking at it if our eyes are not focused: *He spent hours gazing into the distance.* ○ *She sat gazing unhappily out of the windows.* **3 Stare (at)** suggests a long, deliberate, fixed look. Staring is more intense than gazing and the eyes are often wide open. It can be impolite to stare at somebody: *I don't like being stared at.* ○ *She stared at me in astonishment.* **4 Peer (at)** means to look very closely and suggests that it is difficult to see well: *We peered through the fog at the house numbers.* ○ *He peered at me through thick glasses.* **5 Gawp (at)** means to look at someone or something in a foolish way with the mouth open: *What are you gawping at?* ○ *He just sits there gawping at the television all day!*

**look<sup>2</sup>** /lʊk/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] *zoh: Have/Take a look at this letter.* **2** [C usu sing] *haw: I've had a good look (for it) but I can't find it anywhere.* **3** [C] *hmel put, mithmai um daan: a look of pleasure, fear, relief, etc* ○ *I knew something was wrong: everyone was giving me funny looks, ie looking at me strangely.* ○ *The house has a Mediterranean look.* **4** [C] *hnipuan thit/hruk daan: The broad-shouldered look is in this year.* ○ *They've given the shop a completely new look, ie redesigned it.* ○ [attrib] *I like your new-look hair-style.* **5 looks** [pl] *mi pakhat ih pianthlai: She's got her father's good looks.* ○ *She's starting to lose her looks, ie become less beautiful.* **6** (idm) **by/from the look oft sb/sth** *hei zohnak in: Taxes are going to go up, by the look of it.* **give sb/get a dirty look** ⇒ DIRTY<sup>1</sup>. **like the look sound of sb/sth** ⇒ LIKE<sup>1</sup>. **take a long look at sth** ⇒ LONG<sup>1</sup>.

**loom<sup>1</sup>** /lu:m/ *n* *thiamtaknak.*

**loom<sup>2</sup>** /lu:m/ *v* **(a)** [Ipr, Ip] *fiang lem lo le tihnung ih lang: an enormous shape looming (up) in the distance, out of the darkness, through the mist, etc.* **(b)** [La, I] *(fig) thupi zet, lole, tihnungza simi: The prospect of war loomed large in everyone's mind.* ○ *the looming threat of a strike.*

**loony** /lu:ni/ *n, adj* (sl) *mi aa, thluak hmaan lo; mi phundang, mi thawn bangaw thei lo/mi hawizawng lo: He does have some pretty loony ideas.*

□ **loony-bin** *n* (sl *joc offensive*) *thluak kim lo (mi aa) pawl retnak inn/sizung.*

**loop** /lu:p/ *n* **1** **(a)** *hrikual; hri hlimal: a double loop like a figure eight* ○ *handwriting with loops on many of the letters.* **(b)** *lamzin, lole, hivek ih ummi thil tuah dan: The plane flew round and*

*round in wide loops.* **(c)** *cuvek a kual ih ummi hri (thil temnak ih hmanmi): a loop of ribbon to carry the package by.* **2** *electric tha a hri ah veikhat a heel suahmi.* **3** (computing) *a remcang mi pakhat a suah lai hlanlo cangan dan ding a phunphun lang.* **4** *nau nei thei lo dingih nunau zahmawh sung ih thunmi thil kual.*

▷ **loop v** **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] *hei kual ter: strings of lanterns looping/looped between the branches of the tress* ○ *looped threads* ○ *loop (up) a rope.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] *hrikual thawn tem/hreng: loop the rope round the post* ○ *loop the curtains back.* **3** (idm) **loop the loop** (of an aircraft) *van ah a kual zawngin zam.*

**loop-line** *n* *hmunpi a suak ih a hmunpi ah a kirsalmi tlangleng/telegraph hri.*

**loophole** /lu:phəʊl/ *n* **1** *ʔongfang hmanmi sambau ruangah daan thu le lungkim ciami hrial theinak: A good lawyer can always find a loophole.* **2** *kahsam (ralhruang) in meithal thluah ih kahnak ding ong, lole, thli le tleu luhnak dingih tuahmi ong.*

**loopy** /lu:pi/ *adj* (sl) *aa, ruahnak dik lo: It sounds a pretty loopy idea to me.*

**loose<sup>1</sup>** /lu:s/ *adj* **(-r, -st)** **1** *uk le temtawnnak in zalen ih um: the cows had got out of the field and were (roaming) loose in the road.* ⇒ Usage. **2** (that can be) *fekte ih um lomi — a dor: Be careful with that saucepan — the handle's loose.* ○ *a rope hanging loose* ○ *a loose tooth, thread, screw.* **3** *tem cih lomi/kut ih huum lomi/thil pakhat sungih ret lomi: loose change, ie coins carried eg in a pocket* ○ *nails sold loose by weight, ie not in a packet.* **4** *tha te'n/fek te'n pawlkomnak um lo: a loose confederation of states* ○ *a loose symphonic structure.* **5** *a cekci si lo/fiang lo: a loose translation* ○ *loose thinking.* **6** **(a)** *taksa dor: loose skin* ○ *have loose bowels, ie suffer from diarrhoea.* **(b)** *a rin lomi: a loose collar.* ⇒ Usage. **7** *a khal lomi/a pit lomi: cloth with a loose weave* ○ *loose soil.* **8** [esp attrib] (of talk, behaviour, etc) *nuncan/hoiher thlahthlam mi/uk aw lo mi: loose conduct* ○ *lead a loose and dissolute life* ○ *a loose (ie immoral) woman.* **9** (of play in a game) *daithlang le cekci lomi: some rather loose bowling, ie in cricket.* **10** (idm) **all hell broke/was let loose** ⇒ HELL. **at a loose end;** (US **also at loose ends**) *tuah ding thei lo/tuah ding nei lo: Come and see us if you're at a loose end.* **break loose (from sb/sth)** *rak khummi ihsin tlansuak: The dog has broken loose, ie got free from its chain.* ○ *break loose from tradition.* **come/work loose** (of a fastening, bolt, etc) *rak hren lo/tem lo ih um — him lo.* **cut loose** (infml) *a ri nei lo ih tuah/tong tivek: He really cut loose and told me what he thought of me.* **cut sth/sb loose (from sth)** *thil/mi pakhat then-aw ko ih tuah: cut a boat loose* ○ *cut oneself loose from one's family.* **have a loose tongue** *duhduh*

ʔong hluahhlo. **have a screw loose** ⇨ SCREW *n.* **let sb/sth loose** mi/thil thlah: *Don't let that dog loose among the sheep.* ○ *Just close your eyes and let loose your imagination.* **let sb loose on sth** mi pakhat amah duhduh tuah ding on: *I daren't let Bill loose on the garden — he'd pull up all the flowers.* **play fast and loose (with sb)** hrokhrawl le thinlung ding lo zet ih um — bum lawnglawng ih nung.

▷ **loose-** (in compounds) dor zet in: *loose-fitting clothes.*

**loosely** *adv* daithlang le fel lo ih ti/tuah: *loosely speaking*, ie in general ○ *loosely translated.*

**looseness** *n* [U].

□ **loose box** rang duhduh cangvaih theinak ding ranginn fate.

**loose covers** ʔhawn (laak) theihmi tokham kuh.

**loose-leaf** *adj* [esp attrib] (of a note-book, etc) cahnah thlong ih ret saal theinak cabu.

NOTE ON USAGE: The adjective **loose** has several senses. Two of these are **1** 'not tied up' and **2** 'not tight': *The dogs are loose in the garden.* ○ *a tight/loose shirt, dress, belt, etc.* The verb **loose** (also **unloose**) relates to the first sense and means 'set free': *The guard loosed the dogs when the burglar alarm went off.* The verb **loosen** (also **unloosen**) relates to the second sense and means 'make loose': *After the huge meal he loosened his belt and went to sleep.* Note that the verb **lose** (*pt lost, pp lost*) is unconnected with loose or loosen.

**loose**<sup>2</sup> /lu:s/ *v* **1** [Tn] thlah (ramsa): *loose the dogs.* **2** (phr v) **loose (sth) off (at sb/sth)** meithal/rocket kap (a gun or missile): *Men were loosing off at shadows* ○ *loose off a few bullets (at the enemy).* ⇨ Usage at LOOSE<sup>2</sup>.

**loose**<sup>3</sup> /lu:s/ *n* (idm) (**be on the loose** mahte zalen zet ih nuam aw.

**loosen** /lu:sn/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] darter, phawih: *Can you loosen the lid of this jar?* ○ *This knot keeps loosening.* ○ *medicine to loosen a cough*, ie help bring up the phlegm. ⇨ Usage at LOOSE<sup>1</sup>. **2** (idm) **loosen/tighten the purse-strings** ⇨ PURSE<sup>1</sup>. **loosen sb's tongue** duhduh ʔong men hluahhlo: *Wine soon loosened his tongue.* **3** (phr v) **loosen (sth) up (cause sth to)** darter, cawl: *You should loosen up (your muscles) before playing any sport.* ○ *Don't be so nervous — loosen up a bit.*

**loot** /lu:t/ *n* [U] **1** (esp private property) raal ih lonmi/mifir pawl ih firmi. **2** (*infml*) paisa, neihaak.

▷ **loot v** (**a**) [I] long hlo: *soldiers killing and looting wherever they went.* (**b**) [Tn] rak lonmi, innsang thil lonmi/buaihnu ih kiltu um lo inn ta lak: *The mob looted many shops in the area.* Cf PILLAGE, PLUNDER. **looter** *n*: *Looters will be shot*

*on sight.*

**lop** /lɒp/ *v* (**-pp-**) **1** [Tn] zanthing ʔeek tan/a hnge pawl tan. **2** (phr v) **lop sth off/away** tan hlo: *He had his arm lopped off by an electric saw.*

**lope** /ləʊp/ *v* [I, Ip] kal sau nawn in rang nawn ih tlan: *the tiger loped off into the jungle.*

▷ **lope** *n* (usu sing) kal sau nawn kekar: *move at a steady lope.*

**lop-eared** /lɒp 'iəd/ *adj* hna a tlaimi: *a lop-eared rabbit.*

**lopsided** /lɒp 'sɑɪdɪd/ *adj* khatlam ta niam deuh, fate deuh tivek ih um — a ruang aw lo: *a lopsided grin.*

**loquacious** /lə'kwɛɪʃəs/ *adj* (*fml*) ʔong paih/ʔong tam.

▷ **loquaciously** *adv.*

**loquaciousness, loquacity** /lə'kwæʃənɪs/ *ns* [U].

**loquat** /lə'kwɒt, 'lɒkwæt/ *n* [C] (**a**) a mawi ter/nak dingih phunmi thing (Tuluk le Japan ram ah a tam). (**b**) hivek thingkung.

**lord** /lɔ:d/ *n* **1** [C] bawi, mipa uktu bawi siangpahrang: *our sovereign lord the king.* **2** [sing] (**a**) **the Lord** Pathian, Khrih. (**b**) **Our Lord** kan Bawipa Khrih. **3** (**a**) [C] mipun u: *She married a lord.* (**b**) **the Lords** [sing pl v] (*Brit*) (members of) England (uknak) Lords tlangsuak thurelnak (HOUSE<sup>1</sup> 4): *The Lords is/are debating the issue.* **4** [C] (*Brit*) (**a**) mi upa pawl parih upatnak hmin pekmi: *the Lords of the Treasury* ○ *the First Lord of the Admiralty* ○ *The Lord Mayor of London.* (**b**) hnam u pawl parih upat hmin pekmi: *Lord Derby*, ie the title of the Earl of Derby. (**c**) **My Lord** mi phun u/Siangpahrang phun u pawl biaknak ʔong. **5** (idm) **drunk as a lord** ⇨ DRUNK. **good Lord** *interj* (expressing surprise, etc) mangbang tiki hmanmi ʔong. **live like a lord** ⇨ LIVE<sup>2</sup>. **one's lord and master** (*joc*) pasal. **Lord knows** zo hman sim theih lo: *Lord knows where he dug up that dreadful story.* **year of our Lord** ⇨ YEAR.

▷ **lord v** (phr v) **lord it over sb** lal hnawh; si sawn/upa sawn vekih um, lole, mi uk duhmi: *He likes to lord it over the junior staff.*

□ **the lord of the manor** (in the Middle Ages) lo co man hnaʔuan sakmi bawi (lo neitu).

**the Lord's Day** Bawipai' Ni, Nipi Ni, Zarhpi Ni. **the Lord's Prayer** Bawipai' Thlacam; Khrih in a dungthlun pawl a zirh tami; 'Vancung ih a um Kan Pa' tin a thok.

**Lords spiritual** (*Brit*) England (acoza) kumpi rorelnak ah House of Lords tlangsuak pawl lakih telmi bishop le archbishop pawl.

**Lords temporal** (*Brit*) (England) Parliament ih tel mi mipun u pawl.

**lordly** /lɔ:dlɪ/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** hngal, puar, mi ziangsiar lo —upa awter: *dismiss people with a lordly gesture.* **2** mipun u thawn a remcangmi, a maksakmi: *a lordly mansion.*

▷ **lordliness** *n* [U].



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**lordship** /lɔːdʃɪp/ *n* **1** [C] 'Lord' timi mi phun u te biaknak tɔŋ: *his/your lordship* ○ *their lordships* ○ (*joc*) *Would your lordship like a cup of tea?* **2** [U] ~ (**over sb/sth**) (*dated fml*) thuneihnak.

**lore** /lɔː(r)/ *n* [U] miphun khat ih ta a simi theihnak le nunphung: *bird lore* ○ *gypsy lore* ○ *Celtic lore*.

**lorgnette** /lɔːnjet/ mit thlalang (a ko saupi nei).

**lorn** /lɔːr/ *adj* (*arch or joc*) lungleng le riahsa.

**lorry** /lɔːrɪ/ *n* (Brit) (also esp *US truck*) thilri phurhnak mawtaw tumpi: *an army lorry* ○ [*attrib*] *a lorry driver*.

**lose** /luːz/ *v* (pt, pp **lost** /lɔːst/; *US* lɔːst/) **1** [Tn] (**sth** / **sb**) sung/thi: *lose all one's money at cards* ○ *lose a leg in an industrial accident* ○ *lose one's hair, teeth, good looks*, ie as a result of ageing ○ *He lost both his sons* (ie They were killed) *in the war*. ○ *She's just lost her husband*, ie He has died recently. ○ *lose one's job*. **2** [Tn] hloter — thlau: (esp a moral or mental quality): *lose one's confidence, composure, etc* ○ *The train was losing speed*. ○ *lose interest in sth/sb*, ie cease to be interested or attracted ○ *He's lost ten pounds in weight*. ○ *lose one's balance/equilibrium* ○ *She's losing colour*, ie becoming pale. ○ *I warn you, I'm rapidly losing patience*, ie becoming impatient. **3** [Tn] thlau; hloter: *I've lost my keys*. ○ *The books seem to be lost/to have got lost*. ○ *She lost her husband in the crowd*. **4** [Tn] (**a**) a hlo — theih thei lo: *His words were lost* (ie could not be heard) *in the applause*. (**b**) (*infml*) thei thei lo: *I'm afraid you've lost me*. **5** [Tn] (*infml*) tlanan ngah; tlan suak: *We managed to lose our pursuers in the darkness*. ○ *You see that car following us? Well, lose it!* **6** (**a**) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) (**to sb**) sung/neh lo (leh zuamaw, upadi zung thurelnak): *It's only the second time the team has lost (a match) this season*. ○ *We lost to a stronger side*. ○ *They won battle but lost the war*. ○ *lose a motion*, ie fail to carry it in a debate. (**b**) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**to sth/sb**) mi hnenah va sung: *Railways have lost much of their business to the bus companies*. **7** [Tn] sung, a sung tuar/cawhkuan pek: *The Liberal candidate lost his deposit*, ie did not obtain the minimum number of votes necessary in an election. ○ *lose one's no-claim bonus*, eg by making an insurance claim following an accident. **8** [Tn] a lak ih cemter (tikcu, lole, can tha): *We lost twenty minutes through having to change a tyre*. ○ *There's no time to lose*, ie We must hurry. **9** (**a**) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) (**on sth/by doing sth**) farah deuhdeuh ih cang; a tenau vivo: *We lost (a lot) on that deal*. ○ *Poetry always loses (something) in translation*. ○ *You will lose nothing by telling the truth*. (**b**) [Dn-n] mi pakhat sunter, kuanter: *His carelessness lost him the job*. ○ *Such behaviour will lose you everyone's sympathy*. **10** [I, Tn] (of a watch

clock) nazi a tlai: *A good watch neither gains nor loses*. ○ *This clock loses two minutes* (ie becomes two minutes behind the correct time) *a day*. **11** (idm) **fight a losing battle** ⇒ **FIGHT**<sup>1</sup>. **find/lose favour with sb/in sb's eyes** ⇒ **FAVOUR**<sup>1</sup>. **find/lose one's voice/tongue** ⇒ **FIND**<sup>1</sup>. **give/lose ground** ⇒ **GROUND**<sup>1</sup>. **heads I win, tails you lose** ⇒ **HEAD**<sup>1</sup>. **one's cool** ⇒ **COOL**<sup>1</sup>. **keep/lose count** ⇒ **COUNT**<sup>2</sup>. **keep/lose one's temper** ⇒ **TEMPER**<sup>1</sup>. **keep/lose track of sb/sth** ⇒ **TRACK**<sup>1</sup>. **lose all reason** zianghman ruat thei nawn lo: *He lost all reason and started abusing his opponent*. **lose one's bearings** mangbang ih um/thinlung buai theh. **lose one's breath** thawhawt sam. **lose caste (with/among sb)** dinhmun hlo/mi ih upatnak hlo. **lose courage** thinnau zet/tih zet. **lose face** mualpho/hminsia. **lose one's grip (on sth)** thil um daan thei thei lo/uk thei lo: *I think the Prime Minister may be losing his grip*. **lose one's head** thinlung hnok/phang ciamco: *Don't lose your head — keep calm!* **lose heart** thasia. **lose one's heart (to sb/sth)** mi va duh. **lose one's life** that (nunnak cem). **lose one's marbles** (sl) aa, lungfim lo, thu ruat theinawn lo. **lose/waste no time in doing sth** ⇒ **TIME**<sup>1</sup>. **lose one's place** (in a book, etc) ca siar cawl thei nawn lo. **lose one's rag** (*infml*) thinhennak langter, thintawinak langter. **lose one's seat** (**a**) mah tonak mi in to sak; mi in hnatuan long. (**b**) (of a Member of Parliament) hril-awknak ah hril nawn lo. **lose one's shirt** (*infml*) sung theh (paisa thaap lehnak ah). *He lost his shirt on the horses*. **lose sight of sb/sth** (**a**) hmuh thei nawn lo: *lose sight of land*. (**b**) thil hrelh sual/ruat dingah hngilh: *We must not lose sight of the fact that...* ○ *Our original aims have been lost sight of*. **lose the thread (of sth)** thurelmi/eel awkmi le thuanthu simmi thei thei nawn lo (thlun thei lo). **lose one's touch** hlanlai ih thil tuah theimi tuah thei nawn lo. **lose touch (with sb/sth)** pehtlaih-awknak um nawn lo: *I've lost touch with all my old friends*. ○ *Let us not lose touch with reality*. **lose one's way** zin hlo: *We lost our way in the dark*. **lose/take off weight** ⇒ **WEIGHT**. **a losing battle/game** sung ding a fiangmi lehnak/raldonak: *It's a losing battle trying to persuade Henry to take more exercise*. **not lose sleep/lose no sleep over** tɔl lopi in donhar lo: *It's not worth losing sleep over*. **win/lose by a neck** ⇒ **NECK**. **win or lose** ⇒ **WIN**. **a winning/losing streak** ⇒ **STREAK** *n*. **win/lose the toss** ⇒ **TOSS** *n*.

**12** (phr v) **lose oneself in sth** thil pakhat ah thinlung pek thluh (phum-aw): *I soon lost myself in the excitement of the film*. **lose out (on sth)** (*infml*) hlawhtling lo, sung: *If things go wrong I'm the one who'll lose out, not you*. **lose out to sb/sth** (*infml*) thildang pakhat in a hleih (a neh): *Has the cinema lost out to TV?* ⇒ Usage at **LOOSE**<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **loser** *n* a sungtu: *a good/bad loser*, ie sb who

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regularly fails in life.

**loss** /lɒs/; US lɔːs/ *n* **1** [U] sunnak: *loss of blood, health, prestige, money* ○ *The loss (ie death) of his wife was a great blow to him.* ○ *without (any) loss of time* ○ *a temporary loss of power* ○ *The loss of this contract would be very serious.*

**2** [C] (a) minung, lole, thilri sung: *heat loss* ○ *The enemy suffered heavy losses, ie many men killed, etc or much equipment destroyed.* ○ *The car was so badly damaged that it had to be abandoned as a total loss.* (b) pursum leilawn/paisa hawnak ah paisa sunnak: *made a loss on the deal* ○ *sell sth at a loss, ie for less than its cost* ○ *suffer losses in the export market.* **3** [sing] mi pakhat/thil pakhat sunnak ruangah harnak tuar; sunralnak: *Her departure is a great loss to the orchestra.* ○ *It's no loss, ie Its loss does not matter.* **4** (idm) **at a loss** ziang tuah ding thei lo/ sim ding thei lo: *It left him at a complete loss (for words).* ○ *I'm at a loss what to do next.* **cut one's losses** tamtuk sun hlan ah tumtahmi taansan/baansan. **a dead loss** ⇒ DEAD.

□ **loss-leader** *n* (commerce) thil dang lei seh ti lemnak ah thil hrekkhat a sungih zuar.

**lost<sup>1</sup>** *pt, pp* of LOSE.

**lost<sup>2</sup>** /lɒst/; US lɔːst/ *adj* **1** a hlomi: *recalling her lost youth* ○ *The art of good conversation seems lost.* ○ *lost tribes of Africa.* **2** [esp pred] (fig) hnok ciamco/mangbang ih um: *I got rather lost trying to find the station.* ○ *We would be totally lost without your help.* ○ *They spoke so quickly I just got lost.* **3** (idm) **all is not lost** (saying) a si thei lai ding ti beiseinak um. **be lost in sth** thil pakhat ah thinlung pek theh: *lost in thought/wonder/admiration.* **be lost on sb** mah duhnak ah hruai thei lo: *Our hints were not lost on him, ie He noticed them and acted accordingly.* **be lost to sth** thildangin a hnaihnik thei lo/thil dang a poisa lo: *When he listens to music he's lost to the world, ie unaware of what is happening around him.* **get lost** (sl) feh hlo: *Tell him to get lost.* **give sb up for lost** a nung in tong thei nawn lo dingih ruah. **a lost cause** a hlawhtling thei lomi tumtahnak. **make up for lost time** a tikcu cemia pawl ai-rawl dingin tlio (phar) ciamco ih um: *He didn't have a girl-friend till he was 18, but now he's making up for lost time, ie he has had many girl-friends since then.* **there's little/no love lost between A and B** ⇒ LOVE<sup>1</sup>.

□ **lost property** sarmi thilri a neitu ih hlam hrih lomi, thilhlo: [attrib] *a lost-property office.*

**lot<sup>1</sup>** /lɒt/ *n* [Gp] (infml) **the lot, all the lot, the whole lot** thil a zate in: *That's the lot!* ○ *Take all the lot if you want.* ○ *The whole lot was/ were discovered in a field.* ○ *I want the lot (ie all) of you to get out of my house.* ○ *He expects a good salary, a company car, first-class air travel — the lot.*

**lot<sup>2</sup>** /lɒt/ *pron* **a lot, lots** (infml) tampi, thahnem:

*Have some more pie, there's lots left.* ○ *'How many do you want?' 'A lot/lots.'*

□ **a lot of det** (also infml **lots of**) a tampi: *What a lot of presents!* ○ *I haven't got a lot of time.* ○ *There was lots of money in the safe.* ○ *A lot of people were queuing for the film.* ○ *I saw quite a lot of her (ie I saw her quite often) during the holidays.* ⇒ Usage at MUCH<sup>1</sup>.

**lot<sup>3</sup>** /lɒt/ *adv* (infml) **1 a lot, lots** (used with *adjs* and *advs*) tampi, tha hnem: *I'm feeling a lot better today.* ○ *I eat lots less than I used to.* **2 a lot** (used with *vs*) (a) tam zet: *I care about you a lot.* (b) theu: *I play tennis quite a lot in the summer.*

**lot<sup>4</sup>** /lɒt/ *n* **1** (a) [C] thil zuarmi (a bik in li-lan): *Lot 46: six chairs.* (b) [CGp] a bang awmi minung/thilri a rual/a bur ih um: *Nobody in the first lot of applicants was suitable for the job.* ○ *I have several lots of essays to mark this weekend.* ○ *This next lot of washing is the last.* **2** [C] (a) leiram hmun khat. (b) (esp US) thil pakhat hrang hmun hman mi, eg mawṭaw cawlhnak: *a parking lot, ie a car-park* ○ *a vacant lot, ie a building site* ○ *a film lot, ie a film studio and the land around it.* **3** [sing] neihmi tangka/comi bawngmal (vansiat vanṭhat): *Her lot has been a hard one.* ○ *I would not want to share his lot.* **4** [U] thurel cat dan, lole, mi/thil va hril: *She was chosen by lot to represent us.* **5** (idm) **a bad egg/lot** ⇒ EGG. **cast/draw lots (for sth)** fungzuuk ih hril, fungkhiak; thumvawr: *They drew lots for the right to go first.* **fall to sb's lotto do sth** (fml) mi pakhat ih ṭuanvo ah cang. **throw in one's lot with sb** a neihmi ṭawm duh ah mi pakhat va pawlkom.

**loth** = LOATH.

**lotion** /lɒʃn/ *n* [C, U] vun hrangih hmanmi sii a ti: *soothing lotions for insect bites* ○ *a bottle of cleansing lotion for the face.*

**lottery** /lɒtəri/ *n* **1** [C] awng-ba-li, thumvawr: [attrib] *a lottery ticket.* Cf DRAW<sup>1</sup> 1, RAFFLE. **2** [sing] (fig) van neihnak thu ih thil ti suak theinak: *Some people think that marriage is a lottery.*

**lotto** /lɒtəʊ/ *n* [U] bingo vek lehnak, paisa thawn lehnak.

**lotus** /lɒtəs/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) **1** water-lily par vek pangpar: [attrib] *lotus flowers/blooms* ○ *lotus blossom.* **2** (in Greek legends) zaangzel zet le mangman phah ih eitu diriamter thei thingrah. □ **lotus position** ke kalh aw in to, pheiphah ih to.

**loud** /laʊd/ *adj* (-**er**, -**est**) **1** a ring: *loud voices, screams, laughs, etc* ○ *That music's too loud; please turn it down.* **2** (derog) (of colours, behaviour, etc) minung pawl ih zoh lo thei lo simi: *That dress is a bit loud (ie gaudy), isn't it?* ○ *His manner is too loud.* **3** (idm) **be loud in one's praise(s) (of sb/sth)** mi/thil hei porh zetmi.

▷ **loud adv** (-**er**, -**est**) **1** (used esp with *talk*,

ring, laugh, etc) a ring in: *laugh loud and long* ○ *Speak louder — I can't hear you.* ○ *Their baby screamed loudest of all.* **2** (idm) **actions speak louder than words** ⇒ ACTION. **for crying out loud** ⇒ CRY<sup>1</sup>. **out loud** a ring in: *Don't whisper; if you've got something to say, say it out loud.*

**loudly** adv: *a dog barking loudly* ○ *loudly dressed.* **loudness** *n* [U].

□ **loudhailer** *n* (US **bullhorn**) aw thanter theinak electric ih tuah mi awring, ken thei vivo mi: *use a loudhailer to address the crowd.*

**lound-mouth** *n* (infml) ðong ring le ðong tam (a bikin a porh aw mi); aukio celcel.

**loudmouthed** adj.

**loudspeaker** (also **speaker**) *n* radio le aw khumnak tivek ah electric tha hmang in awn-au ringter deuhnak, cet aw-ring, ðongrinnak.

**lough** /lɒk, lɒx/ *n* (Irish) tili, lole, tipi lam ihsin a ra lutmi tili tluan sau. Cf LOCH.

**lounge** /laʊndz/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] zaangzel zet ih to, lole, ding, a bikin thil pakhat hngauhsan in: *lounge about/around (the house)* ○ *lounging at street corners.*

**lounge** *n* **1** vanzam cawlhnak tivek ih hngah awknak khaan tivek: *the departure lounge.* **2** rawl dawr le pawlkomnak inn tivek ih tonak/leng khaan. **3** (Brit) bul inn ih tonak thawn ummi mileng khaan. **4** = LOUNGE BAR.

**lounge** *n* tuahmi nei lo ih um men; mi zaangzel. □ **lounge bar** (Brit) (US **saloon bar**) a ðha deuh ih a mankhung deuh zu dawr. Cf PUBLIC BAR (PUBLIC).

**lounge-suit** *n* (Brit) zung le hmun thupi ih hukmi angki a leeng huk le bawngbi sau a pian kaih awmi (suit hnipuan).

**lour** (also **lower**) /laʊə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at/on sb/sth) (a) ðihnungza a simi/mithmai thim: *louring looks.* (b) (of the sky, clouds, etc) ðoruah sur zik vekih a thim ðuaitomi.

**louse** /laʊs/ *n* **1** (pl **lice** /laɪs/) (a) hrik/ðhah. (b) thingkung parih ummi cuvek nunghring. **2** (pl ~s) (sl) nautat a um zetmi pa/nu.

▷ **louse** *v* (phr v) **louse sth up** (infml) thil pakhat siatsuah/siatter: *You've really loused things up this time.*

**lousy** /laʊs/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** hrik/ðhah tam — hrik/ðhah bawr. **2** (infml) a sia zet, ðha lo zet: *a lousy holiday* ○ *I feel lousy.* **3** [pred] ~ with sth/sb (sl) si ding zat hnak ih tam/hleifuan: *In August the place is lousy with tourists.*

**lout** /laʊt/ *n* um daan sia, ningzah hmaisong nei lo (mipa upa/mino).

▷ **loutish** adj zoh mawi lo, tlanlen daan mawi lomi: *loutish behaviour.*

**louvre** (also **louver**) /lu:və(r)/ *n* (a) thing, lole, thir tlang tete thawn tuahmi ðhawn a theih ih thli luhternak, khawtleu le ruah lut thei lo ih tuahmi. (b) cuvek thil tlang tete.

▷ **louvred** (also **louvered**) adj: *a louvred door.*

**lovable** /lʌvəbl/ adj duhnungza, duhtheih a simi: *a lovable puppy* ○ *He's such a lovable rascal!*

**love**<sup>1</sup> /lʌv/ *n* **1** [U] duhdawtnak/duhnak: *a mother's love for her children* ○ *love of (one's) country*, ie patriotism ○ *She has a great love for animals.*

○ *He shows little love towards her.* **2** [U] taksa hiarnak ruangih duhnak: *marry for love, not money* ○ *Their love has cooled*, ie is no longer strong. **3** [U] (religion) (in Christianity) Pathian ih zaangfah duhdawtnak. **4** [U, sing] thil pakhat duh zetnak: *a love of learning, adventure, music.*

**5** [C] duh zet mi pa/nu; ngai zetmi: *Take care, my love.* ○ *one of my former loves* ○ (joc) *with his lady love*, ie his girlfriend or wife. **6** [C] (infml) duhnungza thil/minung: *What a love her daughter is!* ○ *Isn't this hat a perfect love?* **7** [C] (Brit infml) mipa in nunau hnen, lole, nauhak hnenah, lole, nunau in nunaupi/mipa hnenih ðong hmanmi: *Mind your head, love!* **8** [U] (in tennis) neh aw hrih lomi: *love all*, ie neither player or pair has scored ○ *The score in the game on Court One is thirty-love.* **9** (idm) **be in love (with sb)** duh aw/caai aw: *They're very much in love (with each other).* ○ *I'm madly in love with her.* **be in love with sth** thil pakhat duh zet: *a city in love with its own past* ○ *He's in love with the sound of his own voice*, ie talks too much. **cupboard love** ⇒ CUPBOARD. **fall in love (with sb)** mi pakhat va duh zet. (just) **for love/for the love of sth** thil ngah duh ruangah si lo, man phalh lo: *They're all volunteers, doing it just for the love of the thing.* **for the love of God etc** (a) (mangbang le lungkim lo zet langternak): *For the love of God, not another bill!* (b) (thil pakhat ti duhternak ih hman): *For the love of Mike let's get out of here!* **give/send sb one's love** ngainak simter (thu cah): *Please give your sister my love.*

○ *My parents send their love.* **a labour of love** ⇒ LABOUR<sup>1</sup>. **the love of sb's life** (a) duh zet mi fala/ tlangval: *I think I've met the love of my life.* (b) mi pakhat ih a duhmi neihsiah, a tuah duhmi tivek: *Sailing is the love of his life.* **make love (to sb)** (a) nu le pa pawl-aw: *He refused to make love before they were married.* (b) (dated) hiar zet ih duhnak. **not for love or money** ziang vek a si khalle, ziang vek khal in: *We couldn't find a hotel room for love or money.* **there's little/no love lost between A and B** an duh aw lo: *There's never been much love lost between her and her sister.*

▷ **loveless** adj duhtu um lo: *a loveless marriage.* □ **love-affair** *n* a duh-awmi pahnih ih duh-awknak thu, lole, taksa ih nupa pawl-awknak. **love-bird** *n* **1** a hmul a mawi ih a tleu zetmi kilaw/ rualpi duk thei zet mi a tleu ih a mawi mi kilaw. **2** (usu pl) (infml) a duh-aw zetmi: *Come along, you two love-birds!*

**love-child** *n* (euph) lakfaa; ðhi-aw lo ih neihmi faa.

**love-hate relationship** duh-awk le huat awk

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## love

zet-nak thawn pehtlaih-awknak.

**love-letter** *n* fala/talngval cakuat (duh awknak cakuat).

**lovelorn** /-lɔ:n/ *adj* rak duh ve lo ruangah lungnuam lo ih um.

**love-making** *n* [U] a duh-awmi pahnih tisa pawl-awknak.

**love-match** *n* duh-awknak ruangah thit awknak tuah.

**love-potion** (also **love-philtre**) *n* (in stories) dawi ih tuahmi/cammi a tii, a intu in a duh thei timi.

**love-seat** *n* S pian a simi tonak neem, tonak, khatlam veve hoi ih ummi.

**lovesick** *adj* duhnak ruangah naa/derdaai.

**love-song** *n* duh awknak hla.

**love-story** *n* duh awknak thuhla a thupi bik ih telmi thuanthu/phuahcop mi thuanthu.

**love**<sup>2</sup> /lʌv/ *v* **1** [Tn] duh: *love one's parents, country, wife* ○ *love God*, ie worship Him. **2** [Tn, Tt, Tnt, Tg, Tsg] duhnak nei: *She's always loved horses.* ○ *He loves his pipe*, ie smoking it. ○ *Children love to play/playing.* ○ *'Will you come?'* *'I'd love to!'* ○ *We'd love you to come to dinner.* ○ *I love him reading to me in bed.* **3** (idm) **love me, love my dog** (*saying*) mi pakhat a duh a sile amah thawn a pehpami minung le thil pohpoh duh ding.

**lovely** /lʌvli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** mawi, mi hiip thei: *a lovely view, voice, woman* ○ *lovely hair, weather, music.* **2** (infml) a nuam, a tha: *a lovely dinner, time, story* ○ *It's lovely and warm* (ie pleasant because warm) *in here.* **3** (idm) **everything in the garden is lovely** ⇒ GARDEN.

▷ **loveliness** *n* [U].

**lovely** *n* (infml) nunau mawi: *a couple of television lovelies.*

**lover** /lʌvə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] duhmi, duhtu; thi-aw loih sualpi mi (mipa): *They say he use to be her lover.* ○ *She's taken a new lover.* Cf MISTRESS<sup>4</sup>. **2** **lovers** [pl] a duh-awmi pahnih thi-aw lo ih sual tlang: *young lovers strolling in the park* ○ *They met on holiday and soon became lovers.* **3** [C] (often in compounds) thil pakhat duhnak neitu: *a lover of music, horses, good wine* ○ *art-lovers.*

**loving** /lʌvɪŋ/ *adj* [esp attrib] mi duh thei: *a loving friend* ○ *loving works.*

▷ **lovingly** *adv.*

□ **loving-cup** *n* zanriah donak puai ah pakhat hnu pakhat pek aw vivomi zu hai (tumpi).

**loving-kindness** *n* [U] (arch) zaangfah duhdawtnak.

**low**<sup>1</sup> /leu/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a niammi: *a low wall, ceiling, tree* ○ *a low range of hills* ○ *flying at a low altitude* ○ *The sun is low in the sky.* ○ *a low brow*, ie with hair-line and eyebrows close together ○ *a dress low in the neck/a low-necked dress*, ie one leaving the upper part of the breasts and much of the shoulders bare. **2** si kel hnakin a mal, a nasa lo, kel awh lo: *low*

*wages, taxes, princes, etc* ○ *low temperature* ○ *low pressure*, eg of the atmospheres, of gas or water piped to houses, of blood ○ *low cloud* ○ *The surrounding land is low* (ie not far above sea-level) and marshy. ○ *a low-density housing estate*, ie one with comparatively few houses in the space available ○ *The reservoir was very low after the long drought.* **3** midang hnak in a niam deuh, a sia deuhmi: *upper and lower classes of society* ○ *of low birth* ○ *low forms of life*, ie creatures having a relatively simple structure ○ *low-grade fuel.* **4** um dan mawi lo, si dan niam: *low manners, tastes, etc* ○ *He keeps low company.* ○ *low comedy*, ie immoral and selfish cleverness. **5** (of sound or a voice) a aw niam, aw pawr: *A man's voice is usually lower than a woman's.* **6** ring lo (sang lo), aw thuum, aw diim: *a low rumble of thunder* ○ *Keep your voice low.* **7** derdai/cakvak lo: *in a low state of health* ○ *feel low/in low spirits/low-spirited.* **8** (of a gear) a tha a khoh na'n a feh cak lomi (gear pi): *You'll need to change into a lower gear when going up this hill.* **9** (idm) **at a low ebb** dinhmun sia, si keel hnak in sia; tumsuk: *Her spirits were at very low ebb*, ie She was very depressed. **be/run low (on sth)** (of supplies) thil a cem zikte: *The petrol's running low.* ○ *We're (running) low on petrol.* **a high/low profile** ⇒ PROFILE. **lay sb/sth low (a)** minung pakhat/thil pakhat tlukter/thluk: *He laid his opponent low with a single punch.* **(b)** derdaiter/siatsuah: *The whole family was laid low by/with* (ie was ill and in bed with) *flu.*

▷ **lowermost** *adj* a niam bik.

**lowness** *n* [U].

□ **Low Church** Church of England kawhhran ah puithiam pawl ih thu neihnak le biaknak daan thupi ih re lo mi pawlkhat: *My family is Low Church.* **Low-Churchman** *n* cuvek sungih rak teltu.

**low-class** *adj* thil a tha lo phun, lole, minung nundan ah a niam mi: *low-class merchandise.*

**lower case** (in printing) cafang a fate phun: [attrib] *lower-case lettering.*

**Lower Chamber** (also **Lower House**) England ram ah House of Commons an ti ih mipi hrilmi tlangsuak pawl an si. USA ahcun House of Representatives an ti.

**the lower deck** (*in the Navy*) sen thum hnak in a niam mi zaka.

**low frequency** (abbr **LF**) radio awsuahnak ah kilohertz 30 in 300 tiang.

**low-key** (also **low-keyed**) *adj* hmual um lo, lung tho lo, supmi: *The wedding was a very low-key affair.*

**lowland** /ləʊlənd/ *n* (usu pl) lei niamnak; hmunrawn.

**lowlander** /-ləndə(r)/ *n* **(a)** lei niamnak, hmunrawn umtu. **(b)** (also **Lowlander**) Scotland ram hmunrawn lei niamnak um mi.



**low-level language** computer ʈong; computer hnaʈuan dingin fialnak ih hmanmi ʈong phunkhat.

**low-pitched** *adj* (of sounds) aw niam: a *low-pitched voice*.

**low season** cawlhdamnak hmun ah mikhual leng kumkhat sungah a mal bik thlen can.

**low tide** (also **low water**) (a) tiffinriat ti a ʈum niam bik caan. (b) hivek tikcu.

**low-water mark** (a) tidai a niam bik a thlennak hminsin tuahmi. (b) (fig) caansia/dinhmun a siat/tlaksiat bik caan: *the low-water mark of the company's fortunes*.

**low**<sup>2</sup> /ləʊ/ *adv* (-er, -est) **1** a niamnak, niam: *aim, shoot, throw, etc low* ○ *bow low to the Queen* ○ *play low*, ie play a card with a low value ○ *The simplest way to succeed in business is to buy low* (ie at low prices) *and sell high*. **2** aw niam/aw pawr: *I can't sing as low as that*. ○ *Speak lower or she'll hear you!* **3** (idm) **lie low** ⇒ LIE<sup>2</sup>. **be brought low** harhdam lam/neih le zakaa a niam ih tlak: *Many rich families were brought low by the financial crisis*. **high and low** ⇒ HIGH<sup>3</sup>. **stoop so low** ⇒ STOOP.

□ **low-born** *adj* mi farah (mi nauta) sungih suak: a *low-born leader*.

**low-lying** *adj* a niamnak bik hmun: *fog in low-lying areas*.

**low-paid** *adj* a niam bik ih hlauh pekmi: *They are among the lowest-paid (workers) in the country*.

**low-rise** *adj* [attrib] (of a building) inn a dot/ tuah malmi: *low-rise developments*.

**low**<sup>3</sup> /ləʊ/ *n* **1** a niam, a mal: *the (value of the) pound has fallen to a new low against the dollar*, ie is worth less in exchange for dollars than ever before. **2** thli a paat mi; zilhli neem: *another low moving in from the Atlantic*.

**low**<sup>4</sup> /ləʊ/ *n* caw a puu mi aw.

▷ **low** *v* [I] hivek aw suah.

**lowbrow** /ləʊbraʊ/ *adj* (esp derog) fimthiamnak le nunphung a saang lomi: a *lowbrow programme, discussion, person*.

▷ **lowbrow** *n* nundan a niammi (mi zaran). Cf HIGHBROW, MIDDLE-BROW.

**low-down** /ləʊdaʊn/ *adj* [attrib] (infml) ningzah thlak, depde le hrokhrawl: *That was a pretty low-down trick to play!*

▷ **low-down** *n* (infml) (idm) **give sb/get the low-down (on sb/sth)** a sinak veki mi va sim/mi ih sim: *Give me the low-down on her divorce*.

**lower**<sup>1</sup> /ləʊə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) mi/thil a tang ih thlak, a tang ih ret: *lower supplies to the stranded men*, eg from a helicopter ○ *lower the sails, a flag, a window* ○ *He lowered his gun slowly*. ○ *lower one's eyes (to ground)*, ie look down ○ (infml) *He lowered* (ie drank) *four pints of beer in an hour*. (b) hei ʈum: *lower the roof of a house* ○ *lower (the height of) the ceiling*. **2** [I,

Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] thil mal deuh ah ʈum/malter, mal deuh canter: *stocks generally lowered in value*. ○ *lower one's voice to a whisper* ○ *A poor diet lowers one's resistance to illness*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself (by doing sth)** (infml) mi upat lo dingih nun ʈum, mi upat lo dingih tuah/ tuah aw: *Don't lower yourself by asking him for help*. ○ *Speak to her? I'd never lower myself*. **4** (idm) **raise/lower one's sights** ⇒ SIGHT<sup>1</sup>. **5** (phr v) **lower (sth) away** (nautical) lawng/lawngpuan tang ih ʈum.

**lower**<sup>2</sup> = LOUR.

**lowly** /ləʊli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (dated) niam/dinhmun niam.

▷ **lowliness** *n* [U].

**loyal** /ləʊəl/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) rintlak/zumtlak: *remain loyal to one's principles* ○ *a loyal supporter of the Labour Party*.

▷ **loyalist** *n* rinsan tlak ih umpi, a bik in uktu hnenah rinsan tlak ih umtu: [attrib] *loyalist troops*.

**loyalty** /ləʊəlti/ *n* (a) [U] rinsan tlak sinak: *swear an oath of loyalty to the King* ○ *Can I count on your loyalty?* (b) [C often pl] rinsan tlak sinak dingih tuahmi thu tiamkam: *We all have a loyalty to the company*. ○ *a case of divided loyalties*, ie of being loyal to two different and often conflicting causes, etc.

**lozenge** /ləʊzɪnz/ *n* **1** kil li neimi diamond lunghring pianhmang. **2** dang na si; kaa ih hmawmmi thil thlum: a *throat lozenge*, ie for a sore throat.

**LP** /el 'pi:/ *abbr* long-playing (record): *a collection of LPs*. Cf EP, SINGLE *n* 5.

**L-plate** /əl plet/ *n* (in Britain) Mirang ram ah mawʈawka par "L" tin catisen thawn an ngan asile a zirlaitu ih mawngmi a si tinak. Cf L *abbr* 2.

**LSD** /el es 'di:/ *abbr* **1** (also *sl acid*) lysergic acid diethylamide, a powerful drug that produces hallucinations. **2** (also **£sd**) (dated Brit infml) (in former British currency) hlanlai Mirang tangka kawh dan (Latin *librae, solidi, denarii*); paisa: *I'm rather short of LSD — can you lend me some?*

**LST** /el es 'ti:/ *abbr* (US) Local Standard Time.

**Lt** *abbr* Lieutenant: *Lt-Cdr-Col?-Gen-Gov*.

**LTA** /el ti: 'ei:/ *abbr* (Brit) Lawn Tennis Association.

**Ltd** *abbr* (Brit) Limited (ie 'limited liability company', now used only by private companies): *Conning Bros Ltd* ○ *Pearce and Co Ltd*. Cf Inc, PLC.

**lubber** /vʌbə(r)/ *n* (dated) hoiher cangvaih dan felfai lo, ti hnuaphni (nauhak mipa, lole, pacang), ʈawhnaw.

▷ **lubberly** *adj*.

**lubricate** /lu:brɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] hriak thuh: *lubricate the wheels, bearings, hinges, etc* ○ (fig) *My throat needs lubricating*, ie with a drink.

▷ **lubricant** /lu:brɪkənt/ *n* [U, C] thil thuhmi — a

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## lubricious

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**lubrication** /lu:brɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (action of) thil thuh.

**lubricious** /lu:brɪˈʃəs/ *adj* (fml) zahmawh lam pang a simi, ningzah ding le thil mawi lo simi ah nom-awknak.

**lucerne** /lu:ˈsɜ:n/ *n* (US **alfalfa**) sumhnam ramsa rawl a simi hrampi.

**lucid** /lu:sɪd/ *adj* **1** fiang zet ih sim/theih ol-ai mi: a *lucid explanation* ○ *His style is very lucid.* **2** lungfiang/fimvar: *lucid intervals*, ie periods of sanity during illness.

▷ **lucidly** *adv*: *lucidly explained.* **lucidity** /lu:ˈsɪdəti/ *n* [U].

**luck** /lʌk/ *n* [U] **1** van, vanthat, vansiat tivek: *have good, poor, hard* (ie bad), *little, bad, etc luck.* **2** vanthatnak: *I hope this charm will bring you luck.* ○ *I had the luck to find him at home.* ○ *Any luck with* (ie Did you manage to get) *the job?* ○ *Our luck has run out*, ie has ended. **3** (idm) **as (good/ill) luck would have it** van thatnak ah/vansiatnak ah. (**what**) **bad, rotten, etc luck!** (used to show sympathy) zaangfahnak langter. **be bad/hard luck (on sb)** vansiat: *It was very hard luck (on you) to get ill on your holiday.* **be down on one's luck** (infml) vanduai caan/vansiat tum. **beginner's luck** ⇒ BEGINNER (BEGIN). **be in/out of luck** vanthat/vansia. **better luck next time** ⇒ BETTER<sup>1</sup>. **the devil's own luck** ⇒ DEVIL<sup>1</sup>. **good luck (to sb)** vanthat seh, tlamtling seh ti duhsaknak: *Good luck in your exams!* **just one's luck** (indicating that sth unfortunate or inconvenient has happened to one, as usual) vansiat ngelcel ah: *It was just my luck to go to the play on the day the star was ill.* **one's luck is in** a vanthat. **the luck of the draw** mi hrekkhat van an neih thei dan. **the luck of the game** lehnak le thiltin ah thiamnak si loin vanthat thu a sinak. **no such luck** vansiat thu a si hrimeh. **push one's luck** ⇒ PUSH<sup>2</sup>. **take pot luck** ⇒ POT<sup>1</sup>. **tough luck (a)** (used to show sympathy) (zaangfahnak langternak ah). (**b**) (*ironic*) (used to show that one does not really care about sb's misfortune) (mi pakhat in midang vansiatnak ziang a siar lonak langter). **try one's luck/fortune** ⇒ TRY<sup>1</sup>. **worse luck** ⇒ WORSE.

▷ **luck** *v* (phr *v*) **luck out** (US infml) vanthat; tiṭha; hlensuah.

**luckless** *adj* vansia.

**lucky** /ˈlʌki/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** vanthat ah, vanthat: *You're very lucky to be alive after that accident.* ○ *It's lucky she's still here.* ○ *a lucky charm* ○ *Seven is my lucky number.* ○ *a lucky guess* ○ *a lucky break*, ie a piece of good fortune ○ *It's my, your, etc lucky day*, ie one on which I am, you are, etc having good fortune. **2** (idm) **strike lucky** ⇒ STRIKE<sup>2</sup>. **thank one's lucky stars** ⇒ THANK. **you'll be lucky; you should be so lucky** (*ironic catchphrase*) (linglet tong hman) na beisei mi/

na duhmi tivek cu a ra cang lo ding.

▷ **luckily** /ˈlʌkɪli/ *adj*: *I arrived late but luckily the meeting had been delayed.*

□ **lucky dip** (Brit) thil kuang/dur sungah thil a phunphun ret mi kha hril lo in hei pur ih lak, a man pek cia a si ih pekmi a man zat hnaki tam a manmi ka la ngah pei maw ti ih beisei a si.

**lucrative** /lu:krəˈtɪv/ *adj* a miat theimi, a hlawkmi: a *lucrative business*.

▷ **lucratively** *adv*. **lucrative** *n* [U].

**lucre** /ˈlu:kə(r)/ *n* [C] **1** (*derog*) a miat, lole paisa ngahnak dingih thil tuah: *the lure of lucre.* **2** (idm) **filthy lucre** ⇒ FILTHY.

**Luddite** /ˈlʌdaɪt/ *n, adj* (*derog*) (person) thil ti/tuah dan, cet lam, thilri tuahnak ah thleng awknak/ṭhansonak duh lotu.

**ludicrous** /ˈlu:dɪkrəs/ *adj* hnihsuakza a simi: a *ludicrous idea*.

▷ **ludicrously** *adv*: *His trousers were ludicrously short.* **ludicrousness** *n* [U].

**ludo** /ˈlu:dəʊ/ *n* [U] zialpheng parah dengih lehnak.

**luff** /lʌf/ *v* [I, Tn] (*nautical*) puanzar lawng, lole, tangphawlawng mawng.

**luffa** = LOOFAH.

**lug**<sup>1</sup> /lʌg/ *v* (**-gg-**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thilrit zet hnuk/phur (har zet in): *lugging a heavy suitcase up the stairs* ○ (*fig infml*) *She had to lug the kids around/about/along all day.* ⇒ Usage at CARRY.

**lug**<sup>2</sup> /lʌg/ *n* **1** thil pakhat a kaihnak/phurhnak ih tuahmi kutkai. **2** (also **lug-hole**) (Brit sl) hna.

**luge** /lu:ʒ/ *n* vurpar lehnak leeng.

**luggage** /ˈlʌɡɪdʒ/ (US **baggage**) *n* [U] thingkuang/savun kuang a sungah thil phunphun ret ih khualtlawnnak hmanmi: *six pieces of luggage* ○ *Clear one's luggage through customs* ○ *Have you any hand-luggage?*

□ **luggage-rack** *n* (**a**) khualtlawn thingkuang retnak zial don. (**b**) = ROOF-RACK (ROOF).

**luggage-van** *n* (US **baggage car**) tlangleng parih khualtlawn thingkuang, puantom tivek retnak a khaan.

**lugger** /ˈlʌgə(r)/ *n* (*nautical*) tangphawlawng fate, kil li nei puanzar ummi.

**lugubrious** /ləˈgu:brɪəs/ *adj* thinlung nuam lo ih um: *Why are you looking so lugubrious?*

▷ **lugubriously** *adv*. **lugubriousness** *n* [U].

**lugworm** /ˈlʌgwɜ:m/ *n* ngasio rawl thlaih hmanmi tiffinriat tipi tlang vulnel lak ummi pangang tumpi.

**lukewarm** /ˈlu:kwɔ:m/ *adj* **1** (of liquids) malte a hlummi: *Heat the milk until it is just lukewarm.* **2** ~ (**about sb/sth**) (*fig*) thatho tuk lo: *get a lukewarm reception* ○ *Her love had grown lukewarm.*

**lull** /lʌl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (**a**) ~ **sb/sth (to sth)** (milai/ramsa) daiter, cawldamter, thlim: *lull a baby to sleep*, ie by rocking it or singing to it. (**b**) ~ **sb/sth (into sth)** (mi pakhat ih launak/tihnak) daiter: *lull his suspicions* ○ *lulled us into a false sense*

- of security. **2** [I] (of a storm or noise) a dai, a deem deuh: *By dawn the wind had lulled.*
- ▷ **lull** *n* (usu *sing*) thil pakhat a daih sung cante, cangvaih, lole, baan lawk caan: *a lull before the storm, in the conversation, during the battle.*
- lullaby** /lʌləbaɪ/ *n* nau thlimnak hla, nau-oih hla.
- lumbago** /lʌmˈbeɪɡəʊ/ *n* [U] thahri nat ihsin suakmi eel nat.
- lumbar** /lʌmbə(r)/ *adj* [usu attrib] zaang a hnuai lam: *lumbar pains* ○ *the lumbar regions.*
- **lumbar puncture** (medical) thim ong hmangin zaangruh hram ihsin a tii lakmi (thlik).
- lumber**<sup>1</sup> /lʌmbə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** (esp *Brit*) (England ram ah) duh nawn lomi innsang bungrua pawl retkhawmmi. **2** (esp *US*) = **TIMBER** 1.
- ▷ **lumber** *v* **1** (a) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with **sb/sth**) mi pakhat harsat pek/zinfetter — zinfie ih um: *He got lumbered with the job of finding accommodation for the whole team.* ○ *It looks as though we're going to be lumbered with Uncle Bill for the whole weekend.* (b) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) (with **sth**) hnok ruri ih umnak; zoh nuam loih um, hnok ruri ih um/hnok cuci: *a room lumbered up with junk* ○ *a mind lumbered with useless facts.* **2** [I, Tn] (esp *US*) thil a phunphun hman dingih thingah mi.
- **lumberjack** (also **lumberman** /-mən/) *n* (esp in the US and Canada) zanthing hau/tan le hmun dangah va zuar ih cawm awtu; thinghlam ih cawmaw.
- lumber-jacket** *n* taitiang a si ih hngawng tiang a simi angki sah.
- lumber-room** *n* (esp *Brit*) thing ah mi/thing tum pawl retnak khaan.
- lumber**<sup>2</sup> /lʌmbə(r)/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] feh daan/cangvaih dan mawi lo, ti hnuamhni feh le cangvai: *elephants lumbering along, past, by, etc* ○ *Look where you're going, you lumbering great oaf!*
- lunary** /luːnəri/ *n* [U] -neri/ **1** mi thinlung danglam ter theitu/mi a khuhneh theitu: *leading/lesser luminaries.* **2** (fml) ni le thlapi tivek van ih tleumi thil pawl.
- luminous** /luːmɪnəri/ *US* -neri/ *adj* **1** tleunak pek, a tleu: *luminous paint*, ie paint that glows in the dark, used on watches, clocks, etc. **2** (fig) theih thei ol, a fiang: *a luminous speaker, explanation.*
- ▷ **luminosity** /luːmɪnəsəti/ *n* [U] tleu theinak.
- luminously** *adv.*
- lumme** (also **lummy**) /lʌmi/ *interj* (dated *Brit* sl) (expressing surprise) mangbang (zum lo pi a cang) tiki h̄ongmi.
- lump**<sup>1</sup> /lʌmp/ *n* **1** a hak ih a khalmi (thil hlom): *a lump of clay* ○ *a sugar lump* ○ *break a piece of coal into small lumps* ○ *How many lumps (ie of sugar) do you take in your tea?* **2** a bol, a thling: *a nasty lump on her neck.* **3** (infml) lungrit, lungkhong, mi ti hnuaihni le mi aa: *Do hurry up, you great lump!* **4** (idm) **have, etc a lump in**
- one's/the throat** thinlung ih ruattuk (duhnak, lungsiatnak tivek) ruangah dang sungah a bol um vek ih thei aw.
- ▷ **lump** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (together) a tomhlawm ih ret, ruat/a hlom ih thil ti/a bur ih tuah: *We've lumped all the advanced students into a single class.* ○ *Can we lump all these items together as 'incidental expenses'?* **2** [I] a tlang ih um/a bol, a hlom: *Stir the sauce to prevent it lumping.*
- lumpish** /-ɪʃ/ *adj* (of a person) rit (cangvaih dan rit) aa.
- lumpy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) a bol um, a bol ih khat theh: *lumpy gravy* ○ *a lumpy mattress.*
- **lump sugar** cini hlom tete.
- lump sum** paisa maltete ciar ih pek si loin a tampi veikhat a hlom ih pek.
- lump**<sup>2</sup> /lʌmp/ *v* (idm) **lump it** (infml) duh lo cingih pekmi cohlan: *If you don't like the decision you'll just have to lump it.*
- lunacy** /luːnəsi/ *n* [U] **1** thinlung hmaan lo, atrnak. **2** atthlak za ih um/hoiher: *It's sheer lunacy driving in this weather.* **3** [C usu pl] mi aa.
- lunar** /luːnə(r)/ *adj* [usu attrib] thlapi thawn a pehpar-mi: *lunar rocks* ○ *a lunar eclipse.*
- **lunar module** (also **lunar excursion module**) thlapi parih va tum — cuisin a kir sal mi.
- lunar month** thla thar in a hmai thla thar tiang (29½ days). Cf **CALENDAR MONTH** (**CALENDAR**).
- lunatic** /luːnəti/ *n* **1** (dated) mi aa, thluak dam lo. **2** mi hmukhmak, khawruat lo: *You're driving on the wrong side of the road, you lunatic!*
- ▷ **lunatic** *adj* **1** (dated) aa, molh. **2** mi hmukhmak: *a lunatic proposal.* **3** (idm) **the lunatic fringe** (derog) pawlkom mibur — thuruahnak phundang zet nei pawl: *The lunatic fringe is/are ignored by most members of the party.*
- **lunatic asylum** (dated) mi aa, mi molh sizung.
- lunch** /lʌntʃ/ *n* [C, U] **1** suncaw: *We serve hot and cold lunches.* ○ *He's gone to/for lunch.* ○ [attrib] *a one-hour lunch break.* **2** (*US*) a cancan ih rawl malte lai ei mi: *We'll have a lunch after the show.*
- ⇒ Usage at **DINNER**.
- ▷ **lunch** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] suncaw ei: *Where do you usually lunch?* ○ *We lunched (out) on cold meat and salad.* **2** [Tn] mi suncaw do.
- **lunch-room** *n* (esp *US*) rawl malte lai (suncaw) ei-nak inn khaan.
- lunch-time** *n* [C, U] sunaw ei caan (sun hrawng).
- luncheon** /lʌntʃən/ *n* [C, U] (fml) suncaw.
- ▷ **luncheon meat** suancia/hmincia voksa, vok liang tivek dawng sung ih ret pitmi, a dai ih ei mi.
- luncheon voucher** (abbr **LV**) (*Brit*) (*US meal ticket*) rawl dawr (hrek khat) ah an hnaʔuantu pawl paisa pekhnu ih an pekmi rawl einak ding caken (ticket); rawl tikit.
- lung** /lʌŋ/ *n* cuap: [attrib] *lung cancer* ○ *a singer*

## lunge

with good lungs, ie a powerful voice.

□ **lung-power** *n* [U] au, hlasak tivek napi'n tuah theinak.

**lunge** /ˈlʌndʒ/ *n* (mi va do/mi thawn thawi awk) va zon.

▷ **lunge** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] va zon: *He lunged wildly at his opponent.* ○ *She lunged out with a knife.*

**lupin** (US **lupine**) /ˈluːpɪn/ *n* cinmi pangpar phunkhat.

**lurch**<sup>1</sup> /ˈlɜːtʃ/ *n* (idm) **leave sb in the lurch** ⇒ LEAVE<sup>1</sup>.

**lurch**<sup>2</sup> /ˈlɜːtʃ/ *n* **1** [C] khat lam ih sawn/khat lam ih lei: *The ship gave a lurch to starboard.* **2** [sing] sawn rero.

▷ **lurch** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] sawn, hawr: *a drunken man torching along the street.*

**lure** /lʊə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) mi a hiipmi: *She used all her lures to attract his attention.* (b) (usu sing) hiip theinak: *the lure of adventure.* **2** (a) ramsa pawl naihnak dingih bumnak/an duh theinak dingih bumnak thil; leemnak; thlemnak. (b) zirhmi khau (mu) a zirhtu, lole, a zuattu hnenih kir sal thei dingih tuahmi thil.

▷ **lure** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (a person or an animal) an duh theinak dingih tuah: *lure sb into a trap* ○ *Greed lured him on.*

**lurid** /ˈlʊərɪd/ *adj* **1** a rong tleu zetmi, lole, rong a phunphun ummi: *a lurid sky, sunset* ○ *the lurid glow of the blazing warehouse.* **2** ti rumro ih um/ thinphang le lau dingih um: *the lurid details of the murder* ○ *a lurid tale.*

▷ **luridly** *adv.* **luridness** *n* [U].

**lurk** /lɜːk/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] **1** (a) thup aw ih um (mi va tuahmawh duhnak in): *a suspicious-looking man lurking in the shadows.* (b) mi ih zoh le theih lo dingih a naite ih rak um thup: *He's usually lurking somewhere near the bar.* **2** (fig) (a bik in thinlung sungah) theih thiam suak lo te ih um rero: *a lurking suspicion.* ⇒ Usage at PROWL.

**luscious** /ˈlʌʃəs/ *adj* **1** a thaw le thlum mi, lole, a rim a thaw awm le thlum awm ih um: *the luscious taste of ripe peaches.* **2** (of art, music, etc) ngai nuam zoh hiar dingih um: *the luscious tones of the horns.* **3** hiar um zet: *a luscious blonde.*

▷ **lusciously** *adv.* **lusciousness** *n* [U].

**lush**<sup>1</sup> /lʌʃ/ *adj* **1** thingkung hrampi a sah le apit zet ih khomi: *lush pastures, vegetation, etc.* **2** (fig) duhtaw le hman taw le ih thil a ummi — t̃ul zat hnak ih um — nomnak men ih hman ding um: *lush carpets.*

**lush**<sup>2</sup> /lʌʃ/ *n* (US sl) zu ri t̃heu pa/nu.

**lust** /lʌst/ *n* (often derog) **1** [C, U] ~ (for sb) nu le pa pawlawknak hiar zetnak neih; hurnak: *curb one's lust* ○ *gratify one's lusts.* **2** [C, U] ~ (for/ of sth) thil pakhat duh zet, lole, thil pakhat nomnak ih hman duh zetmi: *a lust for power, gold, adventure* ○ *filled with the lust of battle.*

▷ **lust** *v* [Ipr] ~ **after/for sb/sth** (often derog) mi

pakhat parah hiar zet/thil pakhat tuah hiarnak nei zet: *lust after women* ○ *He lusted for revenge.*

**lustful** /-fl/ *adj* (often derog) cuvek hiarnak thawn a khatmi: *lustful glance.* **lustfully** /-fəli/ *adv.*

**lustre** (US **luster**) /ˈlʌstə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** thil a ngil zet ih a tleu, lole, thil a tleumi: *the deep lustre of pearls.* **2** (fig) sunlawihnak, hminlangnak: *brave deeds adding lustre to one's name.*

▷ **lustrous** /ˈlʌstrəs/ *adj* tleunak nei/a tleumi thil: *lustrous eyes, hair.* **lustrously** *adv.*

**lusty** /luːt/ *adj* mi dam, virvak le thazaang nei, cakvak: *lusty youngsters at play* ○ *give a lusty cheer.*

▷ **lustily** /-ɪli/ *adv:* sing *lustily.*

**lute**<sup>1</sup> /luːt/ *n* t̃ingtang vek hri sihmi awnmawi thil.

**lute**<sup>2</sup> /luːt/ *n* [U] thil ong phihnak hmanmi sentlung lei phunkhat, lole, Mirang leilung phunkhat.

▷ **lute** *v* [Tn] hivek leilung thawn rawi.

**lutenist** (also **lutanist**) /ˈluːtənɪst/ *n* lute timi awnmawi tum thiamtu.

**Lutheran** /ˈluːθərən/ *n, adj* (member) Martin Luther (1483-1546) hminpu ih dinmi Kawhhran/ cui Kawhhran sungtel.

**luxuriant** /ˈlʌɡʒʊəriət/ *adj* sah zet le khoh zet ih thingkung/hrampi kho: *luxuriant tropical vegetation* ○ (fig) *the poem's luxuriant imagery.* Cf LUXURIOUS.

▷ **luxuriance** /-əns/ *n* [U] cu ti ih a t̃hangmi.

**luxuriantly** *adv.*

**luxuriate** /ˈlʌɡʒʊəriət/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **in sth** thil pakaht ah nuamaw zet: *a cat luxuriating in the warm sunshine* ○ *luxuriate in a hot bath.*

**luxurious** /ˈlʌɡʒʊəriəs/ *adj* **1** thil nomnak phun kim thawn um/nuam zet ih um: *live in luxurious surroundings* ○ *This car is our most luxurious model.* **2** [usu attrib] nunnom duh: *luxurious habits.* Cf LUXURIANT.

▷ **luxuriously** *adv.*

**luxury** /ˈlʌkʃəri/ *n* **1** [U] (regular use and enjoyment of) rawl thaw le man khung bik le zu thaw le mankhung bik/nomcennak: *live in luxury* ○ [attrib] *a luxury hotel, flat, liner.* **2** [C] thil mankhung le hmannuam a si nan a t̃ul zet mi si lo: *caviar, champagne and other luxuries* ○ *We can't afford many luxuries.* **3** (idm) **in the lap of luxury** ⇒ LAP<sup>1</sup>.

**LV** /el ˈvi/ *abbr* (Brit) Luncheon voucher.

**LW** *abbr* (radio) long wave.

**-ly** *suff* **1** (used fairly widely with *ns* to form *adjs*) cafang dang thawn kom le (*adj*) canternak: *cowardly* ○ *scholarly.* **2** (with *ns* forming *adjs* and *advs*) cafang dang thawn kom le (*adj* lole *adv*) canternak: *hourly* ○ *daily.* **3** (used widely with *adjs* to form *advs*) *adj* in *adv* canternak: *happily* ○ *stupidly.*

**lycée** /ˈliːseɪ/ *n* (French) France ram ah (acozah) kumpi phunhra le phunli tlawng karlak tlawng (phunriat tlawng tivek ih kawh).

**lychee** (also **litchi**) /ˈlaɪtʃiː, ˈlaɪtʃiː/ *n* (a) lychee



thingrah. (b) hi vek rah nei thei thingkung (Tuluk ram ih um hmaisa bikmi).

**lychgate** = LICHGATE.

**lye** /lai/ *n* [U] cing-al, alti.

**lying** *pres p* of LIE<sup>1</sup>, LIE<sup>2</sup>.

**lymph** /limf/ *n* [U] **1** (*anatomy*) thiirang telmi ruangpi sungin a suakmi a tii rang. **2** (*medical*) caw sungin a raangmi tii lakih hmaihuh nat sii dawtnak ih hmanmi.

▷ **lymphatic** /lim'fætɪk/ *adj* **1** (*anatomy*) hivek ti kengtu. **2** (*fml*) (of people) ruahnak fung le khulfung.

**lynch** /lintʃ/ *v* [Tn] upadi thuʔhennak tuah lo ih mi pakhat that, lole, na zet ih hrem/cawh: *innocent men lynched by the angry mob*.

▷ **lynch law** hi ti vekih mi va tuah (thuʔthen loih hrem/cawh).

**lynx** /lɪŋks/ *n* zawhte phun simi; a pawh ʔial, a mei tawi, a mit fim zet.

□ **lynx-eyed** *adj* hi ramsa vek a mit fimmi.

**lyre** /laɪə(r)/ *n* ʔingtang vek zik awnmawi thil, U pianzia si ih hri thlahmi.

□ **lyre-bird** *n* Australia ram vate, a pa a meisau ih a pharhawk tikah U pianzia a neimi.

**lyric** /lɪrɪk/ *adj* **1** (of poetry) mah thinlung sunih tuarnak simi. **2** sak dingih phuahmi hla.

▷ **lyric** *n* **1** biazai. **2** (*esp pl*) biazai/hla ih awfang: [attrib] a *fine lyric-writer/writer of lyrics*.

**lyrical** /lɪrɪkl/ *adj* **1** = LYRIC. **2** thatho zet: *She started to become/wax lyrical about health food*.

▷ **lyrically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

**lyricism** /lɪrɪsɪzəm/ *n* **1** [U] biazai/hla ih a ʔat zia. **2** [C] thinlung thatho zetmi langternak.

**lyricist** /lɪrɪsɪst/ *n* hivek hla phun ngantu.