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M, m /em/ *n* (pl **M's, m's** /emz/) Mirang(English) cafang a hleithumnak: *Moscow starts with (an) M.*

M abbr **1** (med) (a hleice in hnipuan tivekah); a lai (a tum le tee karlak). **2** (m) Roman nambat siar ih thawngkhat (*Millenium*). **3** /em/ (Brit) Mawṭaw zin pengtah *Heavy traffic on M 25.*

m abbr **1** Mipa (*m=*male). **2** nupi pasal nei zo: (*m=*married). **3** a pa tinak (*m=*masculine). **4** a hlat a nai tahnak miṭa: (*m=*metres): *run in the 5000m.* **5** nambat siar million (*m=*million) *population 10m.*

ma /ma:/ *n* nu: *I'm going now, ma.*

MA /em 'ei/ (US **AM**) Ca phun 16 *Master of Arts.*
○ *has an MA in Physics.* ○ *Marion Bell, MA (London).*

ma'am /mæm or, rarely, ma:m/ *n* 1 siangpahrang bawinu asilole nunau hnaṭuan upa ṭihzahnakih kawhnak. **2** (US) nunau pakhat mawi deuh ih biaknakah hmanmi *Can I help you, ma'am?*

Mac *n* (Brit) Mackintosh hmin a tawi zawngih kawhnak.

mac¹ *n* (US) theihthiam lo mi kawhnak: *Hey, mac! what are you doing?*

mac² /mæk/ *n* [sing] (US *infml*) (used to address a man whose name one does not know): *Hey, mac! What do you think you're doing?*

macabre /mə'kæ:brə/ *adj* thih thuhla, ṭihnungza: *It's a macabre ghost story.*

macadam /mə'kædəm/ *n* lungto phahmi lamzin: *This is a macadam road.*

▷ **macadamize** *v* lungto phah: *macadamized roads.*

macaroni /mækə'reʊni/ *n* rialdip tahrat in hri vekih tuahmi rawl (khohsuai).

□ **macaroni cheese** cawhnawi-khal thawn rawimi khohsuai hmeh.

macaroon /mækə'ru:n/ *n* cini, arti le almond thingrah rialdip thawn tuahmi sangper.

macaw /mə'kɔ:/ *n* Amerika ram um meisau kilaw.

mace¹ /meɪs/ *n* **1** raldo nakih hmanmi hreitlung. **2** bawiuapaihhrolmi ceimawimi Bawiuapa kianghrol.

□ **mace-bearer** *n* bawi kianghrol kengtu.

mace² /meɪs/ *n* rawl hmuihmerter dingih hmanmi thingrah rialdip.

macerate /mæsə'reɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] (*fml*) (cause sth to) neemter, hnipter.

▷ **maceration** /mæsə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U].

Mach /mɑ:k, mæk/ *n* vanzam ih khulvai le aw ih khulvai (rannak) taṭṭhimnak: *An aircraft is flying at Mach two.* vanzam cu aw ih lethnih rangin a zam.

machete /mə'tʃeɪtɪ; US -'ʃeɪtɪ/ *n* thlanglam

Amerika ih hmanmi nam hlaaipei, namtong.

machiavellian /mækiə'veliən/ *adj* thil ngah duh ih hrokhrawl le bum hmang: *a machiavellian person, scheme, plot.*

machination /mæki'neiʃn/ *n* thusual tumtah, thupte ih siatnak tuah tum.

machine /mə'ʃi:n/ *n* **1** [C] minung, meisa, tisakhu tivek tha hmangin thil tapi pehzom aw ih a caangmi khawl: *machines have replaced human labour in many industries. sewing machine, washing machine, etc.* **2** [C] (*fig*) khurkhua ruat lo in a cangvai ih hna a ṭuanmi minung: *Years of doing the same job can turn you into a machine.*

3 [CGp] pawlkom le mipi a kaitu mibur pakhat: the (political) party machine The public relations machine covered up the firm's heavy losses. **4** (idm) **a cog in the machine** ⇨ cog.

▷ **machine** *v* **1** tan, hnawt, tuah: *The chair had been machined smooth.* **2** ṭhi (thil puan): *I have to machine the hem.*

machinery /mə'ʃi:nəri/ *n* **1** (a) khawl ih a cangvaihnak zawn: *the machinery of a clock.* (b) khawl: *much new machinery has been installed.* **2** pawlkompi ih hnatuan umzia: *reform the machinery of the Government.*

machinist /mə'ʃi:nɪst/ *n* khawl thilri a tuahremtu; a mawngtu.

□ **machine code** (also **machine language**) kompiṭa ih theihthiam dingih khummi.

machine-gun *n* a zangte hmeh tikah a pehpheh in cerek tapi a kapsuak theimi meithal: *set up a machine-gun.* *v* **machine-gun:** *They machine-gunned the troops.*

machine-made *adj* khawl ih tuahmi.

machine-readable *adj* kompiṭa ih theih dingih thunmi: *convert a book into a machine-readable form.*

machine tool thil tannak le tuahremnak ih hmanmi a phunphun.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **machine**, **tool**, etc. A **machine** consists of moving parts powered by electricity, etc and is designed for a specific job. An (**electrical**) **appliance** is a machine used in the house, such as a washing-machine or dishwasher. An **apparatus** is a system of connected machines, wires, etc: *the apparatus for lighting the stage.* A **tool** is an object held in the hand, often used by people in their jobs, eg a hammer, drill or spanner. An **instrument** is a tool designed for a technical task, eg a surgeon's knife. It may have some moving parts and be used in a technical operation, eg a microscope or meter. An

- implement** is a tool generally used outdoors, especially in gardening or farming, eg a plough, rake or spade. **Device** and **gadget** are more general terms. **Device** is often used implying approval of a useful machine or instrument: *a labour-saving device* ○ *a clever device for locking windows*. **Gadget** is more informal and can suggest disapproval: *Their kitchen is full of the latest gadgets*. ○ *All these modern gadgets are more trouble than they're worth*.
- machismo** /mə'tʃɪzməʊ, US mə'kɪzməʊ/ *n* mipa si ruangih porh awk tuknak; pacang tha si hngalhngawn pinak.
- macho** /'mætʃəʊ/ *n* mipa sinak langter duh tuknak: *He thinks it's macho to drink a lot and get into fights*.
- mackerel** /'mækrəl/ *n* tipi sungih um eiṭha nga tjal.
mackerel sky mero a thuaṭhuah ih ummi van.
- mackintosh** /'mækiŋtəʃ/ *n* ruah-khaan korpi.
- macro-** *comb form* tum, tum zet ih tawlrēmi: *macrobiotic, macroeconomics*.
- macrobiotics** /'mækrəʊbɪ'ɒtɪks/ *n* in-ei thiam nakin nun sau dingih mi bom dan; dat dawm hmanglo ih thlaici cinmi in-ei dan. **macrobiotic food** dat dawm hmang lo ih cinmi thlairawl.
- macrocosm** /'mækrəʊkɒzəm/ *n* **1** lei le van boruak zate. **2** ziang hmuahhmuah a huaptu.
- mad** /mæd/ *adj* (**-dder, -ddest**) **1** (a) aa, thluak siat: *a mad person*. (b) molh: *You must be mad to drive so fast*. **2** (*infml*) ~ **about/on sth/sb** duhtuk, at cih: *He is mad about her* ○ *He's mad on football* ○ *a crowd of football-mad little boys*. **3** ~ (**with sth**) (*infml*) lungtho tuk, thin sup thei lo: *The crowd is mad with excitement*. **4** **mad at** thinheng tuk: *She is mad at the dog for eating her shoes*. **5** ui at nat. **6** (*idm*) **hopping mad** ⇨ HOP¹. **like mad** rang zet/tuk: *smoke, run, work, etc like mad*. (**as**) **mad as a hatter/a March hare** (*infml*) aa, thluak hmaan lo. **mad keen (on sb/sth)** (*infml*) thil pakhat khat tuah paih/zuam: *She's mad keen on hockey/on Arthur Higgins*. **stark raving/staring mad** ⇨ STARK.
▷ **madly** nasa takin: *madly bent on further conquest*. at thlakin: *She's madly in love with him*.
madness *n* atnak; mi-aa vekih nun: *His madness cannot be cured*.
□ **madhouse** *n* **1** hnahnok zet le thawmvang nei zetmi inn khaan: *This classroom is a madhouse*.
madman /-mən/, **madwoman** *ns* person who is insane.
- madam** /'mædəm/ *n* **1** nunau pakhat upat nakih kawhnak: *Can I help you, madam?* **2** thu ngai lo ih vak fala note: *She is a real little madam*. **3** taksa zuar pawl hotu nunau.
- Madame** /mə'dɑ:m US mə'dæm/ *n* (*abbr* **Mme**) (*pl* **Mesdames** /meɪ'dɑ:m/) (*abbr* **Mmes**): *Madame Lee from Hong Kong*.
- madapple** /'mæd'æpl/ *n* bokbawn.
- madcap** *adj* [*attrib*], *n* (typical of a) thu ruat lo ih cangvaimi: *a complete madcap*. *adj* *a madcap adventure*.
- madden** /'mædn/ *v* thinhengter: *It maddens me*.
▷ **maddening** /'mædnɪŋ/ *adj* thinheng za: *Her laziness is quite maddening*. **maddeningly** *adv* *He's maddeningly stupid*.
- madder** /'mædə(r)/ *n* a par aire ih a zaammi hram thawn tuahmi pat sen.
- made** *pt,pp* of MAKE¹.
- Madeira** /mə'dɪərə/ *n* Madeira tikulh ihsin suakmi zu-rang.
- Mademoiselle** /'mædəmwəzəl/ French tɔŋ a si ih Miss ti thawn a bang aw, (asilole) fala no tinak a si.
- Madonna** /mə'dɒnə/ *n* **The Madonna** nuthiang Mary. **madonna** Mary ih zuk, lem.
- madrigal** /'mædrɪɡl/ *n* awnmawi tello ih sakmi hlapi.
- maelstrom** /'meɪlstrəm/ *n* **1** tiberh maksak. **2** buainak nasa zet: *the maelstrom of war*.
- maestro** /'maɪstrəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s or **maestri** /'maɪstri/) awnmawi le hla ih hminthang pawl: cui pawl hmin hmai ih retmi: *Maestro Robertson* ○ *the maestri of the seventeenth century*.
- Mafia** /'mæfɪə; US mə:f-/ *n* **1 the Mafia** Sicilly tikulh, Italy le Amerika ih ummi Kumpi dodaltu misual pawl: *a Mafia boss, a Mafia gang*. **2 mafia** a thupten mipi a nehkuhtu ti ih ruahmi mi pawlkhat: *The town hall mafia will prevent this plan going through*.
▷ **Mafioso** /'mæfɪəʊsəʊ/ *n* (*pl* **Mafiosi** /-si:/) Mafia sungtel.
- magazine**¹ /'mæɡə'zɪn; US 'mæɡəzɪn/ *n* zarhtin (asilole) thlatin suahmi thu a phunphun ngannak cabu: *Time magazine, Women's magazine*.
- magazine**² /'mæɡə'zɪn; US 'mæɡəzɪn/ **1** meithal, cerek, hriamnam retnak hmun. **2** meithal parih cerek bawm. **3** mi zuknak kemra sungih filim retnak.
- magenta** /mə'dʒentə/ *adj, n* sendup puanthan buhnak.
- maggot** /'mæɡət/ *n* sa le cawhnawikhal parih ti a ti theitu pa-ngang: *People use maggots as bait when they go fishing*.
▷ **maggoty** *adj* pangang thawn a khatmi.
- Magi** /'meɪdʒaɪ/ *n* (*pl*) **the Magi** Naute Jesuh hnenih laksawng kengtu nisuah lam mimif pathum pawlih pun hnam.
- magic** /'mædʒɪk/ *n* **1** daw, dawithiamnak: *They believe that it was all done by magic*. ○ *black/white magic*. daw vek: *This soap works like magic — the stains just disappear*. **2** mitkher: *She is very good at magic; she can conjure a rabbit out of her hat*. **3** mi a hiip theimi: *the magic of Shakespeare's story; Her piano playing is*

absolute magic!

▷ **magic** *adj* mangbangza, a t̄ha tuk: *We had a magic time today.* ○ *You got the ticket? Magic!*

magic *v* (pt, pp **magicked**) hloter: *As soon as the trouble began, his bodyguards magicked him away.*

magical /-kl/ *adj* **1** dawī thawn pehpar in: *a wizard's magical hat.* **2** mi a hiip, duh a nungmi: *a magical view over the calm waters of the bay.*

magically *adv.*

magician /mə'dʒɪʃn/ *n* dawithiam, mitkherthiam.

magic carpet (khuavang thuanthū sungah) a zuangih minung um le um lo sim theitu

electric thil, sangka on le kharnak electric thil: *The door is opened and closed by a magic eye.*

magisterial /ˌmædʒɪ'stɪəriəl/ *adj* **1** thu neitu upa sinak, cumi langternak: *a magisterial manner, statement, pronouncement.* **2** thu t̄hentu bawī ih tuahmi: *magisterial decisions, proceedings.*

▷ **magisterially** *adv.*

magistrate /ˌmædʒɪ'stɪrət/ *n* thu t̄hentu bawī: *They came up before the magistrate.*

▷ **magistracy** /ˌmædʒɪ'strəsi/ *n* thu t̄hentu bawī ih hnaʔuan, thu t̄hentu bawī pawl: *He has been elected to the magistracy.*

magma /ˌmægmə/ *n* leilung sungih a tlorh a tii mi lungto.

magnanimous /ˌmæɡ'nænɪməs/ *adj* terhsiannak, ngaidamnak maksak: *He's a magnanimous person.* ○ *a magnanimous gift.*

▷ **magnanimity** /ˌmæɡ'nænɪməti/ *n* He shows great magnanimity to his opponents.

magnanimously *adv.*

magnate /ˌmæɡneɪt/ *n* milian, mi ropi: *He is a magnate among farmers.*

magnesium /ˌmæɡ'neɪt/ (*chemistry*) a alh a raangih a tleu zukzo theimi thil hak phunkhat (thir, dar, suan ti vek), mi zuk nakih tleukapnak ah tla an hmang.

magnesia /ˌmæɡ'ni:ʃə/ *n* thawtnak nei lo a varih a vutmi thil, sungdok si ih hmanmi.

magnesium /ˌmæɡ'nɪ:zɪəm; US ˌmæɡ'nɪ:zəm/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*)

magnet /ˌmæɡnɪt/ *n* **1** thir hiipu thir phunkhat. **2** mi a hiip theitu minung (asilole) thil: *This disco is a magnet for young people.*

▷ **magnetism** /ˌmæɡnɪtɪzəm/ *n* **1** magnet ih hnaʔuan zia. **2** nasa zet ih mi a hiip theimi: *the magnetism of a great actor.*

magnetize, -ise /ˌmæɡnətaɪz/ *v* **1** thil pakhat magnet ah tuah: *The screwdriver has been magnetized.* **2** nasa zet ih hiip: *She can magnetize the audience.*

magnetic /ˌmæɡ'netɪk/ *adj*: *a magnetic smile, personality.*

▷ **magnetically** /-kli/ *adv.*

magnetic field magnet thawn kulhmi hmun.

magnetic mine thir tum (asilole) tangphawlawng

a rat tikah a puak kuai theimi tipi sungih bomb.

magnetic needle kompass ih hmanmi sak le thlang a khiih theitu t̄himte.

magnetic north magnet t̄himte ih khiihmuhi mi saklam.

magnetic tape thir vut thawn erhmi plastic kual, aw khumnak le TV zuk khumnak ih hmanmi.

magneto /ˌmæɡ'nɪtəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) enzin khawlung sungah meisa a suahtertu thilri.

Magnificat /ˌmæɡ'nɪfɪkæt/ *n* **the Magnificat** Mary ih hla (Luka sungah).

magnificent /ˌmæɡ'nɪfɪsnt/ *adj* a mawī zetmi, a nasa zetmi: *a magnificent place* ○ *her magnificent generosity.*

▷ **magnificence** /-sns/ *n.*

magnify /ˌmæɡ'nɪfaɪ/ *v* **1** tumter, kauter: *The bacteria is magnified to 1 000 times their actual size.* **2** porh: *They magnify the danger.* **3** thangt̄hat: *My soul do magnify the Lord.*

magnification /ˌmæɡ'nɪfɪkeɪʃn/ *n* tumterawknak: *The object has been photographed at a magnification of x3.*

□ **magnifying glass** durbing thlalang

magniloquent /ˌmæɡ'nɪləkwənt/ *adj* mah le mah porh aw.

magniloquence /-əns/ *n* **magniloquently** *adv.*

magnitude *n* **1** a tum zia: *the magnitude of the epidemic was frightening.* **2** a thupit zia: *You don't appreciate the magnitude of her achievement.* **3** (*astronomy*) arsi ih tleu zia: *a star of the first magnitude.*

magnolia /ˌmæɡ'nəʊliə/ *n* a par a raangih a hmui zetmi pangpar; ramkulh hmui par.

magnum /ˌmæɡnəm/ *n* laang khat tlem ti thawl.

magnum opus /ˌmæɡnəm 'əʊpəs/ (*Latin*) cangantu ih ti fuhnakkik ti ih ruah mi.

magpie /ˌmæɡpaɪ/ *n* **1** a awn celcel mi dum-rang vate, dawngkiang. **2** (a) thil khawlkhawm tu. **2** (b) t̄ong tam minung.

Magyar /ˌmæɡja:(r)/ *n, adj* Hungary ram ih phunhnam tum bik le t̄ong.

maharaja (also **maharajah**) /ˌmɑ:hə'rɑ:dʒə/ *n* India ram ih mi-uk hrin kawh nak.

▷ **maharani** (also **maharanee**) /ˌmɑ:hə'rɑ:nɪ:/ maharaja ih nupi (asilole) mi-uk nunau.

maharishi /ˌmɑ:hə'rɪʃi:/ *n* Hindu mifim.

mahatma /mə'hɑ:tmə, mə'hætəmə/ *n* fimnak le nun thianhlimnak ruangih kawhnak (India ram ah) *Mahatma Gandhi.*

mahlstick = MAULSTICK.

mahogany /mə'hɒɡəni/ *n* sen-pawl pianhmang nei innsung thuanhnaw tuahnak ih a t̄ha zetmi thing hak: *I'm going to use mahogany to make the table.* **2** sen-pawl pianhmang nei: *with skin tanned to a deep mahogany.*

▷ **mahogany** *adj* *She has a mahogany skin.*

maid /meɪd/ *n* **1** nunau hnenum: *We have a maid*

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- to do housework. **2** (arch) fala.
- **maid of honour** (a) mo dinpitu rual (b) siangpahrang bawinu kiltu fala.
- maiden** /meɪdn/ *n* (arch) fala, nunau tleirawl.
- ▷ **maidenhood** /-hʊd/ *n* (a) fala him sinak (b) fala si caan falat caan.
- maidenly** *adj* duhnung le umzia mawi nun: *her maidenly shyness*.
- **maiden aunt** pi fala (kum upa zo mi fala).
- maidenhead** /-hed/ *n* (arch) fala him sinak langtertu nunau thil sinmi thil paate.
- maiden speech** mi pakhat khat in Parliament ih a thusim hmaisa bik.
- maiden voyage** tangphawlawng pakhat ih hmaisa bik a khual tlawn.
- mail**¹ /meɪl/ *n* ca le thil kuat pawl lakkhawm, phur, zemdarh hnaʔuan: *The letter is in the mail*. **2** (a) carek ih kuatmi ca, thil tom: *There isn't much mail today* (b) tikcu caan pakhat ih lakkhawm mi ca, thil tom: *Is there another mail in the afternoon?* Cf **POST**³.
- ▷ **mail** *v* kuat: *I will mail it to you tomorrow*.
- mailer** *n* ca le thil malte sannak cadip.
- **mail-bag** *n* ca le thil tom sannak dip khoh.
- mailbox** *n* ca thlknak kuang.
- mailing list** ca kuat ʔheu ding ih neihmi hmin cazin: *Please add my name to your mailing list*.
- mailman** /-mæn/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (US) = **POSTMAN** (**POST**³) cazemtu.
- mail order** carek ihsin ca thawn thil lei dan le zuar dan: *a mail-order business, a mail-order catalogue*.
- mailshot** *n* thil leitu hnenih kuatmi thil zuarnak thuthan.
- mail**² /meɪl/ *n* thir benmi ralphaw.
- ▷ **mailed** *adj* (idm) **the mailed fist** hriamnam thawn hrinhronak.
- maim** /meɪm/ *v* taksa ʔhenkhat caang thei lo ko ih siatsuah: *He was maimed in the First World War battle*.
- main**¹ /meɪn/ *adj* **1** a thupi bik, a hrampi: *My main concern is the welfare of the children*. **2** (idm) **in the main** a zate huap in, a tam bikin: *These businessmen are in the main honest*.
- ▷ **mainly** *adv* a bikin, a hleice in: *The people in street were mainly tourists*.
- main clause** thu pakhat a simsuak theitu catluan (*grammar*).
- main deck** tangphawlawng dot tlunta ih innleng zial don.
- mainframe** (also **mainframe computer**) *n* a nasa zetmi kompeʔta phun khat. Cf **MICRO-COMPUTER**, **MINI-COMPUTER**.
- mainland** /-lənd/ *n* [sing] kiangkak tikulh tivek tello ram.
- main line** hmun thupi pahnih karlak ih tlangleng lamzin: *the main line from London to Coventry* ○ [attrib] *a main-line train, station*.
- mainline** *vi, vt* (sl) rit theinak si thahri sungih thun: *She mainlined heroin into a vein in her arm*.
- mainmast** tangphawlawng ih puanzar ʔtuam thupibik.
- mainsail** /meɪnsəl/ *n* puanzar ʔtuam pi ih ʔemcihmi hri.
- mainspring** **1** nazi sungih spring thirkual. **2** ti-duh-sanmi thupi bik: *Her jealousy is the mainspring of the novel's plot*.
- mainstay** /-steɪ/ *n* **1** tangphawlawng puanzar ih hripi bik. **2** a thupi bik, a hrampi: *Protein is the mainstay of life*.
- mainstream** *n* tuah dan thlur bik: *the mainstream of political thought*.
- main**² /meɪn/ *n* **1** (a) tidai ratnak tidawng hrampi (asilole) electric hripi bik. (b) khawpi sung hnawm luangmi ton awknak tidawngpi. **2** (arch) tipi thuanthum. **3 the mains** — *We takeover electric current from the mains*.
- main**³ /meɪn/ *n* (idm) **with might and main** thazaang neih hmuah in.
- main brace** /meɪnbreɪs/ *n* (idm) **splice the main brace**.
- maintain** /meɪn'teɪn/ *v* **1** a umkeel ih kilkhawi, pehzomter: *maintain friendly relations* ○ *maintain law and order*. **2** sumpai thawn bawm, cawm: *earn enough to maintain the family in comfort*. **3** thil pakhat ʔha ko ih tuah, ret. *Engineers maintain the roads*. **4** a dik ti ih ʔan: *He maintained that he is innocent*.
- maintenance** /meɪntənəns/ *n* [U] **1** umkeel ih ret le kilkhawinak: *the maintenance of good relations between countries*. **2** mi pakhat cawm nak ding Daan ih pek termi paisa: *He has to pay maintenance to his ex-wife*.
- **maintenance order** paisa pek ding daan thupek.
- maisonette** (also **maisonnette**) /meɪzə'net/ *n* **1** minung um thei nak innkhan. **2** inn fate.
- maize** /meɪz/ *n* vainim.
- Maj** *abbr* Major ralbawi (bo thum tlun deuh) *Maj. Smith*.
- majestic** /mə'dʒestɪk/ *adj* a thupimi, a rura mi: *This ship looks majestic in her new colours*.
- ▷ **majestically** /-klɪ/ *adv* rura nei zetin, thupi zetin: *She strode majestically through the palace*.
- majesty** /mə'dʒæstɪ/ *n* **1** sunglawi le rura neih zetnak: *all the majesty of royal ceremonies* ○ *the majesty of he mountain scenery*. **2** Majesty siangpahrang kawhna ih hmanmi: *Your Majesty*.
- major**¹ /meɪdʒə(r)/ *adj* **1** a thupi, a tum, a nasa mi: *a major road* ○ *a major operation* ○ *major problems*. **2** (awn mawi) aw peknak Key = C major, E flat major.
- ▷ **major** *v* phunsang tlawngah a hleice ih zir: *She majored in English at University*. ○ *Her major is Physics*. *Major league football*.
- major**² /meɪdʒə(r)/ *n* ralbawi.

majority

□ **major-general** ralbawi tumpi.

majority /mə'dʒɔ:rəti; US -'dʒɔ:r/n **1** Mi tam sawn: *A/The majority of people seem to prefer TV to radio.* **2** hril awknak ih neh awk zat (hleih zat): *She was elected by a majority of 3500.* **3** pitling kum leitek: *The age of majority is eighteen.* ○ *She reaches her majority next month.* **4** (idm) **in the majority** — a tam sawn: *Who favours the proposed changes are in the majority.* **the silent majority** mai ruahnak a simsuak ngam lotu mipi pawl.

□ **majority verdict** thu thentu tamsawn lungkinnak ih thencatmi thusuak.

make¹ /meik/v (**made, made**) **1** (a) tuah, cangter, dinsuah: *She makes her own clothes.* ○ *I made myself a cup of coffee.* ○ *God made man.* (b) phunkhat in phunkhat ah tuah: *glass is made into bottles.* (c) rem, timtuah: *Please make your bed before breakfast.* **2** thil pakhat thlek, siat: *The holes in the cloth were made by moths.* **3** tuahser, din: *These rules were made to protect children.* **4** ngan: *She makes a treaty with John.*

► **CANG, TUAH, LANGTER 5** cangter: aw, hnahnok, buaithlak: *She's always making trouble (for her friends).* **6** siter: *The news made her happy.* ○ *She made clear her objections.* ○ *His actions made him universally respected.* ○ *Can you make yourself understood in English?* ○ *The full story was never made public.* **7** hramhram ih cangter, tuahter. ○ *They made me repeat the story.* ○ *She must be made comply with the rules.* ○ *Onions make your eyes water.* ○ *Her jokes make us all laugh.* ○ *I couldn't make my car start this morning.* ○ *What makes you say that?* ○ *Nothing will make me change my mind.* **8** siter cop: *You've made my nose too big.* ○ *The novelist makes his heroine commit suicide at the end of the book.* **9** hril, hnaŋuan pek: *They made him king.* ○ *He was made spokesman by the committee.* ○ *She made him her assistant.* **10** mi pakhat/thil pakhat cangter: *this isn't important, I don't want to make an issue of it.* ○ *Don't make a habit of it/Don't make it a habit.* ○ *She made it her business to find out who was responsible.*

► **THIL PAKHAT CANG SUAK 11** thangso, thlengaw: *If you train hard, You'll make a good footballer.* ○ *He will never make an actor.* ○ *She would have made an excellent teacher.* **12** rian, thahnem: *That will make a good ending to the book.* ○ *This hall would make an excellent theater.* **13** tluk-aw, bang-aw: *5 and 7 make 12.* ○ *A hundred pence makes one pound.* ○ *How many members make a quorum?* ○ *His thrillers make enthralling reading.* **14** siar cih: *That makes the tenth time he's failed his driving test!*

► **NGAH NEH 15** thil pakhat ngah, co: *She makes \$15000 a year.* ○ *He made a fortune on the stock market.* ○ *How much do you stand to make?* **17** (phe kah nakah) (a) phe pakhat thawn bum ngah: *She made her ten of hearts.* (b) bumnak in mineh (c) dek cok: *It's my turn to make.* **18** (sl) nunau pakhat pawl ngah: *The guy doesn't make the girl until the last chapter.*

► **SULLAM DANGDANG PAWL 19** tuat, ruat: *What time do you make it?/What do you make the time?* ○ *How large do you make the audience?* ○ *I make the distance about 70 miles.* **20** man, ban, feh thei: *Can your car make a hundred miles per hour?* (b) lam feh: *We've made 30 miles today.* (c) ban thei: *Do you think we'll make Oxford by midday? The train leaves in five minutes — we'll never make it.* ○ *I'm sorry I couldn't make your party last night.* ○ *He made sergeant in six months. The story made the front page of the newspaper.* **21** hmaisuang, thubur, pe siang: *Has she made you an offer for your car?* ○ *The employers made a new offer to the work force.* ○ *I made him a bid for the antique table.* **22** thil pakhat ih a thil ti thei zia simnak: *a good wine can make a meal.* ○ *It was the beautiful weather that really made the holiday.* **23** tuah zik, tuah zik vekih um: *He made as if to strike her.* ○ *She made to go but he told her to stay.* **24** ei: *We made a good breakfast before leaving.* ○ *She made a hasty lunch.* **25** n thawn kom tikah a ti can cu v ih sim duhmi thawn a bang aw: *She made a decision = She decided.* **26** (idm) **make do** = lungkim taktak a si lo nan tuah ŋulmi: *We were in a hurry so we had to make do with a quick snack.* ○ *There isn't much of it but you will have to make it do.* **make good** milian ah cang: *He made good as a businessman.* **make (something) good** kuan, liam, rulsal: *She promised to make good the loss.* ○ *The plaster will have to be made good before you paint it.* tuahsuak: *He made good his promise.* **make it** hnaŋuan hlensuah: *He has never really made it as an actor.* **make the most of** hlawk ko ih tuah, ahlawk ngah: *It's my first holiday for 2 years so I'm going to make the most of it.* ○ *She really tries to make the most of herself.* **make much of** (a) cing thei, thei thei, thathnempi: *I couldn't make much of his speech — it was all in Spanish.* (b) thupit ter, uar: *He always makes much of his humble origins.* ○ *She was always made much of by her friends.* **made nothing of**: a har a bangmi olten tuahsuak. **make or break** a tha (asilole) a sia lam ih suahter: *The council's decision will make or break the local theatre.* ○ *It's make-or-break time for the local theatre.* **make love** ⇒ LOVE¹. **make merry** ⇒ MERRY.

27 (phr v) **make after** daw, dum, thlun: *The policemen made after the thief.*

make at nor, zon: *The robber made at him with a knife.*

make away with oneself mah le mah that aw.

make away with sth = MAKE OFF WITH STH.

make for hlawhtling-ter, thathnem-ter: *Constant arguing doesn't make for a happy marriage.* **be made for each other** an kaih aw zet: *Ann and Robert seem to be made for each other.* **make ... into** thleng: *We're making our attic into an extra bedroom.* **make of** theifiang: *What are we to make of her behavior?* ○ *I can make nothing of this scribble.*

make off khulrang in tlanhlo: *The thieves made off in a stolen car.*

make off with fir ih tlanpi: *Two boys made off our boxes while we're not looking.*

make out ti suak, um thei: *How did he make out while his wife was away?* ○ *How are you making out with Mary?* **make — out** thei: *What a strange person she is! I can't make out what she wants.*

make — out hmuthai, siarthei: *I could just make a figure in the darkness.* ○ *Can you make out what that sign says?* **make — out** ngan: *The doctor made me out a prescription.* ○ *He made out a cheque for \$10.* **make out if/wether** thei fiang: *I can't make out if she enjoys her job or not.* **make out that** ti ih sim: *He made out that he had been robbed.* **make out to be** ruat bangtuk: *She's not as rich as people make her out to be.*

make — over pakhat khat ah thleng: *The ground floor has been made over into a workshop.* **make — over** midang pek: *He has made over the whole property to his son.*

make up hmai ceimawi: *She spent an hour making up before the party.* ○ *She's always heavily made up.* **make... up** (a) tuahmi, finkhawm mi: *Animal bodies are made up of cells.* ○ *Society is made up of people of widely differing abilities.* (b) retkhawm: *She made up a basket of food for the picnic.* ○ *He makes up a bundle of clothes for sale.* (c) phun dangdang rawi ih tuah: *The doctor made up the prescription.* (d) hnipuan ih thit: *Can you make up this dress length for me?* (e) ihkhun timtuah: *We made up the bed in the guestroom for our guest.* (f) zanthing bet: *The fire needs making up.* (g) mawṭaw lamzin hakter. (h) ca nam dingih timtuah. (i) phuah: *Stop making things up.* ○ *Making up a story.* (j) kimter: *We have 10 players, so we need one more to make up the team.* (k) rul, kuan: *You must make up the time you wasted by working late tonight.*

make up for airawl: *Hard work can make up for a lack of intelligence.*

make up for (for sth) sam kir: *How can I make up for the way I've treated you?*

make up to tlon: *He's always making up to the boss.*

make it up to kuansal: *Thanks for buying my ticket—I'll make it up to you later.*

make up tawh-awknak banter: *Have they made it up yet?*

make up one's mind ruatcat: *I've made up my mind not to smoke anymore.*

make with (US sl) zamrangten tuah, pek: *Make with the beers, boy!*

make it with (sl) nunau pakhat pawl ngah: *Terry made it with Sharon on the back seat of his car.*

□ **make-believe** n zum awkter, thinlung ih suangtuah, ruahmi: *He lives in a world of make-believe.*

make-up n 1 hmaihnh: *Her make-up is smudged.* 2 (a) mi pakhat ih zia: *Jealousy is not part of his make-up.* (b) kaihkhawm: *We've to change the make-up of the committee.* 3 [C] cahmai parih canganmi pawl tuah remṭhat.

make² /meik/ n 1 thil pakhat sersiam zia: *He has a coat of excellent make.* 2 thiltuahnak hmun, hrampi: *What make of radio is it?* ○ *There are cars of all makes.* 3 (idm) **on the make** (a) maihrang ngah nakih zuam. (b) nupa pawl awk duh ih lem rero.

maker /'meikə(r)/ n 1 *the Maker, Our Maker, sersiamtu; Pathian.* 2 thil tuahtu: *a dressmaker.* 3 (idm) **meet one's Maker** thi.

makeshift /'meikweit/ n & adj a laangte ih hman sungmi: *use empty crate as a makeshift.*

make-weight /'meikweit/ n 1 cuai tahmi a kimnak dingih betmi. 2 betmi, thelhawh, man nei lemlo thil, asilole minung.

making /'meikɪŋ/ n (idm) **the making of** tuahser, remṭha, thangso lai: *These two years of hard work will be the making of him.* **have the makings of** hung pitlinnak hrangih ṭulmi si-nak pawl: *She has the makings of a good lawyer.* **in the making** thang rero; tuahser lai: *This novel is the work of a writer in the making.*

mal- (tongfang bet a um ṭul) a sia, a famkim lo: *maladjusted, maladministration, malfunction, malnutrition.*

malachite /'mæləkatt/ n ceimawinak le hlawnthil ih hmanmi lunghring.

maladjusted /'mælə'dʒʌstɪd/ adj thinlung famkim lo ruangah kiangkap le midang thawn umtlang theilo: *This is a school for maladjusted children.*

▷ **maladjustment** /'mælə'dʒʌstɪmənt/ n.

maladministration /'mæləd,mɪnɪ'streɪʃn/ n uk awk dan dik lo, ṭawnṭai.

maladroit /'mælə'drɔɪt/ adj fimkhur lo: *His handling of the negotiations was maladroit.* Cf ADROID.

▷ **maladroitly** adv. **maladroitness** n [U].

malady /'mælədi/ n natnak: *Violent crime is one of the maladies afflicting modern society.*

malaise /'mæleɪz/ n nuam cuca lo ih um, natnak cekci sim theih lo: *You can see signs of malaise*

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malapropism

in our office.

malapropism /'mæləprɒpɪzəm/ *n* tongfang hmanrawi sual ruangih hnihsuak a cangmi: eg 'an ingenious (for ingenious) machine for peeling potatoes'.

malaria /mə'leəriə/ *n* khurh nat.

▷ **malarial** *adj.*

malcontent /mælkəntent/ *n, adj* lungkim ti nei lo, mi dodal hmag: *All the trouble is being caused by a handful of malcontents.*

male /meɪl/ *adj* **1** apa, mipa. **2** pang-par a par na'n, ci nei lo. **3** electric le thilri hrek khat ah a vun sawhtu.

▷ **male** *n* a pa, mipa.

□ **male chauvinism** nunau hnakin kan cuang deuh ti ih mipa hrekkhat ih thleidan nei thuruahnak. **Male chauvinist** cu vek minung: *She was very angry at his sexist remarks that she called him a male chauvinist pig.*

male voice choir mipa lawnglawng ih sakmi hlarem.

malediction /mæli'dɪkʃn/ *n* thlalet cam, siatserh.

malefactor /'mæli'fæktə(r)/ *n* thilsual tuahtu, misual: *Malefactors will be pursued and punished.*

maleficent /mə'lefiʃnt/ *adj* thilsual tuah.

▷ **maleficence** /-sɪs/ *n* [U].

malevolent /mə'levələnt/ *adj* midang parih thil sual tuahduh.

malformation /,mælfɔ:'mɔɪʃn/ *n* taksa um dan pingsual, kim lo: *This treatment could result in malformation of the arms.*

▷ **malformed** /,mælfɔ:'md/ *adj* pianhmang siat, pingsual.

malfunction /,mælfʌŋkʃn/ *v* thaten tuan thei lo, cangvai thei lo.

▷ **malfunction** *n* [C, U] (*fml*) thaten a tuan thei lo, a cang thei lo mi: *a major malfunction.*

malice /'mæli:s/ *n* 1 midang siatnak tuah duhnak thilung: *She did it out of malice.* **2** (idm) **with malice aforethought**: tumtahnak um cia ih sual tuah.

▷ **malicious** /mə'li:ʃəs/ *adj* midang siatsuah duhnak: *It's a malicious act.* **maliciously** *adv.* **maliciousness** *n.*

malign /mə'lain/ *v* thangsiat: *They maligned an innocent person.*

malignant /mə'lignənt/ *adj* **1** midang siat ter duhnak: *It's a malignant attack.* **2** thih theih nat: *A malignant cancer.*

▷ **malignancy** /-nənsɪ/ *n.*

malignantly *adv.*

malinge /mə'lɪŋə(r)/ *v* hnaʃuan zuamlo ruangih na-awter.

malinge *n* a na-awter mi.

mall /mæl, mə:l/ *n* (*esp* US) dawr hmunpi: *a shopping mall.*

mallard /'mælə:d; US 'mælərd/ *n* hramlak rampai.

malleable /'mæliəbl/ *adj* **1** ser a olmi (thir). **2** zirh

a olmi (nuncan): *The young are more malleable than the old.*

mallet /'mælt/ *n* thingbel bunmi sobul.

mallow /'mæləʊ/ *n* a rang le sendup par nei, a hnge le hnah a hmulmi hrampi.

malmsey /'mɑ:mzi/ *n* [U] Greece, Spain, Madeira ram pawl ih suakmi zu thlum.

malnourished /,mælna'ri:ʃt; US '-nɜ:-/ *adj* ei-in thalo ruangih ʃawŋʃai.

malnutrition /,mælnju:'tri:ʃn; US -nu:-/ *n* rawl dik ei ngah lo, rawl khop lo ruangih natnak: *Children are suffering from malnutrition.*

malodorous /,mælə'ʊdəərəs/ *adj* rimsia, a thumi.

malpractice /,mælp'ræktɪs/ *n* a dik lo zawngih thil tuah, mai hnaʃuan thaten tuan lo: *Lawyers and doctors are sued for malpractices.*

malt /mɔ:lt/ *n* **1** zu hrangih ciah ih pho romi fang, sangvut. **2** Whisky zu: *an excellent 12-year-old malt.* ○ *malt whisky.*

malt *v.* **malted** *adj.*

Maltese /,mɔ:l'ti:z/ *n, adj* Malta mi, Malta ʃong.

□ **maltese cross** a zim pali a can awmi thinglamtah.

maltreat /,mælt'ri:t/ *v* saʃil le minung parah tuahsiat, hrem.

maltreatment *n* the man's maltreatment of his dog.

mama /mə'mɑ:/ *n* (Brit) mi upa deuh pawl ih hmanmi nu kawhnak.

mamba /'mæmbə/ *n* turnei Afrika rul (a dum/a hring).

mamma /'mɑ:mə/ *n* (US) Amerika um Italy le Judah mi pawl ih nu kawhnak.

mammal /'mæml/ *n* hnawifawh ramnung: *Man belongs to mammals.* **mammalian** *adj.*

mammary /'mæməri/ *adj* pawhte thawn a pehpar mi: *the mammary gland.*

mammon /'mæmən/ (also **Mammon**) *n* a sia, a diklo ti ih ruahmi lennak pathian khawsia, tangka: *those who worship mammon,* tangka lawng a ruatmi duhham tuk pawl.

mammoth /'mæməθ/ *n* khuahlan ih a rak ummi vui tumbik phun. **mammoth** *adj* a tumzet, a nasa zet mi: *It's a mammoth project.*

mammy /'mæmi/ *n* (US) **1** nauhak pawl ih nu kawhnak. **2** mirang naute umtu midum hnen-um kawhnak (a tu ahcun an ngaih nawn lo).

man¹ /mæn/ *n* (*pl* **men**) **1** mipa upa zo: *clothes for man.* **2** minung: *All man must die.* ○ *Growing old is something a man has to accept.* **3** milai: *man is mortal.* **4** pasal, duhmi tlangval: *Her man has been sent overseas.* **5** mi kuthnuai hnaʃuan mipa pawl: *The manager gave the men their instructions.* **6** mipa hnen-um: *My man will drive you home.* **7** phunsang tlawng pakhat ih rakkai dahmi: *He's a Cambridge man.* **8** rualpiʃha kawhnak: *Be quiet, man.* hngakhlapmi kawh auhnak: *Hey, man, are you coming?* **9** pa ralʃha, thil ti thei: *Be a man.* **10** kei cangnak

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(chess) ih thawnmi thil fate : *John captured all Tom's men.* **11** (idm) **an angry young man** \Rightarrow ANGRY. **as good, etc as the next man** \Rightarrow NEXT¹. **as one man** zapi lungkimten: *The staff speaks as one man on this issue.* **be sb/s man** a kaih ciah: *If you need a good driver, he's your man.* **be man enough** pacangtha, raltha: *You're not man enough to fight me!* **be one's own man** = mahte thuruat thei: *He's his own man, but he doesn't ignore advice.* **be twice the man/woman** \Rightarrow TWICE. **the child is father of the man** \Rightarrow CHILD. **dead men's shoes** \Rightarrow DEAD. **dead men tell no tales** \Rightarrow DEAD. **a dirty old man** \Rightarrow DIRTY. **every man for himself (and the devil take the hindmost)** (saying) mai duhzawng, mai himnak lawng an ruat ciar: *In business, it's every man for himself.* **everyman jack** mi pakhat ciar: *Every man jack of them ran off and left me!* **the grand old man** \Rightarrow GRAND. **hit a man when he's down** nehcia mi thuat bet . **the inner man** \Rightarrow INNER. **make a man** pacan ter: *The army will make a man of him.* **a man about town** kawsung puai hmun kip ih langmi. **man and boy** nauhak in upat tiang: *He has worked for the company, man and boy, for 30 years.* **the man in the street** mi zaran vualvo. **a man of God** (fml or rhet) Pathian hna tuan (pastor). **a man/woman of parts** \Rightarrow PART¹. **the man of match** a tha bikih lektu. **a man of straw** santlai lo. **a man/woman of his/her word** \Rightarrow WORLD. **a man/owman of the world** \Rightarrow WORLD. **man to man** langfiang tein: [attrib] *a man-to-man talk.* **a marked man** \Rightarrow MARKED². **the odd man/one out** \Rightarrow ODD. **the poor man's sb/sth** \Rightarrow POOR. **sort out the men from the boys** \Rightarrow SORT². **time and tide wait for no man** \Rightarrow TIME¹. **to a man, to the last man** an zaten: *They were killed, to the last man, in the battle.* **be one's young man** mahte thuruat khawkhang thei: *He's his own man, but he doesn't ignore advice.* **one's young lady/young man** \Rightarrow YOUNG. \triangleright **man** interj (esp US) uarnak asilole lakhruak ih kawhnak: *Man! that's great.* **-man** tongfang pakhat a dungah a um: *postman, Irishman.* **-manship** sportsmanship, chairmanship. \square **man-at-arms** hriamnam keng ralkap. **man-eater** kiosa, pawpi; (fig) fala mawi: *My sister is a real man-eater.* **man Friday** zungih terhfialmi mipa hna tuan . **manhole** lamzin ih um minung luhnak sangka fiak. **man-hour** mi pakhat ih nazi pakhat hna tuan . **man-hunt** misual kai dingih hawlnak: *The police have a man-hunt for the robbers.* **man of letters, woman of letters** canganthiam, casiar tam. **man-made** adj tuahmi, tuahcop; artificial. **man-of-war** n ram pakhat ih tipar ralkap tangphawlawng.

manpower n hna tuan um zat: *There's a shortage of manpower in our industry.* **mansize (mansized)** adj mipa tawkih tuahmi, a tum deuhmi: *a mansize handkerchief.* **manservant** n mipa hnen-um. **manslaughter** n tumtah cia nak um lo ih mi a thattu. **mantrap** minung awknak thang.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Man** can be used, in a similar way to **mankind**, to mean "all men and women". Many people consider this biased against women and avoid it by using **humanity**, **the human race** (singular) or **humans**, **human beings**, **people** (plural).

man² /mæn/ v minung bet tahrat in tuanvo lak , kimter: *The girls will man the telephone switchboard till we get back.*

manacle /mænekl/ n **1** kut ke temnak thir cikcin. **2** tem tawntu , khamtu: *Illiteracy is manacle to success.* v kut ke tem.

manage /mænidz/ v **1** (a) tuanvo la , uk, hruai, hoha: *You need experience to manage a business.* \circ *He manages a shop.* (b) kilkhawi, zoh tha : *Can you manage your children well?* **2** (a) nung thei, ti thei: *I just can't manage on £50 a week.* \circ *In spite of these insults, she managed not to get angry.* (b) tuah suak thei: *Despite his disappointment, he managed a smile.* \circ *Even a school boy could manage a better story than that.* \triangleright **manageable** adj tawrel theih, uk theih: *That is a business of manageable size.*

\square **managing director** hna tuan bur pakhat uktu, hohatu.

management /mænidzment/ n pawlkom hna tuan hohanak, kaih hruainak , tawrelnak: *The failure was caused by bad management.* **2** hna tuan hotu hmuah muah : *The management is considering closing the factory.* \circ *There's a joint consultation between workers and management.* **3** minung pawl pehtlaih thiamnak: *She gets them to accept these changes by tactful management.*

manager /mænidzə(r)/ n **1** (a) uktu, kaikhawmtu, hohatu, tawreltu: *He's a shop manager.* (b) lekthiam, hlasakthiam pakhat khat kiltu, zirhtu, tawrel saktu: *He's Mr Ali's manager.* (c) mi lek pawl hohatu: *Robert is the England football manager.* **2** minung, paisa, innsang tivek pawl kilkhawi theitu; lairel thiam tu: *She's not a good manager, she spends more money than she earns.* \triangleright **managerial** /mænədʒiəriəl/ adj uk, hruai, hohatnak: *He has the managerial skills.*

manageress /mænidzəres/ n dawr, riahbuk tivek pawl hohatu nunau.

mandarin /mændərin/ n **1** Mandarin, Tuluk ram ih hman mi tlangtong. **2** Tuluk ram ih bawi upa. **3** a har zawngih cangantu bawi upa. **Whitehall**

mandate

mandarins mirang bawi upa pawl. **4 mandarin orange** a pum a tee mi dawhhlei phunkhat. **5 [C] mandarin duck** a thla a tleu ih a pum a fate mi Tuluk rampai.

mandate /mændet/ *n* **1 (a)** tlunlam ihsin pekmi thuneihnak: *Our election victory has given us a mandate to reform the economy.* **(b)** thupek, fialmi: *The government gave the police a mandate to reduce the crime.* **(c)** *v* ram pakhat hnen ah pekmi uk theinak: *Britain was mandated to govern the former colony of E. Africa.* *adj* the mandated territory.

mandatory /mændətəri/ *US* -tɔ:ri/ *adj* daan upadi ih phutmi, tuah ʔul tengteng mi: *Attendance is mandatory at all meetings.*

mandible /mændɪbl/ *n* **1** khabe ruh. **2** vate hmur tlunlam tanglam pakhat khat. **3** cucik kharbaw pawl thil keunak ih an hmanmi tlunlam kharuh phir.

mandolin /mændəlɪn, ˌmændəˈlɪn/ *n* hri 6 asilole 8 a neimi ʔingtang phun khat.

mandragora (mandrake) /mændreɪk/ *n* ihhmuh si ih hmanmi tur nei thingkung (a hram cu ai a nei tiah an rak ruat).

mandrell /mændrɪl/ *n* nitlaklam Afrika ram ih zawng meibul.

mane /meɪn/ *n* **1** tuang, tuanghmul. **2** minung ih samsau: *A young man with a thick mane hanging over his shoulders.*

maneuver (US) = MANOEUVRE.

manful /mænfʊl/ *adj* ralʔha; thinslung khoh: *manful resistance, defence, etc.*

▷ **manfully** *adv*: *he strove manfully to overcome his speech defect.*

manganese /ˌmæŋɡəni:z/ [U] (*chemistry*) kahpathir le thalang tivek pawl sernak ih hmanmi menganis (a hngam ih a tleu mi thir).

mange /mændʒ/ *n* [U] hmulnei ramsa pawl ih vunnat.

▷ **mangy** /mændʒɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** mange nat a tuarmi: *a mangy dog.* **2 (fig)** a ʔetmi; a buarmi: *a mangy blanket, old chair.*

mangel-wurzel /ˌmæŋɡl wɜ:zəl/ *n* a tawba caw rawl ih hmanmi mungla phun khat.

manger /mændʒə(r)/ *n* **1** caw, rang rawl peknaq kuang.

mangle¹ /mæŋɡl/ *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** nasazet ih siatter: *the badly mangled bodies of those killed by the explosion.* **2 (fig)** (of a writer, an actor, etc) (nganmi, tuahmi ti vek pawl) napi'n siatsuah: *a mangled translation.* ○ *The symphony was dreadfully mangled.*

mangle² /mæŋɡl/ *n*

mango /mæŋɡəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ es or ~ s) **(a)** hai: [attrib] *mango chutney*, ie hai kuh thawn tuahmi rawl hmeh.

mangrove /æŋɡrəʊv/ *n* cirh ah a kho ih a kung par in hram a thlai thluithlimi thingkung.

mangy ⇨ MANGE.

manhandle /ˌmænhændl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] minung thazang hmangih (thil) ʔhawn: *We manhandled the piano up the stairs.* **2** [Tn] (mi) tuah siat: *The drunk had been manhandled by a gang of youths.*

manhood /ˌmænhud/ *n* [U] **1** pacang: *reach manhood.* **2** pacang sinak pawl, eg ralʔhatnak, fimkhurnak tivek: *Have doubts about one's manhood.* **3** mipa pawl a zate huapin (a bikin ramsungmi): *Our nation's manhood died on the battlefield.*

mania /ˌmeɪniə/ *n* **1** [U] (*medical*) thinslung thawh luarkai le cangvaih dan dik lo ih a langmi thluak dik lo; at nat. **2** [C] ~ (for sth) (*infml*) atcih khop ih duhtuknak, zuam tuknak: *have a mania for sweets, for collecting things.*

▷ **maniac** /ˌmeɪniæk/ *n* **1** mi aa. **2 (derog or joc)** **(a)** (thil) duhtuk luarkaimi: *She's a football maniac.* ○ *He's a sex maniac.* **(b)** khaw ruat lo-mi; mi hmukhmak; mi hruphrap: *That maniac drives too fast.*

maniacal /məˈniækəl/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** ʔihnung zawngih aa: *maniacal behaviour.* **2 (derog or joc)** a luarkai ih zuam tukmi: *He's maniacal about sex.* **maniacally** /məˈniækəl/ *adv.*

-mania *comb form* (forming *ns*) at zia, ciang kuan lonak phunkhat khat: *kleptomania* ○ *nymphomania.*

▷ **-maniac** (forming *ns* and *adjs*) (person) mania phun khat khat a ngahtu: *dipsomaniac* ○ *pyromaniac.*

manic /ˌmænik/ *adj* lungawi riahsiat tu le tu a thleng awmi; ʔap thul-hni thul (milai).

□ **manic-depressive** *n* (*medical*) manic a neitu.

manicure /ˌmænikjʊə(r)/ *n* [C, U] **(a)** kut le tin tuamhlawmnak, ceimawinak: *have a manicure once a week* ○ *do a course in manicure.* Cf PEDICURE.

▷ **manicure** *v* [Tn] (mi pakhat ih kut le tin pawl) ceimawi: *beautifully manicured nails.*

manicurist /-kjʊərist/ *n* manicure hna a ʔuantu.

manifest¹ /ˌmænɪfest/ *adj* ~ (to sb) (*fml*) a fiangmi le a langhnganmi: *a manifest truth, tie, difference* ○ *Sth that is manifest to all of us.*

▷ **manifest** *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** (thil pakhat) fiangte in hmuh; langter: *manifest the truth of a statement* ○ *manifest fear, hatred, etc.* ○ *She manifested little interest in her studies.* **2 ~ itself, themselves** mah le mah langter, hmuh sak: *The symptoms manifested themselves ten days later.* ○ *Has the ghost manifested itself recently?*

manifestation /ˌmænɪfeɪˈsteɪʃn/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] fiangte ih langternak. **2** [C, usu pl] fiangte ih thil a langtertu thusim asilole tuahnak: *This riot is only one manifestation of peoples discontent.* **3** [C] muthla, thlarau tivek langnak: *She claims to have seam manifestations of dead people in the haunted house.* **manifestly** *adv*: *The statement is manifestly false.*

manifest² /ˈmænɪfɛst/ *n* tangphawlawng, vanzamleng ti vekih a totu minung le thilri cazin: *the passenger manifest of a ship.*

manifesto /ˌmæniˈfɛstəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s or ~es) ramhruiinak pati (party) pakhat khat asilole ram ukto in an uk dan le an tuah dingmi (an thannak casuak): *an election manifesto* ○ *issue a manifesto.*

manifold /ˈmæniˌfəʊld/ *adj* (fml) phun tampi; a phunphun: *a person with manifold blessings.*

▷ **manifold** *n* thildang thawi pehnak dingah ong tampi neimi thir dawng tivek pawl: *the exhaust manifold.*

manikin /ˈmæniˌkɪn/ *n* (dated) mi niam kerhkite.

Manila (also **Manilla**) /məˈniˌlə/ *n* [U] **1** (also **Manila hemp**) hri le pher tivek ih tuahmi thinghri phun khat. **2** **manila** (also **manila paper**) thil tuamnakh hmanmi manila cahnah thap: cahna hram [attrib] *manila envelopes.*

manioc /ˈmæniˌɒk/ *n* [U] thing kawlhra (cassava).

manipulate /məˈniˌpjʊlət/ *v* [Tn] **1** ti zia thiamnak thawn uk asilole hmang; tawngtham: *manipulate the gears of a machine* ○ *Primitive man quickly learned how to manipulate tools.* **2** fimkhur zet in asilole a dik lo zawngih uk asilole hman: *a clever politician who knows how to manipulate public opinion* ○ *She uses her charm to manipulate people.*

▷ **manipulation** /məˈniˌpjʊˈleɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] manipulate tuahnak asilole tuarnak: *His clever manipulation of the stock markets makes him lots of money.*

manipulative /məˈniˌpjʊlətɪv/ *adj* (esp derog): *manipulative skill, power, ability, etc.*

manipulator /məˈniˌpjʊlətə(r)/ *n* (esp derog) manipulate a tuahtu: *an unscrupulous manipulator.*

mankind /ˈmænkɑɪnd/ *n* [U] **1** minung; mi hmuahhmuah: *an intention that benefits mankind.* **2** /mænkaɪnd/ mipa pawl (contrasted with *womankind*).

man-like /ˈmænlaɪk/ *adj* minung vek; minung bangmi: *a man-like creature about four feet tall.*

manly /ˈmænlɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) (approv) (of a man) pacang tha sinak le pianhmang a neimi: *I've always thought he looked very manly in his uniform.* (b) (derog) (of a woman) mipa pianhmang le umdan a neimi; mipa vek a simi. **2** (approv) (of things) mipa thawn a kaihmi: *manly clothes* ○ *a manly pose.*

▷ **manliness** *n* [U].

manna /ˈænə/ *n* [U] **1** (in the Bible) Israel pawl kum 40 sung nelrawn ih an vak lai ah Pathian ih a pek haimi rawl. **2** (idm) **like manna (from heaven)** ruah lo pi ih ngahmi a thahnem zetmi laksawng: *I need that money so desperately; it was like manna from heaven when it arrived!*

mannequin /ˈmæniˌkɪn/ *n* **1** (dated) hnipuan thar zuarmi; hrukter ih dinter mi model nunau. **2**

cu vekih hmanmi minung silo in tuah copmi thil.

manner /ˈmænə(r)/ *n* **1** [sing] (fml) zia; thil tuahzia, a can zia: *the manner in which he died* ○ *I don't object to what she says, but I strongly disapprove of her manner of saying it.* ○ *Do it in a businesslike manner.* ○ *He objected in a forceful manner.* **2** [sing] midang parih tuah zia, um zia: *He has an aggressive manner.* ○ *I don't like her manner—she's very hostile.* **3** **manners** [pl] (a) mi lakih um zia: *good/bad manners* ○ *It's bad manners to stare at people.* ○ *He has no manners at all.* ○ *Aren't you forgetting your manners?* (b) tuah theu mi nunzia: *eighteenth century aristocratic manners.* **4** [sing] (fml or rhet) (of person or thing) cu vek, kha vek (minung/thilri): *What manner of man is he?* **5** (idm) **all manner of sb/sth** (fml) (mi/thil) hmuahhmuah/pohpoh: *All manner of vehicles were used: in a manner of speaking, a tawkfang tiang cu; phun dangih sim ahcun: His success is in a manner of speaking our success, too. in the manner of sb* calai le zung thiamnak ah mi pakhat tizawng a simi: *a painting in the manner of Raphael. not by any manner of means/by no manner of means* (used for emphasis) si hrimhrim hlah: *She hasn't won yet, (not) by any manner of means. (as/as if) to the manner born* reipi rak tuah cia/ hmuhtonnak nei cia vekin: *She isn't a practiced public speaker, but she faced her audience as (if) to the manner born.*

▷ **mannered** *adj* cangan le thusim tivek ah lamdang zet ih thil timi: *Her prose is far too mannered and self-conscious.*

-mannered (forming compound *adjs*) zia pakhat khatte nei: *ill-mannered, well-mannered, rough-mannered.*

mannerism /ˈmænərɪzəm/ *n* **1** [C] nunzia ah a cang zo mi a lamdangzet mi simzia, um zia ti vek pawl: *an eccentric with many old mannerisms.* **2** [U] (derog) calai le zung thiamnakah a luarkai zawngih thil ti: *painting that is not free of mannerism.*

mannish /ˈmæniʃ/ *adj* (derog) **1** (of a woman) mipa vekih umzia le pianhmang a neimi. **2** (of things) nunau hnakin mipa thawn a kaih sawnmi: *a mannish jacket, voice, walks.*

▷ **mannishly** *adv.* **mannishness** *n* [U].

manoeuvre (US **maneuver**) /məˈnuːvə(r)/ *n* **1** (military) (a) [C] ralkap bur cangvaihna, raldo dingih fehnak: *a flanking manoeuvre*, =ral pawl kap hnih ih nor. (b) manoeuvres [pl] ralkap bur pawl, ral tangphawlawng pawl timtuah cangvaihna: *The army is on manoeuvre in the desert.* **2** [C] (a) thiam zet le ralring zet ih thil ti: *A rapid manoeuvre by the driver prevented an accident.* (b) [C] (*usu fig*) (hrokhrawl le depde) in thiam zet ih thil ti, cangvaihna: *This was a crafty manoeuvre to outwit his pursuers.*

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maneuver

- *These shameful manoeuvres were aimed at securing his election.*
- maneuver** (US) **manoeuvre** (Brit) *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] (cause sth to) ralringte le thiam zet ih cangvai: *He is appreciated for his skill in maneuvering a motorcycle.* (b) thiam zet fim zet ih midang kaihhruai: *She maneuvered her friends into positions of power.* **2** *The ship is maneuvering in the Atlantic.* **maneuverable** *adj.* **maneuverability** *n.*
- manometer** /mən'ɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* ti le tikhu tahnak thilri hmangih a thenkhat midang a tuahter.
- manor** /mænə(r)/ *n* **1** lo kaupi (a thenkhat lo neitu in a tuah ih a then khai midang a tuahter). **2** (a) **manor-house** a kiangkap ah hmun kaupi a ummi inn tumpi. (b) cui hmun le ram. **3** (Brit sl) palik hrekhat tuanvo an lanknak hmun.
▷ **manorial** /mən'ɔ:riəl/ *adj* of a manor (1,2).
- manpower** /mænpəʊə(r)/ *n* **1** hnaʔuan (asilole) a um thei zatzat minung: *There's not enough manpower to staff the hospitals.* **2** minung thazaang ih tuahmi: *This treadmill is driven by manpower rather than water-power.*
- manque** /mɔŋkɛ/ *adj* (French) hnaʔuan pakhat tuah thei a si ko nan a tuah suak lo: *a teacher manque.*
- mansard** /mænsɑ:d/ *n* thuah hnih cingcuang luangkhum (a tlunta a hrap deuh).
- manse** /mæns/ *Pastor* inn (a hleice in Scotland ram ah an hmang).
- mansion** /mænsɪn/ *n* inn tumpi le ʔha zet.
- Mansions** Innluan: *49 Victoria Mansions, Grove road, London.*
- manslaughter** ⇨ MAN.
- mantel** /mæntl/ *n* (dated) mantelpiece.
- mantelpiece** /mæntlpi:s/ *n* rapcung.
- mantilla** /mæntɪlə/ *n* lu le liang khuh puan te (a hleice in Spain nunau pawl ih hmanmi).
- mantis** /mæntɪs/ *n* a hmailam kehni thlacam vekih a ummi kharbaw.
- mantle** /mæntl/ *n* **1** (a) baan neilo kor fualpi. (b) khuh: *hills with a mantle of snow.* **2** hnaʔuan thupi pakhat ih tuanvo pawl: *He assumed the mantle of supreme power.* **3** mei-innpi (Gaslight) meica. **4** (geology) leihak tanglam ih a muril tuamtu leilung.
- manual** /mænjuəl/ *adj* kut ih tuah: *making small models requires manual skills* ○ *manual labour, manual gear-box.*
▷ **manual** *n* **1** theihnak le tidan pawl ngannak cabu: *A workshop manual gives instructions for repairing your car.* **2** kut ih tummi awnmawi organ. **manually** /-juəli/ *adv.*
- manufacture** /mænju'fæktʃə(r)/ *v* **1** thil tampi cet thawn suah: *They manufacture shoes, cements, etc.* **2** phuahcop: *She manufactured a false story to hide the facts.*
▷ **manufacture** *n* **1** [U] tuaknak, suahnak: *Goods of foreign manufacture.* **2 manufactures** [pl]
- tuahmi, suahmi thil pawl.
- manufacturer** *n* thil pawl tuahtu, suahtu.
- manumit** /mænju'mɪt/ *n* thlah, sal thlah.
- manure** /mə'njuə(r)/ *n* dawm (zun, ek, hnahtawt in).
- manuscript** /mænju'skrɪpt/ *n* (abbr **MS**) **1** kut ih nganmi. **2** cabu ngantu ih kutngan, asilole, khawl ih sutmi a sinan cabu ah a suakhrih lomi: *submit a manuscript to an editor.* **3** (idm) **in manuscript** cabu dingih sut hrih lomi: *Her poems are still in manuscript.*
- Manx** /mæŋks/ *adj, n* Man tikulh, a minung, ʔong.
▷ **manx** *n* [U] language of the Isle of Man.
□ **Manx cat** *n* mei neilo zawhte phunkhat.
- Manxman** /-mən/, **Manxwoman** *ns* Man tikulh sung minung.
- many** /meni/ *n* **1** minung asilole thil tampi: *How many children have you got?* ○ *Many of the students were from China.* **2 many a** — tampi: *Many a strong man has been weakened before such a challenge.* ○ *I have been to the tower many a time.* **3** vei tampi: *Many's the time that I heard him use those words.*
- many-sided** *adj* kap tampi: *We are faced with a many-side problems.*
- Maori** /maʊri/ *n* **1** New Zealand ram tualsuak mihnam. **2** cui pawl ih ʔong.
- map** /mæp/ *n* **1** (a) ram zuk: *a map of France* ○ *I'll draw you a map of how to get to my house.* (b) van ih arsi pawl umnak langtertu zuk. (c) mi pakhat thupi zet ih canternak: *Her performance in that play really put her on the map as an actress.*
- map** *v* **1** ram zuk suai, ram zuk sungih telh: *It's unexplored country that has not yet been mapped.* **2 map out** (a) timtuah;tawlrel: *He has already mapped out his future career.* (b) simfiang: *She mapped out her ideas on the new project.*
□ **map-reader** ramzuk zoh ih lamzin thluntu: *He's a good map-reader.*
- maple** /meɪpl/ *n* inn saknak le thuanhnaw ih hmanmi thing phunkhat (Canada ram ai-awhtu thingkung).
□ **maple sugar, maple syrup** maple thingkung in a suakmi thil thlum.
- maquis** /mæki; US 'mɑ:ki/ *n* **the maquis** or **the Maquis**: ralpi veihnih lai ah France ram sungih German pawl dotu French thupte-ralkap ralʔha pawl.
- mar** /ma:(r)/ *v* **1** siatsuah: *Nothing happened to mar the old man's happiness.* **2** (idm) **make or mar** hlawhtlin lole sunral: *His handling of the crisis could make or mar his career.*
- Mar** abbr March: *1 Mar 1970.*
- Marabou** /mæ'rəbu:/ *n* **1** [C] Africa nitlak lamih um ngathur vapi rang. **2** [U] thil ceimawinak ih hmanmi cui vapi thlahmul.
- maraschino** /mæ'rə'ski:nəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) **1** [U] cherry rah dum ihsin tuahmi zu. **2** [U] cui zu ih hnimm

- cherry.
- marathon** /ˈmæɾə(r)ən/ *n* **1** (also **Marathon**) (peng 26 asilole Km 42) hlat tlan zuam awknak: *She won the gold medal in the women's marathon at this year's Olympic Games.* **2** (fig) tuar har zetmi hnatuan pakhat: *My job interview was a real marathon.*
- marauding** /məˈrɔːdɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] minung do ding le thilri fir dingih a fehmi (ralkap pawl): *The country side was overrun by marauding bands.*
- ▷ **marauder** /məˈrɔːdə(r)/ *n* cu vek a tuahtu minung (asilole) ramsa.
- marble** /ˈmɑːbl/ *n* **1** [U] ca tɛlnak ih hmanmi lunghak: *These steps are made of marble.* **2** **marbles** [pl] marble ih tuahmi khanlung, lem pawl. **3** (a) [C] nauhak pawl leh-nakih an hmanmi saihlum, pumtɛk. (b) **marbles** [pl] cui leh-nak: *Let's have a game of marbles.*
- ▷ **marble** *adj* [attrib] (fig) marble vek: *marble skin* (a ngo ih a nal mi vun) ○ *marble heart* (thinlung hakzet).
- marbled** /ˈmɑːbld/ *adj* marbled vek pianhmang phunphun nei, a rin awmi: *a book with marbled covers.*
- marbling** /ˈmɑːblɪŋ/ *n* [U] cahnah parih marble vek umzia tuah daan.
- marcasite** /ˈmɑːkəsait/ *n* [C, U] lung mankhung phun dangdang thawn tuahmi ceimawi awknak thil: *a marcasite ring.*
- March** /mɑːtʃ/ *n* **1** [U, C] (abbr **Mar**) kumkhat sungih a thlathumnak.
- march**¹ /mɑːtʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ralkap pawl vekin kekar bangrep ih feh: *The army has marched thirty miles today.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] tumtahnak nei ih feh: *She marched in and demanded an apology.* (c) [Tn-pr, Tp] feh ter: *They marched the prisoner away.* **2** (idm) **get one's marching order** (infml or joc) feh dingih thupek: *She was totally unreliable, so she got her marching order.* **3** (phr v) **march past** — ralkap bur upa hmai ih feh-lan.
- ▷ **marcher** *n*: *freedom marchers* ○ *civil rights marchers.*
- march**² /mɑːtʃ/ *n* **1** (a) [C] kekar bangrepten feh tlang: *a ten mile march.* (b) cuti in feh ih pannak: *their steady march towards the enemy.* **2** [C] miburpi feh khawm: *a peace march.* Cf DEMONSTRATION **3.** **3** [C] a bur ih feh pawl hrangih ngansakmi awnmawi: *military marches* ○ *a dead march* (mithi thlah hrangih tuahmi aw thluk). **4** [sing] **the march of** thangso, hmainor: *the march of progress/events/time.* **5** (idm) **on the march** — a bur ih feh: *The enemy are on the march at last.*
- marches** /mɑːtʃ/ *n* [pl] ramri; a hleice in England le Scotland, England le Wales ramri.
- marchioness** /ˈmɑːʃəˈnes/ *n* (a) England ramih mi-uk bawi marquis ih nupi, cui nuhmei. (b)
- marquis tluk a simi nunau bawi upa.
- Mardi Gras** /ˈmɑːdi ˈgrɑː/ Jesuh an kaih hlan nihnih (Shrove Tuesday) hngilhlonak ih tuahmi biaknak puai.
- mare**¹ /ˈmeə(r)/ *n* **1** rangnu, laaknu. **2** (idm) **a mare's nest**: thil hmuhsuakmi thupi zet a bangnan thulo lakih a cangmi.
- mare**² /ˈmɑːri/ *n* (pl **maria** /ˈmɑːriə/) (astronomy) hlanlai ah tiffinriat ti ih ruahmi thlapi (lole) mars parih thimnak (a dumnak) zawn.
- margarine** /ˈmɑːdʒəˈrɪn US ˈmɑːrdʒəˈrɪn/ (also *Brit infml* **marge** /ˈmɑːdʒ/) *n* [U] sathau asilole thingrah thau thawn tuahmi thawphat bangtuk hmei.
- margin** /ˈmɑːdʒɪn/ *n* **1** (a) cahnah parah nganlo ih a kap zuahmi: *wide/narrow margin.* (b) a zim, a ri: *the margin of a lake, a pool, etc.* **2** (a) nehnak zat: *a wide margin between the winner and the loser* ○ *She won the seat by a margin of ten votes.* (b) hmun a fiak le kau ih zuahmi: *leave a good safety margin between your car and the next.* **3** (commerce) thilri leinak man le zuarnak man a dan awknak; a hlawk: *a business operating on tight margins.*
- ▷ **marginal** /-nl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] cahnah rin a kap zuahmi sungah: *a marginal remarks.* **2** fate, dimte, malte: *There's a marginal difference between the two estimates.* **3** thupi lo, langsar lo: *This once important social group is becoming more and more marginal.* **4** ram a fecar vivo ih thlawh dingah a tha nawn lem lo mi. **5** (politics esp *Brit*) malte lawngih mi a nehtu party: *a marginal constituency.*
- marginally** /-nəli/ *adv* malte, fiakte in.
- marguerite** /ˈmɑːgəˈriːt/ *n* daisy pangpar phunkhat, a laifang a aire ih parmum rangin a tuam.
- marigold** /ˈmæɾɪgəʊld/ *n* cinmi pangpar, par aire asilole dawhhlei pianhmang a neimi.
- marijuana** (also **marihuana**) /ˈmæɾəˈwɑːnə/ *n* [U] rit theinak ih fawhmi khuhsi hnah ro phunkhat.
- marimba** /məˈrɪmbə/ *n* awnmawi tumnak thil phunkhat.
- marina** /məˈriːnə/ *n* tipi kap ih colh hahtamnak.
- marinade** /ˈmæɾɪˈneɪd/ *n* [C, U] sa le ngasa suanhlan ih ciah tanak zu phun khat.
- marinade** (also **marinate**) *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ciahmi sa: *marinated pork.*
- marine**¹ /məˈriːn/ *adj* **1** tipi kiangih um, tipi ruangih um, tipi sungih tonmi. eg *a marine creature, a marine plant. a marine painter, tipi thawn pehpar in zuk suaitu. a marine biologist, tipi sungih nunnak hawlnak.* **2** tangphawlawng, ti ralkap, tipar sumtuahnak thawn pehpar in: *marine insurance, tangphawlawng le thilri hrangih aamahkhan, amkham.*
- marine**² /məˈriːn/ *n* **1** (a) leilung par le tipi par ih raldo dingah zirhmi ralkap. (b) **the Marines** [pl] ram pakhat ih neihmi cu vek ralkap bur.

mariner

mariner /'mæɪnə(r)/ *n* (dated or fml) tangphawlawng sung hnaṭuan.

marionette /'mæɪə'net/ *n* hridai thawn cangvaih termi lem. Cf PUPPET.

marital /'mæɪɪtl/ *adj* [attrib] nupi pasal thawn pehpar in, ʔhit-umnak thawn pehpar in: *marital vows*, rin-um le fel ih um ding tiamkamnak; *marital problems*, nupi pasal sinak ih buainak. □ **marital status** (fml) nupi pasal a nei maw, nei hrihlo; cun nupi pasal ʔhen zomi a si maw timi dinhmun.

maritime /'mæɪɪtaɪm/ *adj* tipi, tangphawlawng ih khualltawn nak thawn pehpar in: *the great maritime powers*, tipi par ralkap a neiṭha zettu ram pawl.

marjoram /'mɑ:dʒərəm/ *n* [U] rawlsuan tikah hmuihmer hrangih hmanmi hrampi phunkhat.

mark¹ /ma:k/ *n* **1** (a) thil pakhat parih a deh, a cuk, a rin a langmi: eg *black marks on white trousers*. (b) minung asilole ramsa parih hmainsinnak a langmi: eg *a mark on his right cheek* ○ *This scar is her main distinguishing mark*. **2** (a) hmainsinnak asilole khiihmuhnak hrangih nganmi: eg *punctuation marks* ○ *White marks painted on the tree show the route*. (b) thil pakhat a neitu ih hmainsinnak tuahmi: eg *laundry marks*. Cf TRADE MARK. **3** thinlung duhsaknak langter mi: *Please accept this gift as a mark of our respect*. **4** camipuai tuahnakih hmat pekmi: *She got 80 marks out of 100 for geography*. **5** cathiam lo mi in hminthut ai-ih an tuahmi hmainsin. **6** Mark thilsuak thar nambat peknak: *a Mark IV Cortina*. **7** hmuise: *the arrow reached its mark and the bird fell dead*. **8** (lehnak ah) tlan zuam aw pawl thawnak dingih rinmi. **9** (idm) **hit/miss the mark** thil pakhat tuah ih tuahsuak/ tuahsuak lo. **leave one's mark** a ʔha asilole a sia reipi daih dingih taanta: eg *War has left its mark on the country*. **make one's mark** hminthang le thil tithei ah a cang: eg *an actor who has made his mark in films*. **not feel upto the mark** nuam aw tuk lo: eg *I've got flu, so I'm not quite up to the mark*. **on your marks, get ready, go** (lehnak hotu ih thu pek). **up to the mark** tlin dingih khiah sakmi tluk: eg *Her school work isn't quite up to the mark*.

mark² /ma:k/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] hmainsin, khiihmuhnak tuah (um): *mark one's name on one's clothes*. ○ *The route has been marked so that it is easy to follow*. **2** [Tn] thil a cangmi hmainsin: *His death marked the end of an era*. **3** [Tn] hmatpek: *mark examination papers*. **4** [Cn-a] hmin pakhat hmai ah hmainsin pek (true/false sign). **5** [Tn, Cn-n/a] thil pakhat hleicetnak, thupitnak: *These are qualities which mark the film as quite exceptional*. **6** (flm) [Tn, Tw] ralringten ngai, ʔhaten hmainsin rak tuah: *Mark my word*. **7** [Tn] (leh-nakah) mi pakhat naihzet in um ih lek thei tuk lo dingih tuah: *Our defence*

had him closely marked throughout the first half.

8 (idm) **a marked man** ziaza ʔhat lo ruangah cawhkuan tong dingih hrimli: *By breaking the rule of absolute secrecy, he became a marked man*. **mark time** (a) hmainsin lo ih feh. (b) (fig) thil thupi deuh pakhat tuah hlanih ʔuan-keel ʔuan: *I'm just marking time in this job; I'm hoping to become an actor*. **mark you** sihman sehla; ziang a si khalle: *She hasn't had much success yet. Mark you, she does try hard*. **mark down** hmat ʔhumsak: *She was marked down because her answers were too short*. **mark down** thil man ʔhum: *all goods have been marked down by 15%*.

mark off kham riin tuah: *We have marked the playing area off by white line*. **marked out** (esp passive) thilṭha congah dingih hrii: *He was marked out for special training*. **mark up** hmat kaiter: *If we mark him up a tiny bit, he'll just get through*. **mark up** (a) thil zuar man zatek ih kai ternak: *Gasoline is marked up by 150%*. (b) thil man kaiter: *cars have been marked up recently*. ▷ **marked** /ma:kt/ *adj* a fiangmi, hmuh olmi; hmainsin tlakmi: *a woman of marked intelligence*. **markedly** /'ma:kɪdli/ *adv* (fml) umzia theitheih, hmainsin tlakin: *He was markedly more pleasant than before*.

marker n 1 (a) hmainsin nak petu (asilole) peknak thilri: *a marker pen*. (b) lehnak ih hmat ngahmi rak siartu. (c) camipuai tuahsaktu. **2** ʔhuam, thantar: (attrib) *a marker buoy*.

marking n (usu pl) vun le hmul tivek ih hmainsinnak: *a dog with white markings on its chest*.

mark³ /ma:k/ *n* Germany tangka: *a one mark note*.

market¹ /'ma:kit/ *n* **1** [C] dawrpi: *She went to the market to sell what she had made*. **2** [C] pursum leilawnnak ih thilman ʔum le kai umzia: *the gold market is steady*, thilman ʔum le kai a um tuk lo. **3** [sing U] thil lei dingih cahtu: *There's not much market for these goods*. **4** [C] thilri zuarnak ding hmun ram, minung: *We must find new markets for our products*. **5 the market** [sing] leitu pawl le zuartu pawl: *This product did not appeal to the German market*. **6** (idm) **come onto the market** zuar dingih apmi: *This house only come onto the market yesterday*. **in the market for** thil lei duhnak: *I'm not in the market for an expensive car*. **on the market** zuarmi thil pawl: *These computers are not yet on the market*. **play the market** (infml) a hlawk ngah dingah lei le zuar.

□ **market-day n** dawrpi onni: *Thursday is market-day in this area*.

market garden (Brit) (US **truck farm**) market ih zuar dingah hanghnah hangrah cinnak lo (hmuan).

market gardener; market gardening [U].

market hall a tlun khuhmi market hmunpi.

the market-place [sing] **1** hlawknak ih thil lei

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- le zuar: *Companies must be able to compete in the market-place.* **2** (also **market square**) [C] khawpi sungih thil lei le zuarnak hmunpi.
- market price** a man niam ih zuar dingah mipi hnenih than zo mi thil man.
- market research** mipi in ziang vek thil an lei duh timi zingzoinak hnañuan.
- market share** thilri phunkhat parah kampani pakhat ih a buaktlak ih neihmi: *Thomsons have a 48% market share.*
- market town** thil lei le zuarnak hmunpi unnak khua.
- market value** mi senpi hnenih thanmi thilri man: *offer a car at \$500 below its market value.*
- market²** /ma:kit/ *v* (a) [Tn] thil zuar: *market vegetables.* (b) thu thannak in thil zuarnak: *We need somebody to market our products to retailers in Germany.*
- ▷ **marketable** *adj* zuar theihmi thil.
- marketability** *adv.*
- marketing** *n* [U] (a) thil zuar daan. (b) kampani pakhat ih thilri zuarnak hmunthen: *Do you work in marketing?* ○ [attrib] *the marketing department.*
- marksman** /ma:ksmən/ *n* hmui thiam pa.
- marksmanship** kah thiamnak.
- marl** /ma:l/ *n* [U] tlak le ðhung a rawi awmi leilung (dawmah hman theih).
- marlin** /ma:lm/ *n* (pl unchanged) hnar zum saupi neimi tipi nga.
- marmalade** /ma:mələid/ *n* [U] dawhhelei ih tuahmi sanghnun (jam).
- marmoreal** /ma:'mɔ:riəl/ *adj* (fml) marble lungngil vek; a var ih a ngil zet mi vun.
- marmoset** /ma:məzet/ *n* meibor nei Amerika ram ih zawngte.
- marmot** /ma:mət/ *n* thiahhlei phunkhat.
- maroon¹** /mə'ru:n/ *adj, n* [U] sendup; eg a *maroon jacket.*
- maroon²** /mə'ru:n/ *v* [Tn usu passive] ðuat theilo dingih taanta: *sailors are marooned on a remote island.* ○ (fig) *Without a car; she was marooned at home for days.*
- maroon³** /mə'ru:n/ *n* a puak ring zetmi pukpi meithal.
- marque** /ma:k/ *n* (fml *approv*) thil suah ða zet hmainsinak: *the Mercedes marque.*
- marquee** /ma:'ki:/ *n* **1** muka thlam tumpi. **2** (esp US) innpi luhnak hmai ih hulhliap
- marquetry** /ma:kitri/ *n* [U] innsung thuamhnaw ih benmi thing, vuiho, tivek pawl.
- marquis** (also **marquess**) /ma:kwi:s/ *n* mi-uk.
- marram** /mæ'rəm/ *n* [U] (also **marram grass**) leivawr parah keuhmi hrampi.
- marriage** /mæridʒ/ *n* **1** [U, C] ðhit-umnak, neih awk: *After ten years of marriage, they are divorcing.* **2** [C] ðhit-um puai, kut-sih nak: *Her first marriage was held in St John's Church.* **3** (idm) **give in marriage** nupi dingah fanu pek.
- take in marriage** (fml) nupi ðhi, pasal nei.
- ▷ **marriageable** *adj* (fml) pasal neih cu; pasal neih mawi: *a woman of marriageable age.*
- **marriage certificate** ðhit-um nak (neih awknak) caken.
- marriage guidance** nu-pa te hnen ih ruahnak (fimnak) pekmi.
- marriage licence** ðhit-um tuahsak theinak.
- marriage of convenience** duhawk ruangah siloin ðhathnemnak hawl ih ðhi-aw pawl.
- married** /mærid/ *adj* **1** (a) ~ (to sb) ðhi-um (nei aw zo) aw zo mi: *a married couple* ○ *He's married to a famous writer.* (a) [attrib] ðhit-umnak thawn pehpar in: *a married bliss.* **2** [pre] ~ to sth (fig) thil pakhat khat ah pumpek awk: *He's married to his work.*
- marrow¹** /mæ'rəʊ/ *n* **1** [U] thlik. **2** [U] (fig) a thuknak, a sim duhsanmi: *the marrow of his statement.* **3** (idm) **to the marrow** tlang ko in a sawhkhah: *She was shocked to the marrow by his actions.*
- **marrowbone** ei theihmi thlik umnak ruh. [attrib] *marrowbone jelly.*
- marrow²** /mæ'rəʊ/ *n* [C, U] (also Brit **vegetable marrow**, US **marrow squash**) (a) [C]
- marrow squash** (US) **vegetable marrow** (Brit) a sung a var ih a leng a hringmi hangrah pawl, uum ti vek pawl.
- marrowfat** /mæ'rəʊfæt/ *n* be pi.
- marry** /mæri/ *v* (pt, pp **married**) **1** ðhi-um, nei aw: *She didn't marry until she was fifty.* **2** [Tn] kutsih ðhit-um (saktu): *They were married by her father, who's a pastor.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-p] thil pahnih ðhate ih kom: *She marries wit and scholarship in her writing.* **4** (idm) **marry in haste, repent at leisure** khulrang tukih ðhit awknak cun reipi sir awknak a suahter.
- marry money** (infml) milian zet thawn ðhit-um.
- marry into** nupi sungkhar ih va cangta: *He married into the French aristocracy.* **marry-off** (fanu ih sin) luat duh ruangih fanu pasal hawl sak. **marry up** (infml) dik zet ih pehzom awkter: *the two halves of the structure didn't marry up.* (fig) *the two versions of the story don't quite marry up.*
- Mars** /ma:z/ *n* deirel arsi, khaw deirel; leilungpi sangtu, ni ihsin a palitnak leilungpi pakhat a si ve.
- Marsala** /ma:'sa:lə/ *n* [U] Sicily tikulh suak zu thlum.
- marsh** /ma:f/ *n* [C, U] cirh umnak hmunrawn: *We've to cross the marshes.*
- ▷ **marshy** (-ier, -iest) ciarbek tamnak: *marshy ground.*
- **marsh gas** = METHANE.
- marshal** /ma:ʃl/ *n* **1** (usu in compounds) ralbawi tumbik (British kawh dan): *Field-Marshal Mt Battan.* **2** mipi tonkhawmnak hmuni kikhawi ðuanvo neitu. **3** (US) palik bawi, asilole meithat

bawi.

marshal² /ma:ʃl/ *v* **marshall** (*Brit*) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] felfaiten ngaihtuah, pumkhawm: *The children were marshalled into straight lines. (fig) marshal one's thoughts.* **2** (phr *v*) hruai: *He marshalled the delegation into the presence of the queen.*

□ **marshalling yard** tlangleng le thilri retnak hmun.

marshmallow /ma:ʃ'mæləʊ/ *n* [C, U] a nemmi muḥai phun khat.

marsupial /ma:'sʊpiəl/ *n, adj* (animal) pum ih fa zawinak neimi ramsa.

mart /ma:t/ *n* (*dated*) **1** dawr hmunpi. **2** sumdawnnak hmunpi: *London is an international mart for stocks and shares.*

marten /ma:tn; US -tn/ *n* **1** [C] hmul sendup nei ramsa fate (zinghnam, sabek le vate ei tu). **2** [U] a hmul.

martial /ma:ʃl/ *n, adj* (*fml*) ral thawn a pehpar mi: *martial music.*

□ **martial arts** judo, karate ti vek leh-nak pawl.

martial law ram pakhat ah a langte ih ummi ralkap uknak.

Martian /ma:ʃn/ *n, adj* Mars (deirel arsi) ah mi um bang sehla ti ih kawhna.

martin /ma:tn; US -tn/ *n* Vanzuang va phun khat. Cf HOUSE-MARTIN.

martinet /ma:tn'net; US -tn'et/ *n* (*usu derog*) thlundan fekkhoh a tuah ih thlunter ḥeh a duhtu.

Martini (also **martini**) /ma:'ti:ni/ *n* [C, U] (*propr*) zu phun (gin le vermouh) rawimi zu.

martyr /ma:tə(r)/ **1** biaknak, zumnak ruangih thah tuar, hremtuar mi: *the early Christian martyrs.* **2** (*usu derog*) mi ih zangfah ding le uar dingah pum a pe awmi, a tuarmi, asilole cu vekih a um awtermi: *He always acts the martyr when he has to do the housework. (infml) Don't make such a martyr of yourself.* **3** a tuar ringring tu: *She's a martyr to rheumatism.*

▷ **martyr** *v* [Tn *usu passive*] martyr vekih tuar, asilole, that: *He was martyred by the Romans.*

martyrdom /ma:tədəm/ *n* [U, C] zumnak ruang ih tuarnak, thihnak: *suffer martyrdom at the stake.*

marvel /ma:vl/ *n* **1** [C] mangbangza thil: *The marvels of modern science.* **2** [C *esp sing*] a ḥa tuk, duh a nung tuk mi minung asilole thil: *He's a marvel of patience.* **3** **marvels** [pl] mangbangza thil cangsuak mi: *The doctor's treatment has worked marvels: the patient has recovered completely.*

▷ **marvel** *v* a ḥa lamih mangbang: *I marvelled at the beauty of the landscape.*

marvellous (US **marvelous**) /ma:vələs/ *adj* **1** (*infml*) a ḥa tuk: *it's a marvellous car, book, writer.* **2** mangbangza: *It's marvellous how he's managed to climb that far.*

marvellously *adv.*

Marxism /'mɑ:kʃɪzəm/ *n* [U] Karl Marx (1818-83) ih ram uknak le nunkhaw-saknak thu suahti mi; milian le farah ti um lo in bangrep ḥeh ding timi Communist ruahnak ih hrampi.

▷ **Marxist** /'mɑ:kʃɪzəm/ *n* Marx ih thuzirhmi thluntu. — *adj*: Marx zirh mi thlun in, tha pe in: *have Marxist views* ○ *a Marxist government.*

□ **Marxism-Leninism** /-'lenɪnɪzəm/ *n* [U] Lenin ih punzaiter mi Marx thu zirhnak.

Marxist Leninist *n, adj.*

marzipan /'mɑ:zɪpæn, 'mɑ:zɪ'pæn/ *n* [U] almond mu le cini rawimi (miḥai tuah nak le hmuk par ih culh dingih hmanmi).

masc *abbr* masculine. Cf FEM.

mascara /mæ'skɑ:rə; US -'skærə/ *n* [U] mithmul hnih mi ceimawi nak thil.

mascot /'mæskət, -skot/ *n* vanḥatnak a pe theitu ti ih ruahmi minung, ramsa, thilri: *His little son is the mascot for the local football team.*

▷ **masculine** /'mæskjʊlɪn/ *adj* **1** mipa um dan le pianhmang a keng tiih ruahmi: *She looks rather masculine in that suit.* **2** (*grammar*) mipa sinak simtu ca: *'He' and 'him' are masculine pronouns.*

masculinity *n* [U].

maser /'meɪzə(r)/ *n* microwave thlahnak le tumternak cet te.

mash /mæʃ/ *n* **1** [U] fang, vainim hnip ko suanih ḥilva rawl ih tuah mi. **2** (**a**) [U, C] nem ko ih phommi, rialmi. (**b**) [U] (*infml*) aalu hmincia phom dipmi. **3** [C, U] zu ih tuah dingah ciah mi rawl le tisa rawimi.

▷ **mash** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] phomdip, rialdip: *eg. mashed potatoes.*

masher aalu rialdipnak thil.

mask¹ /ma:sk; US mæsk/ *n* **1** hmaihuhnak; hmaihrek huhnak thil: *a bank robber wearing a mask.* **2** (**a**) thing le cahnah thawn tuah mi hmaihuh: *a child wearing a gorilla mask.* (**b**) minung hmuihmel vekih tuahcop mi. **4** sibawi le sayama pawl ih hmaihruk (hmur ka huhnak). **5** (*usu sing*) (*fig*) a dikmi thup, ti-ter-aw: *She masked the real purpose of her visit.*

mask² /ma:sk; US mæsk/ *v* [Tn] **1** hmai hup: *the thief masked his face with a stocking.* **2** (*fig*) thup, ti awter: *mask one's fear by a show of confidence.*

□ **masked ball** hmaihuh hrulik lam.

masking tape thil erhna ca: *He put masking tape round the edges of the glass while he painted the window frames.*

mosochism /'mæsəkɪzəm/ *n* [U] nat tuarnak asilole ningzah tuarnak ihsin ngahmi taksa diremna (nupa sinak). Cf SADISM.

▷ **masochist** *n. masochistic* *adj.*

mason /'meɪsn/ *n* **1** lungto, tlakrawh inn sak thiam; lungto thawn hnaḥuanmi. **2** (also **Mason**) freemason.

masonry /'meɪsənri/ *n* [U] **1** lungto tlakrawh thawn inn sak thiamnak; lungto ih sakmi inn.

- 2** (also **Masonry**) *freemasonry*.
- masque** /mɑːsk; US məesk/ *n* (a) [C] awnmawi le laam thawn tuahmi lemcawn.
- masquerade** /ˌmɑːskə'reɪd; US ˌmæsk-/ *n* **1** titer awknak; a dik mi thuhnak: *Her sorrow is just a masquerade*. **2** hmaihuh hrukih lam.
 ▷ **masquerade** *v* [I, Ipr] : *The prince masqueraded as a patient*. **masquerader** *n*.
- Mass** (also **mass**) /mæs/ *n* **1** [C, U] Roman Catholic khawhhran ih hmanmi Bawipa Zanriah: *go to Mass* ○ *High Mass*. **2** [C] himi hrangih timtuah mi awnmawi.
- mass** /mæs/ *n* **1** [C] (a) *tampi a sinan umzia fukfi neilo mi: There were masses of clouds in the sky*. (b) *tam zet: a mass of spectators, the masses of tourists*. **2** (attrib) *mipi thawn pehpar in: mass education* ○ *a mass meeting*. **3** [U] (*physics*) *tuar theinak ziangzat a nei ti ih thazaang khulrang thawn tah theumi taksa sungih um thil a si zat*. **4 the masses** [pl] *ram hruaitu pawl ih hmuh daan in hnañuantu mi senpi: a revolutionary who urged the masses to overthrow the government*. **5** [sing] *mipi a tam sawn: The mass of workers do not want this strike*. **6** (idm) **be a mass of** a khat ðeh, a khuh ðeh: *The garden was a mass of colour*. **in the mass** *zate huapin: She says she doesn't like children in the mass*.
 ▷ **mass** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] *tampi pumkhawm: The general massed his troops for a final attack*.
 □ **mass communication, mass media** *minung tampi hnenih thuthannak le pehtlaihna: TV, Radio, thuthang ca tivek pawl*.
mass hysteria *hmakhat te ah mipi hnen a thlengmi thinlung le thahri diklo ruangih ðap, hni, ðih vekih um ciamconak*.
mass produce *khawl thawn thil tampi suah*.
mass production *khawl thawn thil tampi suahmi*.
- massacre** /ˌmæsəkə(r)/ *n* **1** *minung asilole ramsa tampi huatsuak zet ih thah-nak: The massacre of thousands of people for their religious beliefs*. **2** (*infml*) *leh-nak ah napi ih nehna: The game was a 1 0-0 massacre*.
 ▷ **massacre** *v* [Tn] **1** *minung asilole ramsa tampi that*. **2** (*infml*) *leh-nakah napi ih neh: We were massacred in the final*.
- massage** /ˌmæsəːz; US mə'sɑːz/ *n* [C, U] *taksa hmet: The doctor recommended massage for my back pain*.
 ▷ **massage** *v* [Tn] *hmet*.
masseur /ˌmæsɜː(r)/ *n* (*fem masseuse* /ˌmæsɜːz/) *mihmet ih pumcawm hna a ðuantu*.
- massif** /ˌmæsɪf/ *n* *tlang zim tampi a tong aw mi*.
- massive** /ˌmæsɪv/ *adj* **1** (a) *a tum, a rit, a sah mi: a massive rock*. (b) (*minung/ramsa*) *ih a ritmi, a sah-mi pianhmag: the gorilla had a massive forehead*. **2** *tam zet: She drank a massive amount of alcohol*.
 ▷ **massively** *adv*. **massiveness** *n* [U].
- mast**¹ /mɑːst; US məst/ *n* **1** *puan tangphawlawng ih ðuampi*. **2** *thantar thlainak ðuam*. **3** *radio le TV hrangih thir ðuam (aerial)*. **4** (idm) **before the mast** (*dated or rhet*) *tangphawlawng hnañuan ðuan rero: He spent 10 years before the mast*.
 ▷ **masted** (*forming compound adjs*) *ziang vek, ziangzat ðuam a nei: a two-masted ship* ○ *a tall-masted yacht*.
 □ **mast-head** *n* **1** *thangphawlawng ðuam ih a sannak bik*. **2** *thuthang ca cahmai pakhatnak ih thulu tarmi*.
- mast**² /mɑːst/ *n* [U] *vok eimi thingrah, ðilrah tivek pawl*.
- mastectomy** /mə'stektəmi/ *n* (*medical*) *nunaw hnawibaa hlonsaknak*.
- master**¹ /ˌmɑːstə(r); US ˈmæs-/ *n* **1** *bawi, hnañuan neitu: master and servant*. Cf **MISTRESS**. **2** (attrib) *thilthiam, mahte hnañuan nei: a master carpenter, a master builder*. **3** *innsang hotu pa: the master of the house*. **4** *tangphawlawng ih bawibik (captain): He has obtained a master's certificate*. **5** *uico asilole rang neitu pa: That dog is devoted to his master*. **6** (a) (*esp Brit*) *ca zirhtu pa: He's a schoolmaster*. (b) *thiamnak dangdang zirhtu: a dancing-master*. **7 Master** *phunsang tlawngih degree a pahnihnak: Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MSc), Master of Engineering (ME)*. **8 Master** *Mr ti ih kawh dingah a no tukmi mipa: Master Charles Smith*. **9 Master** *phunsang tlawng (college) sayagyi*. **10** *zukuai thiam zetmi: It's a painting by a Dutch master*. **11** (a) (*fml*) *thil pakhat thiamsuak, neh-suak: He is master of that subject* ○ *He has made himself the master of language*. (b) *a cung cuangtu: We shall see which of us is master*. **12** *awthunnak le zuknak ih hmaisabik khui: Take the master and make 20 copies by tomorrow*. (attrib) *the master tape, film, copy, etc*. **13** (attrib) (a) *thiam hleice: This painting is the work of a master hand*. (b) *a pumpuhulm in: a master plan of the building*. (c) *a pipa bik, a hrampi: the master bedroom*. **14** (idm) **master in one's own house** *maih thuhla mahte tawlrel thei*. **one's own master/mistress** *zalong zet ih um: She likes being her own mistress, and not having to work for someone else*.
 □ **master class** *a bikin awnmawi thiam zet in tlawngta cathiam zet pawl zirhnak*.
master-key *n* (also **pass key**) *tawhthlaih phun dangdang on thei nak tawh*.
master-key *hla sak tikih aw pekna*.
mastermind *n* *mi pawl ih tuah dingmi khurkhua a ruattu: He's the mastermind behind the project*. *v* [Tn] *ngaihtuah, fial: The massacre of the Jews was masterminded by Hitler*.
Master of Ceremonies (*abbr MC*) *tonkhawmnak hohatu*.
masterpiece *n* *ðazet ih tuahsuakmi, a hleice*

master

in lem zuk thiam zettu ih tuanmi thupi bik.

master sergeant (US) ralkap senthum hnakih upa, bo ngahlo.

master-stroke *n* hlensuah thei dingih fimkhur zet ih tuan: *Setting a dispute needed a diplomatic master-stroke.*

master² /ˈmɑːstə(r); US ˈmæs-/ *v* [Tn] **1** nehsuak, uk thei: *You must be able to master your temper.*

2 thiam ngah: *She has fully master the technique.*

masterful /ˈmɑːstəfl; US ˈmæs-/ *adj* midang uk thei, midang par ih uk duhnak neiter: *a masterful person* ○ *speak in a masterful manner.*

masterfully /-fəli/ *adv.*

masterly /ˈmɑːstəli; US ˈmæs-/ *adj* thiam zet in:

their masterly handling of a difficult situation.

mastery /ˈmɑːstəri/ *n* [U] **1** theihnak le thiamnak nasa zet: *She showed complete mastery in her handling of the discussion.* **2** uk neh: *Which side will get the mastery?*

mastic /ˈmæstɪk/ *n* [U] **1** sihnih dingih tuahmi thing thling. **2** ruahti zun phihnak mirang leilung phunkhat.

masticate /ˈmæstɪkət/ *v* [I, Tn] (*fml*) rawl khai.

▷ **mastication** *n* [U].

mastiff /ˈmæstɪf/ *n* a hna a tum, saumi uico tumpi.

mastitis /ˈmæstɪtɪs/ *n* [U] (*medical*) pawh te thling nat.

mastodon /ˈmæstədɒn/ *n* atu a um nawn lo mi hlanlai vui tumpi bangtuk ramsa.

mastoid /ˈmæstɔɪd/ *n* hna dunglam ih ruh.

▷ **mastoiditis** /ˈmæstɔɪdɪtɪs/ *v* [U] hna dunglam ruh thling nat.

masturbate /ˈmæstəbeɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] mahte siseh midang siseh kut thawn zahmawh tham tahrat ih taksa diremnak pek: zanghlawt

▷ **masturbation** *n.* **masturbatory** *adj.*

mat¹ /mæt/ *n* **1** (a) pher. (b) puan, sialriat tivek pawl sahpi ih tuah mi; buan aw pawl leh-nak tang phah ih hmanmi. **2** pakan le hai a sa mi tangdam. **3** sah zet ih a hru aw mi thil: *a mat of weeds, hair threads.*

▷ **mat** *v* (-tt-) [I, Tn esp passive] sah zet in a hnok theh: *matted hair.*

mat² = MATT.

matador /ˈmætədɔː(r)/ *n* cawcang sual buan ih thattu.

match¹ /mætʃ/ *n* meitalh fung: *strike a match.*

□ **matchbox** *n* meitalh bawm; nawhalh bawm.

matchstick *n* meitalh fung.

matchwood *n* [U] **1** meitalh tuahnak zanhling.

2 thingtlep cipnop ih phel theh mi: *a boat smashed to matchwood.*

match² /mætʃ/ *n* **1** [C] khatlam khatlam tangih leh zuamawknak: *a football match, a wrestling match.* **2** [sing] thiamnak thazang tluk aw, bang aw: *He's no match for her (in tennis).* **3** thit-um awk: *She made a good match when she married him.* **4** [sing] (a) minung/thilri a kaih aw zetmi: *The new curtains are a perfect match for the*

carpet. (b) minung/thilri a bang aw zetmi: *I've found a vase that's an exact match of the one we already have.* **5** (idm) **meet one's match** mah tluk/mah hnakih thiam sawn tong ngah: *He thought he could beat anyone at tennis, but he's met his match in her.* **a good match** nupi/pasal tha **a bad match** nupi/pasal tha lo.

▷ **matchless** *adj* tluktu um lo: *matchless beauty.*

□ **matchmaker** *n* nei aw dingih (co aw dingih) tontuah zuamtu. **matchmaking** *n* [U].

match point tennis leh tikah neh dingih netabik hmat siarmi.

match³ /mætʃ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (a) a kaih aw zet: *The curtains and the carpets match perfectly.* (b) bang, vek. **2** [Tn] a bangmi thil dang pakhat tong: *Can you match this wallpaper?* **3** [Tn] (a) tluk aw: *The two players are well-matched.* (b) a dang pakhat thawn a tluk aw mi tong: *Can you match that story?* cumi tluk thuanthu na sim thei pei maw? **4** [Tn-pr] kaih aw dingih tuah: *We try to match the applicants with appropriate vacancies.* **5** (phr *v*) tah thim: *Match your skill against the experts in this quiz.*

match up bang aw: *The two statements don't match up.*

match up to: *The film didn't match up to my expectations,* ka rak ruah tluk asilo.

mate¹ /meɪt/ *n* **1** (a) (*infml*) mipa rualpi, hnañuanpi: *He's an old mate of mine.* (b) (*Brit sl*) mipa rualpi kawhnak ih hmanmi: *Where are you off to, mate?* (c) hmunkhat ih tuantlang, umtlang: *room-mate, class-mate, playmates.* **2** thil thiam zet pakhat bawmtu: *a phumber's mate.*

3 tangphawlawng tumpi ah hotu bik (*captain*) sangtu: *chief mate, first mate, second mate, third mate.* **4** (a) vate/ramsa khuah (nu-pa): *The blackbird sat on the nest waiting for the return of her mate.* (b) nupi/pasal.

mate² /meɪt/ *v* [I, I pr, Tn, Tn-pr] vate/ramsa a nu le pa pawl aw: *We mated her with John's dog.*

▷ **mating** *n* [U]: [attrib] *The mating season,* a nu le pa an pawl-awk tikcu.

mate³ /meɪt/ *n* ⇒ CHECKMATE.

material¹ /mə'tɪəriəl/ *n* **1** [C, U] thilri dang pawl tuah theinak thil: *raw materials for industry* ○ *building materials* ○ *writing materials.* (*fig*) *He is not officer material,* bawi upa tha a suak thei lo ding. **2** [U, C] puanthan, thiam ih tah dingmi thil pawl: *enough material to make two dresses*

○ *tough cotton material.* **3** [U] cabu ngannak hrangih tulmi thu, thucang: *She's collecting material for her thesis.*

material² /mə'tɪəriəl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] thinlung le thlarau lam siloin hmuh theimi thil thawn a pehpar mi: *The material world.* **2** (attrib) taksa hrangih tulmi: *our material needs.* tile rawl: *You think too much of material comfort.* **3** (*esp law*) a thupimi, a kaihaw mi: *Is this point material to your argument?*

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- ▷ **materially** /-iəl/ *adv* thupi zet in: *This isn't materially different from the old system.*
- materialism** /mə'tɪəriəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** (*usu derog*) thlarau thuhla ruat lo in leitlun thil le taksa nomnak lawng ruahnak: *the rampant materialism of modern society.* **2** (*philosophy*) hmuhtheih thil lawng a um timi thu ruahnak.
- ▷ **materialist** /mə'tɪəriəlɪst/ *n* **1** leitlun thil lawng a ruattu. **2** hmuhtheih thil lawng a um timi ruahnak zumtu.
- materialistic** *adj.*
- materialistically** *adv.*
- materialize, -ise** /mə'tɪəriəlaɪz/ *v* [I] **1** cangsuak, tuahsuak: *Our plans did not materialize.* **2** taksa hmuhtheih ah a hung cang: *He claimed that he could make ghosts materialize.* ○ (*inflm*) *He failed to materialize.*
- materialization** *n* [U].
- maternal** /mə'tɜːnl/ *adj* **1** nu thawn pehpar in; nu vek: *maternal affection, duties* ○ *She feels very maternal towards him.* **2** (*attrib*) nu lam sungkhat: *my maternal grandfather, aunt.* etc. Cf **PATERNAL.**
- ▷ **maternally** /-nəl/ *adv.*
- maternity** /mə'tɜːnəti/ *n* [U] nu si-nak: (*attrib*) *maternity dress, naukeng hrukmi kor: maternity ward, nau hring pekte pawl umnak sizung khan.*
- matey** /'meɪti/ *adj* (*infml*) kom nuam, rualpi pawl thiam: *Don't get too matey with him — he's a rogue.*
- mathematics** /mæθə'mætɪks/ *n* (*sing or pl v*) (also *Brit infml maths; US math*) kanan, nambat thawn tuatmi: *arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, geometry. Maths is her strongest subject.*
- ▷ **mathematical** /,mæθə'mætɪkl/ *adj* kanan thawn pehpar in. **mathematically** *adv.*
- mathematician** /-klɪ/ *n* kanan thiam zetmi.
- matinee** /'mætnɛr; US 'mætn'eɪ/ *n* sunhnu ih hmuhmi lemning, lemcawn. (*attrib*) *a matinee idol, fala pawl ih uar zetmi.*
- matins** (also **mattins**) /'mætnɪz; US 'mætnz/ *n* (*sing or pl v*) Anglican kawhhran zing thlacam khawm. Cf **VESPERS.**
- matri-** *comb form of a mother; nu thawn pehzom ih kawhna: matriarch* ○ *matricide.* Cf **PATRI.**
- matriarch** /m'mætɪrɪɑːk/ *n* innsang/hnam pakhat ih lu a simi nunau.
- ▷ **matriarchal** /,meɪtrɪ'ɑːkl/ *adj*: *a matriarchal society, tribe, nunau ih hruaimi.*
- matriarchy** /meɪtrɪ'ɑːkl/ *n* innsang ah nunau in lu an kai ih thu an neihnak mibur, mihnam — um zia.
- matrices** *pl of MATRIX.*
- matricide** /mætrɪ'saɪd/ *n* **1** [C, U] mai nu thahnak. **2** [C] mai nu thattu. Cf **PATRICIDE.**
- matriculate** /mə'trɪkjʊleɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] phunsang tlawngah luhter.
- ▷ **matriculation** /mə'trɪkjʊ'leɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] phunsang tlawngah luhternak.
- matrimony** /'mætrɪməni; US -məʊni/ *n* [U] (*fml*) ʃhɪt-umnak: *unite a couple in holy matrimony.*
- matrix** /'mætrɪks/ *n* (*pl matrices* /'mætrɪsɪz/ or ~es) **1** thil pianhmang suah dingih burnak kua ongte; cerek, caha, beel tivek pawl burnak. **2** a sungah thil mankhung a ummi lunghak. **3** thil pakhat khat ih hramthawhna hmun le ʃhannak: *bacteria growing in a matrix of nutrients.* **4** kanan tuah dan phun khat.
- **matrix printer** (*computing*) cuk tete ih cafang ih suahternak.
- matron** /'meɪtrən/ *n* **1** sizung sayama zirilai pawl uktu sayamagi (tulai kawh dan = senior nursing officer). **2** tlawng pakhat uktu nunau. **3** upat tlak nupi nu (pasal nei ih kum upa nawnmi).
- ▷ **matronly** *adj* upat tlak nunzia mawi nei.
- **matron of honour** (*esp US*) mo ih rual a ʃuantu nupi nu.
- matt** (*US also matte*) /mæt/ lemzuk, cahnah, cati, a mal ruari mi. (a fiang lo) *Will this paint give a gloss or a matt finish?*
- matter¹** /'mætə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) thu, thuhla, thulu, thu um zia: *We have several important matters to deal with at our next meeting.* ○ *I don't discuss private matters with my friends.* (**b**) thil um zia, thubuai: *matters of growing public concern.* **2** [U] (**a**) hmuh theimi thil: *The universe is composed of matter.* (**b**) thil phunkhat khat: *waste matter, minung zunpawng: reading matter, cabu, thuthang ca, etc.* **3** [U] (*fml*) cabu/thu simmi ih thulu/khawruahmi. **4** (U) hmahnai. **5** (*idm*) **as a matter of fact** thungai ten ti le: *I'm going there tomorrow, as a matter of fact.* **for that matter** cuvek thu ah: *Don't talk like that to your mother, or to anyone else for that matter.* **in the matter of** thawn pehpar aw in: *I want to speak to her in the matter of my salary.* **a matter of time** hmakhat te ah cang lo hman sehla a cang tengteng ding: *It's simply a matter of time before the rebels are crushed.* **let the matter drop** sim nawn lo in baang: *She reluctantly agreed to let the matter drop.* **make matters worse** harsa sin ko ih tuah: *Her attempts to calm them down only made matters worse.* (**as**) **a matter of course** tuah keel: *I check my in-tray every morning as a matter of course.* **the matter with** nom lo-nak, harsatnak, natnak ruangah thusuhna: *What's the matter with the sick child?* **a matter of** (**a**) hnakh tam lo: *I'll be back in a matter of hours.* (**b**) hnakh mal lo: *You realize it may be a matter of days before we get news.* **a matter of life and death** a thupi tukmi (thih le nun thu): *Of course this must have priority — it's a matter of life and death.* **a matter of opinion** mah le ruah daan: *'She's a fine singer'. 'That's a matter of opinion'* ○ *Success in business is simply a matter of knowing when to take a chance.* **no matter ... whether**: a poi lo: *It's no matter to me whether*

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you arrive early or late. no matter who, what, where, etc: *Don't open the door, no matter who comes, zo an rat khalle sangka ong hlah* ○ *Don't trust him, no matter what he says, ziang a sim khalle, ring hlah.*

a hanging matter thah thuthen thei mi thu.

take matters into one's own hand midang hngak lo in mahte tawlrel aw.

□ **matter-of-fact** *adj* thin daiten: *She told us the news in a very matter-of-fact way.*

matter² /mætə(r)/ *v* [I, I-pr] a thupi: *Some things matter more than others.* ○ *It doesn't matter to me what you do.*

man matters most minung a thupi bik.

matting /mætiŋ/ *n* [U] zial phah asilole thil tuamnak hrangih tahmi: *Floors covered with coconut-matting.*

matins = MATINS.

mattock /mætək/ *n* tuk zum.

mattress /mætrɪs/ *n* a sah mi ih-phah.

mature¹ /mə'tjuə(r)/ *adj* **1** (a) a pitlingmi: *a mature person.* ○ *a house with a mature garden.* ○ *He's not mature enough to be given too much responsibility.* (b) thil uam a cu thlangmi. **2** ralringte le ciamciam tein: *after mature consideration.* **3** (commerce) paisa kuan a cumi.

▷ **maturely** *adv.*

maturity /mə'tjuəreɪ/ *n* [U] pitlinnak.

mature² /mə'tjuə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] pitling: *Experience has matured him greatly.* **2** [I] (commerce) pek cu mi leiba.

▷ **maturation** /mə'tʃʊreɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

maudlin /mɑ:dlɪn/ *adj* a hleice in zurit tikah atthlakih a hnoh mi; ʔah a hmangmi: *The drunken man began to get maudlin.*

maul /mɔ:l/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.p] siava zet ih tuah; dekok: *Stop mauling the cat.* ○ (fig) *Her novel has been badly mauled by the critics.* **2** minung/ramsa taksa thlekbauih hmaputter: *He died after being mauled by a tiger.*

maulstick /mɔ:lstɪk/ (also **malstick** /'mɔ:lstɪk/) *n* lemzuktu pawl in an kut khat ih an kenmi kianghrol.

maunder /mɔ:ndə(r)/ *v* [I, Ip] **1** fiang lem lo ih tlok: *The drunk sat there maundering on his troubles.* **2** (about) sullam nei lo ih vaak rero: *Don't just maunder about: do some work!*

Maundy Thursday /mɔ:ndɪ 'θɜ:zdi/ Thawhsal nipi hlante Thursday.

mausoleum /mɔ:sə'li:əm/ *n* a tum ih a thupi zet mi thlan. ○ *martyrs' mausoleum.*

mauve /məʊv/ *adj, n* sen-eu pianhmag.

maverick /mævərɪk/ *n* **1** (US) cawte. **2** midang ruah dan vekih a ruat lomi, a peu mi: *Politically, she's a bit of a maverick.*

maw /mɔ:/ *n* (fml) ramsa ih pumpi (asilole) rawl rialnak cur: (fig) *swallowed up in the maw of battle.*

mawkish /mɔ:kɪʃ/ *adj* thinlung a zuur ol zetmi.

▷ **mawkishly** *adv.* **mawkishness** *n* [U].

max /mæks/ *abbr* maximum: *temperature 60°max.* Cf MIN 1.

maxim /mæksɪm/ *n* a dikih cohlanmi ʔongthim, thufim: eg 'Waste not, want not.'

maximize, -ise /mæksɪmaɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** tamter, a cang thei tawpin karhter: *We must maximize our profits.* **2** a ʔha thei tawp ih hman sak: *maximize one's opportunities.*

▷ **maximization, -isation** /mæksɪmaɪz'eɪʃn; US -mɪ'z-/ *n* [U]. Cf MINIMIZE.

maximum /mæksɪməm/ *n* (pl **maxima**) a tum, a tam, a khoh thei tawp: *This hall holds a maximum of seventy people.*

▷ **maximum** *adj* (attrib) a si thei tawp in.

maximal /mæksɪml/ *adj* mi pakhat ih a ti thei tawp: *She obtained maximal benefit from the course.*

May /meɪ/ *n* [U, C] kum khat sungih thla nganak.

□ **May Day** May thla ni khat; ʔhal lom puai a tuahtu ram an um ih hnaʔuan pawl ih Ni (Labour) tin a hmangtu ram tla an um. **May-beetle, May-bug** *ns* = COCKCHAFFER.

mayfly *n* caan tawite lawng a nungmi may thla keuh cucik, phelep.

maypole *n* May day puai ih an lamnak ceimawi mi ʔuam.

may¹ /meɪ/ *v* **1** on thei: *May I come in?*, luh in on aw: *You may come if you wish.* **2** a cang thei, a si thei: *That may or may not be true.* **3** (tumtahnak a khihhmuh): *I'll write today so that he may know when to expect us.* **4** (dated) (thusuhnak): *Well, who may you be?* ○ *How old may she be?* **5** (duhsaknak lang ternak): *May you both be very happy!*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 PERMISSION (can², could¹, may¹, might¹)** (a) British speakers normally use **can** to give or request permission: *You can come if you want to.* ○ *Can I come too?* **Could** is more polite but is only used in questions: *'Could I use your telephone?'* 'Yes, of course.' **May** is formal: *You may come if you wish.* However, US speakers often use **may** where British English has **can**: *May I sit down?* Both British and US speakers used **could** or **might** to suggest doubt, shyness, etc: *Might I suggest another time?* ○ *Could I arrange a meeting with the director?* (b) In indirect questions, **can** becomes **could** and **may** becomes **might**: *John asked if he could/might come too.* **2 POSSIBILITY (can², could¹, may¹, might¹)** (a) **Could** or **might** express more doubt or hesitation than **may**: *That may be our taxi now!* ○ *That could/might be our taxi (but I doubt it).* (b) In questions and negative sentences **can** replaces **may**. Compare: *It may be Bill's.* ○ *Can it be Bill's? It can't be Bill's.* (c) **Could have, may have or might have** are used to show the possibility of something

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- having happened in the past: *She could have forgotten to tell him.* ○ *He may have lost his way.*
 ○ *He might just possibly have lost his keys.* **3**
 PURPOSE (**may**¹, **would**¹) (**a**) **May** can be used after *so that, in order that*, to express present purpose: *I'll write so that he may know when to expect us.* (**b**) to indicate a purpose in the past, **might** or **would** are used: *I wrote so that he might/would know when to expect us.* ○ *He died so that others might/would live.* **4** ASKING FOR INFORMATION (**may**¹, **might**¹) (**a**) **May** (rather dated) and **might** are used to request information in an uncertain or a superior way: *Well, and who may/might you be?* (**b**) In indirect questions, only **might** is used: *Bill asked who she might be.*
- may**² /meɪ/ n [U] a sen le a rang ih a parmi hlingnei hramlak rose pangpar.
- maybe** /'meɪbi/ adv a si thei, a cang thei: *Maybe he'll come, maybe he won't.* ○ *'Is that true?' 'Maybe, I'm not sure.'*
 (ralrin ding: *maybe* le *may be*).
- mayday** (also **Mayday**) /'meɪdeɪ/ n (radio) vanzam le tangphawlawng harsatnak an ton tikah thu an thannak (leitlun huap) hminsing (singnal): [attrib] *a mayday call from airliner.* Cf sos.
- mayhem** /'meɪhem/ n [U] 1 siatsuahnak, buaithlaknak, hnok, hnai hnok thehnak: *There was absolute mayhem when the cow got into the village hall.* **2** (dated or US). taksa famkim lo ko ih tuahsiatnak, sualnak.
- mayonnaise** /'meɪə'neɪz/; US 'meɪəneɪz/ n [U] (**a**) hmech hring pawl bawlnakih hmanmi sawhbawli. (**b**) cu ti ih bawli hmech.
- mayor** /'meɪər/; US 'meɪər/ n khawpi pakhat uktu dingih hrilmi (khawbawli)
 ▷ **mayoral** /'meərəl/; 'merə-/ adj (attrib); *mayoral robes, duties.*
- mayorality** n khawbawli pakhat ih a ʔuan kum.
- mayorress** /'meɪəres/; US 'meɪəres/ n **1** (also **lady mayor**) nunau khawbawli. **2** mayor ih nupi (asilole) a hnaʔuan bawmtu.
- maze** /meɪz/ n (usu sing) **1** lamzin pawl hnok zet ih tuahmi, lam hlo lo in mai lamzin fehsoak thei dingih lehnak: *We got lost in a Hampton Court maze.* **2** a hnaihok zetmi thilri, thu: *finding one's way through the maze of rules and regulations.* **3** thinglung buai: *His mind was in a maze.*
- mazurka** /mæ'zɜ:kə/ n Poland mi pawl ih khuah li (asilole) khuah riat thatho zet ih lamnak (awnmawi).
- MB** /em'bi/ abbr *Bachelor of Medicine* ○ *Philip Ward MB, ChB.*
- MBA** /em bi: 'eɪ/ abbr *Master of Business Administration: Marion Strachan MBA.*
- MBE** /em bi: 'i:/ abbr (Brit) *Member of (the Order of) the British Empire: William Godfrey MBE.*
- MC** /em 'si:/ abbr **1** *master of ceremonies.* **2** (US) Member of Congress. **3** (Brit) *Military Cross: ralkap pawl ralthat man pekmi.*
- MCC** /em si: 'si:/ abbr (Brit) *Marylebone Cricket Club.*
- McCarthyism** /mækə'θɪzəm/ n [U] **1** (US *Senator J R McCarthy* hnu). Acozah (kumpi) hnaʔuan ihsin daw theinak dingah Communist a si ti ih sualpuhnak. **2** Cu vekih mi sualpuhnak le hnaʔuan dawinak (kalmang le daan thawn a kaih lo, hnam a nei ti vek pawl).
- MCP** /em si: 'pi:/ abbr (infml) *male chauvinist pig.* nunau hnakin mipa kan cuang deuh timi ruah nak neitu cu vok thawn a tah ʔim.
- MD** /em 'di:/ abbr **1** *Doctor of medicine (Latin Medicinae Doctor): W. Walker MD.* **2** (infml) *Managing Director.* **3** *mentally deficient = thluak le thinglung famkim lo.*
- MDT** /em di: 'ti:/ abbr (US) *mountain daylight time.*
- me**¹ /mi:/ simtu, ngantu in amah le mah a sim awknak: *Don't hit me.* ○ *Give it to me.* ○ *Hello, it's me.*
- me**² /mi:/ n (music) = MI.
- mead**¹ /mi:d/ n [U] khuai tizu le tidai thawn tuahmi zu.
- mead**² /mi:d/ n (arch) *meadows.*
- meadow** /'medəʊ/ n [C, U] tilva rawl hnahring hrampiʔha umnak hmun; tivakap cirhdup umnak hmun.
- meagre** (US **meager**) /'mi:gə(r)/ adj **1** a mal ih a ʔawntai fawnmi: *Our appeal for help met with a meagre response.* **2** ʔawl, tha neilo: *the meagre faces of the starving children.*
 ▷ **meagrely** adv. **meagreness** n [U].
- meal**¹ /mi:l/ n **1** rawl: *a meal of rice and fried potatoes.* **2** rawl ei: *breakfast, thawhhlam (thaithawh khal a si thei); lunch, suncaw (breakfast hnakin a pipa deuh); dinner, zanriah; supper, ih zik lam ih eimi.* **3** (idm) **make a meal of** (infml) thil pakhat a ʔulnak le a tawk hnakh zoh, zuam: *She always makes such a meal of it — I could do it in half the time.*
 □ **meals on wheels** n (pl) (Brit) nutar patar le damlo mingor pawl hnenah mawʔawka thawn rawl va peknak; a hlei ce in nubu pawl in an ʔuan theu.
- meal ticket** n **1** (US) rawl ei nak ding ticket. **2** (infml fig) cawmawknak sumlut hrampi suahpitu minung: *His rich wife is his meal ticket.*
- mealtime** n rawl ei caan.
- meal**² /mi:l/ n [U] (ʔongfang dang thawn komcih a si ʔheu): *oatmeal = sangvut thawn tuahmi sang.*
 ▷ **mealy** adj (-ier, -iest) **1** rawl vek a simi; rawl thawn pehpar aw in. **2** aalu suanhmin car terih phom dipmi.
- mealie** /'mi:li/ n (SAfrican) **1** *mealies* (pl) vainim. **2** [C] vainim paw.
- mealy-mouthed** /'mi:li'mauðd/ adj (derog) fiangten thu a sim duh lo mi: *Don't be so mealy-*

mouthed, say what you mean!

mean¹ /mi:n/ *v* (pt,pp **meant** /ment/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf] sim duh, ti duh, khiihmuh: *A dictionary tells you what words mean.* ○ *What do you mean?* **2** [Tn, Tf, Tg, Tsg] ti can: *Spending too much this year will mean a shortage of cash next year.* ○ *This new order will mean working overtime.* **3** (a) [Tn Tn-pr, Tf no passive, Tt, Cn-n/a, Cn.t, Dn-n, Dn.pr] thil pakhat khat tumtah: *I did not mean to hurt you.* ○ *What does she mean by cancelling her program?* ○ *He means what he says* = capoh thil a si lo: *Don't laugh! I mean it!* ○ *I wasn't serious.* ○ *I meant it as a joke.* **4** [Tn-pr esp passive, Cn-t] tum, ruatcia, khaukhih: *I was never meant for the army.* ○ *She was never meant to be a teacher.* **5** [Tn-pr no passive] mi pakhat hrangih thathnemnak, thupitnak: *Your friendship means a great deal to me.* \$ 50 means a lot to a poor person. ○ *You don't know how much you mean to me.* **6** (idm) **mean business** tumtah mi ah thungai thlak: *He means business: he really will shoot us if we try to escape.* **mean mischief** thil thalo, siatsuahnak tumtah: **mean well** tuah thei lo hmanah midang parih tumtahnak tha neih.

mean² /mi:n/ *adj* (-or, -est) **1** paisa thu ah tirhfak, siang lo: *She's too mean to make a donation.* **2** ziaza tha lo, nunsia: *It was mean of you to eat all the food.* ○ *Don't be so mean to your little brother!* ○ *I feel rather mean for not helping more.* **3** (esp US) fihnung le tihnung ziaza: *He looks like a mean character.* **4** zoh-cuanglo siavate: *Those are the mean little houses where the poorest people live.* **5** nauta (theihnak le thilti theinak thu ah): *This should be clear even to the meanest intelligence.* **6** (dated) phunhnam niam, mi nauta pawl: *the meanest citizen has the same rights as the richest in this country.* **7** (infml approv) thiam zet: *a mean golfer; a mean chess-player.* **8** (idm) **no mean** (approv) tha zet/ maksak zet ih tuah thei: *She's no mean player.* ○ *That was no mean achievement.*

▷ **meanie** (also **meany**) /mi:n/ *n* (joc) tirhfak mi: *Give me some more, you meanie!*, I pe bet hrih aw, nang terhfak pa.

meanly *adv.*

meanness *n* [U].

mean³ /mi:n/ *n* **1** laarkaimi thil pahnih lakih a laifang: *You must find a mean between frankness and rudeness.* **2** (mathematics) a buaktlak, a laifang: *The mean of 1 3, 5 and 27 is found by adding them together and dividing by 3.* **3** (idm) **the happy/golden mean** thu laitan, keh-vorh pial lo.

▷ **mean** *adj*: *the mean annual temperature.*

meander /mɪˈændə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] nuamten a luangih a kelkawi (mi tiva). **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) hmuitin nei lo vakkawi (mi minung): *meander along/around.* (fig) hmuitin um lo ih thurel ruri: *The discussion*

meandered for hours.

▷ **meanderingly** *adv.*

meanderings /mɪˈændrɪŋz/ *n* hmuitin neilo vakkawi vivo.

meaning /ˈmi:nɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U, C] a sullam, a ti duhsanmi: *It is a word with many distinct meanings.* **2** tumtah mi, a thupi mi: *My life seems to have lost all meaning.* ○ *a glance is full of meaning.*

▷ **meaning** *adj* sullam neimi: *a meaning look, gesture.*

meaningful /-fl/ *adj* sullam nei zet, tumtah nak nei mi, a thupi mi: *a meaningful relationship, discussion, look.*

meaningfully *adv.*

meaningless *adj* sullam neilomi, ruahnak nei lomi: *It's a meaningless talk.*

means¹ /mi:nz/ *n* [sing or pl *v*] **1** ti dan, tuah zia, cangvaihnak: *He used illegal means to get a passport.* ○ *This money wasn't earned by honest means.* ○ *All possible means have been tried.* **2** (idm) **by all means** (fml) a si, a si rori, a si pan teh, a ngah tuk. *'Can I see it? 'By all means.'* **by means of** thil pakhat thawn, ihsin, bomnakin. **by no means; not by any means** (fml) si hrimhrim hlah, si lamlam hlah: *She is by no means poor: in fact, she's quite rich.* **a means to an end** a rahsuak dingmi ruangah a thupi lo mi tuah: *He regarded his marriage merely as a means to an end: he just wanted his wife's wealth.*

means² /mi:nz/ *n* [pl] **1** paisa, lennak; neihsiah: *He is a man of means, milian pa a si.* *You must try to live within your means.* **2** (idm) **live beyond/within one's means** ⇨ LIVE.

□ **means test** hnatuan neilo pawl bomnak pek hlanah an neihmi zohfelnak.

meant *pt pp* of MEAN.

meantime /ˈmi:nɪtaɪm/ *adv*, *n* cui caan te ah/ sungah: *I continued working. Meantime, he went out shopping.*

▷ **meantime** *n* (idm) **in the meantime** caan sungah, caan lak kar ah: *The next program starts in five minutes: in the meantime, here's some music.*

meanwhile /ˈmi:nwaɪl/ *US -hwaɪl/adv* can pahnih karlak; cui caante ah: *She's due to arrive on Thursday. Meanwhile, what do we do?* ○ *I went to college. Meanwhile, all my friends got well-paid jobs.*

measles /ˈmi:zlz/ *n* [sing *v*] hmaihuh nat; a hleice in nauhak parah a suak duh ih an tak a sa, an taksa ah a sen bo te ten a seer theh.

measly /ˈmi:zli/ *adj* (infml dorog) ti tlak lo ih a te nau, a fatemi: *What a measly birthday present!* ○ *He gave us measly little portions of cake.*

measure¹ /ˈmeɪzə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] tah (a tum-a tet, a tam - a mal, a sau - a tawi): *The tailor measured me for a suit.* (b) [Tn] (fig) a zat, a man, a ziaza tah-relnak: *It's hard to measure*

his ability when we haven't seen his work. **2** [In/pr] thil pakhat ih a tawi - a sau, a tum - a tet, a tam - a mal: *The room measures 10 feet across.* **3** [Tn] ralringten thu ruat: *He's a man who measures his words.* ○ *She failed to measure the effect of her actions on her family.* **4** [Tn-pr] midang thawn tahñhim; zuam awk: *You have to measure your determination with that of other people.* **5** (idm) **measure one's length** (joc) zapathal ih ril. **measure one's strength** a dang pakhat thawn zuam aw. **6** (phr v) **measure sth off** thil pakhat a saulam tah ih hmainsinnak rin: *She measured off two metres of cloth.* **measure sth out** tah cia, siar ciami thil pek: *She measured out a dose of medicine.* **measure up (to)** beiseimi, duhsakmi thlen: *The discussions didn't measure up (to my expectations).*

▷ **measurable** /mezərəbl/ *adj* **1** tah theih, siar theih. **2** a lang cuangmi, thupimi. *There's been a measurable improvement in his work.*

measurably *adv.*

measured *adj* **1** ralring le ruat ciamciam in (tong): *measured words.* **2** kekar nuamnai le dik zetin: *He walked with a measured steps.*

measureless *adj* tah theih lo, siar cawk lo.

measurement *n* **1** [U] tah nak: *the metric system of measurement.* **2** [C] a kauh, a sau ti vek pawl tahsuakmi: *The measurements of the room are 20 feet by 15 feet.* ○ *What is your waist measurement?*

measure² /mezə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U, C] thil tah nak (b) thil tahnakh hmanmi. **2** [C] zapi hmanmi thil tahnak: *a measure of rice*, fangfai relkhat: *a measure of whisky*, whisky zu haitan. **3** [C] tahfung, tlangrel tivek pawl. **4** (sing) theihtheinak, hmuhfiangnak: *Words cannot always give the measure of one's feelings.* ○ *His resignation is a measure of how angry his is.* **5** [sing] tawk fang, hrek khat: *She achieved a measure of success with her first book.* **6** [C usu pl] tumtah mi pakhat tuahsuaknak dingih suahmi; daan, upadi: *The government has suggested measures to reduce crime.* ○ *The authorities took measures to prevent tax fraud.* **7** [U] (dated) music hla awnmawi ih a vuak; a fung leh a rang. **8** (idm) **beyond measure** (fml) tah theih lo ih a nasa mi: *Her joy was beyond measure.* **for good measure** a hlei ih betmi: *The pianist give a long and varied recital, with a couple of encores for good measure.* **get/take the measure of** mi pakhat ih ziaza/thil titheinak theifiang: *It took the tennis champion a few games to get the measure of his opponent.* **give short measure** mal deuh ih pek: *I'm sure the shopkeeper gave me short measure when she weighed out the potatoes.* **give full measure** kimten pek. **half measure** a hlawhsam mi khawkhannak: *This job must be done properly. I want no half measures.* **in great measure** (also

large, some, no small) (fml) nasa zet in: *His failure is in great measure due to lack of confidence.* ○ *Her success is in no small measure the result of luck.*

meat /mit/ *n* **1** [U, C] sa; keli nei pawl ih sa: *fresh meat, cooked meats, frozen meat.* (joc) *a skinny boy without much meat on him*: tisa a nei lo, mi ðawlte. **2** [U] a thupitnak zawn: *This chapter contains the meat of the writer's argument.* **3** [U] (arch) rawl: *meat and drink.* **4** (idm) **meat and drink** nunnomnak a san, nunhnawhsanmi: *Scandal and gossip are meat and drink to the villagers.*

▷ **meaty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) sa vek: *a meaty taste.*

(b) sa thawn a khatmi: *a meaty pork chop.* **2** (fig) a thupi, a langsarimi: *a meaty book, discussion.*

□ **meatball** *n* sa sah dip hlommi.

Mecca /'mekə/ *n* **1** Saudi Arabia ram ih Muhammad suahnak, Islam biaknak ih khawpi thianghlim. **2** (also **mecca**) minung tampi leen duh, tlawn duhnak hmun: *Niagara falls, the mecca of tourists in Canada.*

mechanic /mɪkænik/ *n* thil rem le sersiam a thiammi: *a car mechanic.*

mechanical /mɪ'kænikl/ *adj* **1** khawl hnañuan nak thawn pehpar aw in: *I have little mechanical knowledge.* ○ *mechanical power, mechanical engineering, etc.* **2** (a) ruahnak nei lo, khawl vekih cangvaimi: *She was quite mechanical and unthinking in the way she ironed the shirts.* (b) khawl vekih cangvaihnak, (automatic): *a mechanical movement, gesture, response, etc.*

▷ **mechanically** /-kli/ *adv.*

mechanics /mɪ'kæniks/ *n* **1** cangvaihnak le hmualcahnak thu zirnak: *a course in mechanics.*

2 the mechanics khawl pakhat ih thuamhnaw pawl: *The mechanics of the pump are very old.*

(b) (fig) thil pakhat tuahsuak zia, a ti dan: *The mechanics of staging a play are very complicated.*

mechanism /'mekənɪzəm/ *n* **1** khawl pakhat sungih a cangvaimi pawl: *The firing mechanism of a rifle.* **2** ruangpum asilole tidan pakhat ih ðen pawl: *the mechanism of the body.* **3** thil tuahsuaknak dingih a tuahzia, a ti dan: *There are no mechanisms for transferring funds from one department to another.*

mechanistic /'mekə'nɪstɪk/ *adj* **1** khawl lam zirnak thawn pehpar aw in. **2 the mechanistic theory** thil hmuahhmuah hi (Physical) le (Chemical) cangvaihnak ruangih um le thleng-aw an si ðeh timi ruahnak (theory).

mechanize, -ise /'mekənɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] minung thazaang hmang nawn lo in khawl tha hmangih ðuan: *We are mechanizing rapidly.*

▷ **mechanization, -isation** /'mekənɪz/ *n* [U].

MEd /em 'ed/ *abbr* Master of Education.

medal /'medl/ *n* caan thupi hmin sinnak, sunlawih upatnak le lawmman laksawng hrangih tuahmi sui, ngun, thir, dar perte: *The goverment awards*

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medallion

them medals for long service.

▷ **medallist** (US **medalist**) /ˈmedəlɪst/ *cuvek pawl a ngahtu: an Olympic gold medallist.*

medallion /mɪˈdæliən/ *n* (a) medal tumpi. (b) thil a tia awmi; a pian a bang awmi: *medallions of veal.*

meddle /ˈmedl/ *n* (a) mah thawn a pehpar lo mi ah thu thlak: *Don't meddle in my affairs.* (a) mai tuah ding mawi lo (asilole) thiam lo mi tuah le tawrel: *Don't meddle with the electrical wiring: you're not an electrician.*

▷ **meddler** *n.*

meddlesome *adj* (fml) mi ih thu thlak paih zet. Mah thawn pehpar lo mi, thiam lo mi tuah paih zet.

media /ˈmi:diə/ *n* **the media** [pl] mipi thu theihternak: thuthang ca, radio, TV: *The media are to blame for starting the rumours.*

mediaeval ⇒ **MEDIAEVAL.**

medial /ˈmi:diəl/ *adj* (fml) **1** a laifang ih a ummi: *occupy a medial position.* **2** tum le tet ih karlak: zaran.

▷ **medially** /-iəl/ *adv.*

median /ˈmi:diən/ *adj* (*mathematics*) a laifang um, rin: *a median point, line, value.*

▷ **median** *n* a lai um le rin (asilole) a buak tlak ih ngahmi.

mediate /ˈmi:diət/ *v* [I, pr] thu a rual lo mi le a rem aw lo mi pawl karlakah remnak tuah: *mediate between two countries which are at war.*

▷ **mediation** /ˈmi:di'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] *All offers of mediation by a third party were rejected.*

mediator *n* remnak tuahtu minung/pawlkom.

mediatory *adj.*

medic /ˈmedɪk/ *n* (*infml*) sibawi, sibawi zirlai.

medical /ˈmedɪkl/ *adj* **1** si lamih thiamnak, nat damternak: *a medical student* ○ *medical treatment* ○ *a medical examination*, sibawi ih nat zohfelnak; *a medical practitioner*, sibawi; *a medical certificate*, dam le dam lo caken. **2** taksa rai le at tel lo in si ih tuamhlawm awknak: *The hospital has a medical ward and a surgical ward.*

▷ **medical** *n* (*infml*) nat le dam zohfelnak/hnaʔuan thupi pakhat luh hlanih tuahmi: *One had to have a medical before he joined the army.*

medically /-kli/ *adv* *medically sound.*

medicament /məˈdɪkəmənt/ *n* (fml) nat damnak ah minung taksa sung, par ih hmanmi.

Medicare /ˈmedɪkeə(r)/ *n* [U] US kumpi in a hleice in nutar patar pawl sii thawn tuamhlawanak a ʔuanmi.

medicated /ˈmedɪkeɪtɪd/ *adj* sii a telmi: *medicated shampoo, soap, gauze, etc.*

▷ **medication** /ˈmedɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] sii pek: *need, prescribe, administer medication.* **2** [C] sii: *What is the best medication for this condition?*

medicinal /məˈdɪsɪnl/ *adj* damternak ih hmanmi thiliri neih: *medicinal herbs* ○ *use for a medicinal purposes.*

medicine /ˈmedɪsn; US ˈmedɪsn/ *n* **1** [U] sii: *Don't take too much medicine.* **2** [U] sii le rawl in nat khamnak le damternak (thu zirnak): *She studies medicine in the University.* **3** (idm) **some, a little, a taste, of one's own medicine** midang parih tuahsiat vekin: *The boys wanted to give him a dose of his own medicine.* **take one's medicine (like a man)** (*esp joc*) pontam lo ten mah le mah hremaw, tuar: *He really hates shopping but he goes anyway, and takes his medicine like a man.*

▷ **medicine chest** si le sithuamhnaw retnak kuangpi.

medicine-man *n* = WITCH-DOCTOR (WITCH).

medico /ˈmedɪkəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (*infml*) sibawi/sibawi zirlai.

medieval (also **mediaeval**) /ˈmedɪˈvi:l; US ˈmi:d-, also miˈdi:vl/ *adj* a lai san (*Middle Ages*) thawn pehpar in; AD 1100-1400 karlak a si bik: *medieval history medieval literature.* *The conditions were positively medieval*, khuahlan um dan an si ko.

mediocre /ˈmi:diˈəʊkə(r), also ˌmed-/ *adj* a ʔha tuklo, zaran: *His films are mediocre* ○ *a mediocre actor, meal, etc.*

meditate /ˈmedɪteɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] thukpi ih ruat, a hleice in thlarau lam thu ah: *meditate on the sufferings of Christ.* **2** [Tn, Tg] (fml) thinlung in ruat, tumtah: *She is meditating leaving home.* ○ *meditate revenge.*

▷ **meditation** /ˈmedɪˈteɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thukpi ih ruahmi, a hleice in thlarau lam thu ah: *Meditation is practiced by most religions.* **2** [C usu pl] thu thukpi ruahih ngansuahmi: *Meditations of Augustine.*

meditative /ˈmedɪtətɪv; US -teɪt-/ *adj* thuruat zet ih um: *He is in a meditative mood* ○ *You are very meditative today.*

Mediterranean /ˌmedɪtəˈreɪniən/ *adj* (attrib) M. tiffinriat thawn pehpar aw mi, a ri aw mi, vek a si mi: *a Mediterranean climate.*

medium /ˈmi:diəm/ *n* (pl ~s or **media** /ˈmi:diə/) **1** (pl **media**) thil pakhat sim suahnak ih hmanmi: *Commercial television is an effective medium for advertising.* ○ *She chose the medium of print* (eg published a book) *to make her ideas known.* ○ *The artist chose the medium of oil* (ie used oil paints) *for the portrait.* ○ *In England English is the medium of instruction*, ie all subjects are tarught in English. **2** (pl **mediums**) a luarkai mi thil pahnih karlak (keh le vorh a si lomi): *find the medium between severity and leniency.* **3** (pl **media**) thil pawl umnak, cangvaihnak, thleng awknak hmun le boruak: *bacteria growing in a sugar medium* ○ *Sound travels through the medium of air.* **4** (pl **mediums**) mithi thlarau thawn bia-aw thei a ti aw mi. ⇒ Usage at DATA. **5** (idm) **a/the happy medium** ⇒ HAPPY.

▷ **medium** *adj* (usu attrib) a laifang, a tawkwawn: *a man of medium height* ○ *clothes to be washed*

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- at medium temperature.
- **medium wave** (abbr **MW**) (radio) metre 100-1000 a ummi radio (wave): a medium-wave station, broadcast, etc.
- medlar** /medlə(r)/ *n* apple vek hramlak thingrah eīṭha.
- medley** /medli/ *n* **1** mi dangdang ih phuahmi rawikhawm mi hla (awnmawi). **2** minung/thilri rawikhawm mi: *the medley of races in Hawaii*.
- meek** /mi:k/ *adj* (-er, -est) tangdor, thungai, mi upat thiam: *She's as meek as a lamb*.
▷ **meekly** *adv* *He meekly did everything he was told to*. **meekness** *n* [U].
- meerschau** /mɪəʃəm/ *n* sentlung ih kuaklu tuahmi kuak fawhna.
- meerschau pipe**.
- meet**¹ /mit/ *v* (**met** /met/) **1** (a) [I, Ip, Tn] tong, tong-aw: *Goodbye till we meet again*. (b) [I] thurel dingih tong-aw khawm: *The Cabinet meets regularly*. (c) [Tn, no passive] (fig) thilsia tong, tonlo tong: *meet disaster, meet one's death*, etc. ○ *meet a problem, difficulty*, etc. **2** [I, Tn no passive] theih thiamnak tuah, hmel theihter: *Hello Robert, meet my wife Susan*. ○ *I know Mrs Hill by sight, but we've never met*. **3** [Tn] hmun pakhat ah va feh ih tong: *Will you meet me at the station?* **4** [I, Tn no passive] zuam awknakih tong aw: *The champion and the challenger meet next week*. **5** [I, Tn] tham, dai-aw: *His hands met hers* ○ *Their hands met*. **6** [Tn] tuah sak, lungkimter: *Can we meet all their requests?* **7** [Tn] paisa liam, pe: *The cost will be met by the company*. **8** (idm) **meet the case** famkim, lungkimza: *This proposal of yours hardly meets the case*. **meet the eye/meet the ear**. ○ *All sorts of strange sounds met the ear*, theih dah lo mi awn cokrawi pawl a thei. **meet half-way** eg *If you can drop your price a little, I'll meet you halfway*. **meet one's Maker** (esp *joc*) thi: *Poor Fred, he's gone to meet his Maker*. **met one's Waterloo** zuam awknak ah a sung. **9** (phr *v*) **meet up** rinlo ih ton: *We met up at the street corner*. **meet with sb** (US) (minung) thu ruat tlang dingih ton: *The President met with cabinet members at breakfast*. **meet with sth** vansiat, vanṭhat, harnak ton: *She met with, misfortune, hostility, kindness*.
- meet**² /mit/ *n* **1** (esp *Brit*) ram tawi dingah minung le uico pawl tong awkhawm. **2** (esp *US*) a lekmi tampi tonawknak zuam awknak hmun: *an athletics meet*.
- meet**³ /mit/ *adj* (*arch*) a kaih, a tawk.
- meeting** /mi:tiŋ/ *n* **1** thurel tlang dingih tongkhawm (miṭing): *We've had three meetings, and still we haven't reached agreement*. **2** (a) thu pakhat tumtahnak thawn a tong awkhawm mi: *a prayer meeting* ○ *a political meeting*, etc. (b) cu ti ih a tong awkhawm mi minung pawl: *Miss Smith will address the meeting*. **4** (idm) a
- meeting of minds** ton-awk veten thinlung theihthiam awknak.
- **meeting-house** *n* tonkhawmna inn, a hleice in *Quakers* pawl ih hmanmi biakinn.
- meeting-place** *n* tonkhawmna hrangih timtuah mi hmun.
- mega** -comb form **1** million: *megabyte* ○ *megacycle*
○ *megawatt* sekan pakhat ah vei 1, 000, 000 a feh theimi electric tha, megawatt electric tha million pakhat; *megaton*. **2** a tum zetmi, a nasa zetmi; *megaphone, megastar*, hminthang zet lem cawnthiam.
- megadeath** /megədeθ/ *n* nuclear ral ih minung 1,000,000 thihna.
- megahertz** /megəhɜ:ts/ *n* (also **megacycle** /megəsakl/) *n* (abbr **MHz**).
- megalith** /megəliθ/ *n* lungto tumpi; a hleice in hlanlai san ih khan phunmi, lungdawl.
▷ **megalithic** /megəliθik/ *adj* **1** lungto tumpi ih tuahmi: *a megalithic monument, a megalithic tomb*. **2** cuvek pawl thawn san le thuanthu hmainsinnak: *a megalithic era*.
- megalomania** /megələ'meɪniə/ *n* [U] mah le mah porhawk duhtuknak ruangih a suakmi thinlung atnak, nat phun khat: *The dictator was obviously suffering from megalomania*.
▷ **megalomaniac** /-niæk/ *n* (*medical or fig*) cuvek nat a neitu.
- megaphone** /megəfəʊn/ *n* hlatpi ih aw thang ko ih ṭong suahna (horn) awring.
- megaton** /megətɒn/ *n* ṭon million pakhat hmual a neimi a puakkuai thei mi thil: *a one-megaton bomb*.
- meiosis** /maɪəʊsɪs/ *n* (*pl meïoses* /maɪəʊsɪz/) **1** [C] (*biology*) cell pahnih ih ṭhennak. **2** phirsit ṭongkam.
- melancholy** /meləŋkəli/ *n* [U] riah siatnak le thinnaunak.
▷ **melancholy** *adj* (a) riahsia tuk, thinnau tuk: *a melancholy mood*. (b) riahsiatnak suahter: *A funeral is a melancholy occasion*.
- melancholia** /meləŋ'kəʊliə/ *n* [U] (*medical*) riahsiatnak ihsin a suakmi thinlung natnak.
- melancholic** /meləŋ'kəʊliək/ *adj* *have a melancholic nature*.
- melange** /meɪlɑ:ŋz; US meɪ'lɑ:ŋz/ *n* (*French*) a rawicok ṭhehmi.
- melanin** /meləniŋ/ *n* (*biology*) minung le ramsa vun le hmul/sam par ih a suakmi a dum pianhmang.
- melee** /meleɪ; US meɪ'leɪ/ *n* (*French*) mipi buai celcel, mibur: *There was a scuffle and I lost my hat in the melee*.
- mellifluous** /me'lɪflʊəs/ *adj* ngai a nuammi, awnmawi vek aw: *She speaks in a mellifluous tones*.
▷ **mellifluent** *adj* **mellifluence** *n* [U] **mellifluously**, **mellifluently** *advs*.
- mellow** /meləʊ/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) a cu ngahmi

melodrama

rim le thawtnak: *It's a mellow fruit, a mellow wine.* (b) pianhmang le awn ah a nem, athiang, a famkim: *the mellow colours of the dawn sky.* ○ *the mellow tones of the violin.* 2 fimkhur ih thang vivo: *a mellow attitude to life.* 3 (colloq) zu malte ri ih lungawi le nuam aw: *I'd had two glasses of wine and I was feeling mellow.*

▷ **mellow** *v* [I, Tn] thin a nuam, a nemter.

mellowly *adv* **mellowness** *n* [U].

melodrama /meləˈdɹɑ:mə/ *n* 1 [U, C] mi thinlung a zurter thei ih nuam zet ih cemter mi lemcaun: *I love Victorian melodrama(s).* 2 cuvek pian a kengmi ziaza, tong, le thilcang: *We really don't need all this ridiculous melodrama!*

▷ **melodramatic** /,meləˈdɹəˈmætɪk/ *adj*: a melodramatic outburst of temper.

melodramatically *adv*.

melody /meləˈdi/ *n* 1 [C] tongfang pawl hla-aw ih bun; hla/aw thluk: *I love an old Irish melodies.* 2 [C] Awnmawi/hla pakhat a thupit biknak: *The melody is next taken up by the flutes.* 3 [U] ngainuam le thatho dingih hla-aw tuah mi: *There's not much melody in this piece, is there?*

▷ **melodic** /mɪˈlədɪk/ *adj*. **melodious** *adj*.

melodiously *adv*. **melodiousness** *n* [U].

melon /melən/ *n* (a) [C] leilung ah hri nei ih a rahmi, tii a neimi rah tumpi. (b) rawl ih hmanmi cui rah: *Would you like some melon?*

melt /melt/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] a satnak ruangah a tiiter: *The ice is melted when the sun shone on it.* ○ *It is easy to melt butter.* 2 (a) [I] (fig) rawl nemter; tiiter: *This cake melts in the mouth!* (b) [I, Tn] a khalmi a tii: *The hot coffee melts the sugar.* 3 [I, Ipr, Tn] (fig) thinlung nemter: *The child's smile melted mother's anger.* ○ *His heart melted with pity.* 4 (idm) **be in/go into the melting-pot** thleng awknak nasa zet in a um: *All our previous ideas are now in the melting-pot: our jobs are bound to change radically.* **butter wouldn't melt in sb's mouth** ⇨ BUTTER. 5 (phr v) **melt away** thil pakhat hlo thehter: *The sun has melted the snow away.* ○ (fig) *The crowd melted away when the storm broke.* ○ *All his support melted away when he really needed it.* **melt down** thildang pakhat ih tuah dingah thil pakhat tiiter: *Many of the gold ornaments were melted down to be made into coins.* **melt into** (a) nuam teten thleng aw: *One colour melted into another, eg in the sky at sunset.* (b) nuamten thil pakhat sungah a hlo (a pil): *The ship melted into the darkness.*

▷ **melting** *adj* [usu attrib] (fig) zangfah duhdawtnak thinlung a suahter: *a melting voice, mood.*

□ **meltdown** *n* sa tuk ko ih meitha pekmi nuclear reactor sungih laimuril a titnak.

melting-point *n* thil pakhat tiiter thei tiang a satnak: *lead has a lower melting-point than iron.*

meltion-pot *n* mipun zarawi umkhawm nak hmun: *New York is a vast meltion-pot of different*

nationalities.

member /ˈmembə(r)/ *n* 1 sungtel: *Church member, club member.* ○ *active member, founding member, life member,* ○ *Every member of her family came to the wedding.* 2 ruang zingmi ih then hnge pawl: *a steel supporting member,* ○ *a cross-member.* 3 (fml) (a) minung/ramsa ih taksa then: *lose a vital member, such as an arm.* (b) (euph) mipa zahmawh. 4 **member (MP)** *member of Parliament.*

▷ **membership** *n* 1 [U] sungtel sinak, cannak: *apply for membership of the association.* 2 [Gp] sungtel pawl (ziang zat): *The membership numbers 800.* ○ *It's a club with a large membership.*

membrane /ˈmembreɪn/ *n* [C, U] ramsa/hangrah sungih a duandar paatee.

▷ **membranous** /ˈmembɹənəs/ *adj*.

memento /mɪˈmentəʊ/ *n* hngilhlonak hrangih pekmi, leimi thil thate ih ret mi: *a little gift as a memento of a visit.*

memo /ˈmeməʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) (infml) memorandum: *an inter-office memo* ○ (attrib) *a memo pad.*

memoir /ˈmemwɑ:(r)/ *n* 1 [C] hmuh tonmi le thil cangmi thupi pawl ngankhummi: *She wrote a memoir of her stay in France.* 2 **memoirs** [pl] mi pakhat ih nunnak le hmuh tonmi pawl nganmi ca: *The memoirs of a retired politician.*

memorable /ˈmemərəbl/ *adj* ciin tlak, hngilh thei lo: *a memorable trip.*

▷ **memorably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*.

memorandum /ˈmemərəndəm/ *n* (pl -da or ~ s) 1 (a) hngilhlonak hrangih nganmi catawi: *Write a memorandum about something.* (b) hnaʔuannak hrangih thu theihternak: *circulate a memorandum to all sales men.* 2 (law) lungkimnak ngan suah zo mi a sinan nemhngat ih hmin khien hrih lo mi.

memorial /məˈmɔ:riəl/ *n* minung/thilcang pakhat hngilhlonak ih tuahmi puai, lungphun tivek pawl: *This statue is a memorial to a great statesman.* ○ *The church service was a memorial to the disaster victims.* (attrib) *a memorial service.*

□ **Memorial Day** ral ih a thimi ralkap pawl hngilhlonak ih US ram ih hmanmi zungpihni (May thla cem hrawngah a si theu).

memorize, -ise /ˈmeməraɪz/ *v* [Tn] ciing, zoh lo ih ngah: *She can memorize facts very quickly.*

memory /ˈmeməri/ *n* 1 (a) [U] cinken theinak thinlung (thluak). (b) mi pakhat ih thil cinken theinak: *He has a good memory (poor memory).* ○ *I'm afraid the fact slipped my memory.* (ka hngilh). 2 [U] mi pakhat ih thil a ciin thei sung caan, a vun ruahsuak theinak: *This hasn't happend before within memory.* 3 [C] Vun cinken mi thil, thilcang: *happy memories of childhood.* 4 [C] mi pakhat a thih hnuih hngilhlonak: *His memory will always remain with us.* amah cu

- kan hngilh dah lo ding. **5** [C] (*computing*) kompeuta sungih thu retthupnak. **6** (idm) **have a memory/mind like a sieve** ⇨ SIEVE. **if memory serves** dik zet ih ka cinken ahcun. **in memory of/to the memory of** hngilhlonak, sunlawihnak ih tuahmi: *He founded the charity in memory of his late wife.* **jog sb's memory** ⇨ JOG. **refresh one's/sb's memory** ⇨ REFRESH. **to the best of my memory** ⇨ BEST³. **within/in living memory** ⇨ LIVING¹.
- memsahib** /mɛmsa:b/ *n* (India ram ah mirang nunau kawhnak ih an rak hmanmi) madam, lady.
- men** *pl* of MAN.
- menace** /mɛnəs/ *n* **1** [U] hrinhronak: *in a speech filled with menace.* **2** [sing] hringhrotu: *These weapons are menace to world peace.* (b) a buai thlakmi/ñihnungza thil/minung: *That woman is a menace! Keep her away from this machine!* ○ *That low beam is a menace! I keep hitting my head on it.*
▷ **menace** *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] hringhro, ðihter: *Your vicious dog is menacing my cat!* **menacingly** *adv.*
- menage** /meina:ʒ/ *n* (*fml*) innsungsang.
□ **menage a trois** /meina:ʒ a: 'trwa:/ (*French*) pasal, nupi le cui pakhat khat ih duhdawtmi a telmi innsang.
- menagerie** /mɛ'nædʒəri/ *n* lehpi ding/hmuh dingih khual tlawnpa mi ramsa pawl khawl khawmmi.
- mend** /mɛnd/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] rem, belh: *mend shoes, a broken toy.* (b) [Tn] ðater: *Mend your manners!* ○ *That won't mend matters.* **2** [I] dam, damsai: *The injury is mending slowly.* **3** (idm) **it's never too late to mend** (*saying*) ziaza rem ða dingah a tlai tuk ti a um lo. **mend one's ways** nunzia remðat: *There's no sign of him mending his ways.*
▷ **mend** *n* **1** a tet, a tlek ðhitmi, belhmi: *The mends were almost invisible.* **2** (idm) **on the mend** (*infml*) natnak ihsin dam: *She's been very unwell, but she's on the mend now.*
- mender** *n* (*usu* in compounds) thil remtu: *a road-mender, a watch-mender.*
- mending** *n* [U] **1** thil rem hnañuan (a hlei ce in puan belh, a tlek-ðhit): *do the mending.* **2** belh ding ðit ding hnipuan.
- mendacious** /mɛn'dɛʃəs/ *adj* (*fml*) thuphan per, buum, dik lo.
▷ **mendaciously** *adv.*
- mendacity** /mɛn'dɛsəti/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] thu diklo. **2** [C] dik lo ih phuansuahmi thusuak.
- Mendelian** /mɛn'dri:lɪən/ *adj* Czechoslovakia mifim biologist Mendel (1822-1884) ih suahkeh dan thawn pehpar ih khawruah zia.
- mendicant** /mɛndɪkənt/ *n, adj* (*fml*) thil (kut dawh) dil ih a nung mi, cu tivek milai.
- menfolk** /mɛnfəʊk/ *n* [pl] (*infml*) mipa pawl (a hleice in innsang ih mipa um pawl): *The menfolk have all gone out fishing.* Cf WOMENFOLK.
- menial** /mi:niəl/ *adj* (*usu derog*) hnen-um pawl ih ðuan ding a si mi; hnañuan niam/nauta: *a menial chores like dusting and washing up.*
▷ **menial** *n* (*fml usu derog*) hnen-um.
- meningitis** /mɛnɪn'dʒaɪtɪs/ *n* [U] thluak le zaang thlik tuamtu duandar thling nat.
- meniscus** /mɛ'nɪskəs/ *n* (*pl* -ci /-'nɪsaɪ/ or -suses /-kəsəz/) (*physics*) thlalang dawngtluan sungih tidai a kelnak zawn.
- menopause** /mɛnə'pəʊz/ *n* **the menopause** [sing] nunau ih thlatin daan neta bik a reh caan (kum 50 hrawng): *reach the menopause.*
▷ **menopausal** /mɛnə'pəʊzəl/ *adj* (a) thlatin daan nei (b) thlatin daan thawn pehpar aw in.
- menses** /'mensɪz/ *n* **the menses** [pl] (*fml or medical*) nunau ih thlatin dan neihmi thi.
- menstruate** /mɛnstrʊeɪt/ *v* [I] thlatin dan thi a suak.
▷ **menstrual** /mɛnstrʊəl/ *adj* thlatin dan nei thawn pehpar aw in: *Menstrual pain.*
- menstruation** /mɛnstrʊeɪʃn/ *n* [U] thlatin daan nei zia, nei caan.
- mensuration** /mɛnsjʊ'reɪʃn/ *n* (*dated or fml*) (a) a sau, a kauh, a tum tah-nakih hmanmi kanan tuat dan. (b) thil tah daan.
- ment** *suff* (with *vs* forming *ns*) a rahsuakmi, a hung si zia: *development* ○ *government.*
▷ **-mental** (*forming adjs*) **-mentally** (*forming advs*).
- mental** /mɛntəl/ *adj* **1** thinlung thawn a pehpar mi, pehpar aw-in: *mental patient*, thinlung dam lo mina. *mental illness*, thinlung damlonak, *mental ability*, khurkhawruah theinak. **2** (*infml derog*) molh; aa: *You must be mental to drive so fast!*
▷ **mentally** /'mentəli/ *adv* thinlung sung, thinlung thawn pehpar in: *mentally active, mentally defective.*
□ **mental age** mi pakhat ih khurkhawruah theinak kum-teek: *She is sixteen years old but has a mental age of five.*
- mental arithmetic** thinlung tuatmi kanan.
- mental home, mental hospital** thinlung damlo pawl retnak inn, sizung.
- mental patient** thinlung dam lo mina.
- mentality** /mɛn'tæləti/ *n* **1** [C] lungput, khurkhawruah zia: *He has many year's experience of the criminal mentality.* **2** [U] (*fml*) thluak fimnak: *An idiot has a very low mentality.*
- menthol** /mɛnθəl/ *n* [U] hnar ih hnimmi rimhmui le kuak, muñhai, hasii le hmawmmi dang pawl rimhmui tertu le nat sawng hrangih rawimi hmakpheh hmui hriak ihsin suahmi thil: [attrib] *menthol cigarettes.*
▷ **mentholated** /'mɛnθəleɪtɪd/ *adj* cu vekih rawimi.
- mention** /mɛnʃn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Tg, Cn-n/a, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] tawiten mi pakhat thu sim

cih; simmi sungah telh: *Did she mention it (to the police)?* ○ *Did I hear my name mentioned?* ie Was somebody talking about me? ○ *He mentioned (to John) that he had seen you.* ○ *Did she mention when she would arrive?* ○ *Whenever I mention playing football, he says he's too busy.* ○ *The mentioned you as a good source of information.* **2** (idm) **don't mention it** mi pakhat in ka lungawi a ti tikah lehrulnak ih hmanmi. "sim a tlak lo ee, lungawi tlak a si lo" tivek a si: 'You are so kind!' 'Don't mention it.'. **mentioned in dispatches** raldonak ah ral that ruangih hmin tarlangmi. **not to mention** (infml) cumi sim hrih lo in: *He has a big house and an expensive car, not to mention a villa in France.* ▷ **mention** *n* **1** [U] simmi, nganmi sungah telh; sim: *He made no mention of your request.* **2** (C) (infml) telh-nak, tawite ih nganmi: *Did the concert get a mention in the paper?*

-mentioned (forming compound adjs) hmunkhat ah fiangten telchihmi: *above-mentioned, below-mentioned*, a tlunih ngan zomi; a tangih simmi.

mentor /mentɔ:(r)/ *n* hmuh tonnak a nei hrihlo mi hrangih thuronmi rintlak mifim.

menu /menju:/ *n* **1** rawl dawr/rawl ei nakih ngah theimi hmeh cazin: *What's on the menu tonight?* ○ *May I see the menu, please!* **2** (computing) kompeuṭa sungih khummi cazin.

MEP /em i: 'pi:/ *abbr* Member of European Parliament.

mephistophelean /mefistə'fi:lɪən/ *adj* (fml) **1** *Mephistopheles* timi German titii thuanthu ih khawsia vek. **2** khawsia vek; thil thalo; hrokhrawl: *a mephistophelean trick, plan, cunning.*

mercantile /mɜ:kəntaɪl/; *US* -ti:l, -tɪl/ *adj* pursum leilawnnak thawn peh aw in; sumtuah minei pawl thawn pehpar aw in.

□ **mercantile marine.**

Mercator's projection /mɜ:kɪtəz prə'dʒɛkʃn/ leilungpi ramzuk suai dan phunkhat.

mercenary /mɜ:sɪnəri/; *US* -nerɪ/ *adj* paisa hawl lawng ruat; paisa hrang lawngih hnaṭuan duhnak lungput: *a mercenary act, politician.*

▷ **mercenary** *n* ramdang hrangih raldo dingah sanmi ralkap.

mercerize, -ise /mɜ:səraɪz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] pupat vekin sen ko le țang ko ih buhmi pat: *mercerized cotton.*

mercer *n* pat le puanthan ih sumtuahmi.

merchandise /mɜ:tʃəndaɪz/ *n* [U] lei le zuarmi thil pawl; zuarmi pawl: *the merchandise on display in the shop window.*

▷ **merchandise** *v* [Tn] lei le zuar; thil zuarnak tha deuh ih tawlrel: *We merchandise our furniture by advertising in newspapers.*

merchandising *n* [U].

merchant /mɜ:tʃənt/ *n* **1** (a) thil a burpi ih lei le zuartu; a hleice in ramdang thawn pursum

leilawn tuahtu: *an import-export merchant.* (b) (in compounds) thil pakhat khat ih sumtuahntu: *a coal-merchant* ○ *a wine-merchant* ○ *a silk-merchant.* **2** (derog sl) hnaṭuan pakhatkhat ah zuam zet le taimak thei zettu: *a speed merchant*, ie sb who likes to drive (too) fast.

□ **merchant bank** pursum leilawnnak tumpipi le cetzung pawl paisa cawih hna a țuantu tangkazung.

merchant marine, merchant navy pursum leilawnnak tangphawlawng pawl le hnaṭuan pawl. **merchant seaman, merchant ships.**

merciful ⇨ MERCY.

mercurial /mɜ:kjʊəriəl/ *adj* **1** (a) a thleng-aw leuhleuh mi (umzia/minung): *a mercurial temperament.* (b) thatho; hlawptlo: *She has a mercurial turn of conversation.* **2** (fml or medical) mercury thawn pehpar aw mi.

Mercury /mɜ:kjʊəri/ *n* (astronomy) ni thawn a naih aw bik leilungpi.

mercury /mɜ:kjʊəri/ *n* [U] (also **quicksilver**) thil tahnak *thermometer* le *barometer* ih hmanmi ngun tii.

mercy /mɜ:sɪ/ *n* **1** [U] lainatnak; duh tawkih tuahsiat theinak nei nacingih langtermi ngaithiamnak, thatnak: *They showed mercy to their enemies.* **2** [C usu sing] (infml) lungawiza thilcang; vanthatnak thu pakhat: *It's a mercy she wasn't hurt in the accident.* **3** (idm) **at the mercy of** mi pakhat/thil pakhat hnuai ah, duhduh ih tuah theihmi ah: *The ship was at the mercy of the storm* tangphawlawng cu thlisia in a nuai ciamco. **throw oneself on somebody's mercy** (fml) tuahtha dingih zangfah dil.

▷ **merciful** /-fl/ *adj* ~ (to/towards) lainat, zangfahnak thinlung nei, langter: *She was merciful to the prisoners.*

mercifully /-fəli/ *adv.* **1** zangfah lainatset te in: *treat sb mercifully.* **2** (infml) vanthat ah: *The play was very bad, but mercifully it was also short!*

merciless *adj* zangfahnak nei lo: *a merciless beating, a merciless judge.* **mercilessly** *adv.*

mercy *interj* (dated) lakhruakih mangbang awsuak: *Mercy (on us)! What a noise!*

□ **mercy killing** (infml) *euthanasia* dam thei nawn lo dingmi tuar hartuk mina nuam deuh ih thihternak; zangfah ruangih thah.

mere¹ /miə(r)/ *adj* [attrib] (no comparative form) **1** men; men meen: *She's a mere child.* ○ *He's not a mere boxer. He's world champion.* ○ *Mere words won't help.* **2** (idm) **the merest** a teenau bik, thupi lo bik: *The merest noise is enough to wake him.*

▷ **merely** *adv* men, lawng: *I meant it merely as a joke.*

mere² /miə(r)/ *n* tili fate.

meretricious /meri'triʃəs/ *adj* a lenglam a mawi nan man nei lo a simi (sungthur leng naal): a



- meretricious style, book, argument.*
- merge** /mɜːdʒ/ **v** 1 [I, Ipr, Ip Tn-pr, Tn-p] hmunkhat ah tong aw ih kom: *Where does this stream merge into the Rhine?* 2 [I, Ipr] a ziam/thil pakhat ah nuamten a thleng-aw: *Twilight merged into total darkness.*
 ▷ **merger** /mɜːdʒə(r)/ **n** [C, U] a hleice in hñaṭuan tumpipi (kampani) komawknak: *The two companies are considering merger as a possibility.*
- meridian** /məˈrɪdiən/ **n** 1 leilungpi vel in a sihtu a tunglam rin ti-ih thinlung ih suangtuahmi: *the Greenwich meridian = longitude 0°.* 2 ni asilole arsi pakhat leilung hmun pakhat ihsin zoh tikah a sannak bik.
- meridiem** sundir ⇨ ANTE MERIDIEM = am: zinglam; POST MERIDIEM = pm: zanlam; sunhnu.
- meridional** /məˈrɪdiənəl/ **adj** thlanglam thawn pehpar in (ahleice in Europe thlanglam).
- meringue** /məˈræŋ/ **n** (pl ~s) 1 [C] (also **merino sheep**) a hmul a sau ih a ṭha mi tuu. 2 [U] (a) hih tuhumul thawn tuahmi pat, tahmi puanthan. (b) cumi tuhumul vekih a nemmi pat le pat ih tahmi thil.
- merit** /ˈmerɪt/ **n** 1 [U] upat le sunlawih a tlakmi: *She was awarded a certificate of merit for her piano-playing.* 2 [C usu pl] lom le sunlawih a tlakmi thil, cangvaihnak, hñaṭuan: *The merits of the scheme are quite obvious.*
 ▷ **merit v** [Tn] (fml) a tlak, a man: *I think the suggestion merits consideration.*
- meritocracy** /ˌmerɪˈtɒkrəsi/ **n** (politics) 1 (a) [U] fimthiamnak le thiltitheinak neimi pawl ih ram uk dan. (b) [C Gp] cuvek minung pawl. 2 [C] cuvekih uknak neimi ram: *Is Britain a meritocracy?*
- meritorious** /ˌmeɪˈtɔːriəs/ **adj** (fml) lom le sunlawih tlakmi: *a meritorious conduct.*
 ▷ **meritoriously adv.**
- merlin** /ˈmɜːlɪn/ **n** vate deh theitu va phunkhat (khaute vek).
- mermaid** /ˈmɜːmeɪd/ **n** nunau takpum a nei ih ke ai-ah nga mei a neimi khuavang thuanthu ih simmi.
 ▷ **merman** cubangtuk mipa ruangpum neimi.
- merry** /ˈmeri/ **adj** (-ier, -iest) (dated) 1 lungawi le hlawptlo, lungawi aipuannak thawn a khatmi: *Wishing you a merry Christmas.* 2 (infml) zu mawng deuh: *We were already merry after only two glasses of wine.* 3 (arch) nuam: *the merry month of May.* 4 (idm) **make merry** (dated) nomnak tuah, puai tuah.
 ▷ **merrily adv.**
- merriment** **n** [U] (fml) nuam-aw zet ih hnihsuahnak tuah, puai tuah.
 □ **merry-go-round n** (Brit) (US **carousel** /ˌkærəˈsɛl/) a her awmi leeng to ih nomnak.
merry-maker, merry-making n [U].
- mesa** /ˈmeɪsə/ **n** (US) a tlun a rawn ih a kap a hrap zetmi tlang.
- mesalliance** /ˌmeɪzæliːns/ **n** (French derog) dinhmun a niammi thawn ṭhit-umnak.
- mescal** **n** [C] Mexico ram ih a keuhmi hlingkung phunkhat.
- mescaline** /ˈmeskəlɪn/ **n** [U] cui hlingkung ihsin tuahmi zu/rit theinak le thinlung mawlhter theitu sii.
- Mesdames** **pl** of MADAME.
- Mesdemoiselles** **pl** of MADEMOISELLE.
- mesh** /meʃ/ **n** 1 [C, U] thirhri/pat thawn ong nei ih tahmi, thuṭhimnakah sur tivek. 2 [C esp pl] sur : *a fish tangled in the mesh of the net.* (fig) *entangled in a mesh of political intrigue.* 3 (idm) **in mesh** bun, hren, peh.
 ▷ **mesh v** [I, I pr] (a) pakhat le pakhat peh, hren, bun. (b) (fig) a kaih aw, a deng aw, a tlak: *Our ways of looking at these problems don't mesh.* ○ *Our future plans must mesh with existing practices.*
- mesmerism** /ˈmezmərɪzəm/ **n** [U] (dated) thinlung mawlhternak.
 ▷ **mesmeric** /mezˈmerɪk/ **adj** lungmawlh a tuartu.
- mesmerist** /ˈmezmərɪst/ **n** cu vekih mi a mawlhterturu.
- mesmerize, -ise** /mezˈmɜːraɪz/ **v** [Tn esp passive] mi thinlung a neh mi, khawruahnak a la ṭhehtu: *an audience mesmerized by her voice.*
- mess**¹ /mes/ **n** [C usu sing] 1 baal, hñaihok zet: *The children have made an awful mess in the room.* 2 [U] (infml euph) uico le zawhte ek: *Who will clean up the cat's mess on the carpet?* 3 [sing] a har le buaithlak zetmi umzia: *The late arrival of the train messed up all our plans.* ○ *You have made a mess of the job, na tisiat ṭheh.* (ironic) *A nice mess you've made of that!* 4 mi bawrhhlawh: *Get cleaned up! You're a mess.*
 ▷ **mess v** (infml) 1 [Tn] (US) baalter, hnawmter: *Don't mess your hair.* 2 (phr v) **mess about, mess around** (a) at thlak ih nun, vakkual men: *Stop messing about and come and help!* (b) nuamnaite ih ṭuan: *I love just messing about in the garden.* (c) mi pakhat parah zawnruahnak nei lo ih tuah: *You shouldn't mess around with him like that.* (d) thil pakhat sukسيا ih tongtham: *Somebody's been messing about with the radio and now it doesn't work.*
- mess up** (a) baalter, buaiter, hñokter: *Don't mess up my hair. I've just combed it.* ○ *I was asked to organize the trip, but I messed it up.*
- mess with** (infml) mi ih thuthlak: *Don't mess with her. She's got a violent temper.*
- messy** **adj** (-ier, -iest) 1 baal, buai zet ih um: *a messy kitchen.* 2 baalter, hñokter: *a messy job.*
- mess**² /mes/ **n** 1 [CGp] a bur ih um ih rawl eitlangtu pawl: *The mess has ordered some new furniture.* 2 (US also **mess hall**) cui pawl ih rawl-ei-nak khan.

message

- ▷ **mess** *v* [I pr, Ip] eitlang: *He messed with me.*
 ○ *We messed together when were in the Navy.*
- message** /ˈmesɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C] cangan in, ðongkam in, radio in kuatmi theihternak, thuthang, thuchah: *We've had a message that your father is ill.* ○ *The ship sent a radio message asking for help.* **2** [sing] profet, thusimtu, ram hruaitu, cangantu pawl ih thuzirh, thuchah. **3** Pathian thu simsuakmi: *The pastor delivered the message.* **4** (idm) **get the message** (*sl*) a thlithlam ih simmi rak thei ngah: *She said it was getting late; I got the message, and left.*
- messenger** /ˈmesɪndʒə(r)/ *n* thuchah phurtu: palai.
- Messiah** /mɪˈsaɪə/ *n* **1** (also **messiah**) [C] leilung rundam dingah a suak ding tiih ruahsanmi. **2** **the Messiah** [sing] (*religion*) (**a**) Jesuh Khrih. (**b**) Judah mi pawl ih ruahsanmi runtu.
- Messieurs** *pl* of MONSIEUR.
- Messrs** /mɪˈsɪə/ *abbr pl* of Mr. Mipa pakhat hnakh tam hmin ngan tikah an hminhmai ih retmi: *Messrs Smith, Brown, Robert, and Robinson.* hnaʔuannak hmin hmai ah retmi: *Messrs T Brown and Co.*
- messy** ⇒ MESS.
- Met¹** /met/ *adj* [attrib] (*Brit infml*) nikhua tahnak: *the met office* ○ *the latest Met report*
- meteorological report.**
- Met²** /met/ **the Met** *n* [Gp] (*Brit infml*) khawpi sungih palik.
- met** *pt, pp* of MEET.
- meta-** *comb form* **1** a tlun, a dung, dunglam: *metabolic, metcarpus.* **2** thleng awknak: *metabolism.*
- metabolism** /məˈtæbəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*biology*) taksa sungih nunnak hrang ʔulmi pawl cangvaihna, thleng awknak.
 ▷ **metabolic** /ˌmetəˈbɒlɪk/ *adj.*
metabolize, -ise /məˈæbəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*biology*) taksa sungih hman dingah rawl pheldarhter: *Our bodies constantly metabolize the food we eat.*
- metacarpus** /metəˈkɑ:pəs/ *n* (*anatomy*) ngel le kutzung pawl karlak ruh panga umnak kutzaphak.
 ▷ **metacarpal** *adj, n* (*anatomy*) kutzaphak a si mi.
- metal** /metl/ *n* **1** [C, U] tleu ih kahtlang thei lo mi le a sa le electric tha ih ʔhaten an zawh theimi leilung sungsuak thil mankhung; thir, dar, sui, thirrang tivek pawl: *There isn't much metal in the bodywork of this new car; it's mainly plastic.* **2** ROAD METAL (ROAD), lamzin phah dingih khuaimi lung sepsol. **3** **metals** tlangleng thir lamzin.
 ▷ **metal** *v* [Tn esp passive] lungkhuai mi thawn lamzin tuah/rem: *This rough track will soon be a metalled road.*
metallic /mɪˈtælɪk/ *adj* [esp attrib] metal ih tuahmi: *a metallic plate, sheet.* metal vek: *metallic sounds, clicks.*
- **metalwork** *n* [U] metal hmangin thiam zet ih hnaʔuan.
- metalworker** *n.*
- metalanguage** /ˌmetələŋgwɪdʒ/ *n* [C, U] ðong phundang sim tiki hmanmi ðong asilole khiihmuhnak.
- metallurgy** /mɪˈtælədʒɪ; US ˈmetəlɜːrdʒɪ/ *n* [U] metal thawn pehpar in zirnak.
 ▷ **metallurgical** *adj.*
metallurgist *n* metal lamih a thiam zetmi.
- metamorphose** /ˌmetəˈmɔːfəʊz/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] sinak/pianzia thleng: *A larva metamorphoses into a chrysalis and then into a butterfly.* ○ *The magician metamorphosed the frog into a prince.*
 ▷ **metamorphosis** /ˌmetəˈmɔːfəʊsɪs/ *n* (*pl -oses*) (*fml*) sinak/pianzia thlengnak: *The metamorphosis of a larva into a butterfly.* ○ (*fig*) *the social metamorphosis that has occurred in China.*
- metaphor** /ˌmetəfə(r)/ *n* [C, U] ðongmi cekki vek siloin a sullam phundang a sawhmi: *'I'll make him eat his words', 'Amai ðongmi ka eiter ding'.* *'She has a heart of stone', 'lungto thinlung a nei'.* Cf SIMILE.
 ▷ **metaphorical** /ˌmetəˈfɔːrɪkl; US ˈfɔːr-/ *adj* a *metaphorical expression.* Cf FIGURATIVE, LITERAL.
metaphorically *adv.*
- metaphysics** /ˌmetəˈfɪzɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] **1** nun-umnak, thudik, le theihkauhnak umzia thawn a pehparmi fim zirnak, khurkhawruahdan (*philosophy*) phunkhat. **2** (*esp derog*) theihfiangmi le a hmuhton zo mi parah siloin ruahnak par ih bunmi philosophy; ruahnak ih simmi, nganmi.
 ▷ **metaphysical** /ˌmetəˈfɪzɪkl/ *adj.*
- metatarsus** /ˌmetəˈtɑːsəs/ *n* (*pl -tarsi*) (*anatomy*) kezaphak ruh.
 ▷ **metatarsal** *adj.*
- mete** /mɪt/ *v* (*phr v*) (*fml*) **mete out** cawhkuian asilole laksawng pek: *The judge meted out severe penalties.* ○ *Justice was meted out to the offenders.*
- meteor** /ˌmiːtɪə(r)/ *n* arsi zuang.
 ▷ **meteoric** /ˌmiːtɪəˈɔːrɪk; US ˈɔːr-/ *adj* **1** arsi zuang thawn a pehparmi. **2** zamrang zet ih a kai/a ʔummi (hnaʔuan tivek pawl): *a meteoric rise to fame.* **meteorically** *adv.*
- meteorite** /ˌmiːtɪəraɪt/ *n* a lenglam ihsin leilung parih a thlengmi lungto asilole thir, dar tivek.
- meteorology** /ˌmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒɪ/ *n* nikhua tahnak, samsungnak.
 ▷ **meteorologist** /ˌmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒɪst/ *n* nikhua tah le samsungnak ih a thiam zettu.
meteorological /ˌmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒɪkl; US ˌmiːtɪəˈrɒlədʒɪkl/ *adj* a *meteorological chart, the Meteorological Office.*
- meter¹** /ˌmiːtə(r)/ *n* (*esp in compounds*) thil pakhat a sungihsin a fehtlangmi a rak tahtu thil (miʔa):

- electricity meter* ○ *gas meter* ○ *a parking meter*
○ *fares mounting up on the meter*, ie of a taxi-cab.
▷ **meter** *v* [Tn] miṭa thawn tah.
- meter**² (US) = METER, miṭa.
- meter** *comb form* (forming *ns*) **1** thil pakhat khat tahnak thilri: *thermometer* ○ *barometer* ○ *voltmeter*. **2** hla le biasai phuah tiki hmanmi miṭa *pentameter* ○ *hexameter*.
- methadone** /'meθədəʊn/ *n* [U] zu khamnak hrangih hmanmi sii phunkhat.
- methane** /mi:θeɪn/ *n* [U] (also **marsh gas**) rim le pianhmang nei lo, a alh theimi, lung meihol khur le cirh lakih a um theimi dat.
- method** /'meθəd/ *n* **1** [C] (thil) ti daan: *modern methods of teaching arithmetic* ○ *various methods of payment*. **2** remte le felfaite ih tuah daan, ziaza: *We must get some method into our office filing*. ○ *He's a man of accuracy and strict method*. **3** (idm) **method in one's madness** ruah tlukih a sia lomi ziaza.
▷ **methodical** /mi'θədi:kəl/ *adj* (a) a daan ti ih tuahmi: *methodical work, study, etc.* (b) a daan vekih a tuah(tu): *a methodical organizer*.
methodically /-kli/ *adv*.
methodology /'meθəd'ɒlədʒi/ *n* **1** [C] a ti daan pawl zirnak.
- Methodism** /'meθədɪzəm/ *n* [U] John Wesley, 1703-1791, ih hramthokmi Kawhhran.
▷ **Methodist** /'meθədɪst/ *n, adj* Methodist Kawhhran, sungtel.
- meths** /meθs/ *n* [U] (*infml esp Brit*) a alh theimi spirit.
- methyl alcohol** /'meθɪl 'ælkəhɒl/ (also **wood spirit**) a alh theimi spirit.
- methylated spirits** /'meθəleɪtɪd 'spɪrɪts/ meitek sungih thanmi spirit.
- meticulous** /mi'tɪkjələs/ *adj* ~ (in *sth/doing sth*) raling zet le a cekci tuahnak a simi: *a meticulous researcher*.
- métier** /'metɪeɪ/ *n* (*French*) hnaṭuan, thiamnak: *Don't ask me how to make an omelette; cooking isn't my métier*.
- metre**¹ (US **meter**) /'mɪtə(r)/ *n* (abbr *m*) ruhpi bok 39.37 a saumi tahnak (pi-3 hnakh sau deuh).
- metre**² (US **meter**) /'mɪtə(r)/ *n* (a) [U] biasai, hla thluk. (b) [C] awsuah komih nganmi: *a metre with six beats of a line*.
- metre** (US **-meter**) *comb form* miṭa hmangih tah-nak dangdang: *centimeter* ○ *millimeter* ○ *kilometre*.
- metric** /'metrɪk/ *adj* **1** miṭa tahnak siar dan hmangin: *metric measurement, metric scale*. **2** hi h tahnak thawn tuahmi, tahmi. *These screws are metric*.
▷ **metricate** /'metrɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] metric siar dan le tahnak ah thleng: *The UK metricated its currency in 1971*.
- metrication** /'metrɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *metrication of the currency*.
- **the metric system** miṭa, kilomṭa, miṭa hmangih thil siar dan.
- metric ton** 1000 kilogram (kg).
- metrical** /'metrɪkəl/ *adj* biasai ih nganmi: *metrical translation of the Iliad*.
- Metro** /'metrəʊ/ *n* **the Metro** leilung tangih tlangleng lamzin (a hleice in Paris khua ih ta).
- metronome** /'metrənəʊm/ *n* (*music*) hla le awnmawi thiamtu ih cankhiahnak ih hman mi a seep theimi hlumthlah.
- metropolis** /mə'trɒpəlɪs/ *n* (*pl -lises*) ram pakhat, ramṭhen pakhat ih a thupi bik khawpi: *A great metropolis like Tokyo*.
▷ **metropolitan** /'metrə'pɒlɪtən/ *adj* khawpi, ram pakhat ih khawpi bik sung: *the population of metropolitan New York* (a sehvel pawl tel lo in). — *n* **1** metropolis sungih um minung. **2** **Metropolitan** (also **metropolitan bishop**) ram pakhat, ramṭhen pakhat ih hotu bik biaknak hruaitu bishop (archbishop).
□ **Metropolitan France** a ukmi ram dang pawl tel lo France ram. **the metropolitan Police** (also **the Met**) *London palik*.
- mettle** /'metl/ *n* [U] **1** minung asilole rangih neihmi tuar theinak le ralṭhatnak: *She showed her mettle by winning in spite of her handicap*. **2** (idm) **be on one's mettle; put ... on his mettle**. theitawp suah ih tuah dingah thapek: *The next race will put him on his mettle*.
▷ **mettlesome** *adj* (usu of horses) ral ṭha le thapat zet in.
- mew** /mju:/ *n* zawhte fa, asilole tipi va ai aw: *We heard the mew of a cat*.
▷ **mew** *v* [I] cu ti ih ai.
- mews** /mju:z/ *n* (*pl unchanged*) (usu *Brit*) rang le rangleng pawl retnak inntluan a rak sinan minung umnak mawṭawka retnak ih tuahmi: *They live in a Chelsea mews*.
- mezzanine** /'mezəni:n/ *n* **1** dot khat le dot hnihnak karlak ih zial donmi (donhle). **2** (US) puai zohnak innpi tangta dot ih tonak hmaisai tluan pawl.
- mezzo** /'metsəʊ/ *adv* (*music*) nuam nawn te in, ring tuk lo in: *mezzo forte* nuamte le ring in. *mezzo piano* nuamte le dimte in.
▷ **mezzo** *n* (*infml*) *mezzo-soprano*.
□ **mezzo-soprano** *n* **1** (a) soprano le alto (contralto) karlak ih aw. (b) cuvek aw thawn hla a saktu. **2** cuvek ih sak dingih nganmi awnmawi ca.
- mezzotint** /'metsəʊtɪnt/ *n* [C, U] rangva-thirper par caha bun cia ih canamnak.
- MF** (*radio*) *abbr* Medium frequency.
- mg** *abbr* milligram(s): **1 00 mg**.
- Mgr** *abbr* Monsignor. RC kawhhran ih puithiam upa.
- MHz** *abbr* Megahertz.
- mi** (also **me**) /mi:/ *n* (*music*) tonic solfa aw ih a pathumnak: *d r m f s l t*.

MI5 /em aɪ 'faɪv/ *abbr* Military intelligence.

MI6 /em aɪ 'sɪks/ *abbr (Brit)* (former name for the) Military Intelligence.

miaou /mi:'aʊ/ *n* zawhte ai aw.

▷ **miaou** *v* [Tn] cuti ih ai.

miasma /mɪ'æzmə/ *n (esp sing) (fml)* **1** nikhua dur le um a nuam lo mi mero; a uih a thumi rimsia: *A miasma rose from the marsh.* **2 (fig)** umtlan dan harsa le nuam lo: *a miasma of despair.*

mica /maɪkə/ *n* [U] paate ih phel theihmi, electric kang lo dingin khannakih hmanmi hmuh tlang theih lungvar phunkhat.

mice *pl* of MOUSE.

Michelmas /'mɪkləms/ *n* St. Michael puai, September 29 ni ih hmanmi.

□ **Michaelmas daisy** furpi le thlang karlak ih a parmi pangpar.

mick /mɪk/ *n* Irish mi (ngaih lo zawngih kawh dan).

mickey /mɪki/ *n* **1** rit theinak rawimi zu, kawfi, inmi ti. **2** aalu rawh. **3 (idm)** **take the mickey out of somebody** hmuhsuam, capoh: *Stop taking the mickey (out of poor Susan)!*

micro /maɪkrəʊ/ *n (pl ~ s) (infml)* micro-computer.

micro- *comb form* **1** a fate zetmi: *microchip, microwave.* **2** then million then thenkhat: microgram gram pakhat ih then million thenkhat: *microgram.* Cf MARCRO-, MINI.

microbe /maɪkrəʊb/ *n* mit ih hmuh thei lo, a bihnak microscope lawngih hmuh theimi thilnung fate; nat a suahtertu asilole thil uammi a tho tertu rulcawng pangang fate.

microbiology /maɪkrəʊbaɪ'ɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] nunnak nei thil fate te thu zirnak.

▷ **microbiologist** *n* mircobiology ih thiam sang zetmi.

microchip /maɪkrəʊtʃɪp/ *n*

microcomputer /'maɪkrəʊ kəm'pjʊ:tə(r)/ *n* innsang/hnaʃuannakih hmanmi kompeuʃa. (cafang buntu ah microprocessor)

microcosm /maɪkrəʊkɒzəm/ *n* lei le van boruak asilole minung hmuahhmuah hmuhsak nakih tuahmi/ummi thil fate: *Man is a microcosm of mankind.* ○ *This town is microcosm of our world.* **2 (idm)** **in microcosm** a tee zawngin: *The small island contains the whole of nature in microcosm.*

microdot /maɪkrəʊdɒt/ *n* cuk fate tia ih teetter mi zuklem.

microelectronics /maɪkrəʊ'ɪlek'trɒnɪks/ *n* electric thil fate zetzet pawl hmangih tuahmi, sakmi.

microfiche /'maɪkrəʊfi:ʃ/ *n* [C, U] lemzuk thunnak fate; microfilm ○ *documents stored on microfiche.*

microfilm /maɪkrəʊfɪlm/ *n* [C, U] lemzuk (ca thupi) zet pawl thunnak filim fate: *scientific papers on microfilm.*

▷ **microfilm** *v* *Please microfilm the bank accounts.*

microform /'maɪkrəʊfɔ:m/ *n* [U] fate zet ih suahmi ca pawl.

microlight /'maɪkrəʊlaɪt/ *n* a zaang zetmi lehpannak vanzam fate.

micrometer /maɪ'krɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* thil fate zet pawl tahnak ih hmanmi.

micron /'maɪkrən/ *n* meter (miʃa) pakhat ih million then thenkhat.

micro-organism /maɪkrəʊ'ɔ:gənɪzəm/ *n* maikroskup lawngih hmuh theimi thilnung fate.

microphone /'maɪkrəʊfəʊn/ *n* (awkhumnak le awsuahnakih hmanmi) aw kha electric tha sungih a rak thuntu thil.

microprocessor /'maɪkrəʊprəʊsesə(r)/ *n (computing)* kompeuʃa sungih ca thunnak laimuril.

microscope /'maɪkrəʊskəʊp/ *n* a fate zetmi pawl tum ko ih a tuah theitu thil zohnak maikrawskup (nat hrik zohnakah an hmang tambik): *examine bacteria under a microscope* ○ (fig) *put politicians under the microscope.* thaten zohfel ding an si.

▷ **microscopic** /maɪkrəʊ'skɒpɪk/, **microscopical** /-kl/ *adjs* **1** mit ih hmuh thei lo tiang a fatemi: *a micropic creature.* **2** maikrawskup hmangin: *microscopic examinations of traces of blood.* **microscopically** /-kl/ *adv.*

microwave /maɪkrəʊweɪv/ *n* **1** radio le radar ih hmanmi, le rawl suannakih hmanmi tlolakh electric tha a feh mi. **2 microwave oven** zamrang zet ih rawl a hminter theitu electric rawl suannak.

mid /mɪd/ *adj (attrib)* a laifang, a karlak: *from mid July to mid August.* ○ *in mid winter.* ○ *a collision in mid Channel/in air.*

mid- *comb form* a laifangah: *mid-morning coffee.* ○ *midsummer/midwinter.*

□ **the Midwest** *n* USA ram sungih saklam a laifang.

midday /mɪd'deɪ/ *n* [U] sundir: *finish work at midday.* (attrib) *the midday meal*, ie lunch. suncaw: sun ih eimi rawl;

midden /mɪdn/ *n* caw-ek, sia-ek vuun, hnawmpen. **middle** /mɪdl/ *n* **1 the middle** [sing] a laifang: *The middle of the room* ○ *in the very middle of the century.* ○ *in the very middle of the night.* ○ *They were in the middle of dinner when I called.* **2 [C]** taai: *I seized him around his middle.* **3 (idm)** **the middle of nowhere** (infml) a hlat zetmi ram thing: *She lives on a small farm in the middle of nowhere.*

▷ **middle** *adj* [attrib] **1** a laifang ah: *the middle house of the three.* ○ *middle finger.* **2 (idm)** **take/follow a middle course.** khatlam le khatlam ih a luarkai tukmi a lai ih kaih khawmnak.

□ **middle age** no le tar karlak, sanʃhat lai, vanglai.

middle-aged *adj* *a middle-aged man.*

the Middle Ages (Zurup san thuanthu sungah)

- AD 1100 hrawngin AD 1400 hrawng tiang. **middle-aged spread** kum upat ruangih pumvah, pumdur.
- middle-brow** *n, adj* [usu attrib] (*esp derog*) mifim zaran: *middle-brow writers*. Cf HIGHBROW, LOWBROW.
- middle C** (*music*) piano keyboard laifang kiangih key C.
- middle class** *mi zaran*. [attrib] *a middle class neighbourhood*. *mi zaran pawl umnak veng*.
- middle distance** *adj* [attrib] miṭa 800 asilole 1500 hlat tlanzuam awknak.
- middle ear** hnasung le leng karlak hnakua: *an infection of the middle ear*.
- the Middle East** nisuah lam a laifang ram pawl (Egypt ram ihsin Iran ram tiang).
- middle finger** zunglai.
- middleman** *n* 1 thil neitu le a leitu karlakih tawreltu: *She wants to buy direct from the manufacturer and cut out the middleman*. 2 palai: *He acted as a middleman in discussions between the two companies*.
- middle name** 1 sakmi hmin a pahnihnak: *George Bernard Shaw*. = *George* = first name, *Bernard* = middle name, *Shaw* family name.
- middle name** (*infml*) *mi pakhat ih mizia*: *Charm is her middle name*.
- middle-of-the-road** *adj* khatlam khatlam luanlo, a lai lamzin: *His political beliefs are very middle-of-the-road*.
- middle school** (*esp Brit*) phun 5 in phun 8 tiang kainak tlawng.
- middleweight** *n* 71-75 kg a ritmi boksing thongtu.
- middling** /ˈmɪdliŋ/ *adj* 1 zaran: *He is a man of middling height*. 2 dam ceuceu, damdok damdok lo: *He says he's only (feeling) middling today*.
- midfield** /ˈmɪdˈfi:ld/ *n* bualrawn laifang.
- midge** /mɪdʒ/ *n* mikeu, fikfa phunkhat.
- midget** /ˈmɪdʒɪt/ *n* mi fate pingkirh.
▷ **midget** *adj* [attrib] a fate zetmi: *a midget submarine*.
- midland** /ˈmɪdlənd/ *adj* ram pakhat ih a lai hrawng: *the midland region, economy, accent*.
▷ **the Midlands** *n* England ram a laifang ramṭhen pawl.
- midnight** /ˈmɪdnɑ:t/ *n* [U] 1 zanṭim nazi 12:00.
□ **the midnight sun** leilungpi tanglam bik le tlunta bik kiangkap ihsin zanṭim caan ih hmuhmi ni (ṭhal caan ah a si).
- midriff** /ˈmɪdrɪf/ *n* ṭang le tai karlak, pum: *a punch in the midriff*. 2 (*anatomy*) thinhna le pum dangtu a duandar paate (*diaphragm*).
- midshipman** /ˈmɪdʃɪpmən/ *n* (*pl* -men /-men/) 1 (*Brit*) Navy ralbawi, bokhat tang deuh. 2 (*US*) Navy ralbawi sidingih zirlai.
- midships** /ˈmɪdʃɪps/ *adv* = AMIDSHIPS.
- midst** /mɪdst/ *n* lai ah, lakah: *in the midst of the crowd*: *There is a thief in our midst*. kan lakah, kan lai ah.
- midstream** /ˈmɪdˈstri:m/ *n* [U] 1 tiva laifang: *There's a strong current in midstream*. 2 (*idm*) **in midstream** thil pakhat tuah laifang ah: *The speaker stopped in midstream, coughed, then started up again*.
- midsummer** /ˈmɪdˈsʌmə(r)/ *n* [U] 1 ṭhal caan laifang. 2 (*idm*) **midsummer madness** at thlak maksak asilole mawlh ko ih aa.
□ **Midsummer's Day** 24 June.
- midway** /ˈmɪdˈweɪ/ *adj, adv* a laifang ah a um, lam tanṭim: *The two villages are a mile apart, and my house lies midway between them*.
- midweek** /ˈmɪdwi:k/ *n* [U] nilai nipi; tlawngkai nihnih nithum pawl; a bikin nilai ni: *Midweek is a good time to travel to avoid the crowds*. ○ [attrib] *a midweek meeting, holiday*.
▷ **midweek** *adv* meet midweek ○ call midweek.
- midwife** /ˈmɪdwaɪf/ *n* (*pl* **midwives** /-waɪvz/) nau suah bawmtu sayama.
▷ **midwifery** /ˈmɪdwaɪfəri; *US* -waɪf-/ *n* [U] midwife ih hnaṭuan.
- midwinter** /ˈmɪdˈwɪntə(r)/ *n* [U] thlatang laifang. December 21 hrawng: [attrib] *a midwinter(s) night*.
- mien** /mi:n/ *n* [*sing*] (*fml or rhet*) thilung umdan langtertu mithmai umzia; umtlan zia: *with a sorrowful mien*. ○ *a man of proud mien*. ○ *He has the mien of a soldier*.
- miffed** /mɪft/ *adj* (*sl*) malte thin heng: *She was miffed that he'd forgotten her name*.
- might¹** /maɪt/ *modal v* (*neg* **might not**, *contracted form* **mightn't** /ˈmaɪntnt/) *thu* = on dingih dilnak: *Might I make a suggestion?* ○ *If I might just put in a word here* 2 a can thei zia simnak: *He might get here in time, but I can't be sure*. ○ *The pills might have cured him, if only he'd taken them regularly*. 3 theih duhnakih suhnak. ○ *How long might that take?*
- might²** *pt* of MAY.
- might³** /maɪt/ *n* [U] 1 cahnak nasa tak asilole huham: *He pushed the rock with all his might*. ○ *We fear the military might of the enemy*. 2 (*idm*) **might is right** (*saying*) cahnak huham cun thil titheinak a neihter; a cakkak i co a si mai. **with might and main** (*rhet*) tha neih tawp suah in.
- mighty** /ˈmaɪti/ *adj* (*-ier, -iest*) 1 (*esp fml*) huham neimi, cakmi: *a mighty ruler, a mighty nation*. 2 a nasa zet mi: *the mighty ocean*. ○ *the mighty mountain peaks*.
▷ **mighty** *adv* (*esp US infml*) zet: *He's mighty pleased with himself*. ○ *mighty good, mithty clever*.
- mightily** *adv*.
- migraine** /ˈmi:greɪn; *US* ˈaɪgreɪn/ *n* [U, C] lu khatlam, hmai hrek nasa zet ih ana mi, luaksuak le mitmen nuam lo in a thlun theu.
- migrate** /maɪˈgreɪt; *US* ˈmaɪgreɪn/ (also **trans**

migrate *v* [I, Ipr] 1 hnaʔuan ding a silole um dingah hmun khat ihsin hmunkhat ah ʔawn. **2** (of animals) tikcu vekin hmun dang ah ʔawn: *These birds migrate to North Africa in winter.*

▷ **migrant** /maɪgrənt/ *n, adj* a ʔawnmi, a vaimi: *migrant workers.*

migration /maɪgreɪʃn/ *n* (a) ʔawn, vai (b) a ʔawnmi zat, a vaimi zat: *a huge migration of people into Europe.*

migratory /maɪgrətəri, maɪ'greɪtəri; US 'maɪgrətəri/ *adj* *migratory birds* ○ *the migratory instinct.*

mikado /mɪ'ka:dəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) Japan ramlengah Japan kumpi bawi an kawhna (Emperor of Japan).

mike /maɪk/ *n* (infml) *microphone.* awring ʔongnak, ʔongrinnak, or dong.

milage = MILEAGE.

milch /mɪltʃ/ *adj* hnawi in dingih vulhmi rannung, caw, mee.

mild /maɪld/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) nunnem, nunʔha: *She's a very mild-mannered person.* (b) a siava lo, a hrosuango: *mild weather; a mild punishment.* **2** (a thawnak) a deem, a thak tuk lo, a thlum tuk lo, a kha lo: *a mild curry.* **mildly** *adv* **1** nemten, duhnungten: *She spoke mildly to us.* **2** (idm) **to put it mildly** porh thu tel lo ten: *At 6'.4", she's tall, to put it mildly,* a sang taktak.

mildness *n* [U].

□ **mild steel** ser theih ih a nem deuh mi kahpathir.

mildew /mɪldjuː; US -duː/ *n* [U] mawr: *some trees are ruined by mildew.*

▷ **mildew** *v* [I, Tn esp passive] *mildewed fruits, leaves.*

mile /maɪl/ *n* peng; 1.6 km = 1 mile. ○ *For miles and miles there's nothing but desert.* ○ *a 39 mile journey.* **2** [C esp pl] (infml) tam zet, hlat zet: *She's feeling miles better today, a dam deuh ngaingai: He's miles older than she is.* ○ *There's no one within miles of her as tennis player, a tluktu an um lo: You missed the target by miles.*

3 (esp **the mile**) peng khat tlanzuannak: *He can run a four-minute mile,* peng khat kha minit 4 (asilole) cuhna malsawn in a tlan thei. **4** (idm) **miles from anywhere/nowhere** a hlat zetmi ramʔhing ah: **run a mile** huphurh, tong ngamlo: *I'd run a mile than be interviewed on television.*

a mile off (infml) ol tukih sim: *He's lying: you can see that a mile off.* **stand/stick out a mile** a langhngan, a fiang: *Her honesty sticks out a mile.* ○ *It stands out a mile that she's telling the truth.*

□ **milestone** *n* **1** lamzin pengtah phunmi lungto. **2** (fig) a thupi zetmi karbak, asilole, thilcang: *This victory was a milestone in our country's history.*

mileage (also **milage**) /maɪlɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] fehmi zat pengtah siar: *a used car with a low mileage* = peng tampi mawn hrih lo mi. **2** [U] (also

mileage allowance) khualtlawn man peng tah ih khiahmi: *Have you claimed your mileage?* **3** [U] (fig infml) a hlawk zet, ʔathnemnak: *He doesn't think there's any mileage in that type of business.*

miler /maɪlə(r)/ *n* (infml) peng khat tlan zuannak ih a tel ʔheu mi minung asilole rang: *He's our best miler.*

milieu /miːljɜː; US ,miːljɜː/ *n* (pl ~s or ~x /-z/) kiangkap, umtlan dan: *Coming from another milieu, she found life as a pastor's wife strange at first.*

militant /mɪlɪtənt/ *adj* **1** tumtahmi ngah theinak dingah thazaang le nekrawknak hman: *the strikers were in a militant mood.* **2** thatho zet, thatho zet ih raldo: *militant workers.*

▷ **militancy** *n* [U].

militant *n* midang neh a duh zettu.

militarism /mɪlɪtəɪzəm/ *n* [U] ralkap thazaang le thiamnak rinsannak, thupitternak.

▷ **militarist** /mɪlɪtəɪst/ *n* ralkap thazaang le thiamnak thupi zet ih a ruattu.

militaristic /mɪlɪtəɪstɪk/ *adj.*

militarize, -ise /mɪlɪtəɪz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] a *militarized zone* = ralkap pawl hrangih hmanmi hmunnhma.

military /mɪlɪtri; US -teri/ *adj* [usu attrib] ralkap pawl thawn pehpar aw in: *military training, military uniform, military service.*

▷ **the military** *n* ralkap pawl: *The military were called in to deal with the riot.*

militate /mɪlɪteɪt/ *v* [I pr] thil pakhat dawnkham theinak hmual asilole thil ti thei nak nei: *Many factors militated against the success of our plan.*

militia /mɪlɪʃə/ *n* [C Gp] raldo zir termi mi senpi, ram hrang poiʔul ih hman lohli theih.

□ **militiaman** /-mən/ *n.*

milk¹ /mɪlk/ *n* **1** [U] hnawi, pawhte ti: *skimmed milk,* a hlap suah mi, *powdered milk,* hnawi vut, [attrib] *milk products* ○ *butter; cheese, yoghurt.*

2 hnawi bangtuk thingkung le hrampi ihsin ngahmi ti. **3** (idm) **milk and water** (derog) thu nepnawi: *His speech was nothing but milk and water.* **the milk of human kindness** minung par ih tuah dingmi ʔatnak. **land of milk and honey** ram ʔha ram nuam.

□ **milk bar** (esp Brit) zu a si lo mi intii pawl zuarnak; chawkalet le hnawiti zuarnak.

milk chocolate cawhnawi ih tuahmi chawkalet.

milk churn (Brit) cawhnawi thiarnak pungpi.

milk float (Brit) inn ciar ih cawhnawi kuatnak ih hmanmi.

milk loaf *n* (pl -loaves) (Brit) cawhnawi ih tuahmi sangthlum.

milk maid *n* caw zuatnak ih hna a ʔuantu le cawhnawi a sawrtu nunau.

milkman *n* (pl -men) inn khat hnu inn khat cawhnawi a petu.

milk pudding (esp Brit) cawhnawi thawn suanmi

- sanghneh.
- milk round** cawhnawi petu pa ih fehnak.
- milk run** (*fig infml*) a ringring ih fehnak: *I do the milk run everyday taking the children to school.*
- milk shake** cawhnawi dai le thil dang rawi phul ko cawhmi.
- milk tooth** *n* (*pl teeth*) (*US baby tooth*) a tlong sal dingmi naute ha, ha sia.
- milkweed** *n* hnawiti vek a suahmi hrampi, thingkung.
- milk white** *adj* cawhnawi pianhmang a kengmi: *The prince rode a milk white horse.*
- milk²** /milk/ *v* [I, Tn] hnawi sawr: *The farmer hasn't finished milking.* **2** [I] hnawi suah: *The cows are milking well,* hnawi an suah tha zet. **3** (a) thingkung hrampi ihsin a ti sawr. (b) rul tur lak. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] a dik lo zawngih thil ngah, hawp: *His illegal deals were steadily milking the profits from the business.*
- ▷ **milker** *n* **1** hnawi sawrtu. **2** hnawi suahtu tilva: *That cow is a good milker.*
- **milking machine** *n* cawhnawi sawrnak thilri.
- milksop** /milksop/ *n* (*derog*) mi derthawmte le tihhrut (mipa).
- milky** /milki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** cawhnawi vek: *a milky white skin.* **2** cawhnawi thawn rawimi, tuahmi: *milky tea, coffee.* ○ *I like a hot milky drink at bedtime.* **3** a fiangfai lo mi, mero khuhmi: *Opals are milky jems.*
- ▷ **milkiness** *n* [U].
- **the Milky Way** = THE GALAXY (GALAXY²).
- mill¹** /mil/ *n* **1** fang le sangvut rialnak khawl retnak inn (cet zung). **2** thil rialcipnak khawl: *a coffee mill, a pepper mill.* **3** thil pakhat khat suahtu khawl retnak inn (Cet zung): *a cotton-mill, a paper-mill, a steel-mill, a saw-mill.* **4** (idm) **go through the mill** = harsat zonzaihnak pek. Cf RUN-OF-THE-MILL (RUN²).
- **mill-dam** *n* khawl her thei dingah tiva khamtahrat ih tili dawl, tikhuap, tidawl.
- mill-hand** cet zung hnañuan.
- mill-pond** cet zung hrangih dawlni tili.
- mill-race** khawl leeng a hertertu ti-tha.
- millstone** *n* **1** fang rialnak lung pheng (pahnih) **2** (idm) **a millstone round one's neck** thilrit tumpi (asilole) ùanvo: *My debts were like a millstone round my neck.*
- mill-wheel** titha khawl hrangih hmanmi leeng.
- millwright** titha le thlitha khawl pawl ruangzingtu, tuahtu, le remtu.
- mill²** /mil/ *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** khawl ih rial dip: *The grain was coarsely milled.* **2** thir tangka tlangñial suah: *English pound coins have milled edges.* **3** hreihriam thawn tan/ser. **4** (phr *v*) **mill about/around** hnok zet ih herkual celcel: *Groups of fans were milling about in the streets after the match.*
- millboard** /mibɔ:d/ *n* [C, U] cabu phaw tuahnak ih hmanmi cahnah khoh.
- millenarian** /mil'neəriən/ kum 1000 uknak a thleng lai ding ti ih zumtu.
- millenium** /mɪ'leniəm/ *n* (*pl -nia or ~s*) **1** kum 1000 sung: *The first millenium.* **2 the millenium** [sing] (*religion*) Baibal ih sim sungmi Khrih in leitlun ah kum 1000 a uk ding caan. **3 the millenium** [sing] mi hmuahhmuah hrangih lungawinak le nomnak hmailam caan.
- millepede** (also **milliped**) /mɪl'pi:d/ *n* a phir a phir ih ke a neimi pangang.
- miller** /'mɪlə(r)/ *n* thil rialnak khawl neitu.
- millet** /'mɪlt/ *n* [U] (1) Lai faang (2) Lai faang rawl, fangngai.
- milli-** *comb form* then thawngkhat then thenkhat: *milligram, millimetre.*
- milliard** /'mɪliə:d/ *n* (*Brit*) million thawng khat. Cf BILLION.
- millibar** /mɪlɪbɑ:(r)/ *n* thlitha a cahnak unit (thlitha unit bar 1000 ih then khat).
- milliner** /'mɪlnə(r)/ *n* nunau lukhuh tuahtu (asilole) zuartu.
- ▷ **millinery** /-nəri; US -neri/ *n* [U] nunau lukhuh tuah le zuar hnañuan.
- million** /'mɪljən/ *pron* **million** (nambat kha lolak paruk in a thlun): 1,000, 000 (*one million*).
- ▷ **million** *n* **1** 1,000, 000: *She made her first million before she was thirty.* **2** (idm) **one in a million** a bengbaimi (tam zet lakih pakhat): *She's a wife in a million.*
- million-** (*in compounds*) *a million-dollar law suit,* million pakhat (asilole) cuhnakih tam in thu an khing (taza an cuai).
- millionth** *pron* then milian then then khat.
- millionaire** /-nmɪljə'neə(r)/ (*fem* **millionaire** /mɪljə'neəres/) *n* milian zet; paisa million khat hnakih tam neitu.
- millipede** = MILLEPEDE.
- milometer** (also **mileometer**) /maɪ'lɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* (*US odometer*) mawtawka sungih peng ziangzat a feh zo ti hmainsinnak.
- milord** /mɪ'lɔ:d/ *n* French ðong in English bawi upa/milian an kawhnak.
- milt** /mɪlt/ *n* [U] (also **soft roe**) nga ih aw (a pa tii).
- mime** /maɪm/ *n* (a) [U] thuanthu simnak ah ðong lo in mithmai um daan lawng hmanna: *a play acted entirely in mime.*
- ▷ **mime** *v* [I, Tn] mithmai um daan lawngih thuanthu sim: *He mimed the part of a drunken man.*
- mimeograph** /'mɪmiɔɡrɑ:f; US -græf/ *n* (*dated*) carialnak.
- ▷ **mimeograph** *v* [Tn] ca rial.
- mimetic** /mɪ'metɪk/ *adj* mi ih thucawng: *mimetic skills.*
- mimic** /'mɪmɪk/ *v* (*pt, pp mimicked*) **1** [Tn] hnihsuak capoh sainakih mi thucawn: *Tom mimicked his uncle's voice and gestures perfectly.* **2** [Tn] thil pakhat bang zet: *Wood painted to mimic marble.*

▷ **mimic** *n* midang thucawn a thiam zetmi ramsa, minung: *This parrot is an amazing mimic.*
mimic *adj* [attrib] cawnmi, tuahhrim mi: *mimic warfare*, ral um lolai ih ral thuamhna w thawn cangvaihnak. *mimic colouring*, cucik kharbawk le vate pawl tikcu caan le an kiangkap vekin an pianhmang (rong) an thleng.
mimicry *n* [U] *mimicking*: *protective mimicry*, thingkung le ramsa an kiangkap vekin pianhmang an thlengih an ral relhnak ah hmang.
mimosa /mɪ'məʊzə/; *US* -məʊsə/ *n* (a) [U] a rim a hmui aire par nei thingkung fate. (b) [U] cui pangpar.
min *abbr* **1** *minimum*, a mal bikah. **2** *minute*.
minaret /ˌmɪnə'ret/ *n* muslim biakinn thlacam sawmna k hmailam zum donhle.
minatory /mɪnətəri/; *US* -təri/ *adj* (fml) hringhro, ʔhihpaih: *minatory actions, gestures*.
mince /mɪns/ *v* **1** sa cipzet ih sat. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] (*usu derog*) thupi zet le titeraw ih ʔong, feh, umtlang: *She minced into the room wearing very high heels.*
3 (idm) **not mince matters**; **not mince one's words** fiangzet le hmaisong lo zet ih sim: *I didn't mince matters: I said he was an idiot.* ○ *I won't mince words (with you). I think your plan is stupid.*
▷ **mince** *n* [v] (*esp Brit*) (*US hamburger*) sat cipmi sa: *a pound of mince*.
mincer *n* sa sahcipnak khawl.
mincing *adj* (*usu derog*) **mincingly** *adv*.
□ **mince pie** a hleice in Christmas caan ih eimi sa sahdipte thawn tuahmi sangnem.
mincemeat /mɪnsmeɪt/ *n* [U] **1** **mince pie** sa sat dip, sabit car, cini, epal, theihmu rah le a dang rawimi sangnem. **2** (idm) **make mincemeat of** nasa zet ih neh: *The Prime Minister made mincemeat of his opponent's arguments.*
mind¹ /maɪnd/ *n* **1** [U] thinlung: *He has complete peace of mind.* **2** [C] (a) khurkhawruah theinak, fimnak: *brilliant mind, logical mind, simple mind.* (b) a ruahnak le fimthiamnak ʔha zet ih a hmangtu: *He is one of the greatest minds of the age.* **3** [C] mi pakhat ih ruahnak, thinlung: *Don't let your mind wander!* **4** [C] cinken theinak: *I can't think where I've left my umbrella: my mind's a complete blank!* **5** [U, C] lungfim: *be sound in mind and body.* ○ *He's 94 and his mind is going = kum 94 a siih a derthawm thlang.* **6** (idm) **be in two minds** thinlung a ʔeek: *I was in two minds about leaving London, my relatives were there, but the job abroad was a good one.* **be of one mind** thinkhat lungkhat ten. **be on one's mind** donhar, helhkam: *My deputy has resigned, so I've got a lot on my mind just now.* **be out of one's mind** aa, mawlh: *You must be out of your mind if you think I'm going to lend you 1 000 dollars!* **take a load/weight off one's mind** thilrit zaangter:

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Paying my debt was an enormous weight off my mind! **bear in mind, keep in mind** hngilh lo, ciing: *We've no vacancies now, but we'll bear/keep your application in mind.* **bring/call to mind** ciing, mang: *I know her face but I can't call her name to mind.* **come/spring to mind** ruahnak a hung suak: *'Have you any suggestions?'* ○ *Nothing immediately springs to mind.* **give one's mind to** thinlung hmuah pe in. **have a mind of one's own** mahte thu khawlkhawm thei, thu ruatcat thei. **have a good mind to do** ti duhnak thinlung nei: *I had a good mind to smack him for being so rude.* **have half a mind to do** (infml) tuah ding phuur tuk lo; duh fangfang. **have an open mind** ⇨ OPEN. **have it in mind to do** tuah dingih tumtah: *I have it in mind to ask her advice when I see her.* **have sb/sth in mind** a kaih dingih ruat: *Who do you have in mind for the job?* **in ... mind's eye** thinlung suangtuahnak sungah: *In my mind's eye, I can still see the house where I was born.* **keep one's mind on** thil dang ruat lo in a peh zomih hmuibun, hmuitin: *Keep your mind on the job!* **know one's own mind** ⇨ NOW. **make up one's mind** (fml) ruat cat: *As we can't afford a bigger house we must make up our minds to staying here.* (si-caan taw k cohlang). **a meeting of minds** ⇨ MEETING. **mind over matter** taksa hnakin thinlung a cak deuh timi ruahnak: *Keeping to a strict diet is a question of mind over matter.* **of the same mind** ⇨ SAME. **of unsound mind** ⇨ UNSOUND. **open one's mind to** ⇨ SIGHT. **pissed out of one's mind** ⇨ PISS. **poison A's mind against B** ⇨ POISON. **presence of mind** ⇨ PRESENCE. **prey on somebody's mind** ⇨ PREY *v*. **put sb in mind of** mi pakhat/thil pakhat a vun mangter: *Her way of speaking put me in mind of her mother.* **put/set one's mind at ease** khawruahhar a rehter. **put/set/turn one's mind to** ruahnak hmuahhmuah pek (thungai thlakin): *You could be a very good writer if you set your mind to it.* **speak one's mind off** donhar lo dingih bom: *Hard work always takes your mind off domestic problems.* **time out of mind** ⇨ TIME. **to my mind** kei ka ruah dan ahcun: *To my mind, it's all a lot of nonsense!* **turn sth over in one's mind** can khat hrangah thil pakhat ʔhate ih ruat.
□ **mind-bending** *adj* (infml) thinlung luakhhattu: *a mind-bending problem.*
mind-blowing *adj* (infml) (rit theinak, hmuhmi, tonmi) pawl ruangah lungthawhnak, lau-nak, lungawi luan tuknak, a rau hmuhnak tla a suahter.
mind-boggling *adj* (infml) mangbangza, tuksum le haza: *Distances in space are quite mind-boggling.*
mind-reader *n* mi thinlung ruahnak ka thei a ti-awtu.
mind-reading *n* [U].

mind² /mamd/ *v* **1** [Tn] kil, zoh: *mind the baby*. ○ *Mind my bicycle while I go into the shop, please*. ○ *Could you mind the phone for five minutes* (phone a on le rak biak sak ding). **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tw no passive, Tg, Tsg] pakhat khat ah poi ti le ti lo suh le simnak: *Do you mind if I smoke?* ○ *I don't mind how cold it is*. ○ *She minded very much that he had not come* = zangfah dilnakih hmanmi: *Would you mind helping me?* ○ *Would you please help me?* **3** [no passive: Tn, Tw] ruat, ngaihtuah, poiti: *There's no need to mind the expense if you're not paying* ○ *I mind what people think of me*. **4** [I, Tn, Tf, Tw] ralring: *Mind that step!* ○ *Mind your head!* ○ *Mind the dog!* ○ *This knife is sharp. Mind you don't cut yourself*. **5** (idm) **do you mind?** (phirsit òng) zangfahten cawl aw; um meen aw: *'Do you mind?'* She said, as he pushed into the queue in front of her. **I don't mind if I do** (*infml ironic*) in ding pekmi lungawiten cohlan tikih òngmi: *'Will you have a drink?'* I don't mind if I do (Yes, please. ti can). **mind one's own business** (*esp imperative*) midang thu thlak lo: *Please mind your own business*, mi ih thu thlak hlah. **mind one's p's and q's** umtuzia mawi le ralringten. **mind you** hmingsin aw: *They're getting divorced, I hear—mind you, I'm not surprised*. **never mind** a poi lo, na khawruah har hlah: *'Did you miss the bus? Never mind, there'll be another one in five minutes.* **never mind (doing) sth** tuah nawn hlah. **never you mind** (*infml*) sut hlah (an lo sim cuang lo ding). **6** (phr *v*) **mind out** (*infml*) lamzin kian aw: *Mind out—you're blocking the passage*. **mind out (for sb/sth)** ralring: *Mind out for the traffic when you cross the road*.
▷ **minder** *n* (*esp in compounds*) kiltu, zohtu: *a machine-minder* ○ *a child-minder*.
minded /'mamdɪd/ *adj* **1** tuah duhnak thinlung nei: *He could do it if he were so minded*. **2** (**forming compound adjs**) cu vek lungput nei: *a strong-minded, narrow-minded person*. **3** (with *ns* forming compound *adjs*) thil pakhat ih thupitzia/man neih zia thei ngah: *She has become very food-minded since her holiday in France*.
mindful /'maɪndfəl/ *adj* ruat, zawnruat, seherh: *mindful of one's family, one's duties*.
mindless /'maɪndlɪs/ *adj* **1** khawruahnak òul lo: *mindless drudgery*. **2** (*derog*) fimkhur lo, khawruat lo: *mindless vandals*. **3** ruat lo, ralring lo: *mindless of personal risk*.
▷ **mindlessly adv**. **mindlessness** *n* [U].
mine¹ /maɪn/ *possess pron* kata, keimai: *I think that book is mine*. ○ *He's a friend of mine*.
mine² /maɪn/ *n* **1** lei sungsuak thil mankhung ngah dingah leikhur laihami: *a coal-mine; a gold mine*. ○ *The inspector went down the mine*. ○ [attrib] *a mine worker*. Cf QUARRY². **2** (a) (ral pawl òanhmun) siatsuah dingah a puak theimi thil

hrangih vihmi leikua. (b) ral pawl siah dingah a puak theimi thil thunnak dawng. **3** (idm) **a mine of information** theih kauhnak dawhhna: *My grandmother is a mine of information about our family's history*.
□ **mine-detector** *n* a puak theimi maing bomb pawl hawnak magnet (thir hnuk) thilri.
minefield *n* **1** a puak theimi bomb pawl retnak hmun, leipar asilole tipi sung. **2** (*fig*) theih cia lomi harsatnak tampi umnak hmun/thil: *International law is a minefield for anyone not familiar with its complexity*.
minelayer *v* a puak theimi retnak ih hmanmi vanzam/tangphawlawng. **minelaying** *n* [U].
minesweeper *n* bomb thang kammi a sialfaiu tangphawlawng. **minesweeping** *n* [U].
mineworker *v* leikhur ih hna a òuantu.
mine³ /maɪn/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] khur lai (sui, lungvar tivek pawl): *mining for gold, diamonds, etc*. (b) leikhur lai ih suah (sui, lungvar tivek): *Gold is mined from deep under ground*. **2** [Tn] leilung tanglam ah kua lai: *mine enemy trenches, forts, etc*. **3** [Tn] (a) a puak theimi bomb siah: *mine the entrance to a harbour*. (b) a puak theimi (bomb) thawn siatsuah: *The cruiser was mined, and sank in five minutes*.
miner /'maɪnə(r)/ *n* leikhur sungih hna a òuantu.
mining /'maɪnɪŋ/ *n* [U] khur lai ih thil mankhung pawl ngahnak: *gold-mining* ○ *the mining industry, the mining engineer*.
mineral /'mɪnərəl/ *n* **1** [C, U] leilung sungih tonmi, amahte ah tuahsernak le thleng awknak a nei ringring mi thil pawl: *the mineral kingdom* ○ *substances classified as minerals*. **2** [C, U] leilung sungih laihsuak mi thil pawl: *Coal and iron are minerals*. ○ [attrib] *mineral deposits, resources, wealth, etc*. **3** [C usu pl] (*Brit*) (a) MINERAL WATER. (b) (*US soda*) zu a tellomi, ti thawl, palang sungih thunmi in ding pawl: *Soft drinks and minerals sold here*.
□ **mineral oil** **1** (*Brit*) zinan, datsi tivek pawl: **2** (*US*) zinan.
mineral water harh damnak hrangih a òhami ti.
mineralogy /'mɪnərələdʒɪ/ *n* [U] lei sungsuak thil pawl thu zirnak.
▷ **mineralogical** /'mɪnərələdʒɪkəl/ *adj*.
mineralogist /'mɪnɪ'strɒlədʒɪst/ *n* mineral thu a zirlaitu/a thiam zettu.
minestone /'mɪnɪ'strɒni/ *n* [U] sa, hanghnah hangrah, fangfai, arti pawl rawi ih suanmi Italy sop tihang, cencerh.
mingle /'mɪŋɡl/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] kom aw; kom: *The waters of the two rivers mingled (together) to form one river*. (b) cokrawi: *He mingled the water and wine*. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] va feh ih mi thawn kom aw, rawi aw: *Security men mingled with the crowd*.
mingy /'mɪndʒɪ/ *n* (-ier, -iest) (*Brit infml*) tirhfak,

mini

- fahhnat: *He's so minging with his money.* (stingy).
- mini** /'mini/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) (*infml*) **1** **Mini** (propr) mawṭawka fate. **2** nunau hnifen tawite; miniskirt, a cing zetmi skat.
- mini-** *comb form of small size, length:* thil fate simnak: *minibus* ○ *ministore* ○ *miniskirt*. Cf **MACRO-**, **MICRO-**.
- miniature** /'miniətʃə(r); US 'miniətʃuər/ *n* **1** (**a**) [**C**] minung lemozuk fate zet le famkim zet ih suaimi. (**b**) hi vek lemozuk suai thiamnak: *a miniature artist*. **2** [**C**] thil pakhat bang zet le fate zet ih tuahmi/cawnmi: *a detailed miniature of the Titanic*. ○ [attrib] *miniature dog*. uico fate zet phun. **3** (idm) **in miniature** *She is just like her mother in miniature*, fatet lamah a nu a zon.
▷ **miniaturist** /'mini:tʃərist/ *n* lemozuk fate suaitu.
- minibus** /'minibʌs/ *n* (*esp Brit*) minung phurtu mawṭaw (bas) te.
- minicab** /'minikæb/ *n* (*Brit*) minung malte tomi hlantheih mawṭawka fate (taxi).
- mini-computer** /'minikəm'pjʊ:tə(r)/ *n* a fate ih a man olmi kompeuta. Cf **MAINFRAME**, **MICROCOMPUTER**.
- minim** /'minim/ *n* **1** (*Brit*) (**US half note**) (*music*) kut vai vai hrek, a tlangpi thu in vuak hnih a nei ih crotchet/quarter note pahnih thawn an bang-aw. **2** for khat (tidai).
- minimal** /'miniməl/ *adj* a mal bik, a tee bik: *On these cliffs vegetation is minimal*. ○ *We stayed with friends, so your expenses were minimal*.
▷ **minimally** *adv*.
- minimize, -ise** /'miniməz/ *v* [**Tn**] **1** a mal bik, a niam bikah ṭhum: *To minimize the risk of burglary, install a good alarm system*. **2** thil pakhat a sinak hnakh niam deuh ih sim/tuat: *minimize an accident* ○ *minimize someone's contribution*.
- minimum** /'miniməm/ *n* (pl **minima** /-mə/) [**C**] a mal bik, a tee bik, a niam bik zat, sinak: *Repairing your car will cost a minimum of \$100*. **2** (*abbr min*) a mal bik, a tee bik, a niam bik zat onmi, hminsinmi: *The class needs a minimum of 6 pupils to continue*. Cf **MAXIMUM**.
▷ **minimum** *adj* *20p is the minimum fare on buses*.
□ **minimum lending rate** (*finance*) paisa coihnakih a ṭhang niam bik khiahmi.
minimum thermometer a kik le hlum tah nakin a hlumnakh niambik a hminsin mi.
minimum wage *minimum pay*: uknak dan ih khiaksakmi a niam bik hlawhman (cu hnakh niam a um thei lo).
- mining** /'minɪŋ/ *n* [**U**]
- minion** /'minjən/ *n* (*esp pl*) hnaṭuan nauta; hnen-um; bawi upa ṭihzah ih um in lungṭlon tumtu: *Can you send one of your minions to collect this file?*
- minister**¹ /'mɪnɪstə(r)/ *n* **1** (**US secretary**) kumpi uknak department pakhat ih ṭuanvo neitu bik (vuanci), ram pi uknak lukaitu pawlkom (*Cabinet*) sungtel: *the Minister of Education* ○ *the Prime Minister*. **2** ambassador hnakh niam deuh, a mai kumpi ai-awhtu. **3** kawhhran hnaṭuan pastor. Cf **PRIEST**, **VICAR**.
- minister**² /'mɪnɪstə(r)/ *v* **1** [**I pr**] rian: *nurses ministering to the sick*. **2** (idm) **a ministering angel** zangfah thinpemnak thawn mi a bawmtu; mi a bawmtu, a riantu nunau.
- ministerial** /'mɪnɪstəriəl/ *adj* minister ih sinak, dinhmun le ṭuanvo pawl: *hold ministerial office* ○ *a decision taken at ministerial level*.
▷ **ministerially**.
- ministrant** /'mɪnɪstrənt/ *adj* Kawhhran puai le hnaṭuan tete ah bawm.
▷ **ministrant** *n* (*fm*) bawmtu, terh fialmi.
- ministration** /,mɪnɪ'streɪʃn/ *n* (*fm*) (**a**) [**U**] kawhhran serh le saang ti vekih bom le ren hna: *the ministration of the sacrament*. (**b**) [**C usu pl**] tuamhlawmna: *The ministrations of my wife restored me to health*.
- ministry** /'mɪnɪstri/ *n* **1** (**US department**) [**C**] *the Ministry of Defence*. **2** (**a**) **the ministry** kawhhran hnaṭuan, biaknak; hnaṭuan pawl: *His parents intended him for the ministry*. (**b**) biaknak hnaṭuantu ih ṭuan caan le ṭuanvo: *enter the ministry*.
- mink** /mɪŋk/ *n* **1** [**C**] sahrem phun khat. **2** (**a**) [**U**] cui sahrem hmul mankhung: *a mink stole, coat*. (**b**) [**C**] cui hmul ih tuahmi kawt kor: *wearing her new mink*.
- minow** /'mɪnəʊ/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~ **s**) tiva nga a fate phun.
- minor** /'maɪnə(r)/ *adj* **1** [*usu attrib*] a fate deuh, a thupi lo deuh: *a minor road*, eg in the country ○ *a minor repairs, alterations, etc* ○ *a minor operation*, ie one that does not risk the patient's life ○ *minor injuries, burns, fractures, etc* ○ *a minor part/role in a play* ○ *minor poets*. Cf **MAJOR**. **2** (*Brit dated or joc*) (in private schools) tlawng pakhat ih hminbangrep pahnih lakah nauta deuh kawhna; unau an si le a nau deuh kawhna: *Smith minor*. Cf **MAJOR**, **JUNIOR**. **3** (*music*) scale sungah a pahnihna aw ihsin a hrek a hlami aw, minor key: *a minor third*, ie an interval of three semitones ○ *a song in a minor key, ie one based on a minor scale* ○ *a symphony in C minor*. Cf **MAJOR**.
▷ **minor** *n* **1** (*law*) kum leitek a kim lomi (*UK* ah kum 18). **2** (*US*) phunsang tlawngta pakhat ih cazirmi thupi lo deuh pawl: *minor subject*.
minor *v* [**I pr**] cuvek ih zir.
□ **minor planet** asteroid.
minor suit (in card-games, esp bridge) diamonds lole clubs.
- minority** /maɪ'nɔ:rəti; US -'nɔ:r-/ *n* **1** (**a**) [**CGp**] (*usu sing*) mi mal sawn: *Only a minority of British households do/does not have a car*. ○ *A small minority voted against the motion*. (**b**) [**C**] phun le hnam, biaknak, ṭong ah ramsung mi tamsawn

hnakih hleice pawl (a bangaw lo pawl): *the rights of ethnic minorities*. ○ [attrib] *belong to a minority group*. Cf MAJORITY. **2** [U] (law) kum rikhiah (leitek) a kim lomi. **3** (idm) **be in a/the minority** mi malsawn: *We're in the minority*. ○ *I'm in a minority of one*, zo khalin in lung kimpi lo.

□ **minority government** party dang hmuahhmuah ih ngahmi MP hnakin malsawn a ngahtu party in kumpi an kai.

minster /'mɪnstə(r)/ *n* (Brit) biakinn tumpi le thupi: *York Minster*.

minstrel /'mɪnstrel/ *n* hlaphuah le hlasakih khual tlawngmi. **2** (usu *pl*) hmai dumter tahrat in Negro hla le awnmawi thawn hlasak le laam puai tuah: *a minstrel show*.

▷ **minstrelsy** *n*.

mint¹ /mɪnt/ *n* **1** [U] rawl, inmi pawl, hasi, le hmawmmi pawl rimhmui tertu thinghna: *a spring of mint* zu sungih rawimi: *mint sauce*. hmuihmer sawhti. **2** [U, C] thakhmui: *Do you like mints?*

▷ **minty** /mɪnti/ *adj*: *toothpaste with a minty taste*.

mint² /mɪnt/ *n* **1** [C] tangka fang (thir tangka tivek) tuahnak hmun. **2** [sing] (*infml*) paisa tam zet: *She made an absolute mint in the fashion trade*.

3 (idm) **in mint condition** a thar (vek), a bal lo mi, a tha mi: *banknotes in mint condition*.

▷ **mint** *v* [Tn] **1** tangka fang thar tuah: *newly-minted £1coins*. **2** (*fig*) tɔngfang thar phuah.

I've just minted a new word!

minuet /'mɪnjuːt/ *n* nuamte ih laamnak hrangih awnmawi.

minus /'maɪnəs/ *prep* **1** (*mathematics*) a dir, a hnuk: *Seven minus three equals four (7-3 = 4)*. **2** lolak hnakih niam: *a temperature of minus ten degree centigrade (-10°C)*. **3** (*infml*) neilo, hloral: *He came back from the war minus a leg*. ○ *I'm minus my car today*. Cf PLUS.

▷ **minus** *adj* **1** (*mathematics*) a dir lam: *a minus quantity*, lolak tangah dirtu a um lai(-50). **2** hmat pek dan: *I got B minus (B-) in the test*.

minus *n* **1** (also **minus sign**) a dir langternak (-). **2** (*infml*) tɔmsuknak, hnufual tertu: *Let's consider the pluses and minuses of moving house*. Cf PLUS.

minuscule /'mɪnəskju:l/ *adj* a fate zetmi.

minute¹ /'mɪnɪt/ *n* (a) [C] nazi pakhat ih then sawmruk thenkhat: *It's ten minutes to five*. ○ *My house is five minutes (away) from the shop*. (b) caan tawite: *Just a minute, please!* ○ *It only takes a minute to make a salad*. (c) a kiil tahnak ih hmanmi digri sawmrukih then khat: *37 degrees 30 minutes (37° 30')*. **3** [C] thurelcat ngankhummi. **4 minutes** [pl] thurelcatmi pawl: *He reads the minutes of the last meeting*. ○ *Who will take the minutes?* **5** (idm) **any minute (now)** reilote ah: *The leading cyclist will be coming round that corner any minute now*. **in a minute**

mitthep kar ah: *Our guest will be here in a minute!* **Just a minute** malten in hngak aw: *Just a minute! Let me shut the window*. **not for a/one minute** si lamlam hlah: *I never suspected for a minute that you were married*. **the minute/moment (that)** ... veten ...: *I want to see him the minute (that) he arrives*. **to the minute** a cekci ah: *The train arrived at 9.05 to the minute*. **up to the minute** (*infml*) (a) hnipuan hruk sanman: *Her clothes are right up to the minute*. (b) netabik thusuak: *an up-to-the minute news bulletin*.

▷ **minute** *v* [Tn] ngankhum: *Your suggestion will be minuted*.

□ **minute-book** *n* thurelmi ngankhumnak cabu.

minute-gun minit pakhat danih kahmi meithal: mi upa ruak vuinakah.

minute-hand nazi sungih minit fung, minit kut.

minute-man *n* (*pl* -men) (US) a tul asile ralkap hlun (asilole) mi menmen a tiar awmi.

minute steak suan lohli thei dingin cawsa/sasen paate ih canmi.

minute² /mɪn'ju:t/ *US* -nu:t/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** fate/malte: *minute particles of gold dust*. **2** a cipciar in, a fekfek in, a cekci in: *a minute inquiry, inspection*. ○ *The detective studied the fingerprints in the minutest detail*.

▷ **minutely** *adv*. **minuteness** *n* [U].

minutiae /mɪn'ju:ʔi:; *US* mɪ'nju:ʔi:/ *n* (pl) a thupilomi a cipciar: *I won't discuss the minutiae of the contract now*.

minx /mɪnks/ *n* (*derog or joc*) a depde, a hlothlau mi fala no: *She can be a little minx when she wants to get her own way!*

miracle /'mɪrəkl/ *n* a dan le a kel vek si lo, minung ih thil ti thei nak si lo in mangbangza thil a cangmi: *The doctors said her recovery was a miracle*. **2** [sing] (*infml fig*) hmnsin tlak le ruah ban lo ih thil a cangmi: *It's a miracle you weren't killed in that car crash!* ○ *It'll be a miracle if he ever gives up smoking!* **3** [C] zohthim tlak, hmnsin tlak tuahmi: *The compact disc is a miracle of modern technology*. **4** (idm) **do/work miracles** (*infml*) thil tha maktak a suahpi thei: *This tonic will work miracles for your depression*.

▷ **miraculous** /mɪ'rækjʊləs/ *adj* **1** thil cangkel vek siloin mangbangza thil a cangmi. **2** (*infml*) hmnsin tlak, mangbangza, rinlopi in: *It's miraculously how much weight you've lost!* **miraculously** *adv*.

□ **miracle play** Baibal sungih thilcang pawl le Khristian mithiang pawl nun lemcawn ih an rak hmuhmi.

mirage /'mɪrɑ:ʒ, mɪ'rɑ:ʒ/ *n* **1** niling le niling lak feh lai ih tidai a li mi ruangah mit a bum-aw mi. **2** (*fig*) a um lo mi hmuh le a cang thei lo dingmi ruahsannak.

mire /'maɪə/ *n* [U] cirh duuppi: *sink into/stuck in the mire*.

▷ **miry** /'maɪəri/ *v* *adj* a bek, a duup, a thlawk.

mirror

mirror /ˈmɪrə(r)/ *n* **1** thlang: *She glanced herself at a mirror.* ○ *a driving mirror* ○ *a hand mirror.* **2** (fig) hmuhawk theinak, thil pakhat langfiang tertu: *Pepsi's 'Diary' is a mirror of the times he lived in.*

▷ **mirror** *v* [Tn] thlaam a langter: *The trees were mirrored in the still waters of the lake.* ○ (fig) *a novel that mirrors modern society.*

□ **mirror image** keh le vorh a linglet ih suaimi lemzuk.

mirth /mɜːθ/ *n* [U] (fml) nomnak, lungawi hnihnak: *Her funny costume caused much mirth among the guests.*

▷ **mirthful** /-fl/ *adj.* **mirthless** *adj* a mirthless laugh.

mis- *pref* (with *vs* & *ns*) a tha lo, a sual, a si lo: *misconduct* ○ *mistrust.*

misadventure /ˌmɪsəd'ventʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] (fml) vansiatnak, malmak: *Their holiday was ruined by a whole series of misadventure.* **2** [U] (law) tuah hrim le daithlan tel lo ih thihter pangnak: *death by misadventure.*

misalliance /ˌmɪsə'laɪəns/ *n* tlaklo zet cingih komawk, a hleice in phun-upa le phunnau thit awknak.

misanthropist /mɪ'sænrəpɪst/ (also **misanthrope** /ˌmɪsənθrəʊp/) *n* minung a huatu le mi lakih um a duhlotu. Cf **PHILANTHROPIST.**

▷ **misanthropic** /ˌmɪsən'trɒpɪk/ *adj* minung hua ih rinnak neih lo.

misanthropy /mɪ'sænrəpi/ *n* [U].

misapply /ˌmɪsə'plai/ *v* (pt, pp **-lied**) a sual, a peng ih hman: *misapplied efforts* ○ *misapplied talents* ○ *misapplied funds.*

▷ **misapplication** /ˌmɪsəplɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] thil pakhat hmansualnak.

misapprehend /ˌmɪsəprɪ'hend/ *v* [Tn] thei sual.

▷ **misapprehension** /ˌmɪsəprɪ'hensɪn/ *n* (idm) **under a misapprehension** fiangten thei ngah lo.

misappropriate /ˌmɪsə'prəʊprɪət/ *v* [Tn] mi ih paisa, thilri a diklo ih laksak, hmansak: *The treasurer misappropriated the society's funds.*

▷ **misappropriation** /ˌmɪsə'prəʊprɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U].

misbegotten /ˌmɪsbɪ'ɡɒtn/ *adj* **1** ruahnak thalo pek, thil thalo tum: *misbegotten schemes, ideas, notions, etc.* **2** (a) fa sawn, lakfa. (b) hmuhsummi.

misbehave /ˌmɪsbɪ'hɛv/ *v* a ningcang lo, dan thalo ih um.

▷ **misbehaviour** *n* [U].

misc *abbr* *miscellaneous.*

miscalculate /ˌmɪs'kælmjʊleɪt/ *v* tuat sual, siar sual: *There's too much meat. I must have miscalculated how much I needed.*

▷ **miscalculation** /ˌmɪs'kælkju'leɪʃn/ *n* [C, U]: *I made a slight miscalculation.*

miscarriage /ˌmɪs'kæɪrɪdʒ, 'mɪs'kæɪrɪdʒ/ *n* **1** (a) nausiat (b) nausiatnak: *She suffered a*

miscarriage. Cf **ABORTION.** **2** (a) a tikcu ah thleng lo, thilri a tikcu ah kuat ngahlo: *miscarriage of goods, letters, etc.* (b) [U, C] tumtah mi tisuak theilonak: *the miscarriage of one's hopes, schemes, etc.*

□ **miscarriage of justice** (law) thuθentu zung in thaten thu thensak lo: *Sending an innocent man to prison is a clear miscarriage of justice.*

miscarry /ˌmɪs'kæəri/ *v* (pt, pp **-ried**) **1** favun nausiat. **2** tumtahmi hlensuahlo. **3** ca le thil kuatmi thlengsuak lo.

miscast /ˌmɪs'kaɪst; US -'kæst/ *v* (pt, pp **miscast**) **1** [usually passive: Tn, Cn.n/a] mah thawn a dengkhawng lo mi hna tuanter, cuvek zawnih ret: *The young actor was badly miscast in the role of Lear.* **2** (lemcawn ah) a dengkhawng lo zawnih cawnter/ret: *The film was thoroughly miscast.*

miscellaneous /ˌmɪsɪ'dʒɪneɪʃn/ *n* [U] hnamcom (kahpia) nu le pa phunhnam dang veve ih hrinmi.

miscellaneous /ˌmɪsə'leɪniəs/ *adj* **1** a tuktak tete pawl: *miscellaneous items, goods, expenses.* **2** a phunphun rawimi: *a miscellaneous assortment, collection.*

miscellany /mɪ'seləni; US 'mɪsəleɪni/ *n* **1** thil dangdang kaih khawmmi: *The show was a miscellany of song and dance.* **2** thu dangdang nganih komkhawmmi cabu.

mischance /ˌmɪs'tʃaːns; US -'tʃæns/ *n* [C, U] vansiatnak: *I lost your file by pure mischance.*

mischief /ˌmɪstʃɪf/ *n* **1** [U] ziaza sia: *Tell the children to keep out of mischief.* **2** [C] ziaza sia neitu: *Where have you hidden my book, you little mischief.* **3** [C] capoh luarkai neih duhnak: *There was mischief in her eyes.* **4** [U] thinlung, nunzia siaternak: *His malicious gossip caused much mischief until the truth became known.* **5** (idm) **do a ... mischief** taksa hliam awknak: *You could do yourself a mischief on that barb-wire fence!* **make mischief** mi ninghanter: *Don't let her make mischief between you — she's only jealous.*

□ **mischief-maker** *n* remlonak le buainak a tuahtu.

mischief-making *n* [U].

mischievous /ˌmɪstʃɪvəs/ *adj* **1** thilhuatsuak tuah a duhtu: *He's as mischievous as a monkey!* **2** thinlung siava langternak: *a mischievous look, smile, trick.* **3** siaternak: *a mischievous letter, rumour.*

▷ **mischievously** *adv.* **mischievousness** *n* [U].

miscible /ˌmɪsəbl/ *adj* a rawi aw theimi (ti): *Oil and water are not miscible.*

misconceive /ˌmɪskən'siːv/ *v* thei sual; cing sual: *The housing needs of our inner cities have been misconceived from the start.*

▷ **misconception** *n* [U, C] theihualnak: *It is a popular misconception that all Scotsmen are*

- mean*. Cf PRECONCEPTION.
- misconduct** /ˌmɪsˈkɒndʌkt/ *n* [U] **1** nuncan tha lo, a bikin nunau mipa sinak ah: *She sued for divorce on the grounds of her husband's alleged misconduct with his secretary.* **2** tawrel thei lo, daithlan san. *misconduct of the company's affairs.*
 ▷ **misconduct** /ˌmɪskənˈdʌkt/ *v* mawi lo, tha lo ih nun, a bikin mipa nunau sinakah.
- misconstruction** /ˌmɪskənˈstrʌkʃn/ *n* [C, U] a dik lo le a sual ih theihnak, simnak: *What you say is open to misconstruction* = theihusual ol zet.
- misconstrue** /ˌmɪskənˈstruː/ *v* mi ih thusim a pengsual ih sullam thei ngah: *You have completely misconstrued my words.*
- miscount** /ˌmɪskˈkaʊnt/ *v* siar sual: *We've got too many chairs — I must have miscounted.*
 ▷ **miscount** /ˌmɪskaʊnt/ *n* siar sualnak, a bikin hril awknak ih pekmi hmat.
- miscreant** /ˌmɪskrɪənt/ *n* (dated) thilsual tuahtu.
- misdate** /ˌmɪsˈdeɪt/ *v* **1** nikhiah sual, **2** cakuat par nikhen sual.
- misdeal** /ˌmɪsˈdiːl/ *v* (pt, pp **misdealt** /-ˈdelt/) phekah ih bum.
 ▷ **misdeal** *n* phe zem sual: *it's a misdeal!*
- misdeed** /ˌmɪsˈdiːd/ *n* (usu pl) thil sual tuahnak; dan ih duh lomi tuahnak: *He's punished for his many misdeeds.*
- misdeemeanour** (US **misdeemeanor**) /ˌmɪsˈdiːniə(r)/ *n* sualnak tenau deuh pawl.
- misdirect** /ˌmɪsˈdɪrɛkt, -dɑːrɛkt/ *v* **1** a pengih thlah, kuat: *The letter was misdirected to our old address.* **2** a peng, sullam nei lo ih hman: *Your talents are misdirected—study music, not maths!* **3** (law) thuthentu pawl hnen upadi a pengih sim.
 ▷ **misdirection** /ˌmɪsˈdɪrɛkʃn, -dɑːrɛk-/ *n* [U].
- misdoing** /ˌmɪsˈduːɪŋ/ *n* (usu pl) hrokhrawl ih nun; tuah.
- mise-en-scene** /ˌmɪz ɒn ˈseɪn/ *n* (French) zoh mawi zet ih tuahmi hmunhama le kiangkap: *the magnificent mise-en-scene of the Royal Wedding.*
- miser** /ˈmaɪzə(r)/ *n* terhfak zet milian duhham pa: *Why don't you buy me a drink for a change, you old miser!*
 ▷ **miserly** *adj* **1** hawi zawng lo, terhfak. **2** a daih fangfang, mal takte: *a miserly allowance, share.*
- miserliness** *n* [U].
- miserable** /ˌmɪzrəbl/ *adj* **1** nuam-aw lo zet, vanduai rapthlak: *Refugees everywhere lead miserable lives.* **2** nuam lo, remcang lo ko ih tuah, nuam lo zetmi: *live in miserable weather, conditions.* **3** a siami, a mal tukmi, santlai lo mi: *How can I keep a family on such a miserable wage?* **4** awnai, nautat thlak: *The plan was a miserable failure.*
 ▷ **miserably** /-əblɪ/ *adv* *a miserably wet day* ○ *die miserably.*
- misery** /ˌmɪzəri/ *n* **1** [U] nasa tak tuarnak; um nomlonak: *suffer the misery of toothache* ○ *living in misery and want.* **2** [C usu pl] vansiatnak maktak, ningnatza thil cangmi: *The miseries of unemployment.* **3** [C] mi nuam lo le mi thutam: *It's no fun being with you, you old misery!* **4** (idm) **put sb out of his misery** (a) that tahrat in a tuarnak cemter. (b) a helh-kamnak cem ter: *Put me out of my misery — tell me if I've passed or not.*
- misfire** /ˌmɪsˈfaɪə(r)/ *v* **1** meithal a tlawlh: *As his gun misfired the thief escaped unhurt.* **2** cet nung thei lo, thok thei lo. **3** sim duh mi kheng thei lo, hlensuah lo: *The joke misfired completely.*
 ▷ **misfire** *n.*
- misfit** /ˌmɪsˈfɪt/ *n* **1** hnaʔuan, kiangkap thawn a remcang thei lo mi (minung): *He is a misfit in the business world* ○ *a social misfit.* **2** mah thawn a kaih lo mi (hnipuan, thilri).
- misfortune** /ˌmɪsˈfɔːtʃuːn/ *n* **1** [U] vansia: *They had the misfortune to be hit by a violent storm.* **2** [C] vansiatnak thil cangmi, umtu dan: *She bore her misfortunes bravely.*
- misgiving** /ˌmɪsˈɡɪvɪŋ/ *n* [U, C esp pl] rinhlel nak, donharnak, lung awʔawmnak: *I have serious misgivings about taking the job.*
- misgovern** /ˌmɪsˈɡɪvɪn/ *vt* tha lo zet asilole dik lo ih uk.
 ▷ **misgovernment** *n* [U].
- misguided** /ˌmɪsˈɡaɪdɪd/ *adj* **1** hruai sual, a pengih hruai: *He was misguided into robbery.* **2** ruah sual ruangah sual le at thlak ih nun: *a misguided zeal* ○ *the thief made a misguided attempt to rob a policewoman.*
 ▷ **misguide** *v.* **misguidedly** *adv.*
- mishandle** /ˌmɪsˈhændl/ *v* **1** tha lo ih tuah, asilole puahcok: *The damage was caused by mishandling.* **2** (fig) ti sual, famkim lo ih thilti: *He mishandled the meeting badly and lost the vote.*
- mishap** /ˌmɪʃæp/ *n* (a) [C] besia tuk lo thil cang sualmi: *We had a slight mishap with the car.* (b) vansiatnak: *Our journey ended without mishap.*
- mishear** /ˌmɪsˈhɪə(r)/ *v* (pl, pp **misheard** /-ˈhɜːd/) thei sual, a pengih thei: *I must have misheard what she was saying.*
- mishit** /ˌmɪsˈhɪt/ *v* (pt, pp **mishit**) lehnakih bawhlung te thawi thelh, thawi sual.
 ▷ **mishit** *n.*
- mishmash** /ˌmɪʃmæʃ/ *n* a cokrawi ruri mi: *It's not a proper plan, just a mishmash of vague ideas.*
- misinform** /ˌmɪsɪnˈfɔːm/ *v* a dik lo mi sim, a pengsual mi sim; hruaisual: *I regret to say you have been misinformed (about that).*
 ▷ **misinformation** *n* [U].
- misinterpret** /ˌmɪsɪnˈtɜːprɪt/ *v* a pengih leh, a pengih theih: *He misinterpreted her silence as indicating agreement.*
 ▷ **misinterpretation** /ˌmɪsɪntɜːprɪˈteɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].
- misjudge** /ˌmɪsˈdʒʌdʒ/ *v* **1** ruat sual: *I'm sorry I misjudged your motives.* **2** (caan, a hlat a nai, a

mislay

sia a (tha) kxanhxman sual: *I misjudged how deep the stream was.*

▷ **misjudgement** *n.*

mislay /ˌmɪsˈleɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp misled* /-ˈleɪd/) a peengih ret, hloter lawk: *I seem to have misled my book—have you seen it?*

mislead /ˌmɪsˈliːd/ *v* (*pt, pp misled* /-ˈled/) **1** a pengih hruai (lamzin, ziaza): *We were misled by the guide.* ○ *She’s misled by bad companions.* **2** ruahnak tha lo, ruahnak peeng neihter: *We were misled by the guide.* **3** (*phr v*) **mislead sb into doing sth** bum ih thil tuahter: *You misled me as to your intentions.* ○ *He misled me into thinking he was rich.*

▷ **misleading** *adj* ruahnak dik lo pek, bum: *misleading comments.*

mismanage /ˌmɪsˈmæɪndʒ/ *v* a pengih tuah; a dik lo zawngih siatter: *The company has been mismanaged for years.*

▷ **mismanagement** *n* [U].

mismatch /ˌmɪsˈmætʃ/ *v* a kaih aw lo zetmi ret khawm, um khawmter: *The two players were badly mismatched = thiam le thiam lo lekter.*

▷ **mismatch** /ˌmɪsˈmætʃ/ *n* *Their marriage was a mismatch—they had little in common.*

misname /ˌmɪsˈneɪm/ *v* hmin diklo le peengih ko: *That tall man is misnamed Mr Short!*

misnomer /ˌmɪsˈnəʊmə(r)/ *n* hmin, tɔngfang hman sual, pek sual: *‘First-class hotel’ was a complete misnomer for our farmhouse.*

misogynist /mɪˈsɒdʒɪnɪst/ *n* nunau huatu.

▷ **misogyny** *n.*

misplace /ˌmɪsˈpleɪs/ *v* **1** a pengih ret: *I’ve misplaced my glasses—they’re not in my bag.* **2** thinglung, duhdawtnak tivek pek sual: *misplaced trust, love, confidence.* **3** a kaih lo mi tɔngfang hman: *If you think deafness is funny, you’ve got a very misplaced sense of humour.*

misprint /ˌmɪsˈprɪnt/ *v* ca (ngan) nam palh: *They misprinted John as Jhon.*

▷ **misprint** /ˌmɪsˈprɪnt/ *n* *Jhon is a misprint for John.*

mispronounce /ˌmɪsprəˈnəʊns/ *v* awsuah siar sual: *She mispronounced ‘ship’ as ‘sheep’.*

▷ **mispronunciation** *n* [U, C].

misquote /ˌmɪsˈkwəʊt/ *v* mi tɔng a pengih simsin/simsal: *He is frequently misquoted in the press.*

misread /ˌmɪsˈriːd/ *v* (*pt, pp misread* /-ˈred/) **1** siar sual: *I misread the instructions.* **2** a sullam thei sual: *His failure showed that he had completely misread the situation.*

▷ **misreading** *n* [C, U].

misrepresent /ˌmɪsˌreprɪznt/ *v* ai-awh sual; a thu dik lo ih sim: *She was misrepresented in the press as (being) a militant.*

▷ **misrepresentation** /ˌmɪsˌreprɪzntetʃn/ *n* [C, U].

misrule /ˌmɪsˈruːl/ *n* [U] uknak tha lo; buai le hnaihnok zet: *The country suffered years of*

misrule under a wicked king.

miss¹ /mɪs/ *n* **1** tʃelh, tlawlh, ngah lo: *The ball’s gone right past him—that was a bad miss.* **2** (idm) **give sb/sth a miss** telh lo, pawm suah: *I think I’ll give the afternoon course a miss.* **a miss is as good as a mile** (*saying*). **(a)** tʃihphannak in luat fangfang cu napi ih luat thawn a bangrep. **(b)** sung fangfang (ceuceu) cu napi ih sung thawn a bangrep.

miss² /mɪs/ *n* **1** **Miss** **(a)** pasal nei lo nunau kawhnak, a hrekxhat pasal neimi khal ih hmanmi: *Miss Gloria.* ○ *the Miss Roberts.* Cf *Mrs. Ms.* **(b)** mawi zuam awknak ih pakhatnak a ngahtu kawhnak: *Miss England* ○ *the Miss World contest.* **2** **Miss** **(a)** (taxi mawɬawka mawngtu le hotel mi hmuaktu pawl ih) fala an kawhnak (upatnak in): *I’ll take your luggage to your room, Miss.* Cf *MADAM.* **(b)** tlawngta pawl in zirhtu nunau an kawhnak: *Good morning, Miss.* **3** tlawngta/fala no, pasal nei lo nunau: *She’s a saucy little miss.*

miss³ /mɪs/ *v* **1** tʃelh, tlawlh, man lo: *He shot at the bird but missed.* ○ *The goalkeeper just missed the ball.* **2** hmu lo, thei lo, cing lo: *The house is on the corner; You can’t miss it.* ○ *I’m sorry, I missed what you said.* ○ *He missed the point of my joke.* **3** tel ngah lo; tlai tukih thleng: *miss a meeting, a class, an appointment.* ○ *He missed the 9:30 train.* ○ *We only missed each other by five minutes.* **4** thathnemnak tlawlh: *Don’t miss our Christmas special offer!* **5** **(a)** thil um lo, thil hlo thei hlah: *When did you first miss your purse?* ○ *He’s so rich that he wouldn’t miss \$100.* **(b)** um nawn lo/thih ruangih riahsiat ninghannak; hngilh: *Old Smith won’t be missed.* **6** luat; kian ngah: *If you go early you’ll miss the traffic.* **7** a dangdang ih um ruangih ngai: *I really miss you.* **8** (idm) **miss the boat/bus** thil tha co dingih khul fungmi: *If we don’t offer a good price for the house now, we’ll probably miss the boat altogether.* **not miss much; not miss a trick** hriohrip; ralring ih um: *Mary will find out your secret—she never misses a trick!* **too good to miss** eel, tlawlh, pelhtheih lo ih tha: *The offer of a year abroad with all expenses paid seemed too good to miss.* **9** (*phr v*) **miss sb/sth out (on sth)** telh lo: *I’ll miss out the sweet course, ie not take it at a meal.* ○ *We’ll miss out (eg not sing) the last two verses.* ○ *The printers have missed out a whole line here.* **miss out (on sth)** (*infml*) mah bulpak nomnak dingah caan tha ngahmi pakhat khat laak lo: *If I don’t go to the party, I shall feel I’m missing out.*

▷ **missing** *adj* **1** **(a)** umnak ah um lo, a hlo: *The hammer is missing from my tool-box.* **(b)** a tel lo, um lo: *He’s always missing when there’s work to be done.* **2** ton theih lo, inn ihsin hlo: *The child had been missing for a week.* **3** ral do hnu ah a thi ti thu thei fawn lo ih a hlomi: *Two*

soldiers were reported (as) missing. **4** (idm) **a the missing link** (a) thil pehzom sungih pakhat te a sammi (a hlo mi) (b) hlanlai zawng mei nei lo san le minung semtir karlakih ramsa phunkhat a um hman ti ih ruahmi.

the missing n [pl v]: *Captain Jones is among the missing.*

missal /'mɪsl/ *n* RCM Kawhhran ah Bawipa zanriah tikcu ah hman dingmi cabu te.

misshapen /mɪs'seɪpən/ *adj* taksa kim nawn lo, zawngbai.

missile /'mɪsəl/ *n* **1** kapmi, denmi thil, hriamnam/cerek: *Missiles thrown at the police included stones and bottles.* **2** hlat pi in kapih a va puaksin theimi pukpi cerek: *ballistic missile, guided missile, nuclear missile.* ○ [attrib] *missile bases.*

mission /'mɪʃn/ *n* **1** ram uknak le pursum leilawnnak thu ah ram dang ih tirhmi (thlah mi) pawl ih hnaʔuan: *a British trade mission to China.* ○ *The delegation completed its mission successfully.* **2** (a) minung pawl ih zumnak thlengter dingih thlahmi biaknak hnaʔuan pawl ih (hnaʔuan mi); ram thar hnaʔuan: *a Catholic, Methodist, Baptist mission in Africa.* (b) cu vek hnaʔuannak inn, hmunhma: *The doctor works at the mission.* **3** (a) mi pakhat/mibur pakhat in a hleice ih a tumtahmi hnaʔuan: *My mission in life is to help poor people.* (b) ralkap pawl in a hleice ih an va tuah mi: *The squadron flew a reconnaissance mission.* ○ [attrib] *mission control, mission headquarters.etc.*

missionary /mɪʃənəri/ *n* Pathian thei hrih lo pawl hnenih thlahmi thuthang ʔa simtu: *Anglican, Presby-terian Baptist missionaries.* ○ [attrib] *speaks with missionary zeal* = taima zetin.

missis = MISSUS.

missive /'mɪsɪv/ *n* cakuat saupi, zung cakuat.

misspell /,mɪs'spel/ *v* (pt, pp **misspelled** or **misspelt** /-spelt/) cawang kom sual.

▷ **misspelling n** [U, C].

misspend /,mɪs'spend/ *v* (pt, pp **misspent** /-spent/) thu lolak ih paisa, tikcu, thazaang hman, ei-ek, heukhau: *a misspent talent, a misspent youth.*

misstate /mɪs'steɪt/ *v* a pengih sim, sim sual: *Be careful not to misstate your case.*

▷ **misstatement n**: *I wish to correct my earlier misstatement.*

missus (also missis) /'mɪsɪz/ *n* **1** (infml or joc) cathiam lo pawl ih nupi kawhnaq ih hmanmi: *How's the missus?* ○ *My missis hates me smoking indoors.* **2** (sl) nunau pakhat biak tikih hmanmi: *Are these your kids, missis?*

missy /'mɪsi/ *n* fala no/nunau nauhak duhdawtnak thawn kawhnaq: *Hi! missy, what do you want?*

mist /mɪst/ *n* **1** (a) [U, C] tikhu, suum, cumci: *early morning mists in winter* ○ *hills shrouded in mist.*

(b) a sung lut ding a harmi, pahtlang ding a

harmi: *dispel the mists of ignorance.* **2** [U] thalang par ih a kopmi tikhu, fianglo ko ih a tuahtu. **3** a ruarau ih hmuhmi: *She saw his face through a mist of tears.* **4** [U] a zam sursomi: *A mist of perfume hung in the air.*

▷ **mist v** **1** mero ih khuh, mero ih khuh vek: *His eyes were misted with tears.* **2** (phr v) **mist over** tikhu, mero in a zel: *The scene misted over.* ○ *When I drink tea, my glasses mist over.* **mist up** tikhu a kop, a man, a zel: *Our breath is misting up the car windows.* **misty adj** (-ier, -iest) mero, tikhu ih a khuh ʔehmi: *a misty morning.* ○ *a misty weather.* **2** (fig) a fiangfai lomi: *a misty photograph.* **mistily adv.** **mistiness n** [U].

mistake¹ /mɪ'steɪk/ *n* **1** ruah sualnaq, palhnaq: *You can't arrest me! There must be some mistake!* **2** thil ti sualmi: *learn by one's mistakes.* ○ *The waiter made a mistake over the bill.* **3** (idm) **by mistake** daithlan ruangah, hngilh ruangah ti palhmi: *I took your bag instead of mine by mistake.* **and no mistake** lunhrinnak um lo in: *It's hot today and no mistake!* **make no mistake** khatlam ih ruah ahcun: *She seems very quiet, but make no mistake, she has a terrible temper.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Mistake**, **error**, **blunder**, **fault** and **defect** all refer to something done incorrectly or improperly. **Mistake** is the most general, used of everyday situations: *Your essay is full of mistakes.* ○ *It was a mistake to go there one holiday.* **Error** is more formal: *an error in your calculations* ○ *a technical error.* A **blunder** is a careless mistake, often unnecessary or resulting from misjudgement: *I made a terrible blunder in introducing her to my husband.* **Fault** emphasizes a person's responsibility for a mistake: *The child broke the window, but it was his parent's fault for letting him play football indoors.* **Fault** can also indicate an imperfection in a person or thing: *He has many faults, but vanity is not one of them.* ○ *an electrical fault.* A **defect** is more serious: *The new car had to be withdrawn from the market because of a mechanical defect.*

mistake² /mɪ'steɪk/ *v* (pt **mistook** /mɪ'stʊk/ pp, **mistaken** /mɪ'steɪkən/) **1** palh, ruat sual: *I must have mistaken what you meant.* ○ *We've mistaken the house, inn kan palh. She is often mistaken for her twin sister.* **2** (idm) **there's no mistaking** palh ngaihnak a um lo: *There's no mistaking what ought to be done.*

▷ **mistaken adj** **1** ruat sual, palh sual: *If I'm not mistaken, that's the man we saw on the bus.* **2** a dik lo mi ruahnak; a pengih ruahnak: *I helped him in the mistaken belief that he needed me.* **3** fimkhur lo zet ih hman: *a mistaken kindness, zeal, etc.*

mistakenly adv.

M

mister

mister /'mɪstə(r)/ *n* **1** Mr timi a sau zawngih ngannak. **2** (sl) (nauhak le khualtlawng pawl ih) mipa pakhat an kawhnak: *Please mister, can I have my ball back?* ○ *Now listen to me, mister!*

mistime /,mɪs'taɪm/ *v* (esp passive) a tikcu deng lo ih sim, tuah: *The government's intervention was badly mistimed.*

mistletoe /'mɪstləʊ/ *n* [U] epal kung par ih a keuh theimi a hnah a hring ih rah rang tete a neimi thingkung phunkhat (Christmas caan ah innsung ceimawi nakah an thlai theu mi): *the tradition of kissing under a mistletoe.*

mistral /'mɪstrəl, mɪ'stra:l/ *n* **the mistral** France ramah thlatang caan ih a hrangmi thlidai.

mistranslate /,mɪstræns'leɪt/ *v* let sual.

▷ **mistranslation** *n* [U, C].

mistreat /'mɪs'tri:t/ *v* (esp passive) ti siat, zangfahnak um lo: *I hate to see books being mistreated.*

▷ **mistreatment** *n* [U].

mistress /'mɪstrɪs/ *n* **1** thuneitu, lukaitu nunau: *Is the mistress of the house in?* ○ *She wants to be mistress of her own affairs.* **2** uico asilole rannung dang a neitu nunau. **3** (esp Brit) tlawng ca zirhtu nunau: *We've got a new geography mistress this year.* **4** nupi neimi pacang ih thupte nupi: *have a mistress.* **5** duh zetmi fala.

mistrial /'mɪs'traɪəl/ *n* (law) **1** a dik ih thu then lo ruangah pom lomi thu thennak. **2** (US) thuthen catmi parah jury thuthentu bur ih lungkim thei lomi thuthennak.

mistrust /'mɪs'trʌst/ *v* **1** zum lo. **2** lungrin: *mistrust some body's motives.*

▷ **mistrust** *n* [U, sing] **1** zumlonak. **2** lungrinnak: *She has a deep mistrust of anything new.*

mistrustful /-fəl/ *adj.* **mistrustfully** /-fəlɪ/ *adv.*

misty ⇨ MIST.

misunderstand /,mɪs'ʌndə'stænd/ *v* (pt, pp -stood /-stʊd/) thei sual, cing sual, let sual: *Don't misunderstand what I'm trying to say.*

▷ **misunderstanding** *n* **1** [U, C] theih sualnak. **2** [C] lungkim lonak le thu-el awk nak tete: *We had a slight misunderstanding over the issue.*

misuse /,mɪs'ju:z/ *v* (esp passive) **1** hmang sual: *misuse public fund.* **2** tuah siat: *He felt misused by the company.*

▷ **misuse** /,mɪs'ju:s/ *n* [C, U] a dik lo ih hmanna: *The misuse of power.*

mite¹ /maɪt/ *n* **1** paisa pya fate. **2** [C] thawhhlawm asilole peknak malte: *give one's mite to a good cause.* **3** tilva asilole naute fate tiapti: *Poor little mite!*

▷ **a mite** *adv* mal lai, tawkfang: *This curry is a mite too hot for me!*

mite² /maɪt/ *n* rawl par ah a um duh ih nat a phur theimi thilnung fate zet: *cheese-mites.*

mitigate /'mɪtɪgeɪt/ *v* deemter, nemter: *mitigate somebody's suffering, anxiety, anger, etc.*

▷ **mitigating** *adj* deemtermi, nemtermi: *mitigating circumstances/factors* (ie those that partially excuse a mistake or crime).

mitigation *n* [U]: *In mitigation* (ie In order to make a crime appear less serious), *the lawyer said her client had been deeply depressed.*

mitre (US **miter**) /'maɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** bishop lukhuh zumpi. **2** (also **mitre-joint**) thingtlep pahnih zim pehzom aw ih a kiil dik neimi.

▷ **mitre** *v* mitre-joint ah peh: *mitred corners.*

mitt /mɪt/ *n* **1** = MITTEN. **2** (in baseball) bawlung kaihnak kuthruk. **3** mi thong-aw (boxing) kuthruk. **4** (usu pl) (sl) kut, kuttum: *Please take your mitts off me.*

mitten /'mɪtn/ *n* **1** kutzung pali hmunkhat, zungpi a dang te'n a tuamtu kut hruk. **2** kutzung pawl a langmi kuthruk.

mix¹ /mɪks/ *v* **1** cokrawi: *mix cement, mix drinks.* ○ *He mixed his guests a salad.* **2** (a) kom, kom theimi: *Oil and water don't mix.* (b) cok, thil phunkhat le phunkhat rawi: *If you mixed red and yellow, you get orange.* ○ (fig) *Don't try to mix business with pleasure.* ○ *Many races are mixed together in Brazil.* **3** minung pawlkom rawi awk: *In my job, I mix with all sorts of peoples.* **4** (idm) **mixed up** tel, thu thlak, buai hnawh: *I don't want to be mixed up in the affairs.*

mixed up with (a niam deuh mi pawl) thawn komawk: *Don't get mixed up with him-he's a crook!* **mix it** (US **mix it up**) tawhawknak, sualawknak thok: *Don't try mixing it with me—I've got a gun!* **mix sth in** rawlsuan tikih thlahmi pawl rawi: *Mix in the butter when melted.* **mix into** bet: *Mix the yeast into the flour.* **mix sb up** buaiter: *Now you've mixed me up completely!* thleidang thei lo: *You're always mixing me up with my sister!*

□ **mix-up** *n* buainak, theihusualnak: *There's been an awful mix-up over the dates!*

mix² /mɪks/ *n* [C] a cokrawi aw mi: *a good racial mix, a packet of cake mix.*

mixed /mɪkst/ *adj* **1** sinak, umzia dangdang komkhawm in: *The weather has been very mixed recently.* **2** pianhmang, rimra dangdang: *a tin of mixed biscuits.* **3** phunhnam, sinak dangdang: *live in a mixed society.* **4** nunau mipa zate hrang: *a mixed school.* **5** (idm) **have mixed feelings** thinlung umzia phunphun, riahsiatnak le lungawinak a rawi cokin.

□ **mixed bag** minung, thilri phunphun umkhawm: *The competition entries were a very mixed bag.*

mixed blessing thatnak le thatlonak a ceemmi.

mixed doubles tennis lehnak ti vekah mipa le nunau a tangtlangmi.

mixed farming tilva zuat le thlairawl cin a kopmi lo thlawhnak.

mixed grill sa-em sawh bawl hmeh.

mixed marriage phunhnam/biaknak dangdang

M

- thit-umnak.
- mixed metaphor** hnihsuakza a kaih awlo mi tahthimnak pawl, eg The hand that rocks the cradle has kicked the bucket.
- mixed-up** *adj* thinlung buai, kiangkap thawn kaih aw ih a um thiam lo mi: *She feels very mixed-up about life since her divorce.*
- mixer** /miksə(r)/ *n* **1** thil cokrawinak thil: *a cement mixer* ○ *a food-mixer.* **2** mi thawn olten a pawlkom aw theimi/thei lomi: *be a good/bad mixer.* **3** tii thawn rawi a theihmi in dingmi thil: *use fruit juice as a mixer.* **4** (a) TV le baiskup lem (zuk) thuntu minung/cet thilri (b) aw thunnak sungah aw a thuntu minung/cet thilri.
- mixture** /mɪkstʃə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] cokrawi (cawh-rawimi). **2** [C] cawh-rawi ih tuahmi thil: *a cough mixture.* ○ *The city was a mixture of old and new buildings.* **3** (chemistry) sinak pahnih hnakh tam kommi, an sinak a thleng aw lomi: *Air is a mixture, not a compound, of gases.* Cf COMPOUND, ELEMENT **3**.
- mizzen** (also **mizen**) /ˈmɪzn/ *n* (nautical) **1** = MIZZEN-MAST. **2** (also **mizzen-sail**) mizzen thuum ih femmi puanzar tangta bik.
□ **mizzen-mast** *n* tangphawlawng ih hremnak thuum a pathumnak.
- Mk** *abbr* **1** (tangka siarnak) mrk: eg German tangka, Mark: *Mk 300.* (mawṭawka) phun: *Ford Granada Ghia Mk II.*
- ml** *abbr* (pl unchanged or **mls**) **1** (US **mi**) miles = peng: *3 mls.*
- MLitt** /,em ˈlɪt/ *abbr* Master of letters (Latin Magister Litterarum).
- mm** *abbr* (pl unchanged or **mms**) millimetre(s): *rain fall 6mm* ○ *a 35 mm camera.*
- mnemonic** /nɪˈmɒnɪk/ *adj* cinken theinak bawmtu: *The verb patterns are shown in this dictionary by mnemonic codes.*
▷ **mnemonic** *n* **1** [C] cinkennak bawmtu ṭongfang, catluan. **2** **mnemonics** cinkennak thatternak.
- mo** /məʊ/ *n* (pl **mos**) rei lo te: *Half a mo, I'm not quite ready;* rei lo te in hngakaw, ka man deuh hrih lo.
- MO** /em ˈəʊ/ *abbr* **1** Medical Officer: sibawi. **2** money order: paisa kuatnak ca.
- moan** /məʊn/ *n* **1** (a) [C] dimte ih hrum: *the moans of the wounded.* (b) cubangtuk thlihrang awn. **2** [C] phunciar/pontam: *We had a good moan about the weather.*
▷ **moan** *v* **1** (a) hrum ai, hrum phah ih ṭong: *He was moaning all night long.* (b) hrum ih awn: *The wind is moaning through the trees.* **2** phunciar, pontam: *He's always moaning about how poor he is.*
- moat** /məʊt/ *n* mi-uk inn kulh-nak tii in a khatmi khur (ral vennak hrangih tuahmi).
▷ **moated** *adj* cu vek khur ih kuhlmi: *a moated castle.*
- mob** /mɒb/ *n* **1** a ti ruri mi mibur, a hleice in thil pakhat khat tuah a tummi, uk theih lem lomi: *The fans rushed onto the pitch in an excited mob.* **2** **the mob** mi senpi, mi burpi, mi zaran. **3** misual bur: *Whose mob is he with?*
▷ **mob** *v* (-**bb**-)tuahmawh duh asilole uar ruangih kulh: *The pop singer was mobbed by teenagers.*
- mob-cap** /mɒb kæp/ *n* hlanlai nunau pawl ih lukhuh hlum.
- mobile** /ˈməʊbaɪl; US -bl, also -bi:l/ *adj* **1** (a) hmunkhat in hmunkhat ah olten a thawn thei mi: *mobile troops, mobile team.* ○ *a mobile laboratory.* (b) hnaṭuan, umnak olten a thleng theimi (minung): *a mobile work-force.* **2** mithmai pianhmang tu le tu a thleng awmi. **3** tlun-fehnak (mawṭawka) nei: *Can you give me a lift if you're mobile?*
▷ **mobile** *n* ceimawinak ih thlaimi thil, thli a hran tikih a seepmi.
mobility /məʊˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].
- mobilize, -ise** /məʊˈbɪlaɪz/ *v* **1** tuan ding, cangvai ding, ral do dingih tiar aw: *The troops received orders to mobilize.* **2** tumtah mi pakhat hrangih pumkhawm: *They are mobilizing their supporters to vote at the election.*
▷ **mobilization, -isation** /məʊˈbɪlaɪzɪʃn; US -lɪz/ *n* [U] pumkhawm ciamco, pumkhawm.
- mobster** /ˈmɒbstə(r)/ *n* mi ṭha lo, misual bur sungtel.
- moccasin** /mɒkəsɪn/ *n* savun nem thawn tuahmi kedam, Amerika Indian pawl ih hruh hmaisa mi.
- mocha** /mɒkə; US ˈməʊkə/ *n* [U] **1** Yemen ram Mocha ihsin a suakmi kawfi ṭha zet. **2** hi kawfi le chawkatlet rawimi thawtnak: *mocha icecream.*
- mock**¹ /mɒk/ *v* **1** hmuhsuam, hnihsuak ih tuah: *It is wrong to mock cripples.* **2** nautat, ziang siar lo: *The heavy steel doors mocked our attempts to open them.*
▷ **mock** *n* (idm) **make** (a) **mock of** mi-aa canter, at-hlawhter.
mock *n* **1** mi a hmuhsuamtu. **2** (idm) **put the mockers on** (sl) mi pakhat hnenah vansiat a thlenter sal.
mockingly *adv.*
□ **mocking-bird** *n* vate dang awn a cawng thiammi Amerika ram vate phun khat.
- mock-up** *n* **1** a pianhmang a mah tia le bangtuk ih tuahmi a-lem. **2** ca nam dingih tuahmi ca le lem pawl tiarcianak.
- mock**² /mɒk/ *adj* a si taktak lomi, cawncop: *a mock battle, a mock exam,* zirnak ih tuah mi raldonak, camipuai: *mock modesty* tangdor vekih umawter.
- mock turtle soup** cumkheng sahang bang dingih suanmi caw fate lu tihaang.
- mockery** /ˈmɒkəri/ *n* hmuhsuamnak, zomtaihnak: *He replied with a note of mockery in his voice.* **2**

mod

thil thupi zetmi hnihsuak capo ih tuah: *The trial was a mockery of justice.* **3** hmuhsuam mi, hmuhsuamnak hmun. **4** (idm) **make a mockery of sth** thil pakhat thuhlolak ih canter: *The unfair and hasty decision of the court made a mockery of the trial.*

mod /mɒd/ *n* (also **Mod**) (Brit) 1900 hrawngah hnipuan thaten hrukkih mawṭaw saikal to mino pawl.

MOD /em əv 'di:/ *abbr* (Brit) Ministry of Defence (the government department in Britain that is responsible for defence).

modal /'mɔːdl/ *n* (grammar) dilnak ṭongkam, awnem: *can, may, might, should = Might I suggest..., may I come in.*

▷ **modal adj** **1** (grammar). **2** umzia.

mod cons /'mɒd 'kɒnz/ (Brit *infml* *approv*) innsung um nuam dingih thil a phunphun ret le bun: *a house with all mod cons.*

mode /məʊd/ *n* **1** zia, ti zia, tuah zia: *a mode of life, living, thought.* **2** hnipuan, lemcawn, zukuai tivek ih tidan, um zia. **3** awnmawi le hla ngan dan phun khat. **4** cet thuanhnaw timtuah mi: *a tape-recorder in recording mode.* ○ *a spacecraft in take off mode.*

model¹ /mɒdl/ *n* **1** (a) zohṭhim dingih tuahmi thil (lem) fate: *a model of the proposed new airport.* ○ *a model train, a model car.* (b) cawn dingih tuahmi thil: *a clay model for a statue, thir/lungto/dar tivek thawn tuah dingah cawn dingmi sentlung ih tuahmi.* **2** pianhmang phunkhat khat: *All this year's models are displayed at the motor show.* **3** thil ti dan simfiangnak: *mathematical model.* **4** mi ih cawn dingmi thil ti dan: *The nation's constitution provided a model that other countries followed.* **5** minung siseh thilri siseh zohṭhim tlak, cawntlak: *a model of accuracy* ○ *a model pupil, husband, a model farm.* **6** (a) thil lei duh haiseh ti in an thil zuarmi hrukter ih an dinter mi minung lem. (b) lem suai thiam le mi zuku pawl ih zohṭhim dingah a pe-aw mi, a tarlang aw mi: *She is one of the country's top models.* **7** hnipuan thilri, suahtar pawl piahmi, tarlangmi: *see, buy the latest Paris models.* **8** mawinak hmuhtu fala.

model² /mɒdl/ *v* **1** cawng, sining thlun: *Model yourself on your father.* ○ *She models herself on her favourite novelist.* ○ *The design of the building is modelled on classical Greek forms.* **2** model ṭuan: *She earns a living by modelling.* **3** thillem tuah.

▷ **modeller** (US **modeler**) *n* model tuahtu: *a railway modeller.*

modelling (US **modeling**) *n* **1** [U] model tuahnak zungthiam: *by skill modelling.* **2** model hnaṭuan: *She did some modelling as a student to earn a bit of money.*

modem /'mɔːdem/ *n* kompeṭa (computer) le telephone hri tivek pehtu thil.

moderate¹ /'mɒdərət/ *adj* **1** a tawkfang, a luarkai lomi: *He's a man of moderate opinion.* **2** tum tuk lo-tee tuk lo, kik tuk lo-hlum tuklo, a tawkmawi: *a moderate-sized bathroom.* ○ *a moderate breeze.* **3** a tawkwawn ih kilkhawi awk: *a moderate drinker.*

▷ **moderate** *n* ruahnak tlaitluang a neimi.

moderately *adv* a luan lo in, a tawkfang in: *She only did moderately well in the exam.*

moderate² /'mɒdəreɪt/ *v* nemter, daihter, deemter: *He must learn to moderate his temper.*

moderation /'mɒdə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** luarkai lo ih um; sup awknak, a mawi tawkih tuah: *Will alcoholic drinks be harmful taken in moderation?* **2** (idm) **in moderation** a tawkfang ih in: *Whisky can be good for you if taken in moderation.*

moderator /'mɒdəreɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** tawh awknak ṭhentu, rem tuahtu. **2** camipuai cektu pawl hotu. **3** Presbyterian kawhhran hotu. **4** (physics) thil a fung tertu.

modern /'mɒdn/ *adj* **1** tui san thil a simi: *Unemployment is one of the major problems of modern times.* ○ (modern history *eg* Europe from **1** 475 onwards). **2** san man thilri hmang, netabik thil thar: *It's one of the most modern shopping centres in the country.* **3** santhar thiltuah zia, um zia: *modern dance.*

▷ **modern** *n* santhar minung.

modernity /mɒ'dɜːnəti/ *n* [U].

□ **modern language** tui san ih ṭongmi le nganmi ṭong (a bikin santhar ṭong): Europe ramih French, German, Spain ṭong tivek pawl: *Study modern languages at university.*

modernism /'mɒdə'nɪzəm/ *n* [U] ti dan keel a si lomi ruahnak le tidan thar.

▷ **modernist** /'mɒdə'nɪst/ *n* santhar ruahnak, tidan thapetu. **modernistic** *adj.*

modernize, -ise /'mɒdənaɪz/ *v* **1** san manter; san thawi kaih aw dingih tuah: *We tried to modernize the farming methods.* **2** san thar ti dan cawng, i tuah: *If the industry doesn't modernize it will not survive.*

modernization, -isation /'mɒdənaɪ'zeɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *the modernization of the telephone system.*

modest /'mɒdɪst/ *adj* **1** (a) a tam lo, a tum lo, a mawi tawk: *He lived on a modest income.* ○ *a modest improvement.* (b) nasa le thupi zet ih um lo, man khung lo: *They lived in a modest little house.* **2** (a) porh aw lo: *He's modest about his achievements.* (b) hmaisong nei, ningzah nei. **3** umzia thiam, ralring te ih um: *She's modest in dress and behaviour.*

▷ **modestly** *adv.*

modesty /'mɒdɪstɪ/ *n* [U] ṭongkam, umzia ralrinnak: *He speaks with genuine modesty.* ○ *I'd like to tell you all about my success but modesty forbids.*

modicum /'mɒdɪkəm/ *n* [sing] ~ (of sth) tam lom lo, a mawi tawk: *She has achieved success*

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- with a modicum of effort.
- modify** /ˈmɒdɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** thleng deuh, nemter deuh, thater deuh: *The heating system has recently been modified to make it more efficient.* **2** (grammar) ðongfang pakhat a ti fiang: *In 'the black cat' the adjective 'black' modifies the noun 'cat'.*
- modification** /ˌmɒdɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U]: *The design of the spacecraft is undergoing extensive modification.* (b) thleng: *The plan was approved, with some minor modifications.*
- modifier** /-faɪə(r)/ *n* (grammar) ðongfang/ ðongfang kom simfiangtu a dang ðongfang/ ðongfang kom.
- modish** /ˈmɒdɪʃ/ *adj* (sometime derog) sanman in.
- modulate** /ˈmɒdjuleɪt/; *US* -dʒv- *v* **1** aw thleng: *the actor's modulated tones.* **2** hla aw (niam le sang) kithleng: *to modulate from C major to A minor.* **3** rem, aw nemter. **4** radio thuthannak awsuahnak thleng vivo.
- ▷ **modulation** /ˌmɒdjʊˈleɪʃn/; *US* -dʒvʃl-/ *n* [C, U].
- module** /ˈmɒdjʊl/; *US* -dʒuːl/ *n* **1** (a) a dangdang te in tuah ih komkhawm in inn saknak asilole thuamhnaw tuahnak hmanmi. (b) kompeuta sungih hnaʃuantu thil: *a software module.* **2** (aerospace) a mahte a ce ih um theimi vanzam then: *the command module = hotu bik tonak: a lunnar module = thlapi parih a fummy.* **3** phunsang tlawngih cazirmi pawl sungin a hlom, a then pakhat.
- ▷ **modular** /ˈmɒdjʊlə(r)/; *US* -dʒv-/ *adj* **1** bun mai dingih thil tuahcia pawl: *modular furniture.* **2** tlawngta pawl ih duhduh hril theih zir dingmi.
- modus operandi** /ˈmɒdəs ˈɒpərændi/ (*Latin*) (a) mi pakhat ih a hnaʃuan zia. (b) thil pakhat tuahsuak zia.
- modus vivendi** /ˈmɒdəs vɪˈvendi/ (*Latin*) **1** a laang teih remawknak: *We managed to achieve a kind of modus vivendi.* **2** um zia.
- moggie** (also **moggy**) /ˈmɒɡi/ (also **mog**) /mɒɡ/ *zawhte.*
- mogul** /ˈmɒɡl/ *n* milian zet le mi thupi zet pawl: *He's a Hollywood mogul.* ○ *a television mogul.*
- mohair** /ˈmɒheə(r)/ *n* [U] Angora mee hmul phun tha ih tuahmi pat, hnipuan.
- Mohammedan** = MUHAMMADAN (MUHAMMAD).
- moiety** /ˈmɔɪti/ *n* a hrek, then khat.
- moist** /mɔɪst/ *adj* a hnawngmi, a ciinmi: *Water the plant regularly to keep the soil moist.* ○ *moist eyes, lips.*
- ▷ **moisten** /ˈmɔɪsn/ *ciinter, hnawngter: She moistened her lips with her tongue.*
- moisture** /ˈmɔɪstʃə(r)/ *n* [U] dap ti, thli lak le leilung ih a ummi ti (a hnawng-tertu): *Humidity is a measure of moisture in the atmosphere.*
- ▷ **moisturize, -ise** /ˈmɔɪstʃəraɪz/ *v* vun rocar lo dingih hningter: *moisturizing cream.*
- moisturizer** *n* [C, U] vun hnih si.
- moke** /məʊk/ *n* (*Brit infml*) laak.
- molar** /ˈmɒlə(r)/ *n* hapi *adj: molar cavities.*
- molasses** /məˈlæsɪz/ *n* [U] cini er tikih a suak hmaisa mi a tii. (*US*) *treacle.*
- mold** (*US*) = MOULD.
- molder** (*US*) = MOULDER.
- molding** (*US*) = MOULDING.
- moldy** (*US*) = MOULDY.
- mole**¹ /məʊl/ *n* khuavang hminsinn; taksa parih a dumte.
- mole**² /məʊl/ *n* **1** buikelet. **2** thuthup ramdang ih a kuat thuptu: *The authorities believe there is a mole at the state Department.*
- **molehill** zubui vawr.
- moleskin** *n* [U] **1** buihmul. **2** cuvek a bangmi patpar puanthan.
- mole**³ /məʊl/ *n* tipi kap ih lunghruang dawlm.
- molecule** /ˈmɒlɪkjʊːl/ *n* dat fate bik miangmo a si, a sinak phel hnih ih phel theihmi: *A molecule of water consists of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of water.*
- ▷ **molecular** *adj* *molecular mass* ○ *molecular biology.*
- molest** /məˈlest/ *v* (a) hnaihok, dekcok (hlam tiangin): *An old man was molested and robbed by a gang of youths.* (b) nunau/nauhak a zahmawh dekcok: *He was found guilty of molesting a young girl.*
- ▷ **molestation** *n* [U]. **molester** *n.*
- moll** /mɒl/ *n* (*sl*) misual bur ih a telmi nunau.
- mollify** /ˈmɒlɪfaɪ/ *v* thindaiter, nemter, leem: *She was mollified by my apology.* ○ *He tried to find ways of mollifying her.*
- ▷ **mollification** *n* [U].
- mollusc** (*US* **mollusk**) /ˈmɒləsk/ *n* zaangruh nei lo, vunhak nei ramsa — kharkhem, cengkol, tivek pawl.
- molycoddle** /ˈmɒlɪkɒdl/ *vt* **1** duat tuk, duhthlun tuk: *Parents must not molycoddle the children.* *n* duat tukmi nauhak. **2** *n* mai harhdannak a ruat tuktu.
- Molotov cocktail** /ˌmɒlətɒf ˈkɒkteɪ/ *n* palang thawn tuahmi bomb.
- molt** (*US*) = MOULT.
- molten** /ˈmɒltən/ *adj* titmi, tii ko ih tuahmi (a sat tuk ruangah): *molten steel, rock, lava.*
- molto** /ˈmɒltəʊ; *US* ˈmɒltəʊ/ *adv* (*music*) zet: *molto adagio* = nuamte le fung zetin.
- Moloch** **1** khawzing, a mah biaknak ah nauhak an thatih an pekmi. **2** ðihnungza thil, nunnak tampi liam a simi ral.
- molybdenum** /məˈlɪbdənəm/ *n* [U] a tleu ih a rangmi thirdat phunkhat.
- mom** /mɒm/ *n* (*US infml*) = MUM.
- moment** /ˈmɒmənt/ *n* **1** [C] reilo te, hmate khat: *I'll be back in a moment.* **2** a cekci a sawhkhiih mi can: *At that very moment, the phone rang.* **3** [C] caan, thil pakhat khat tuahnak: *This is a suitable moment to ask for the afternoon off.* **4**

momentary

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(*physics*) caangter: *the moment of a force*. **5** (idm) **at the moment** atu ah: *The doctor is not here at the moment*. **for the moment/present** a laangte, caan malte sung: *We're happy living in a flat for the moment but we may want to move to a house soon*. **have it's/one's moments** caan thupi hleice: *My job is not a very glamorous one but it does have its moments*. **in a moment** very soon (rei lo te ah). **the man at the moment** atu laifang ih mi nasabik (porhmi, hminthang). **the moment of truth** thupi zet ton ih thu ruahcat can.

momentary /'mɒməntəri/; US -teri/ *adj* caan tawite a daihmi: *It's a momentary success*.

▷ **momentarily** /'mɒməntəri/; US ,mɒmənt'eri/ *adv* **1** caan tawite hrang: *He shuddered momentarily*. **2** loh-li, cing ding, hmatae khatah: *The doctor will see you momentarily*.

momentous /mə'mentəs, məv'm-/ *adj* thupi tukmi, thungaithlak: *a momentous decision, occasion, event* ○ *momentous changes*.

momentum /mə'mentəm, məv'm-/ *n* **1** [U] thil pakhat cangvaihnak/thanlennak ih tha, hmual: *The movement to change the union's constitution is gaining momentum*. **2** (*physics*) thil a thawnmi, a rilmi in tha a ngah vivo mi, hmual a na mi: *the stone gained momentum as it rolled down the hill*.

momma /'mɒmə/ (also **mommy** /'mɒmi/) *n* (US) = MUMMY.

Mon *abbr Monday*. eg *Mon 21 June '99*.

monarch /'mɒnək/ *n* uktu upabik, siangpahrang, kumpi-nu: *the reigning monarch*.

▷ **monarchic** /mə'nɑ:kik/ **monarchical** *adj* siangpahrang uknak thawn a pehparmi: *the system of monarchical government*.

monarchist /'mɒnəkɪst/ *n* siangpahrang uknak a dik ti ih zumtu.

monarchism /-kɪzəm/ *n* [U].

monarchy /'mɒnəki/ *n* **1** (usu **the monarchy**) siangpahrang uknak Kumpi: *There were plans to abolish the monarchy*. **2** [C] siangpahrang ukmi ram: *The United Kingdom is a constitutional monarchy*.

monastery /'mɒnəstri/; US -teri/ *n* phungki pawl umnak inn, phungki tlawng. Cf CONVENT, NUNNERY.

monastic /mə'næstɪk/ *adj* **1** phungki tlawng thawn a pehparmi: *He enjoys a monastic life*. **2** phungki tlawng nunzia vekin; tuangtlam le daite ih um.

▷ **monasticism** /mə'næstɪsɪzəm/ *n* [U] phungki tlawngih phungki pawl nunzia.

monaural /'mɒnɔ:ɪrəl/ *adj* ⇒ MONOPHONIC.

Monday /'mʌndi/ *n* [C, U] (*abbr Mon*) Thawhɔ:tan: 'What's today?' 'It's Monday'. ○ *I always do a shopping on a Monday*.

monetary /'mɒnɪtri/; US -teri/ *adj* [attrib] tangka

lam thawn a pehparmi: *The monetary unit of Japan is the yen*. ○ *the international monetary system*.

▷ **monetarism** /-təri:zəm/ *n* [U] ram sung sumpai kilhimnak cu ram lennakah a thupi zet timi ruahnak.

monetarist /-təri:st/ *n*.

money /'mʌni/ *n* (*pl moneys* or **monies**) **1** tangka, paisa: *How much money is there in my (bank) account?* **2** [U] neihmi hmuahhmuah, lennak: *She married him for his money*. **3 moneys** or **monies** (*arch* or *law*) paisa zat: *to collect all monies due*. **4** (idm) **be in the money** paisa tamzet neimi; a lianmi. **for my money** (*infml*) ka ruahnak ahcun: *For my money, Ann's idea is better than Mary's*. **get one's money's worth** paisa hmanmi zat thilri in ngah sal. **good money** paisa tamzet; heukhau lo dingmi harzet ih ngahmi paisa. **have money to burn** duh tawkih hman ding paisa nei. **made of money** lianzet: *I'm not made of money, you know!* **make money** paisa tampi ngah. **make money hand over fist** hnaɔuannak ihsin a hlawk tamzet ngah. **money burns a hole in sb's pocket** a ii-ek zetmi, paisa hman cakzet. **money for jam/old rope** olte ih ngahmi paisa. **money talks** (*saying*) mi pakhat cu a lian asile ziangkim a ti thei. **put money into** a hlawk ngahnak hmun ih paisa ret. **put one's money where one's mouth is** awkam lawng siloin a takih ɔ:tanpi. **there's money in sth** thil pakhat in a hlawk ngahmi. **throw one's money about** neihmi paisa hmangral ɔ:teh.

▷ **moneyed** /'mʌni:d/ *adj* paisa tam zet nei: *the moneyed classes*.

□ **money-back guarantee** thil leitu a lungkim lo le, khirh sal thei dingih kamnak.

money-bags *n* (*pl* unchanged) (*infml esp derog*) milian.

money-box *n* paisa nawi thlakih khawlnak kuang.

money-changer *n* paisa thleng hna a ɔ:tantu.

money-grubber *n* a dik lo zawngih paisa ngah a duhtu, mi duhham.

money-grubbing *adj*.

money-lender paisa a pungthang in cawih ih pum a cawm awmi.

money-maker *n* **1** paisa tamzet a ngah theitu. **2** a hlawk tamzet ngahnak dingih paisa hram phumtu.

money-making *adj* paisa ngahnak hnaɔ:tan.

money order carek le thirhri thawn paisa kuatnak.

money-spinner *n* (*infml usu Brit*) paisa tampi ngahnak thil: *Her new book is a real money-spinner*.

the money supply caan pakhat ah ram pakhat ih neihmi paisa zate: *control the money supply*.

monger /'mʌŋgə(r)/ *n* **1** (only in compounds) sum tuahtu, thil lei thil zuar ɔ:tantu: *fishmonger* ○

- ironmonger*. **2** zapi theih thil tha lo tuahtu: *a gossip monger*; mi relsiat hmangtu: *a warmongers*, ral tho duhtu.
- Mongol** /mɒŋgəl/ *n* Mongolia mipahun.
- mongol** /mɒŋgəl/ *n* a suah pakten a luruh a nem, a mit a kai ih a thluak a siatmi.
▷ **mongolism** *n* [U] (mongol nat) = DOWN'S SYNDROME.
- mongoose** /mɒŋguːs/ *n* (*pl* -s /-sɪz/) *rul* le zinghnam a deh theitu thiahlei vek saram, rurlal.
- mongrel** /mɒŋgrəl/ *n* **1** uico kahpia. **2** ramsa/ thinkkung phunhnih rawimi (kahpia).
- monism** /mɒnɪzəm, 'mɒn-; US 'mɑːn-; 'mɒn-/ *n* (*French philo*) a nungmi thil pakhat lawng a um ih cucu sersiammi thil hmuahhmuah ih hrampi a si ti zumnak.
- monitor** /mɒnɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** thil pakhat zohhlich, awkhum, hniksakhnak thilri: *It's a monitor for radioactivity*. **2** ramdang radio a ngai ih a sim saltu. **3** TV le kompeuta ih thunih a langmi pawl cek felnak thil. **4** (*fem* **monitress** /mɒnɪtrɪs/) saya bawmtu tlawngta (tlawngta dang kiltu ih tuanvo pekmi tlawngta). **5** Africa, Asia le Australia ih um laiking tumpi pawl.
▷ **monitor** *v* **1** zohhlich, khum, hniksak: *monitor a person's progress*. ○ *monitor a patient's pulse*. **2** ngai tahrat ih thansal (radio).
monitory *adj* ralrin peknak a si mi.
- monk** /mɒŋk/ *n* phungki.
▷ **monkish** *adj* phungki vek.
- monkey** /mɒŋk/ *n* **1** zawng. **2** hnahnok zet minung, nauhak (mangmit tok): *Come here at once, you little monkey!* **3** (*sl*) \$ 500 or £500.
▷ **monkey** *v* (*phr v*) **monkey about/around** atthlak hnaihok zet ih nung: *Stop monkeying around!* **monkey about/around with** mai tuanvo a si lo mi ralring lo ih tham le tuah hman: *monkey about with a fire extinguisher*.
□ **monkey business** a tul lo nakah a dik lo zawngih hnaihok; thuthlak: *There's been some monkey business going on here*.
monkey-nut *n* mipee.
monkey-puzzle *n* zawng kai thei lo in a hnge a pit ih hnah-hling a neimi thinkkung.
monkey-wrench thir cehnak: (*idm*) **have a monkey on one's back** rit thei nak pawl a hman; ral ah a tuah.
get one's monkey up a thin a heng.
put sb's monkey up midang thinheng dingin a tuah, thinhengter.
- mono** /mɒnəʊ/ *adj* (*infml*) MONOPHONIC.
▷ **mono** *n* [U] aw khat suak.
- mono-** *comb form* pakhat.
- monochrome** /mɒnəkrəʊm/ *adj* a dum le rang lawngih zuk a suakmi: *a monochrome photograph* ○ *a monochrome television*: pianhman (rong) phunkhat lawng hnihmi lem zuk.
- monocle** /mɒnəkəl/ *n* mit khat lawng benmi mitkharh, tarmit.
- monocotyledon** *n* (*botany*) hnah khat te lawngih a pawt hmasa mi pangpar.
- monogamy** /mə'nɒgəmi/ *n* [U] nupi pasal pakhat lawng neihnak nunphung.
▷ **monogamous** /mə'nɒgəməs/ *adj* Cf POLYGAMY.
- monogram** /'mɒnəgræm/ *n* cafang pahnih/ pahnih hnakh tam kom ih nganmi; a hleice in pavua, kor le cahnah par ih cuantermi hmin khen tawi.
▷ **monogrammed** *adj*: *a monogrammed shirt*.
- monograph** /mɒnəgrɑːf/ US -græf/ *n* fel zet le khimkhuah zet ih zirni thu pakhat.
- monolingual** /mɒnə'lɪŋgwəl/ *adj* tong phunkhat lawng hmanmi. Cf BILINGUAL, MULTILINGUAL.
- monolith** /'mɒnəlɪθ/ *n* a tungih phun theih khamlung hrangih a tha mi lungtum, lungpheng sau.
▷ **monolithic** /'mɒnəlɪθɪk/ *adj* **1** *a monolithic monument*. **2** thukhat in a feh ih a fekkhoh zetmi: *the monolithic structure of the state*.
- monologue** (US also **monolog**) /'mɒnələg/ US -ləg/ *n* **1** thu ruat/thu rel tlangnak ah a dang pakhat tong thiam lo in pakhat in a peh ih saupi tong. **2** [C, U] lemcawn le baikup sungah mi pakhat a mah lawngte tong rero.
- monomania** /'mɒnəʊ'məɪniə/ *n* [U] ruahnak phunkhat/thu pakhat lawngih a ciahmi thinlung natnak.
▷ **monomaniac** /'mɒnəʊ'məɪniæk/ *n* monomania a tuartu/a neitu.
- monophonic** /'mɒnə'fɒnɪk/ *adj* aw-suah awkhumnak lamzin pakhat lawng hman: *a monophonic recording*. Cf STEREOPHONIC.
- monophthong** /'mɒnə'θɒŋ/ *n* awphei a simi *a e i o u aw* awsuah. Cf DIPHTHONG.
- monoplane** /'mɒnəplæn/ *n* thla pakhat lawng a neimi vanzam.
- monopolize, -ise** /mə'nɒpələɪz/ *v* ham theh, cuh theh, khuh-neh: (*fig*) *Don't monopolize our guest—there are others who would like to talk to her*. ○ *The company has tried to monopolize the supply of oil*.
▷ **monopolization, -isation** /mə'nɒpələ'zeɪʃn/; US -lɪz/ *n* [U].
- monopoly** /mə'nɒpəli/ *n* **1** thil lei thilzuar ham theh, midang tuahter sianglo; on lo: *In some countries tobacco is a government monopoly*. **2** mah lawngih neih nak, thil pakhat par ih thuneihnak le uknak: *A good education should not be the monopoly of the rich*. ○ *You can't have a complete monopoly of the car—I need to use it occasionally*.
▷ **monopolist** /-lɪst/ *n*.
monopolistic /mə'nɒpə'lɪstɪk/ *adj*.
- monorail** /mɒnə'reɪl/ *n* [U, C] thir tuan pakhat parih a fehmi tlangleng.
- monosodium glutamate** /'mɒnəʊ'səʊdɪəm 'gluːtəmeɪt/

monosyllable

monosyllable /ˈmɒnəsɪləbl/ *n* awsuah pakhat lawng a nei mi tongfang: 'it' and 'no'. ○ *speak in monosyllables*: Salvation tivek cu awsuah pathum neimi tongfang a si. Cf **DISYLLABLE**.

▷ **monosyllabic** /ˈmɒnəsɪləbɪk/ *adj* awsuah pakhat lawng hmanjih tongmi: *a monosyllabic answer*. ○ *saying only 'yes' or 'no'*.

monosyllabically /-klɪ/ *adv*.

monotheism /ˈmɒnəθiːzəm/ *n* [U] Pathian pakhat lawng a um ti zumnak. Cf **POLYTHEISM**.

▷ **monotheist** /ˈmɒnəθiːst/ *n* Pathian pakhat lawng a um ti zumtu: *He is a monotheist*.

monotheistic /ˈmɒnəθiːstɪk/ *adj*.

monotone /ˈmɒnətəʊn/ *n* **1** awcawi niam le sang bangrep ringring ih tong: *to speak in a monotone*. **2** thleng ti um lo; cangan dan khal ah.

▷ **monotone** *adj* awcawi asilole pianghmang thleng lo mi.

monotonous /məˈnɒtənəs/ *adj* thlengnak, lamdannak a um lo ruangah mi a ningmi; ningkhongza: *a monotonous work* ○ *a monotonous sermon*.

monotony /məˈnɒtəni/ *n* [U] a mah keel ringring, ningkhong-um: *relieve the monotony of everyday life*.

monoxide /mɒˈnɒksaɪd/ *n* [U, C] Oxygen phelte le a dang a kom awmi dat kom: *carbon monoxide*.

Monsieur /mɒˈsjɜː(r)/ *n* (*abbr M*) (*pl Messieurs*) (*French*) upatnak ih hmin hmai bun ih kawhnak: Mr; sir: *Yes, monsieur*.

Monsignor /mɒnˈsiːnjə(r)/ *n* (*abbr Mgr*) RC kawhhran ih hruaitu upa kawhnak.

monsoon /mɒnˈsuːn/ *n* **1** Indian tipi thuanthum ih thli a hrangmi; Thlanglam-nitlak lam ihsin April—October, Saklam-nitlaklam ihsin October in April tiang a hrang. **2** furpi, fur caan.

monster /ˈmɒnstə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) a tumzet, a hmel a sia zet ih tihnungza a simi (a hleice in thinlung ih suangtuahmi): *A hideous monster attacked the helpless villagers*. ○ *Do you believe in the existence of a monster?* (b) ramsa/thingkung zohsia ih a tum mi. **2** mi huatsuak, mi tha lo: *Let go of me, you vicious monster!* **3** a tum luarkai mi thil pohpoh: *monster high-rise houses*.

monstrous /ˈmɒnstərəs/ *adj* **1** fihnung, tihnung, a tha lo zetmi, a dik lo zetmi: *a monstrous lie* ○ *It's absolutely monstrous to pay men more than women for the same job*. **2** hmelsia zet le tihnungza a si mi, monster vek: *the monstrous form of a fire-breathing dragon*. **3** a tum tukmi, mikeivek. **monstrously** *adv*.

▷ **monstrosity** /mɒnˈstrɒsəti/ *n* a tum tukmi, zoh a sia zet mi thil.

montage /ˈmɒntɑːʒ; US mɒnˈtɑːʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] lemzok, awnmawi, cangan tivek pawl retkhawmmi. **2** lemzok pakhat parah a dang lemzok pawl benmi.

month /mʌnθ/ *n* **1** thla, May thla, June thla tivek: *She earns \$ 2000 a month*. **2** thlakhat siar: *a*

seven-month-old baby or the baby is seven months old. **3** (idm) **for/in a month of Sundays** caan reipi: *I've not seen her for a month of Sundays*.

▷ **monthly** *adj* **1** thlatin suahmi, tuahmi, a cangmi: *a monthly meeting, a monthly visit, a monthly magazine*. **2** thlakhat hrangih pek dingmi, thlakhat hrangih tuahmi: *a monthly income of \$1,000* — *n* thlatin suahmi cabu: *The London monthly*.

monument /ˈmɒnjʊmənt/ *n* mi hminthang pakhat hngilhlonak ih sakmi inn, lungdaw, lungphun: *a monument erected to soldiers killed in the war*. **2** ram hrangih hminsin tlak, cintlak a si mi inn (tha te ih retmi): *The town has some ancient monuments*. **3** a tuahtu hngilhlonak ih a ummi thil thupi hminsintlak: *This whole city is a monument to his skill as a planner and administrator*.

monumental /ˈmɒnjʊməntl/ *adj* **1** hngilhlonak ih thil tuah mi: *a monumental inscription, monumental figures*. **2** zoh tlak inn tumpi, lemzuk tumpi: *a monumental arch, column, facade*. **3** (calai le awnmawi) reipi daih mankhung a si mi: *a monumental production*. **4** a maksakmi: *a monumental achievement, success, failure*. ○ *What monumental ignorance!*

▷ **monumentally** /-təlɪ/ *adj* nasazet in: *monumentally boring, stupid, successful*.

□ **monumental mason** thlan tuahtu pawl.

moo /muː/ *n* caw paw-aw.

▷ **moo** *v* caw a paw.

□ **moo-cow** *n* caw (nauhak pawl ih/hrangih caw kawhnak).

mooch /muːtʃ/ *v* **1** dil ruangih ngah, paisa dil: *he's always mooching money*. **2** (phr v) **mooch about/around** (...) tumtah mi nei lo ih a vak kualmi: *Out-of-work men mooching about the street*. ○ *mooching around the house with nothing to do*.

mood /muːd/ *n* **1** mithmai le umdan ih a lang theimi lungput umzia: *She's in a good mood today* (a lung awi): *He's always in a bad mood on Mondays* (lung awi lo): *His mood suddenly changed and he became calm*. **2** thin nuam lo: *He's in a mood*. **3** mipi ih ruah dan: *The film captured the mood of quiet confidence at the market*. **4** (idm) **in the mood for** (tuah duhnak thinlung): *I'm not in the mood to disagree with you*. ○ *He is in no mood for telling jokes*.

▷ **moody** *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** thinlung umdan thleng leuhleuh mi: *He's moody and unpredictable*. **2** thin tawi, mithmai sia.

moodily /-ɪlɪ/ *adv*. **moodiness** *n* [U].

mood² /muːd/ *n* (*grammar*) tuahnak umzia pawl khiihmuhtu: *The indicative/imperative/subjunctive mood*.

moon¹ /muːn/ *n* **1** (usu **the moon**) (a) thlapi (leilungpi ni 28 ah veikhat a heltu): *Men had tried to explore the surface of the moon*. (b) zan ah a tleu ih hmuhmi thlapi: *There's no moon*

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- tonight*. **2** leilung dangdang a rak heltu thlapi: *How many moons does Jupiter have?* **3** (idm) **many moons ago** reipi laiah; hlanlaipi ah: *All that happened many moons ago*. **over the moon** lungawi-zet, nuam aw zet: *The whole team were over the moon at winning the competition*.
- ▷ **moonless** *adj* thlapi a suak lo, a tlang lo.
- **moonbeam** *n* thlapi tleu.
- moon-face** *n* thlapi vekih hmaihlum.
- moonlight** *n* [U] thlapi tleu: *a walk in the moonlight*.
- moonlight** *v* (pt, pp **-lighted**) a hlei ih tñanmi zan hnañuan tñan.
- moonlighting** *n* [U] **1** — *adj* thlapi ih a tlet mi. **2** (idm) **do a moonlight flit** (*Brit infml*) leiba kuan thei lo ruangah zan lai ah a thupte ih tlansuak.
- moonlit** *adj* thlapi a tlangmi: *moonlit night*.
- moonshine** *n* [U] **1** a tñl lomi, aatthlak thurel khawmna, cuvek khawruahnak. **2** (US) dan lo ih tuahmi whisky le a dang zu.
- moonshot** *n* thlapi parih vanzam hun thlah nak.
- moonstone** *n* hlawnthil tuah nakih hman mi lungto mankhung.
- moonstruck** *adj* a mawlh deuh mi; thinlung a vakvai mi (thlapi ruangih a suakmi ti ih ruahmi).
- moon²** /mu:n/ **v 1** tumtahmi um lo ih tawi vak: *Stop mooning and get on with some work*. ○ *She spent the whole summer mooning about at home*. **2** (phr v) **moon over sb** ngaimi ruat rero ih caan lianter.
- ▷ **moony** *adj* thuhlolak ruat ih caan hman: *a moony person*.
- moor¹** /mɔ:(r)/; US mʊər/ *n* (often pl) leen kawlh, tlang phul: *go for a walk on the moors*.
- **moorhen** *n* ti ar.
- moorland** /-lənd/ *n* [U, C] leen, phul ram.
- moor²** /mɔ:(r)/; US mʊər/ *v* lawng, tangphawlawng hreng; tikap ih cawlhater: *The boat was moored to (a post on) the river bank*.
- ▷ **mooring** /'mɔ:(r)ɪŋ/; US 'mʊərɪŋ/ *n 1* **moorings** lawng hrennak hri, thir zum: *let go your moorings!* **2** lawng cawlhak hmun: *private moorings* ○ *mooring ropes*.
- Moor** /mʊə(r)/ *n* (a) NW Africa ih um Muslim mi. (b) kumzabi 8 lai ih Spain a rak donehtu Muslim pakhat khat.
- ▷ **moorish** /'mʊəriʃ/ *adj* Moor pawl le an nunphung.
- moose** /mu:s/ *n* zukneng.
- moot** /mʊ:t/ *adj* (idm) **a moot point/question** a si ding ti ih a fiang lomi: *It's a moot point whether men or women are better drivers*.
- ▷ **moot** *v* thubur, thusuahpi: *The question was first mooted last year*.
- mop** /mɒp/ *n 1* (a) pat fem thaw'i tahmi hmunphiah. (b) thil dang thianfainak ih hmanmi cuvek thil (a kutkaih a tawimi). **2** hmul, sam sahi: *a mop of curly hair*.
- ▷ **mop** *v 1* hmunphiah: *mop the floor*. **2** (a) pavua thawn hmaihnawt, thlan le mitthli hnawt, hnul. (b) thil pakhat par ih a ciarmi hnawt. **3** (phr v) **mop up**. *She mopped up the pools of water on the bathroom floor*. (*Brit*) *mop up one's gravy with a piece of bread*. (sawhti kha sang thawn hnawt). (b) tñeh suak: *mop up the last few bits of work*. (c) netabik a tangmi ral pawl kai tñeh, that tñeh: *mop up isolated pockets* (ie small areas) of resistance. ○ *engaged in mopping-up operations*.
- mope** /'əʊpəd/ *v 1* mah le mah zawnruat aw tuk; hmual hlurh tuk: *stop moping!* **2** (phr v) **mope about/around** thinnuam lo zet ih vak rero: *He's been moping around all day*.
- ▷ **mope** *n 1* a mope tu. **2** mah le mah zaangfah awk tuknak.
- moped** /'məʊpəd/ *n* a cak tuklomi cet thirleng (motor cycle).
- moquette** /mɒ'ket/; US məʊ-/ *n* [U] pat nem nal ih tahmi, pher le thil dang khuh ih hmanmi: *a moquette sofa*.
- moraine** /mɔ'reɪn, mə'reɪn/ *n* tikhal va in a fen ih a tanta mi leilung, lungto pawl.
- moral¹** /'mɔ:rəl/; US 'mɔ:rəl/ *adj 1* nuncan ziaza thawn a pehpar aw mi; sia le tñha thleidan theinak in a suakmi nun dan: *The king was sad for the decline of moral standards in the country*. ○ *strong moral fibre*. **2** tuahmi dan ruangah siloin a dikmi le a dingmi theihnak ah a bun aw mi: *moral law, duty, obligation, etc*. **3** a ding le a tñhami ziaza thlunnak: *lead a moral life*. ○ *He is a very moral person*. **4** a sia le a tñha theihtheinak: *Human beings are moral individuals*. **5** ziaza tñha zirhnak: *a moral story*.
- ▷ **morally** *adv* ziaza tñha in: *to behave morally*. **2** a dik le dik lo tahfung upatnak in: *morally unacceptable*. ○ *morally wrong*.
- **moral certainty** rinhmainak a um lo mi.
- moral support** thinlung thazaang pek, fawrh.
- moral victory** a sung nain nehtlukih lungkimnak a ummi (a simmi/a tuahmi a dik a si, ti ih an phuansuah tikah).
- moral²** /'mɔ:rəl/; US 'mɔ:rəl/ *n 1* [C] thuanthu, thilcang, hmuhtonmi ih a zirhmi: *The moral of this story is 'Better late than never?'* **2** **morals** nuncan tahfung; sia le tñha theihnak thuhram: *the corruption of public morals*. ○ *a person of loose morals*, tonmi poh thawn nupa sualnak tuahtu.
- morale** /mə'reɪl/; US -'ræl/ *n* [U] thinlung ralñhatnak, thinlung cah-nak: *the news is good for the team's morale*.
- moralist** /'mɔ:rəlɪst/; US 'mɔ:r-/ *n* nuncan ziaza thu a simtu, a zirhtu, ziaza tñha lam ih a tñangtu.
- moralistic** /,mɔ:rəlɪstɪk/; US ,mɔ:r-/ *adj* thudik a tñan nain ruah-nak a fiakcepimi: *a moralistic attitude*.

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morality /məˈræləti/ *n* **1** [U] ziaza thatnak thuhram: *Have standards of morality improved.* **2** a dikmi thuhram ah kop in. **3** nuncan thu zirh awknak phunkhat khat: *Christian morality.* ○ *Hindu, Muslim-*.

□ **morality play** kum zabi 15 le 16 hrawngih a langarmsi nuncan zirhnak lemcawn.

moralize, -ise /mɔːləɪz/; *US* 'mɔːr-/ *v* mah le mah dik ti aw in, soiselnak thawn ziaza thu rel, ngan: *He's always moralizing about the behavior of young people.*

morass /mɔːræs/ *n* **1** cirhduup rawn. **2** (fig) mipi a hnaihok tertu/thansonak a dawntu: *Be caught up in a morass of bureaucratic procedures.*

moratorium /,mɔːrə'tɔːrɪəm; *US* 'mɔːr-/ *n* **1** thuneitu pawl lungkimnak in thil tuah rero laimi cawl: *declare a moratorium on arms sales.* **2** thuthen zungih thupeknak in leiba kuan ding caan thawnsak.

morbid /mɔːbɪd/ *adj* **1** a harhdam lo mi thinlung, ruahnak: *a morbid imagination.* ○ *'He might even die.'* *'Don't be so morbid.'* **2** (medical) nat neimi, damlo: *a morbid growth*, ie a cancer or tumour.

▷ **morbidity** /mɔː'bɪdəti/ *n* [U]. **morbidly** *adv.*

mordant /'mɔːdnt/ *adj* mi thinna dingih capo tuahmi, mi ziohmang, beca lawh: *mordant criticism/humour/wit.*

more /mɔː(r)/ **1** tam deuh; uak deuh: *There are two more students here than yesterday.* ○ *Would you like some more coffee?* ○ *What more can I say?* ○ *I'll take three more.* **2** a tamsin mi: *She spends more and more time alone in her room.* ○ *more and more to eat.*

▷ **more** *adv* **1** (*adj* le *adv* thawn kom ih hmanmi): *more expensive, more generous.* ○ *She read the letter more carefully the second time.* **2** deuh, cuang: *I like her more than her husband.* ○ *This costs more than that.* ○ *Please repeat it once more.* **3** (idm) **more and more** tam sin vivo: *I am becoming more and more irritated by his selfish behaviour.* **more or less** (a) zikte: *I've more or less finished reading the book.* (b) hrawng; a huap in: *Most people are more or less selfish.* ○ *I can earn \$40 a day, more or less, as a waiter* (hrawng). **more than happy, glad, willing** lungawi zet, hlawptlo zet: *I'm more than happy to take you there in my car.* **no more** (a) khal ti thei ve lo: *He couldn't lift the table and no more could I.* (b) hlei lo, cuang lo: *You're no more capable of speaking Chinese than I am.* **what is more** cuihhlei ah, cuhnakin: *They are going to get married, and what's more they are setting up in business together.*

moreover /mɔː'reʊvə(r)/ *adv* cuihhlei ah, cuihtlun ah: *They knew the painting was a forgery.* ○ *Moreover, they knew who had painted it.*

mores /mɔː'reɪz/ *n* miphun/mibu pakhat ih neih hleice mi nunphung: *social mores.*

morganatic /,mɔːgə'nætɪk/ *adj* phun-u mipa le phun-nau nunau an thitawk tikah an fale pawl in an pa ih sinak le ro co thei lo nak.

▷ **morganatically** *adv.*

morgue /mɔːg/ *n* mithi ruak retnak inn.

moribund /'mɔːrɪbʌnd; *US* 'mɔːr-/ *adj* thi zikte, cem zikte: *a moribund civilization, industry, custom.*

Mormon /'mɔːmən/ *n, adj* 1830 kumah USA ih dinsuahmi kawhhran phunkhat (*The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*) tin an ko.

▷ **Mormonism** *n* [U] Mormon pawl zumnak le thlundan.

morn /mɔːn/ *n* (usu sing) (*arch*) (biazai ah) zinglam.

morning /'mɔːnɪŋ/ *n* [C, U] **1** (a) zinglam: *I'll see him tomorrow morning.* ○ *the fresh morning air, morning walk, coffee.* (b) zanñim in sundir karlak can: *he died in the early hours of Sunday morning.* **2** (idm) **good morning** zinglam ih tonawk tikah biak awknak: *Good morning, sir* (*Morning*, ti khalin an ti men). **in the morning** (a) a thaisun zinglam: *I'll ring her up in the morning.* (b) zanlam a si lo mi, zanñim le sundir karlak: *The accident must have happened at about 11 o'clock in the morning.* **the morning after (the night before)** a zanlam zurit a reh thei lo mi.

▷ **mornings** *adv* (esp *US*) zinglam ah, zingtin te: *I only work mornings.*

□ **morning-after pill** nupa pawl awk hnu ah nau keng lo dingin nunau ih a ei mi si.

morning coat zingpit ih hrukmi korfual pi.

morning dress mipa in caan thupi ih a hrukmi hnipuan, thuamhnaw.

morning glory zinglam ah a par ih zanlam ah a khupmi pangpar.

Morning prayer *Church of England* kawhhran ih zing khawm.

morning sickness favun pekte nunau zingpit nat.

the morning star nitlak hlanih a suakmi, a tleu zetmi arsi, ahleice in Venus, zingdeirel.

NOTE ON USAGE: Usually the preposition **in** is used with **morning/afternoon/evening**, on their own and in combination with other time expressions: *in the morning/afternoon/evening* ○ *on the 4th of September in the morning.* **In** is also used with the adjectives early and late: *in the early/late morning.* With other adjectives and in certain other expressions **on** is used: *on a cool morning in spring* ○ *on Monday afternoon* ○ *on the previous/following evening* ○ *on the morning of the 4th of September.* No preposition is used in combination with **tomorrow/this/yesterday afternoon**: *We arrived yesterday afternoon.* ○ *They'll leave this evening.* ○ *I'll start work again tomorrow morning.* See also

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- usage note at TIME¹.
- morocco** /mə'rɒkəʊ/ *n* [U] kedad le cabuphaw hrangah meheh phaw (vun) ih tuahmi savunṭha le nem.
- moron** /mɔːrən/ *n* **1** mi-aa, aatthlak minung: *He's an absolute moron.* **2** upa asinan nauhak kum 10 hrawing thinlung neimi.
▷ **moronic** /mə'rɒnɪk/ *adj* atthlak: *a moronic laugh.*
- morose** /mə'rəʊs/ *adj* thinnuam lo zet; thintawi zet le ṭong cuca lo ih a ummi: *a morose person, expression, manner.*
▷ **morosely** *adv.* **moroseness** *n* [U].
- morpheme** /mɔːfɪm/ *n* (*linguistics*) ṭongfang pakhat sullam nei ih ṭhennak: *'Run-s' contains two morphemes and 'un-like-ly' contains three.*
- morphia** /mɔːfiə/ *n* [U] (*dated*) = MORPHINE.
- morphine** /mɔːfiːn/ *n* [U] bing ih tuah mi rit theinak si nat sawkih hmanmi, mitkuhsi, ihhmuh sii.
- morphology** /mɔːfɒlədʒɪ/ *n* [U] **1** (*biology*) rannung le hramkung pawl thu zirnak. **2** (*linguistics*) ṭongfang then tete le ziangtin an kom ih ṭongfang ah an cang ti mi zirnak.
- morris dance** /mɔːrɪs dɑːns; US 'mɔːrɪs dæns/ hlanlai English pawl ih lam phunkhat (mipa in hnipuan phundang zet an hruk).
- morrow** /mɔːrəʊ; US 'mɔːr-/ *n* **1** **the morrow** a thaisun: *They wondered what the morrow had in store for them.* **2** (idm) **good morrow** (*arch*).
- Morse** /mɔːs/ *n* [U] (also **Morse code**) hminsinnak ca le meidat tleu ih thu kuat dan: *send a message in Morse.*
- morsel** /mɔːsl/ *n* malte, hlomkhat te, ka khatte (rawl): *a tasty morsel of food.* ○ *He does not have a morsel of common sense.*
- mortal** /mɔːtl/ *adj* a thi dingmi, kumkhua a nung thei lomi: *All human beings are mortal.* **2** thihnak tlak, thihpi tlak: *a mortal wound, injury.* ○ (*fig*) *The collapse of the business was a mortal blow to him and his family.* **3** thih tiang a daihmi; huatnak maktak ih hminsinnak: *mortal enemies* ○ *locked in mortal combat.* **4** [attrib] a luantuk, nasatuk: *mortal fear, danger.* **5** [attrib] (*dated infml*) (thil ṭhalo a cangmi langternak ih hmanmi): *They stole every mortal thing in the house.*
▷ **mortal** *n* milai: (*joc*) *They are so grand these days that they probably don't talk to ordinary mortals like us any more.*
mortally *adv* **1** thi dingin: *mortally wounded.* **2** nasa zetin: *mortally afraid.*
□ **mortal sin** (RC kawhhran sungah) thlarau thih tlak sualnak (sual phuannak le ngaithiamnak tuah a ṭul an timi).
- mortality** /mɔː'tæləti/ *n* [U] **1** thi theimi sinak. **2** (also **mortality rate**) caan pakhat sungih a thimi zat: *Infant mortality was 20 per thousand live births in 1986.* **3** poipeng ruangih minung tam zet ṭumkhat ih thihnak.
□ **mortality table** (*esp in insurance*) ziang can sau an nung ding ti ih minung an kum zat ciar thawn ṭuatih ngannak cahmai.
- mortar**¹ /mɔːtə(r)/ *n* [U] thung/mirang leilung, vunnel, le tidai rawi ih tlakrawh le lungto erhnaik hmanmi: *cement mortar, lime mortar, mud mortar.*
▷ **mortar** *v* erh, peh.
- mortar**² /mɔːtə(r)/ *n* **1** pukpi tawite: *under mortar attack.* **2** sum (fang dennak sum); makphek sum.
- mortarboard** /mɔːtə bɔːd/ *n* phunsang tlawng zirhtu le tlawngta pawl ih hrukmi lukhuh dum te.
- mortgage** /mɔːgɪdʒ/ *n* (**a**) thilri aamahkhan thawn tangka cawinak: *It's difficult to get a mortgage on an old house.* (**b**) cu ti ih cawimi tangka: *John has got a mortgage of \$ 5000.*
▷ **mortgage** *v* tangka cawimi hrang aamahkhan ih thilri pek: *He mortgaged his house in order to start a business.*
- mortgagee** /mɔːgɪdʒi/ *n* tangka coihtu.
- mortgager** /mɔːgɪdʒə(r)/ (also in legal use, **mortgagor** /mɔːgɪdʒɔːr/) *n* tangka cawitu.
- mortify** /mɔːtɪfaɪ/ *v* **1** ningzahter, ninghan ter: *It's a mortifying failure, mistake.* **2** taksa hiarnak sup: *We mortify the flesh by fasting.* **3** taksa hmunkhat a thi, a muat: *The injured foot has mortified and must be cut off.*
- mortification** *n* [U].
- mortise** (also **mortice**) /mɔːtɪs/ *n* thing pakhat sawhieh pehnak dingih vihmi, thing.
▷ **mortise** *v* peh: *The cross-piece is mortised into the upright post.*
□ **mortise lock** thing thawn inn hren, inn kalh.
- mortuary** /mɔːtʃɜːri; US 'mɔːtʃɜːri/ *n* mithi retnak inn.
▷ **mortuary** *adj* thihnak, mithi vuinak thawn pehpar in.
- mosaic** /məʊ'zeɪk/ *n* **1** [C, U] rong phun dangdang nei lungper tete asilole thalang tete pawl peh khawmmi: *ancient Greek mosaics.* ○ *a mosaic pavement, a mosaic ceiling.* **2** rong phun dangdang puanthan fate te peh ih ṭhitmi.
- Mosaic** /məʊ'zeɪk/ *adj* Moses thawn pehparmi: *Mosaic law.*
- moselle** /məʊ'zel/ *n* [C, U] W Germany, Mossele tiva kiangih tuahmi zu phunkhat.
- mosey** /məʊzi/ *v* hmuitin nei lo le nuamte ih feh: *Why don't you mosey round to my place?*
- Moslem** = MUSLIM.
- mosque** /mɔːsk/ *n* Muslim biakinn.
- mosquito** /mə'skiːtəʊ, also, in British use, mɔːs-/ *n* fikfa, mikeu, kawngsang (malaria nat hrik an phur thei).
□ **mosquito net** *n* khangthawng.
- moss** /mɔːs; US mɔːs/ *n* [U, C] ti maan ṭo: *moss-*

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covered rock, walls. Cf LICHEN.

▷ **mossy** *adj* mossy bark ○ mossy green.

mossback /mɒsbæk; US 'mɔːs-/ *n* (US *infml*) ruahnak hlun neimi; san man lo zet.

most¹ /məʊst/ *adj* **1** a tambikin: **(a)** (*det*): *When we toured Italy we spent most time in Rome.* ○ *most vote, most mistakes.* **(b)** (*pron*): *Harry got 6 points, Susan got 8 points but Alice got most.* ○ *The person with the most to lose is the director.* **2** a hrek hnakh tam, a tam sawn, a zate nawn: *Most European countries are democracies.* **(b)** (*pron*) *It rained for most of the monsoon.* **3** (*idm*) **at the most** a tam bikin, cuhnak ih tam lo: *There were 50 people there, at the very most.*

▷ **mostly** *adv* a zate zikzik; a tlangpi thu in: *We're mostly out on Sundays.*

most² /məʊst/ *v* **1** **(a)** bik, a pakhatnak: *most beautiful, most boring.* ○ *It was most exciting holiday I've ever had.* **(b)** a tambik: *She helped me most when my parents died.* **2** **(a)** ngaingai, zet: *We heard a most interesting talk about Japan.* ○ *It was most kind of you to take me to the airport.* **3** (*esp US*) zikte, zikzik: *I go to the shop most every day, nitin zikte in dawr ka feh.*

-**most** *suff* (with *preps* and *adjs* of position forming *adjs*): *inmost* ○ *topmost* ○ *uppermost* *innermost.*

MOT /'em əv 'ti:/ *abbr* (*Brit*) **(a)** Ministry of Transport. **(b)** (also **MOT test**) kumtin mawtawka ceknak: *She took her car in for its MOT.* ○ *Has your car had it's MOT?*

mote /məʊt/ *n* **1** hnawm fate, mithnawm. **2** (*idm*) **the mote in sb's eyes** (*dated*) miih sualnak fate.

motel /məʊ'tel/ *n* mawtawka cawlnak kaupi a neimi riahbuk.

motet /məʊ'tet/ *n* khawhhran ih sakmi hlatawi. Cf ANTHEM.

moth /mɒθ; US mɔːθ/ *n* **1** pelep vek zan meitleu ih a um duh zetmi. **2** (also **clothes moth**) puan, hnipuan, puanhmul par ih fa keuh mi pelep, puan ong ko in an popter thei.

□ **mothball** *n* **1** puansi. **2** (*idm*) **in mothballs** hman lo ih reipi retmi: *After ten years in mothballs the ships were sent to be broken up.*

moth-eaten *adj* **1** rulcawng phelep ih siatsuahmi, eimi: *moth-eaten old clothes.* **2** **(a)** a hlun zet, a tet, zohsia: *moth-eaten armchairs.* **(b)** san man lo, khuahlan pianhman: *moth-eaten ideas.*

mothproof *adj* rulcawng eilo dingih (hnipuan) thate ih ret: *moth-proof carpets, rulcawng ei theih lo zialphah puan.*

mother /'mʌðə(r)/ *n* **1** nu; naute nu: *My mother died when I was 6.* **2** biaknak hruaitu nunau kawhnak (RC kawhhran ah a si bik): *Pray for me, Mother.* **3** nutar deuh pawl kawhnak.

▷ **mother** *v* nu vekih zoh, cawm, kilkhawi: *piglets mothered by a sow.* **2** nasa tukih kilkhawi le zohkhen: *He likes being mothered by his landlady.* **Mothering Sunday** (also **Mother's day**)

Nu ni, May thla sungih tuah a si ih faate pawl in nu an sunlawih, kawhhran in thla an cam sak ni.

motherhood *n* [U] nu sinak: *She finds motherhood very rewarding.*

motherless *adj* nu nei lo.

motherlike *adj* nu vek: *a mother like smile, embrace.*

motherly *adj* nu ih thlum-al nak nei, cu vek tuah, cuti ih nun: *a motherly love, affection, care, kiss.* **motherliness** *n* [U].

□ **mother country** suahsemnak ram.

mother church sungtel sinak Kawhhran.

mother-in-law *n* (*pl* **mothers-in-law**) pizon, ni (nupi ih nu, pasal ih nu).

motherland suahsemnak ram.

Mother Nature (*often joc*) mahte um thil (*nature*) in leilung le minung parah hna a tuan tiih ruahnak: *Leave the cure to Mother Nature. She knows best.*

mother-of-pearl kepsih le thi tivek ih hmanmi kep mawi tete: *a mother-of-pearl necklace, earring.*

mother's boy (*infml derog*) nu ih duattuk ruangah thinlung khawruahnak a derthawm mi mipa/fapa.

mother ship ti rawl tivek pawl tangphawlawng fate pawl hnenih kuattu tangphawlawng tumpi.

Mother Superior nunau phungki tlawngih hotu bik.

mother-to-be *n* (*pl* **mothers-to-be**) favun nunau.

mother tongue innsang hmanmi tong.

motif /məʊ'tiːf/ *n* **1** ceimawinak pianzia: *an eagle motif on the curtains.* **2** ca le hla ah a thupi bik thu tlangpi, thu sirhsan nawlh leuh leuh mi.

motion /'məʊʃn/ *n* **1** [U] cangvaihna, cangvaih dan: *The object is no longer in motion.* **2** taksa, kutke cangvaihna/dan: *an upward motion of the hand.* **3** [C] thurel tikih thuburmi: *propose a motion.* ○ *The motion was adopted/carried by a majority.* **4** [C] **(a)** sung dokter. **(b)** sung dokter nakih a suakmi, ek. **5** (*idm*) **go through the motions (of doing sth)** tuah awter; thungai thlakh tuah lo: *He went through the motions of welcoming her friends but then quickly left the room.* **put/set sth in motion** cangvaiter: *set machinery in motion.* ○ *put the new campaign in motion.* Cf SLOW MOTION (SLOW¹).

▷ **motion** *v* **1** sullam hmuh ih cangvaih: *He motioned to the waiter.* ○ *He motioned me to sit down.* **2** mithmai le kutke ih hmuh: *motion sb to a chair, motion away.*

motionless *adj* cang lo: *standing motionless.*

motion picture (*esp US*) baiskup, lemnung.

motivate /'məʊtɪveɪt/ *v* **1** lungthawhter: *motivated by greed he committed robbery.* **2** lunglutter; duhter: *She's a kind of teacher who can motivate her pupils.*

motivated *adj*: *The people were highly*

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motivated by his speech.

▷ **motivation** /ˌməʊtɪ'veɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] lung thawhnak: *They lack the motivation to study.*

motive /ˈməʊtɪv/ *n* lungput; thil a titertu thilung; a ruangah: *He questioned her motives.* ○ *The police could not find a motive for the murder.* ⇨ Usage at REASON¹.

▷ **motive** *adj* [attrib] thil pakhat cangvaiter: *motive force/power*, eg electricity, to operate machinery.

motiveless *adj*: *an apparently motiveless crime.*

motley /ˈmɒtli/ *adj* **1** a phunphun a rawi cokmi minung/thilri: *a motley crowd* ○ *a motley collection of old clothes.* **2** rong, pianhmang phunphun rawimi kortjial.

▷ **motley** *n* [U] hnihsuak saitu pawl ih hrukmi kortjial: *He put on the motley, lemcawn ah hnihsuak saitu a tuan.*

motor /ˈməʊtə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) electric tha kha a cangmi thil a suahtertu cet, mawṭa (b) alh-ti (datei, disel) ihsin a cangmi thil a suah tertu cet, mawṭa. **2** (*Brit deted or joc*) mawṭawka.

▷ **motor** *adj* [attrib] **1** mawṭa cet ih fehter: *motor vehicles.* **2** mawṭa cet thawi pehpar mi: *the motor insurance, the motor trade, a motor mechanic.* **3** cangvaihnak pe: *motor nerves*, thluak ihsin thahri ih thil a fehtertu.

motor *v* mawṭawka thawn khual tlangwng: *They spent a pleasant afternoon motoring through the countryside.* **motoring** /ˈməʊtərɪŋ/ *n* [U] mawṭawka mawng.

motorist /ˈməʊtərɪst/ *n* mawṭawka mawngtu. Cf PEDESTRIAN.

motorize, -ise /ˈməʊtəraɪz/ *v* mawṭaw cet bun: *a motorized vehicle.* **2** (ralkap pawl mawṭawka le cetthawn thuum): *motorized infantry.*

□ **motor bike** (*infml*) = MOTOR CYCLE.

motor boat cet thawn rang zet a fehtheimi lawng.

motorcade mawṭawka tampi feh tlang hluarhlo (a bikin mi thupi khualtlangwng um tikah).

motor car (*Brit*) = CAR.

motor cycle cet thawn a feh mi thirleng.

motor-cyclist *n* cumi totu.

motor-scooter = SCOOTER.

motor way *n* (*Brit*) (*abbr M*) (*US expressway*) zamrang zet le cawl loih mawṭawka pawl feh ringring-nak lamzinpi: *Your're not allowed to stop on motorways.*

mottled /ˈmɒtld/ *adj* rong asilole pianzia a thleng aw phahphah mi: *The mottled skin of a snake.*

motto /ˈmɒtəʊ/ *n* (*pl ~ es*) thu sirhsan thutlangpi: *What's your school motto?* ○ *Our motto is "Unity is strength".*

mould¹ (*US mold*) /məʊld/ *n* **1** (a) pianhmang nei dingih thil burnak kuang (sang le thir phunphun burnak) (b) cuvek kuangah bur ih tuahmi sang pawl. **2** ziaza, umdan: *they are all cast in the same mould*, an um dan a bangrep theh.

▷ **mould** *v* **1** pianhmang pakhat nei ko ih tuah: *mould plastic into pipes.* ○ *mould a head out of clay.* **2** kaihruai, kilkhawi nuncan rem: *Parents mould a child into a mature adult.* ○ *Television moulds public opinion.* **3** thil pakhat tet zet ih tuamtu: *Her wet clothes moulded round her body.*

mould² (*US mold*) /məʊld/ *n* [U, C] rawl thing asilole thil a hnawngmi parih a ṭomi mawr.

▷ **mouldy** *adj* **1** mawr ih khuhmi, a uih mi rim: *mouldy cheese.* **2** a hlun, a ropmi: *let's get rid of this mouldy old furniture.* **3** nuam lo: *"We had a mouldy holiday — it rained every day."*

mould³ (*US mold*) /məʊld/ *n* [U] hnaṭawt leidawm, ngawram leidawm.

moulder (*US molder*) /ˈməʊldə(r)/ *v* a siatbal theh; nuamten a rop: *the mouldering ruins of an old building.*

moulding (*US molding*) /ˈməʊldɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U] thil pakhat tuahremnak: *the moulding of young people's characters.* **2** [C] (*architecture*) ceimawimi thil, phar tivek pawl.

moult (*US molt*) /məʊlt/ *v* hmul tlong.

▷ **moult** *n* [C, U] hmul tlong dan, can.

mound /naʊnd/ *n* **1** lei vawr, tlang fate; a pawng, a bomi. **2** a peng awmi; thil tuah ding tam hnenhnen: *a mound of mashed potato.* ○ *a mound of washing and ironing.*

mount¹ /maʊnt/ *n* (usu written **Mt**) tlang: *Mt Everest.* ○ *the Mount of Olives.*

mount² /maʊnt/ *v* **1** kai: *the climbers mounted higher and higher.* **2** cit: *he mounted his horse.* **3** tamsin, karh: *The death mounted to 1 00.* **4** ben, tar: *The photograph was mounted on white papers.* **5** kaikhawm, thok: *mount a production; mount a protest.* ○ *The pop concert was mounted in a sports stadium.* **6** kil ter: *mount sentries on a wall, around a palace.* **7** kai, thilman kai: *Prices are mounting.* **8** dawh (ramsa a pa in a nu a dawh). **9** (idm) **mount the throne** siangpahrang a cang.

▷ **mount** *n* citmi, tilva; bennak, thilri.

mounted *adj* a mounted photograph. ○ *mounted policemen.*

mounting *adj* a karh, a ṭhang: mounting tension.

mountain /ˈmaʊntɪn; US -ntn/ *n* **1** [C] tlang: *Everest is the highest mountain in the world.* ○ *the refreshing mountain air.* **2** (a) hnaṭuan ding a peng-aw mi: *a mountain of paperwork, unanswered letters.* (b) harsatnak thilrit: *a mountain of debts, complaints.* **3** thil zuar lo ih a tangmi: *the butter mountain.* **4** (idm) **make a mountain out of a molehill** thupi lomi thupiter.

▷ **mountaineer** /ˈmaʊntɪˈniə(r); US -ntnɪər/ *n* tlang kai a thiam zetmi, tlangkaitu.

mountaineering *n* tlang kainak: *a mountaineering expedition.*

mountainous /ˈmaʊntɪnəs; US -ntənəs/ *adj* **1** tlang tampi a ummi: *mountainous country.* **2** tlang vekih a saangmi: *mountainous waves.*

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□ **mountain ash** sendup rah neimi thingkung fate.
mountain chain, mountain range a thua ih ummi tlangtluan pawl.
mountain lion Cf PUMA.
mountain sickness tlang par thlizil ruangih ngahmi natnak.
mountainside tlang kap, tlang hrap.
mountebank /'mauntɪbæŋk/ *n* (*dated or rhet derog*) awka thiamnak thawn mi a bumtu.
Mountie /'maunti/ *n* (*infml*) Canada ramih ralthuam hrukcia palik pawl.
mourn /mɔ:n/ *v* mithi ngai: *She mourned for (over) her dead child for many years.* riahasiatnak: *We all mourn the destruction of a well-loved building.*
 ▷ **mourner** *n* mithi ngaitu; sungkhat/rualpi inn ih mithi tahtu.
mournful *adj* riahsia, ninghang, lungngai: *a mournful look on her face.* ○ *mournful music.*
mournfully *adv.* **mournfulness** *n* [U].
mourning *n* [U] mithi ngai ruangih hrukmi thil thuum dum: *She was in mourning for a month.*
mouse /maʊs/ *n* (*pl mice* /maɪs/) **1** zinghnam: *a house mouse* ○ *a field mouse.* **2** ningzah nei, mi zakzum: *Are you a man or a mouse?* **3** (*Computing*) kompeuta thunnak ih a hmeh-nak.
4 (*idm*) **play cat and mouse/a cat-and-mouse game with sb** ⇨ CAT¹. **quiet as a mouse** ⇨ QUIET.
 ▷ **mouser** /'maʊsə(r), 'maʊzə(r)/ zinghnam a peltu/a bawhtu zawhte.
mousy /'maʊs/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** (sam) a pawl phumphimi. **2** (minung) ningzah nei, tihhrut.
 □ **mousetrap** *n* zinghnam thang.
mousetrap cheese ei ding a thalomi cawhnawi khal.
moussaka /mu:'sa:kə/ *n* [U] sa satcip le hanghnah hangrah rawi ih em, suanmi Grik rawl.
mouse /mu:s/ *n* [U, C] **1** arti, sa, siti, thingrah tivek pawl rawimi a dai ih tua hmi hmeh: *a strawberry mouse.* **2** sam umdan remnak ih hnihmi hriak phunkhat: *styling mousse* ○ *conditioning mousse.*
moustache /mə'sta:ʃ/ (*US mustache* /'mʌstæʃ/) *n* **1** hmurhmul. Cf BEARD. **2** **moustaches** hmurhmul sau.
mouth¹ /maʊθ/ *n* (*pl ~ s* /maʊðz/) **1** [C] ka: *'Open your mouth a little wider,' said the dentist.* ○ (*fig*) *Every time I open my mouth (ka tɔŋg tinten) he contradicts me.* ○ *She has got a big mouth: a tɔŋg tamih thuthup a phuang theizet.* **2** [U] (**a**) sullam nei lo tɔŋg, hmual nei lo tɔŋg: *He's all mouth and no action.* (**b**) ningzah thei lo tɔŋg; mawi lo ih tɔŋg: *I don't want any mouth from you!* **3** (palang, bel, zal, lungkua) tivekih a luhnak kaa: *at the mouth of a cave.* **4** tiva pakhat tipi thuanthum a finnak zawn. **5** cawm tulum: *she has got five mouths to feed, fa panga (5) a nei.* **6** (*idm*) **born with a silver spoon in one's mouth**

⇨ BORN. **butter wouldn't melt in sb's mouth** ⇨ BUTTER. **by word of mouth** ⇨ WORD. **down in the mouth** beidong zet ih um. **from the horse's mouth** ⇨ HORSE. **keep one's mouth shut** thuthup phuanglo ih um. **leave a bad/nasty taste in the mouth** ⇨ LEAVE¹. **live from hand to mouth** ⇨ LIVE². **look a gift horse in the mouth** ⇨ GIFT. **out of the mouths of babes and sucklings** (*sayings*) nauhak pawlin fimzet in thu an sim theu. **put one's money where one's mouth is** ⇨ MONEY. **put words into sb's mouth** ⇨ WORD. **shoot one's mouth off** ⇨ SHOOT¹. **shut one's mouth/face** ⇨ SHUT. **shut sb's mouth** ⇨ SHUT. **take the bread out of sb's mouth** ⇨ BREAD. **take the words out of sb's mouth** ⇨ WORD.
 ▷ **-mouthed** /maʊðd/ (*forming compound adjs*) **1** 'ka' pianhmang: *small-mouthed, widemouthed, open-mouthed.* **2** (*usu derog*) tɔŋg daan: *loud-mouthed, foul mouthed.*
mouthful *n* **1** [C] kaa khat, kaa khat ih tlem thei zat: *eat a few mouthfuls of food.* **2** [*sing*] (*infml joc*) kaa ih saal harmi tɔŋgfang/tɔŋgtluan sau tuk: *Timothy Thistlethwaite? That's a bit of a mouthful.*
 □ **mouth-organ** *n* (also **harmonica**) baja (ka in phawt le zuuk ih a awnmi).
mouthpiece *n* **1** hmur thluah ih tummi, ongnak awnmawi thil/telephone tivek. **2** midang ruahnak a simtu, a ngantu minung/thuthang ca: *a newspaper which is merely the mouthpiece of the Opposition party.*
mouth-to-mouth *adj* a thi zikte mi a ka ah thaw thawthnawh (tisung pil mi tivek pawl): *mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.*
mouthwash *n* [U] ka thianter nakih hmawm mi ti.
mouthwatering *adj* (*approx*) khadi for; ei hiarnak a suahtertu hmuihmer, rawl thawtuk: *the mouth watering smell of curry.*
mouth² /maʊð/ **1** *v* awsuak lo ih hmur phun rero: *silently mouthing curses.* **2** (*derog*) a dik lo ih simmi: *mouthing the usual platitudes about the need for more compassions.*
movable /'mu:vəbl/ *adj* **1** thawn a theihmi. **2** (*law*) (thilri) thawn theihmi, real property ti ih kawhmi inn le hmunram a silomi pawl. **3** kumkhat le kumkhat ni a bang awlo mi: *Christmas is fixed, but Easter is a movable feast.*
 ▷ **movables** *n* pumpak neihmi thilri thawn theihmi.
move¹ /mu:v/ *n* **1** cangvaih, cangnak: *She sat in the corner, watching my every move.* ○ *'One false move and you're dead' he said, pointing a gun at me.* **2** thawnnak, umnak thawnnak: *The move took six hours with a team of three men.* **3** (**a**) chess, king tivek keicang tikih thawnnak, cangnak: *Do you know all the possible moves in chess?* (**b**) keicangtu pakhat ih thawn can: *whose move is it?* **4** tumtah mi hlensuah dingih



cangvaihnak: *We've tried peaceful persuasion; What's our next move?* ○ *In a move to restrict imports, the government raised custom duties.* **5** (idm) **a false move** ⇨ FALSE. **get a move on** zamrang, zamrang aw. **make a move** khualtlawn an pok, pok, feh: *It's getting dark; we'd better make a move.* **(b) ʔuan thok:** *We're waiting to see what our competitors do before we make a move.* **on the move** feh rero, cangvai rero: *the army is on the move.*

move² /mu:v/ **v** **1** cang, ʔawn: *don't move; Stay perfectly still.* ○ *That car was really moving, a tlawng cak zet.* **2** umnak ʔawn: *He couldn't pay his rent, so he had to move out.* **3** ʔhang, ʔhansonak tuah: *Things are not moving as fast as we hoped.* ○ *Time moves slowly.* **4** chess, king vek keicang (ʔawn) *Have you moved? na ʔawn zo maw?: It's your turn to move.* **5** lungtong, riahsiatter: *She was moved by his speech.* ○ *The story of their suffering moved us deeply.* **6** tuah duhnak, duh lonak a suahter: *He works as the spirit moves him.* **7** thubur, thehlut: *Mr chairman, I move that the matter be discussed after lunch.* **8** thinclung thlengter: *she's made up her mind and nothing can move her.* **9** tuah, thil pakhat khat tuah: *The government has moved to dispel the rumours.* **10** sung dok ter. **11** (idm) **get moving** zamrangten pok: *It's late; we'd better get moving, nasa zet ih ʔhangter.* **get sth moving** hnaʔuan law, taima: *A new director in this company will really get things moving.* **go/ move in for the kill** ⇨ KILL **n.** **move the goalposts** (*Brit infml*) tuah sal, ruatkhawm sal dingih lungkim ciami thleng. **move heaven and earth** ti thei patawp suahter ih tuah. **move house** inn thilri thiar ih ʔawn. **12** (phr **v**) **move across/along/down/over/up** midang kian dingih dinnak/umnak ʔawn: *'Move along, please,' said the bus conductor.* ○ *Move over so I can get into bed.* **move for sth** (*US esp law*) sut, dil: *Your honour, I move for an adjournment.* **move in sth** um, cangvai: *She only moves in the best circles.* **move in on sb/sth** a ʔihnung zawngih luhhnawh: *The police moved in on the house occupied by the terrorists.* **move off** khualtlawn pok, feh thok (mawʔawka tivek): *The signal was given, and the procession moved off.* **move on** **(a)** khual tlawn peh: *It's time we moved on.* **(b)** hmundang ah ʔawn.

▷ **mover** /mu:və(r)/ **n** **1** a caangkhaimi: *She's a lovely mover;* mawi zet ih laam a thiammi. **2** thu a burtu.

moving **adj** **1** a caangmi: *a moving picture,* lemnung. *a moving staircase,* ʔawn theih kailawn. **2** thinclung thukpi ih a thotertu (riahsiatnak le zaangfahnak lamah a sibik): *It's a moving story, film.* ○ *His speech was very moving.* **movingly** **adv.**

movement /mu:vmənt/ **n** **1** **(a)** [U, C] cangvaihnak,

ʔawn: *Loose clothing gives you greater freedom of movement.* **(b)** cangvaihnak, tuahnak: *a play that lacks movement.* **2** [C] hmunhma thlengnak: *Troop movements can be observed from space by a satellite.* **3 movements** (pl) tikcu can sungih khualtlawnnak, cangvaihnak (mi pakhat khat ih rak hmainsinmi): *The police have been keeping a close watch on the suspects' movements.* **4** **(away from/towards sth)** mipi kalhmang: *the movement towards greater freedom in fashion styles.* **5** [U, C] (thilri man ʔum le kai zat) thleng awmi: *not much movement in oil shares.* **6** thil pakhat tumtah ih cangvaihnak: *They tried to found a movement to promote women's rights.* **7** awnmawi, hla saupi ʔhennak: *a symphony in four movements.* **8** [C] cet sungih thil caangtertu (nazi kut tivek). **9** [C] (*medical*) sung dawhternak.

movie /mu:vi/ **n** **1** lemnung, baiskup: *go to a movie* ○ *movie stars.* **2 the movies** (pl) **(a)** (also **movie house, movie theater**) *cinema,* lemnung hmuhnak inn: *go to the movies.* **(b)** lemnung suahter tawrel nak.

movie-goer **n** (*esp US*) lemnung zoh ih a feh ringringtu.

mow /məʊ/ **vi, vt** (*pt mowed pp mown*) **1** hrampi hlep, vat (cet ʔawn, nam saupi ʔawn): *mow a lawn, mow a field.* **2** (phr **v**) **mow down** mi tampi that hmuarhmo: *The lorry's brakes failed, and it mowed down several people in the bus queue.* ▷ **mower** **n** hrampi attu.

MP /em 'pi:/ **abbr** (*esp Brit*) *Member of Parliament* (*esp in the House of Commons*): *He has become an MP.*

mpg /em pi: 'dʒi:/ **abbr** miles per gallon = gallon pakhat in pengziat a (daih/feh): *This car does 40 mpg.*

mph /em pi: 'eitʃ/ **abbr** miles per hour = nazi pakhat ah pengziat a feh: *The speed limit is 65 mph.*

MPhil /em 'fil/ **abbr** *Master of Philosophy.*

Mr /mɪstə(r)/ **abbr** *Mister,* mipa hmin hmai ih retmi kawhnak: *Mr Leonard Johnson.*

MRBM **abbr** medium-range ballistic missile: lamhlat nawn kapnak pukpi meithal.

MRC **abbr** Medical Research Council.

Mrs /m/ **abbr** pasal nei nunau hmin hmai ih retmi, kawhnak: *Mrs Brown (Mrs Mary Brown).*

MS, abbr (pl **Mss**) manuscript, kutngan ca.

MSc /mɪsɪz/ **abbr** *Master of Science.*

MST **abbr** (*US*) *Mountain Standard Time:* USA ram cu caan pali an nei ih, Pacific Time (PST), MST, Central Time (CST), Eastern Time (EST), nazi pakhat ciar an dang-aw.

Mt **abbr** *Mount:* *Mt Kenya,* eg on a map.

MTh **abbr** *Master of Theology.*

mth **abbr** (*US mo*) (pl **mths; US mos**) *month:* thla: *6 mths old.*

much¹ /mʌtʃ/ **1** tampi, tamzet, siar theihlo. **(a)**

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(det) *I haven't got much money.* ○ *Did you have much difficulty finding the house?* ○ *I have much pleasure in introducing our speaker.* (b) (pron) *He sat at his desk all morning but he didn't write much.* ○ *She never eats much for breakfast.* ○ *We have much to be thankful for.* **2** (idm) **not much of** a zia a si lem lo: *I'm not much of a correspondent, cakuat ka ngan lem lo.* **this much** ka sim zik te mi: *I will say this much for him-he never leaves a piece of work unfinished.* ○ *This much is certain, you will never walk again.* (with) **not/without so much as** ⇨ so¹.

▷ **muchness** *n* (idm) **much of a muchness** a bang-aw zetmi: *It's hard to choose between the two candidates; they're both much of a muchness.*

EXPRESSING QUANTITY		
	uncountable nouns	countable nouns
positive statements	lots of money <i>(less fml)</i>	lots of coins <i>(less fml)</i>
	a lot of money	a lot of coins
negative statements	much money <i>(more fml)</i>	many coins <i>(more fml)</i>
	not much money	not many coins
questions	little money <i>(more fml)</i>	few coins <i>(more fml)</i>
	How much money?	How many coins?

1 Notice the difference between **little/few** and **a little/a few**. If we say, 'I have little money and few interests', we sound disappointed and negative. If we say, 'I have a little money and a few interests', we sound more positive. Compare: *He's lived here a long time but has few friends* and *He's lived here a short time but already has a few friends*.

2 **A lot of** can also be used in questions: *Have we got a lot of time/cards left?* It suggests that the speaker knows that there is/are some left and wants to know whether the amount/number is big or small.

3 The comparative and superlative forms of **much, many, and a lot of** are **more** and **(the) most**. For **little** the comparative and superlative forms are **less** and **(the) least** and for **few** they are **fewer** and **(the) fewest**.

much² /mʌtʃ/ *adv* **1** ngaingai, zet, hngin: *She didn't enjoy the film much.* ○ *I would very much like you to come to dinner next week.* ○ *It doesn't much matter what you wear.* **2** (a) *I was very much frightened by the report.* ○ *He was much surprised to find us there.* (b) *She's much better today.* ○ *That was much the best meal I've ever tasted.* **3** (idm) **as much** bangrep, zatrep: *That is as much as saying I am a liar.* **as much as sb**

can do tuah thei tawp: *I won't have a pudding — it was as much as I could do to finish the first course.* **much as** sihman sehla: *Much as I would like to stay, I really must go home.* **much the same** mah keel: *The patient is much the same this morning.* **not much good at** thiam tuk lo: *I'm not much good at tennis.* **not so much sth as sth** ⇨ so¹.

mucilage /'mju:slɪdʒ/ *n* [U] hramkung ihsin a putsuakmi thliing (a sengmi ti): *seaweed.*

▷ **mucilaginous** *adj* **1** thliing suah. **2** a seengmi, a hnanngmi.

muck /mʌk/ *n* **1** [U] ek dawm: *He's spreading muck on the field.* **2** [U] fihnungza: *Don't come in here with your boots all covered in muck.* ○ *You shouldn't believe all the muck you read in the newspapers.* ○ *I don't want my name dragged through the mucks.* **3** (idm) **in a muck** hnawmbal zetin: *You can't leave your room in a muck like that.* **make a muck of sth** (a) thil baal ter. (b) tuah tha lo; siatsuah: *I made a real muck of that exam.*

▷ **muck** *v* (phr v) **muck about/around** hmuitin neilo athlak ih nun: *stop mucking about and finish your work!* **muck in** bangrep ten tuanvo zem, umnak zem: *Let's all muck in together, and we'll soon finish the job.* ○ *The officers had to muck in with their men.* **muck (sth) out** caw ek rut ih thianfai. **muck (sth) up** (a) baal ter: *muck up one's clothes.* (b) tuah tha lo zet; siatter: *I really mucked up my chances by doing badly in the interview.*

mucky *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** baal: *My hands are all mucky.* **2** a baalmi, a borhhlawh mi: *telling those mucky stories of his.*

□ **muck-raker** *n* mi a thangsiattu. **muck-raking** *n* [U].

muck-up *n* tha lo zetih tuahnak, siatsuahnak: *He made a complete muck-up of sth.*

mucous /'mju:kəs/ *adj* hnap vek, hnap ih nalhmi.

□ **mucous membrane** (anatomy) hnar, ka, le sungril pawl sunglam ih a tuamtu vunhning paate; a duandar.

mucus /'mju:kəs/ *n* hnap, khaak; hnap vekih a hnunmi: *His nose is blocked with mucus.* ○ *A trail of mucus was left by a snail.*

mud /mʌd/ *n* [U] **1** ciarbek: *Rain turns dust into mud.* **2** (idm) **fling mud, sling mud, throw mud (at sb)** thangsiatnak in mi pakhat ih hmin siatter. **mud sticks** midang ih thatlonak cu cin a ol cuang.

▷ **muddy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ciarbek thawn a khatmi: *muddy roads, shoes.* **2** (a) tlak vek pianhmang, a fiangfai lomi, a nawimi: *a muddy stream* ○ *muddy water.* (b) a buaithlakmi: *muddy thinking.*

muddiness *n* [U].

muddy *v* (pt, pp **muddied**) **1** ciarbek nalh: *muddy one's face, clothes.* **2** (idm) **muddy the**



- waters** buaithlakter, fianglo ter.
- **mud-bath** *n* harhdamnak ti ih zumnak in ciarbek ih khawlh awk.
- mud-flat** tipi kap ciarbek ih a khuhmi rawn.
- mudguard** *n* leengkhu (bicycle thirleng tivek ciarbek ih peh (teh) lo dingih a khuhnak).
- mud hut** ciarbek ih sakmi thlam.
- mud pack** hmai hnuh (tanakha tivek).
- mud-slinging** *n* [U] thangsiat ternak: *There's too much mud-slinging by some journalists.*
- muddle** /mʌdl/ *v* **1** rawicok, hnaihnocter: *My papers were all muddled up together.* **(b)** thluak buai ter: *Stop talking, or you'll muddle me completely.* **(c)** minung pawl/thil pawl buaithlakter: *I muddled (up) the dates and arrived three days late.* **2** mi/thil thleidang thei lo: *You must be muddling me up with my twin brother.* **3** (phr v) **muddle along** tumtahnak neilo-atthlakih nun: *They muddled along from day to day.* **muddle through** thilri tha um lo, fhaten tuah lo na'n hlensuah thotho; naanguuai: *I expect we shall muddle through somehow!*
- ▷ **muddle** *n* **1** hnawmbaal le buaithlak zet ih um: *Your room is in a real muddle.* **2** thluak buainak: *The old lady gets in(to) a muddle trying to work the video.* **muddled** *adj* buai.
- muddling** *adj* buaithlak zet: *These application forms are very muddling.*
- **muddle-headed** *adj* ruahnak fiangfai nei lo, (caw-ek/ciarbek rawimi thluak); buai.
- muesli** /mju:zli/ *n* [U] vainim sang, thingrah ro tivek rawimi thawhhlam rawl.
- muezzin** /mu:'ezin/; *US* mju:-/ *n* Muslim thlacam caan tlang-autu.
- muff**¹ /mʌf/ *n* a hlum mi kuthruk.
- muff**² /mʌf/ *vt* thelh, kai ngahlo, buaiter: *She had a wonderful opportunity, but she muffed it.*
- muffin** /mʌfɪn/ *n* **1** (*US English* muffin) a hlum lai ih ei theumi sangper hluum. **2** (*US*) kheksang, sangper.
- muffle** /mʌfl/ *vt* **1** hlum dingih tuam aw: *He walked out into the snow, heavily muffled (up) in a thick warm overcoat.* **2** a awn dim deuh dingih puan ih tuam (khuang, telephone ti vek pawl).
- ▷ **muffled** *adj* khamtu, dangtu um ruangih theih thei ceu (aw): *We heard muffled voices coming from the next room.*
- muffler** /mʌflə(r)/ *n* **1** hngawng-ngerh puanhlum. **2** (*US*) = SILENCER.
- mufti** /mʌfti/ *n* tuam phunkhat (*uniform*) hruk theu pawl (palik, ralkap) in hnipuan menmen an hruhmi: *soldiers wear mufti on leave, not uniform.* ○ *officers in mufti.*
- mug**¹ /mʌg/ *n* **1** (a) ngiang-nei kkuat hai. **(b)** cui kkuat hai sungih ummi: *a mug of coffee.* **2** (*sl*) hmai: *What an ugly mug!*
- ▷ **mugful** /-fʊl/ *n* hai a khat, a khat.
- mug**² /mʌg/ *n* **1** bum-ol mi. **2** (*idm*) **a mug's game** a thahnem lem lomi hnaʔuan: *Trying to sell overcoats in midsummer is a real mug's game.*
- mug**³ /mʌg/ *v* tuahmawh ih thilri long theh: *An old lady was mugged by a gang of youths in the park.*
- ▷ **mugger** *n.*
- mug**⁴ /mʌg/ *v* (phr v) **mug up** thil pakhat tumtah ruangah zamrang zet ih zir: *mugging up a highway Code before a driving test.*
- muggins** /mʌgi/ *n* [*sing*] (*Brit infml* *joc*) mihrut, mihmaw, mi-aa: *Don't do that, you silly muggins!* ○ *Muggins here locked his keys in the car!*
- ▷ **mugginess** *n* [U].
- muggy** /mʌgi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (nikhua) a sa zet ih a ciar zetmi: *a muggy August day.*
- Muhammad** /mə'hæmɪd/ *n* Islam biaknak hramthoktu.
- ▷ **Muhammadan** (also **-med, Moha-**), Muslim sinak. **Muhammadanism** = Islam.
- mulatto** /mju:'lætəʊ; *US* me'l-/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** or **es**) midum pakhat mirang pakhat nu le pa neitu.
- mulberry** /mʌlbrɪ; *US* 'mʌlberɪ/ *n* **(a)** pu-rawl kung; patar tilhmul. **(b)** cumi kung ih rah: *mulberry juice.*
- mulch** /mʌltʃ/ *n* thingthei kung hram le hmuandum ah thinghnah hrampi phahsakmi (dawm hrang, hrampi keuh khamtu, le a hnawng tertu ah).
- ▷ **mulch** *v* hnah thawn khuh, pah.
- mule**¹ /mju:l/ *n* **1** rang le laak phunrawi kahpia (thil phurh a cakih a lung a ruh). **2** lungruh mi minung. **3** (*idm*) **(as) stubborn as a mule** = lung ruh zet mi.
- ▷ **muleteer** /mju:lə'tiə(r)/ *n* laak hruaitu, kiltu.
- mulish** *adj* lungruh, mai thu lawng duh.
- mulishly** *adv.* **mulishness** *n* [U].
- mule**² /mju:l/ *n* kedil zawn a ongmi kedam (phanat).
- mull**¹ /mʌl/ thingrah haang ah cini le a dang rawi ih in ding tuahmi.
- mull**² /mʌl/ *n* (*Scot*) tipi sungih a kel hlei mi leiram.
- mull**³ /mʌl/ *v* (phr v) **mull sth over** nuamten le ralringten thu ruat (ciamciamten ruat) ruat ciamciam.
- mullah** /mʌlɪt/ *n* Muslim ih thuthuk zirhtu.
- mullet** /mʌlɪt/ *n* (*pl* **unchanged**) tipi nga phunkhat khat: *red mullet, grey mullet.*
- mulligatawny** /mʌlɪgə'tɔ:ni/ *n* [U] hangbawl, hmuihmer thlahmi tihang.
- mullion** /mʌlɪən/ *n* hlanlai inn tumpi tukvirh ah thlalang karlakih a tungkham lung/thing/thir kermi.
- ▷ **mullioned** *adj.*
- multi-** *comb form* a tam zetmi: *a multimillionaire, tangka million hnih hnakh tam neitu: a multiracial community, country, mipun tam zet umkhawmnak.*
- multifarious** /mʌltri'feəriəs/ *adj* (*fml*) a phunphun, a dangdang tam zet a ummi: *the multifarious life-forms that can be found in a coral reef.* ○ *the*

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multifarious rules and regulations of the bureaucracy.

multilateral /ˌmʌltɪˈlætərəl/ *adj* pahnih, kap hnih hnakh tam a tel mi: *a multilateral agreement = ram tampi relkhawm ih lungkimmi: multilateral nuclear disarmament.*

multilingual /ˌmʌltɪˈlɪŋgwəl/ *adj* 1 *ʔong phun tampi a hmanngmi: India is a multilingual country.* 2 *ʔong phun tampi ih nganmi, cabu suahmi: a multilingual dictionary.* ○ *multilingual operating instructions.* Cf BILINGUAL, MONOLINGUAL.

multinational /ˌmʌltɪˈnɪŋgwəl/ *adj* ram tampi thawn pehpar in: *a multinational organization.*

▷ **multinational** *n* ram tampi ah hna a ʔuan mi kampani tumpi: *Some people believe that the multinationals have too much power.*

multiple /ˈmʌlɪpl/ *adj* a phunphun, mi tampi, phun tampi: *a person with multiple injuries, ie with many cuts, broken bones, etc* ○ *a multiple crash on a motorway, ie one involving many vehicles.*

▷ **multiple** *n* 1 (*mathematics*) zai ih ngah thei mi nambat: *14, 21 and 28 are multiples of 7.* ○ *30 is a common multiple of 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, and 15.* ○ *least/lowest common multiple, ie smallest quantity that contains two or more give quantities exactly (usu shortened to LCM, eg The LCM of 4, 5, 6, 10 and 12 is 60).* 2 (also **multiple store**) (*esp Brit*) hmunkip ih dawrte a neimi dawrpi.

□ **multiple-choice** *adj* (of examination questions) campipuai ah hril ding tampi pekmi sungin a hmanin pakhat hrilmi.

multiple sclerosis (*abbr MS*) taksa zeng nat.

multiplex /ˈmʌltɪpleks/ *adj* ʔhen tampi a simi.

multiplication /ˌmʌltɪplɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] a zai (a zem si lomi): *Children are learning multiplication and division.* ○ *an organism that grows by the multiplication of its cells.* 2 [C] a zai ʔuatnak: *2 × 3 is an easy multiplication.*

□ **multiplication table** 1 in 12 tiang zaih-nak le ngahmi ngannak caphek.

multiplicity /ˌmʌltɪˈplɪsəti/ *n* tampi; thil phun tampi: *a computer with a multiplicity of uses.*

multiply /ˈmʌltɪplaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -ied*) 1 zai: *children are learning to multiply and divide.* ○ *2 and 3 multiply to make 6, ie 2 × 3 = 2 + 2 + 2 = 6.* ○ *2 multiply by 4 makes 8, ie 2 × 4 = 8.* ○ *One can make 12 by multiplying 2 and 6 (together) or 4 and 3 (together), ie 12 = 2 × 6 or 4 × 3.* 2 a karhzai: *Our problems have multiplied since last year.* ○ *Buy lots of raffle tickets and multiply your chances of success.* 3 [I, Tn] (*biology*) fahrinnak ihsin karhzai: *Rabbits multiply rapidly.* ○ *It is possible to multiply bacteria and other living organisms in the laboratory.*

multitude /ˈmʌltɪtju:d/; US -tu:d/ *n* 1 mi burpi, thilri penkhawm: *A large multitude have*

assembled to hear him preach. ○ *Vast multitudes of birds visit this lake in spring.* ○ *It's just one of a multitude of problems.* 2 **the multitude** mi senpi, mi zaran: *She has special qualities which mark her out from the multitude.* ○ *It's the actor who appeals to the multitude.* 3 (idm) **cover/hide a multitude of sins** (*often joc*) a dikmi thup: *The description 'produce of more than one country' can cover a multitude of sins.*

▷ **multitudinous** *adj* (*fml*) a tam zetmi: *multitudinous crowds, problems, debts.*

multipurpose *adj* tumtahnak tampi ih hman a theih mi.

multum in parvo *n* (*Latin*) can tawite ih tampi hlensuahnak, fiakte ih tampi a um mi.

mum¹ /mʌm/ *adj* (*Brit infml*) 1 daite ih um: *keep mum, ie say nothing.* 2 (idm) **mum's the word** (*Brit infml*) (used when asking sb to keep a secret) hih thu hi phuang hlah.

mum² (*US mom* /mʌm/) *n* nu: *This is my mum.* ○ *Hello, mum!*

mumble /ˈmʌmbəl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf, Dn-pr] simmi thei lo koin fianglo le dim te ih sim: *He always mumbles when he's embarrassed.* ○ *What are you mumbling about?*

▷ **mumble** *n* fiangte ih theih theilomi thusim: *indistinct mumble.*

mumbler /ˈmʌmblə(r)/ *n.*

mumbo-jumbo /ˈmʌmbəʊˈdʒʌmbəʊ/ *n* [U] (*infml derog*) 1 a hnok zet nan sullam nei lo biaknak thil tidan: *go through the mumbo-jumbo of joining a secret society.* 2 sullam nei lo le ʔul lo zet ih a hnokmi: *These admission forms are full of such mumbo-jumbo, I can't understand them at all.*

mummer /ˈmʌmə(r)/ *n* ʔong tello hlanlai lemcawn ih actor:

▷ **mumming** *n* [U].

mummify /ˈmʌmɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) mithi ruak thu lo dingin si hnih, puanin zualih ret.

▷ **mummification** hitivek miruak ret dan.

mummy¹ /ˈmʌmi/ *n* thu lo dingih retmi mithi ruak: *An Egyptian mummy lasted more than 3000 years.*

▷ **mummify** /ˈmʌmɪfaɪ/ mithi ruak muat lo dingih siti thawn thuh ih puan thawn tuam: *amummified corpse.*

mummy² /ˈmʌmi/ (*US usu mommy* /ˈmɒmi/) *n* nu (nauhak te pawlih nu kawhnak), nu nu.

mumps /ˈmʌmps/ *n* a suan aw theimi hngawngthling nat (nauhak parah a suak deuh).

munch /mʌntʃ/ *v* zamrang zetih ei; khai rupro: *munch at/on an apple.*

mundane /mʌnˈdeɪn/ *adj* 1 hih leitlun thil a simi: *mundane affairs.* 2 a menmen a si mi; a lamdang lomi: *a mundane life, film, book.*

municipal /mjuːˈnɪsɪpl/ *adj* khawpi sung uk-awknak thawn pehparin: *municipal area, buildings, affairs, elections.*

▷ **municipality** *n* khuha pakhat ih amah te a uk

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- awknak.
- munificent** /mju:'nɪfɪsnt/ *adj* tih a siang tukmi: a *munificent giver*, tam zet/mak zet petu. ○ a *munificent gift*.
- ▷ **munificence** *n* [U] siannak maksak: *overwhelmed by their munificence*.
- munificently** *adv*.
- muniments** /'mju:nɪmənts/ *n* [pl] (*law*) thil ti theinak le covo pawl ngankhumnak ca thupi pawl.
- munitions** /mju:'nɪfɪnz/ *n* [pl] ral thumahnaw pawl; meithal, bom tivek pawl: *The war was lost because of a shortage of munitions*. ○ [attrib] a *munitions factory, worker*.
- ▷ **munition** *vt* ral thumahnaw pek: *munitioning the fleet (with fresh supplies of shells)*.
- mural** /'mjuərəl/ *n* phar parih nganmi (suaimi) zuk tumpi.
- ▷ **mural** *adj* mural art, mural decoration.
- murder** /'mɜ:də(r)/ *n* **1** [U] mithah, lainawn, laithat, tualthat: *He commits murder*. ○ *He is guilty of murder*. Cf HOMICIDE, MANSLAUGHTER. **2** [U] (*derog*) tɔmkhat ih minung tamzet thih: *10,000 men died in one battle; it was sheer murder*. **3** [U] (*fig infml*) (**a**) thil harsa zet, beidongza hmuhtonnak: *It's murder trying to find a parking place for the car*. (**b**) a siattertu, nuamlo zet ko a cangtertu: *This hot weather's murder to my feet*. **4** (*idm*) **get away with murder** (*infml esp joc*) thlundan le tuahkeel pawl cawhkuan tonglo ih pahbalnak: *His latest book is rubbish. He seems to think that because he's a famous author he can get away with murder!* **murder will out** (*saying*) lainawn sualnak thuh a theih lo.
- ▷ **murder** *v* **1** that hrim, lainawng: *He murdered his wife with a knife*. **2** thiam lo ruangih siatsuah: *He murdered the English language* = Mirang tɔng a thiam lo tuk: *She murdered a piece of music*.
- murderer** /'mɜ:də(r)/ *n* lainawngtu pa.
- murderess** /'mɜ:dəris/ lainawngtu nu (nunau).
- murderous** /'mɜ:dərəs/ *adj* **1** that tum, that dingvek: *a murderous look, murderous attack*. **2** a besia zetmi, a nuamlo zetmi: *I couldn't withstand the murderous heat*. **murderously** *adv*.
- murk** /mɜ:k/ *n* [U] khawthim: *peering through the murk*.
- ▷ **murky** *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** nuamlo zet ih a thimmi, thim taktak, thim bepbep: *It's a murky night, with no moon*. ○ *The light was too murky to continue playing*. ○ *London's streets, murky with November fog*. **2** (tidai) nawi le bal: *She threw it into the river's murky depths*. **3** (minung nunzia) theifiang lo nan midik lo a si tiih lunghrin: *She had a decidedly murky past*.
- murkily** *adv*.
- murmur** /mɜ:mə(r)/ *n* **1** catlo in dimte ih a awnmi: *the distant murmur of a river* ○ *the murmur of bees in the garden*. **2** dimte ih tɔngmi: *a murmur of conversation* ○ *a murmur of voices from the next room*. **3** phunzai: *There were murmurs of discontent from the workers*. **4** (*medical*) lungnat ruangih awm sung awn. **5** (*idm*) **without a murmur** phunzai loin: *He paid the extra cost without a murmur*.
- ▷ **murmur** *v* **1** nuamte ih awn: *The wind murmured in the trees*. ○ *a murmuring brook*. **2** dimte ih tɔng: *murmuring words of love into her ear*. **3** dimte ih phunzai: *For some years the people had been murmuring against the leaders*. **murmurous** /'mɜ:mərəs/ *adj* dimte ih awn reromi: *the murmurous hum of bees*.
- muscat** /'mʌskæt/ *n* sabit phunkhat.
- muscatel** /'mʌskətəl/ *n* [C, U] muskat sabit thawn tuahmi sabit car, sabit hang (ti).
- muscle** /'mʌsl/ *n* **1** (**a**) tit khal, tha: *arm, face, leg muscles* ○ *strain a muscle, pull a muscle* ○ *develop the muscles*. (**b**) titsa: *The heart is made of muscle*. **2** [U] thacak: *He has plenty of muscle but no brain*. **3** [U] (*fig*) mai duh vekih midang thil tuahter theinak: *political muscle, industrial muscle*.
- ▷ **muscle** *v* (*phr v*) **muscle in (on sth/sb)** mai hlawnak hrangah tellonak ih rak tel ve: *I wrote the book, and now she's trying to muscle in on its success by saying she gave me the ideas*.
- **muscle-bound** *adj* lehnak ruangih taksa tɔp.
- muscleman** /-mæn/ *n* (pl **men**) (*infml sometimes derog*) titsa tɔa zet, micak zet.
- muscular** /'mʌskjʊl(r)/ *adj* a tha a cak zetmi: *His powerful muscular arms*.
- muscularity** /-rəti/ *n* [U].
- **muscular dystrophy** ngorh-ngeh tahri nat.
- mute**¹ /mju:z/ *n* **1** **the Muses** (Grik le Rom pawl ih phuahcop thuanthun sungah) khawzing Zeus, asilole, Jupiter ih fanu pakua; biazai, awnmawi, laam, calai, fimthiamnak pawl a kiltu le tha petu khawzing nu pawl. **2** [C] thilthiam (a hleice in biazai phuahthu) lung a thotertu: *His muse had deserted him, and he could no longer write*.
- mute**² /mju:z/ *v* **1** thukpi ih khurkhua ruat: *He sits musing on the events of the day, memories of the past. etc.* **2** mah le mah ti aw: *'I wonder if I shall ever see them again,' he mused*.
- museum** /mju:'ziəm/ *n* thilhlun sunglawi pawl retnak inn: *a museum of natural history*. ○ *an anthropological museum*.
- ▷ **museum piece** **1** museum ih ret tɔa thil. **2** (*joc derog*) san a man lomi, a tɔahnem lomi minung, thilri: *This radio is a bit of museum piece*.
- mush** /mʌʃ/ *n* **1** a beekmi: *The vegetables had been boiled to a mush, and were quite uneatable*. **2** [U] (US) vainim suanmi. **3** [U] (*infml derog*) lunghno zet ih canganmi, thusimmi: *I have never read such a load of mush!* **mushy** *adj*.
- mushroom** /'mʌʃru:m/ *n* paa: *grilled/fried mushrooms* ○ *a button mushroom, kor beh vek*

paa fate. ◊ [attrib] *mushroom soup*. Cf TOADSTOOL.
 ▷ **mushroom** *v* (usu **go mushrooming**) **1** hramlakih paa hawl. **2** zamrangin a karhzai: *New company offices are mushrooming all over the city.*
 ◻ **mushroom cloud** niukhlia bomb a puak hnu paa vekih a khuhtu mero.

music /'mjuzɪk/ *n* [U] **1** (a) awnmawi (asilole) hla-aw tuah daan, kaihhawm dan: *study music*
 ◊ [attrib] *a music lesson, teacher.* (b) hla-aw asilole hlafang phuahmi: *Mozart's music* ◊ *play a piece of music* ◊ [attrib] *a music lover.* (c) awnmawi (Music: awnzai) hla ngannak cahnah: *I'd left my music at home.* ◊ *read music.* **2** (idm) **face the music** ⇨ FACE². **music to one's ears** lung a hmuitertu thu theih mi (thuthleng): *The news of his resignation was music to my ears.*
put/set sth to music ʔongfang pawl (a thu) kha hla aw bun, a thluk tuah.

◻ **music box** (US) = MUSICAL BOX (MUSICAL), a khuh on tikah aw a suakmi thingkuang.
music centre awnmawi thilri, radio, kheset, awkhumnak pawl retnak.

music-hall (a) [esp in the late 19th and early 20th centuries] awnmawi le hla phunphun tum le saknak innpi; mi pawl nomternak (eg songs, acrobatic performances, juggling). (b) [U] cuvek mipi nomternak: [attrib] *music-hall songs, entertainers, etc.*

music stand hla cahnah thernak tung.
music-stool *n* hngohsan nei lo piano tohkham.

musical /'mjuzɪkl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] awnmawi le hla thawn a pehparmi: *a musical entertainment* ◊ *musical instruments*, ie for producing music, eg piano, violin, flute, horn ◊ *She has no formal musical qualifications.* ◊ *a musical society*, ie for people to listen to music or perform music together. **2** awnzai a zuammi, a thiammi: *She's very musical.* **3** aw ngainuam, aw mawi: *he has quite a musical voice.*

▷ **musical** *n* (also **musical comedy**) laam le awnzai thawn mi a nomtertut lemcaawn, baiskup: *Rogers and Hammerstein's musical 'South Pacific'*.

musically **1** awnmawi lamah: *musically gifted, talented, ignorant.* **2** ngai nuam: *play, sing, speak, etc musically.*

musical chairs **1** tohkham cuh-aw lehpannak. **2** (fig often derog) a haha ih co: *He had come out on top in the game of musical chairs by which senior posts seemed to be filled.*

musician /'mjuzɪʃn/ *n* awnmawi tum thiam, hla vaihthiam: *She is a fine musician.*

▷ **musicianship** *n* awnzai thiamnak, zirnak: *the pianist's sensitive musicianship.*

musicology /'mjuzɪkə'lɒdʒɪ/ *n* [U] awnzai thiamsang zirnak.

▷ **musicological** /'mjuzɪkə'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj.*

musicologist /'mjuzɪkə'lɒdʒɪst/ *n.*

musk /mask/ *n* [U] **1** rimhmui tuahnak ih hmanmi, ki neilo zukneng pa sungih lakmi thil hmui. **2** cu vekih a hmuimi hramkung.

▷ **musky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) cuvek rimhmui: *a musky odour.*

◻ **musk-deer** *n* Asia laifang hrawngih um kinei lo zukneng.

musk-melon a hmui, a thlum ih ti a tammi zil.
musk-rat (also **musquash**) a hmul mankhung a neimi zinghnam vek tisung ramsa.

musk-rose *n* rimhmui rose par.

musket /'mʌskɪt/ *n* tenglam meithal (lai meithal).

▷ **musketeer** /'mʌskɪtɪə(r)/ *n* musket meithal kai ralkap; cuvek meithal hmangtu.

musketry /'mʌskɪtri/ *n* [U] meithal kah thiamnak.

Muslim /'mʊzɪlm/ (also) *n* Islam biaknak thluntu.

▷ **Muslim** *adj* *Muslim holidays, leaders, historians.*

muslin /'mʌzɪln/ *n* [U] patpar puanthan paate.

musquash /'mʌskwɒʃ/ *n* [U, C] (a) = MUSK-RAT.

(b) musk-rat zinghnam hmul: *a musquash coat.*

muss /mas/ *v* hnokter: *Don't muss (up) my hair!*

mussel /'mʌsl/ *n* cengkol (ti sung um phawkhauh nei).

must¹ /mæst, strong form məst/ *modal v* (neg **must not**, contracted form **mustn't** /'mʌsnt/) **1** rori, tengteng. (a) (ʔuanvo ah): *When you enter the building you must show the guards your pass.* ◊ *We mustn't be late, must we?* ◊ *'Must you go so soon?'* ◊ *'Yes, I must.'* (b) (ruahnak pek, ʔhohkhan): *You must see the doctor first.* ◊ *I must ask you not to do that again.* **2** (cu tin a si tengteng ding): *You must be hungry after your long walk.* ◊ *They must be twins.* ◊ *You must be Mr. Smith—I was told to expect you.* **3** (hneek deuhnak): *You must put your name down for the team.* ◊ *Must you make so much noise?*

▷ **must** *n* tuah, hmuh, theih ʔul tengteng mi: *His new novel is a must for all lovers of crime fiction.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 OBLIGATION (must, need^{1,2}, have to, ought to, should¹)** (a) **Must** is used to show that the speaker orders or expects something to be done: *The children must be back by 4 o'clock.* ◊ *I must go now*, ie I feel obliged to go. **Need to** (informal **have to**) is used when somebody else is giving orders or controlling events: *You need to/have to pass a special exam to get into the school.* ◊ *I have to go now*, ie something (or somebody else) requires it. **Ought to** and **should** indicate that the speaker is giving an order, but suggest that he or she is not sure it will be obeyed: *She really ought to/should be leaving now.* ◊ *You ought to/should apologize* (though I'm not sure you will). (b) **Mustn't** (and **oughtn't to, shouldn't**) are used when the speaker wants somebody not to do something: *You mustn't leave the gate open.* ◊

You oughtn't to/shouldn't neglect the garden. **Needn't** and **don't have to** mean that there is a lack of obligation to do something: *You needn't/don't have to arrive early.* (Cf *You mustn't arrive early.*) (c) in indirect commands, **had to** replaces **must**: *Mother said that the children had to be back by 4 o'clock.* (Cf *Mary said he ought to/should apologize.*) **2 ADVICE (must, have got to, ought to, should¹) (a) Must (informal have got to)** is used to advise or recommend: *You simply must see that film.* ○ *You've got to take life more seriously.* **Ought to** and **should** suggest that the speaker is less confident the advice will be taken: *You really ought to/should do something about that cough!* (b) To advise somebody not to do something, **mustn't, oughtn't to** and **shouldn't** are used: *You mustn't/oughtn't to/shouldn't miss this opportunity.* (c) In indirect speech, the same rules apply as for OBLIGATION. **3 DRAWING CONCLUSIONS (must, have to, ought to, should¹) (a) Must and have to (informal)** are used when drawing a conclusion about which there is no doubt: *He must be/has to be the wanted man: he's exactly like his picture.* **Ought to** and **should** indicate that the speaker is being more tentative: *He ought to/should be here in time—he started early enough.* (b) To show that a conclusion cannot be drawn, **can't** is used: *He can't be the wanted man.* ○ *He can't (surely) get here in time.* (c) **Must have, ought to have** and **should have** are used to draw a conclusion from some past event: *She must have received the parcel: I sent it by registered post.*

must² /mʌst/ n [U] sabit hang uammi in cut hlan, a thawh hlan.

mustache [U] = MOUSTACHE, hmurhmul.

mustachio /mə'stɑːʃiəʊ; US -stæʃ-/ n hmurhmul saupi.

mustachio /mə'stɑːʃiəʊ; US -stæʃ-/ n Amerika ram ih ummi ram rang phun khat.

mustang /mʌstæŋ/ n N Amerika ih um hramlak rang.

mustard /mʌstəd/ **1** n [U] anɬam. **2 (a)** [U] (also **mustard powder**) anɬam ci phomdipmi (*Mustard powder*). (b) [U, C] anɬam ci phomdip le hmuihmer sawhti rawimi (rawl hmeh ih hman mi): [attrib] a *mustard pot/jar/spoon*. **3** aire dup rong: [attrib] a *mustard (yellow) sweater*. **4** (idm) **keen as mustard** ⇨ KEEN¹.

□ **mustard gas** Ralpi Vei Khatnak ih an rak hmanmi vun kang thei tikhu dat (*poison gas*).

muster /'mʌstə(r)/ n **1** minung asilole thilri pumkhawm: a *muster of troops*. **2** (idm) **pass muster** ⇨ PASS².

▷ **muster v 1** ralɬhuang tuah ding pumkhawmter: *The troops mustered (on the square).* ○ *He mustered all the troops.* **2 ~ sth (up)** mi hnen

ihsin khawl khawm asilole mahte ngah: *muster public support for sth* ○ *I couldn't muster up much enthusiasm for it.*

musty /'mʌsti/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** a mawrmi, a uihmi: *musty old books, a musty room.* **2** san man nawn lo, a hlun zo mi: *The same musty old ideas were presented as if they were new.*

mustiness n [U].

mutable /'mjʊtəbl/ adj a thleng aw rero theimi.

▷ **mutability** n [U].

mutant /'mjʊtənt/ n **1** (biology) a hringtu thawn bang awknak a nei lo mi thilnung. **2** (Sc.fiction) suahkeh pian thleng ruangih mi banglo ih cantermi.

▷ **mutant** adj a *mutant gene*.

mutation /mju:'teɪʃn/ n (a) [U] thleng awknak: (biology) *mutation of cells*, (linguistics) *mutation of sounds* ○ *vowel mutations*. (b) cuih thlengnak ih sin a suakmi thilnung thar.

▷ **mutate** /mju:'teɪt; US 'mjʊtɜt/ v thleng awter: *organisms that mutate into new forms*.

mutatis mutandis /mu:'tæts mu:'tændɪs/ (Latin) a ɬulnak vekih thleng awknak: *What I've said about the army also applies, mutatis mutandis, to the Navy.*

mute /mju:t/ adj **1** daiten um; ɬonglo: *stare in mute amazement, admiration, astonishment* ○ *remain mute*. **2** (minung) a ɬong thei lomi: *He's mute from birth*. **3** (cafang) aw suah lo mi cafang: *The 'b' in 'dumb' is mute*.

▷ **mute** n (a) awnmawi aw dimter dingih tuahmi thil. (b) aw thlengtertu ih bunmi a nemmi thil.

mute v awnmawi aw dimter: *The strings are muted through out the closing bars of the Symphony.*

muted adj **1** a dim ih a fiang lo mi aw: *They spoke in muted voices*. **2** fiangte le langhngan ih sim lomi: *muted criticism*. **3** aw dimternak bunmi (awnmawi thil). **4** (of colours) a tleu lomi, a lar lomi.

mutely adv daiten, ɬong loten, thawthaang lo ten.

muteness n [U].

mutilate /'mjʊtɪleɪt/ v hliam, thlek, bauh, tan ih siatsuah: *The invaders cut off their prisoners' arms and legs and threw their mutilated bodies into the ditch.* ○ *A madman mutilated the painting by cutting holes in it.* ○ (fig) *The editor mutilated my text by removing whole paragraphs from it.*

▷ **mutilation** /'mjʊtɪleɪʃn/ n (a) [U] hliamsiatnak: *Thousands suffered death or mutilation as a result of the bomb attacks.* (b) hmaputnak, siatsuahnak, hlohral ternak.

mutinous /'mjʊtɪnəs/ adj dodal, upat lo: *mutinous workers, mutinous behaviour*.

mutinously adv.

mutiny /'mjʊtɪni/ n [C, U] uktu dodalnak, a hleice

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in ralkap pawl in: *The crew tried to seize control of the ship, and were shot for mutiny.*

▷ **mutineer** /ˈmjuːtəˈniə(r)/ *n* cu vekih mi a siatsuahtu.

muting *v* ral tho, dodal.

mutt /mʌt/ *n* **1** (*infml*) milaklawh, mi-aa, santlai lo: *You silly big mutt!* **2** phuncawh uico: *What an ugly mutt!*

mutter /ˈmʌtə(r)/ *v* theih har dimten ɬong: *don't mutter! I can't hear you.* **2** a thupte ih phunzai: *For sometime people had been muttering about their boss.* **3** (khawri awn) hlat zet ih theihmi.

▷ **mutter** *n* a fianglo mi ɬong, aw.

mutterer *n* cu ti vekih a ɬongtu.

muttering, mutterings langhngan ih sim lo mi pontamnak, phunzainak.

mutton /ˈmʌtən/ *n* **1** [U] tuu sa: *Roast, boiled, stewed mutton.* ○ *a mutton chop, a hnakruh sa.* Cf LAMB

2 (idm) **dead as mutton** ⇨ DEAD. **mutton dressed (up) as lamb** (*infml derog*) mino vekih a thuam aw mi kum upa.

□ **mutton head** *n* mi-aa pittawp (mihrut).

mutual /ˈmjuːtʃʊəl/ *adj* **1** khat le khat par ih thinlung le tuahnak um zia: *mutual affection, mutual suspicion.* **2** khat le khat rualremnak: *We're mutual friends.* **3** pahnih (asilole) pahnih hnakh tam ih neih tlangmi: *Our mutual friend, Smith* (kan pahnih ih rual Smith). **4** (idm) **a mutual admiration society** (*derog*) minung pawl rualremte ih um tlangnak.

▷ **mutually** *adv*: *the two assertions are mutually exclusive*, ie cannot both be true.

□ **mutual funds** (US) = UNIT TRUSTS (UNIT).

mutual insurance company a punghang zem awkih conak.

Muzak /ˈmjuːzæk/ *n* [U] (*propr often derog*) dawr, cetzung pawl ih ngainuam an phuan ɬeumi hlakhum.

muzzle /ˈmʌzəl/ *n* **1** (a) saram ih a hnar, a ka, le a khabe. (b) saram hmuur ɬemnak. **2** meithal cerek hung suahnak kua, meithal kaa: *a muzzle-loading gun.* Cf BREECH.

▷ **muzzle** *v* **1** ɬem; kharh: *Such a fierce dog ought to be muzzled.* **2** (*fig derog*) duh tawkih ruahnak suah lo dingih kham: *accuse their government of muzzling the press, freedom of speech, etc.*

□ **muzzle velocity** cerek ih zamrannak.

muzzy /ˈmʌzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** fiangten ruat thei lo; buai zet: *After a cup of whisky his head felt all muzzy.* **2** a fianglomi, a malmi.

▷ **muzzily** *adv*. **muzziness** *n* [U].

MV /em ˈvi/ *abbr* motor vessel.

MW *abbr* (radio) medium wave.

my /maɪ/ *pron & adj* **1** ka, keimai: *Where's my hat?* ○ *My feet are cold.* ○ *He always forgets my birthday.* **2** (used before a *n* or an *adj* as a form of address) mi kawh tikih hmanmi: *my dear, darling, love, etc* ○ *my dear fellow, chap, man, girl, woman, etc* ○ *Come along, my boy.* **3** (used

in exclamations) thinlau tikih hmanmi: *My goodness, what a surprise!* ○ *My God, look at the time!* Cf MINE¹.

mycology /maɪˈkɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] paa thu zirnak.

myelitis /ˈmaɪəˈlaɪtɪs/ *n* [U] el ruh sungih thlikthling natnak.

mynah (also **myna, mina**) /ˈmaɪnə/ *n* SE Asia ram um minung aw cawng thei zetmi vate phunkhat.

myopia /maɪˈɒpiə/ *n* [U] **1** (*medical*) naite lawng hmu theimi. **2** (*derog*) hmailam a hmu thei lomi: *The ministers were charged with myopia.*

▷ **myopic** /maɪˈɒpɪk/ *adj* **1** (*medical*) naite lawng hmu theimi: *myopic eyes.* **2** lamhla a thlir thei lomi: *the company with myopic policies, a myopic outlook, attitude, etc* ○ *a government with myopic policies.*

myopically /-kli/ *adv*.

myriad /ˈmaɪrɪəd/ *n* (*derog or joc*) tam ngaingai, siar cawk lo: *Each galaxy contains myriads of stars.*

▷ **myriad** *adj* [attrib] siar cawk lomi: *a butterfly's wing, with its myriad tiny scales.*

myrmidon /ˈmɜːmɪdɒn; US -dɒn/ *n* (*derog or joc*) pontam lo ih dan a thluntu: *myrmidons of the law*, eg bailiffs.

myrrh /ˈmɜː(r)/ *n* [U] thingkung phunkhat ihsin a suakmi, a rim a hmui ih a kha mi thingthling, zihmui le rimhmui tuahnak ih hmanmi (maral kung).

myrtle /ˈmɜːtl/ *n* [U] par rang rimhmui a nei ih a hnah a tleu ih a hring ringring mi thingkung fate phunkhat.

myself /maɪˈself/ *reflex, emph pron* (only taking the main stress in sentences when used emphatically) **1** (*reflex*) keimah le keimah, keimah lala: *I cut myself with a knife.* **2** (*emph*) keimah rori: *I myself will present the prizes.* ○ *I said so myself only last week.* **3** (idm) (**all**) **by myself** (a) mahte lawng. (b) bawmtu nei lo: *I finished the crossword (all) by myself.*

mysterious /mɪˈstɪəriəs/ *adj* **1** theih a har, simfiang a har zet mi thil, a thukmi thuthup: *a mysterious event, crime, etc.* **2** thu a thup zetmi: *He was being very mysterious, and wouldn't tell me what he was up to.* ○ *She gave me a mysterious look*, ie suggesting secret knowledge.

▷ **mysteriously** *adv*: *The main witness had mysteriously disappeared.* ○ *Mysteriously, there was no answer when I rang.*

mysteriousness *n* [U].

mystery /ˈmɪstəri/ *n* **1** [C] (a) theih le fianter a har zetmi thuthuk, thuthup: *the mystery/mysteries of life* ○ *a crime that is an unsolved mystery* ○ *It's a mystery to me why they didn't chose him.* ○ [attrib] *a mystery guest, visitor, tour*, ie kept secret until a certain moment. (b) (*infml*) hmuh har theih har minung ih a sinak: *He's a bit of a mystery!* **2** [U] thil thup tuahnak, thu le hla thuh duhnak: *His past is shrouded in mystery*, ie one cannot find out the truth about it. **3** [U] minung



ruah banlo biaknak thutak, zumnak: *You're full of mystery tonight; what's going on?* ○ [attrib] a *mystery man/woman*. **4** [C] minung pawl ih ruahban, theihban si lomi zumnak: *the mystery of the Incarnation, of the Eucharist, etc.* **5** **mysteries** [pl] biaknak puai le thil tuah dan thup pawl (hlanlai Rom le Grik pawl ih hman deuhmi): (*fig*) *initiation the new recruit into the mysteries* (ie customs and practices) *of army life*. **6** [C] thuanthu/lemcawn sungih khawruahhar thil thalo: *a murder mystery* ○ [attrib] *a mystery thriller*.

□ **mystery play** Jesuh nun an cawnnak hlanlai lemcaawn. Cf **MIRACLE PLAY** (MIRACLE).

mystic /'mɪstɪk/ (also **mystical** /'mɪstɪkl/) *adj* **1** khuavang, thlarau huham thup: *mystic rites and ceremonies*. **2** cuvek thil mangbangza pawl sirhsanmi/a pehparmi: *the world's mystic religions*. ○ *the mystical writings of St John of the Cross*. **3** mangbangter khop: *mystic beauty* ○ *For me, standing before the temple door as the sun rose was a mystical experience*.

▷ **mystic** *n* Pathian thawn pawlkom zuam tahrat in minung ih theih ban lo thlen a tumtu; thlarau/khuavang simnakin mi ih theih lo ka thei ti ih a ruat awmi.

mystically /-kli/ *adv*.

mysticism /'mɪstɪsɪzəm/ *n* [U] Pathian theih le thutak hmuh cu fimnak le khawruahnak tel lo in pumpek thlacamnak le thlarau simnak lawngin a si ti ih zumnak: *Christian mysticism* ○ *A strain of mysticism runs through his poetry*.

mystify /'mɪstɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp fied*) [Tn] awloksong ter, buaiter, mangbangter: *I'm mystified; I just*

can't see how he did it. ○ *her mystifying disappearance*.

▷ **mystification** /,mɪstɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** thil lamdang thil theih har. **2** (*derog*) mi pawl ih olzangkhai teih theih thei lo dingin tuahnak.

mystique /mɪ'sti:k/ *n* a thuhla theih theh a silonan hmuh theih le dawt um zet a simi: *the mystique of the British monarchy*. ○ *a simpel, straightforward textbook that helps to dispel some of the mystique surrounding computers* ○ *There is a certain mystique about eating oysters*.

myth /mɪθ/ *n* **1** [C] thil pawl thawhkehknak fianternak hrangih hlanlai ihsin an rak hmanmi thuanthu: *The Creation myth*. ○ *ancient Greek myth*. **2** [U] cu vek thuanthu pawl: *Romans were famous in myth and legend*. **3** phuahcop thu, a cang thei lomi thil, milai: *The rich uncle of whom he boasts is only a myth*. ○ *the myth of racial superiority, of a classless society, of human perfectibility*.

▷ **mythical** /'mɪθɪkl/ **1** phuahcop thuanthu sung lawngih ummi: *mythical heroes*. **2** thinlung ih suangtuah mi, phuah mi: *mythical wealth* ○ *that mythical 'rich uncle' of whom he boasts*.

mythology /mɪθɒlədʒɪ/ *n* **1** [U] myths thu zirnak. **2** [U] myths thuhla: *Greek mythology*. **3** [C] myths thuanthu khawlkhawmmi: *the mythologies of primitive races*.

▷ **mythological** /,mɪθɒ'lɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* cuvek thu thawn a pehparmi: *Pluto, the mythological king of the underworld*.

mythologist /mɪθɒlədʒɪst/ *n* myths thu a zirtu.

myxomatosis /,mɪksəmətəʊsɪs/ *n* [U] a suan-aw theimi sabek nat.