

Oo

O, o /əʊ/ *n* (pl **O's, o's** /əʊz/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cawang a hleinganak: *There are two O's in Oxford.* **2** O-pianhmang nei: *The child's mouth formed a big O in surprise.* **3** telephone tivek ih nambat aw suak ih siar tikah hmanmi, lolak tinak: *'My number is six o double three',* ie 6033.
 ○ *'He's in room one o two,'* ie 102. ⇒ Usage at NOUGHT.

O, oh /əʊ/ *interj* **1** lungawinak, riahasiatnak tihnak, nat tuarnak ruangih rin lo awsuak: *Oh look!* **2** Maw! Pathian!; minung tivek biak tiki hmanmi: *O, God our help in ages past* ○ *O Zeus!*

o' /ə/ *prep* (used esp in certain compound phrases) of: *3 o'clock* ○ *man-o'-war* ○ *will-o'-the-wisp.*

oaf /əʊf/ *n* (pl **oafs**) mihmuk, mi laklawh, mi ti hnuaiahni (mipa a sawhkhieh theu): *Why did she marry that great oaf?*

▷ **oafish** *adj* mihmuk vek; cu vekih nuncan: *oafish behaviour.*

oak /əʊk/ *n* **1** (a) (also **oak-tree**) [C] tihil thing: *a forest of oaks* ○ [attrib] *an oak forest.* (b) hih thing-ah: *The table is (of) solid oak.* ○ [attrib] *oak panels* ○ *an oak table.* **2** the Oaks [sing *v*] London kiang Epsom ih kumtin tuah theumi rang tlan zuamnak hmin. **3** (idm) **big/tall/great/large oaks from little acorns grow** (*saying*) a hramthok tawntai te in thil thupi a suak thei.

▷ **oaken** /'əʊkən/ *adj* [attrib] (*dated fml*) tihil thing in tuahmi.

□ **oak-apple** *n* tihil thing le a hnah parah cucik kharbaw ruangih a suakmi a bo tete. Cf GALL³.

OAP /əʊ eɪ 'pi/ *abbr* (*Brit infml*) old-age pensioner (pension ngahcia mitar).

oar /ɔ:(r)/ *n* **1** lawng hlaunak fung. **2** (idm) **put/shove/stick one's oar in; put/shove/stick in one's oar** (*infml*) dil lomi ruahnak pek; mi ih thu va thlaak: *I know how to mend a fuse and I don't need you showing your oar in!*

□ **oarlock** *n* (US) = ROWLOCK.

oarsman /ɔ:zmən/ *n* (pl **-men**), **oarswoman** *n* (pl **-women**) lawng hlautu, mawngtu.

OAS /əʊ eɪ 'es/ *abbr* (US) Organization of American States.

oasis /əʊ'eɪsɪs/ *n* (pl **oases** /-si:z/) **1** nelrawn ramcar ih tidai umnak, lei ram thatnak hmun. **2** (fig) thil nuam lo zet lak ih thil nuam, thil tha: *The study was an oasis of calm in a noisy household.*

oast /əʊst/ *n* beer zu tuahnak (hops) hnah le paar pawl roternak thirbel tumpi.

□ **oasthouse** *n* cuvek roternak inn.

oath /əʊθ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** /əʊðz/) **1** (Pathian hmai le thuθentu) hmai ah, a dik a si, lole, ka tuah thengteng ding ti ih tiamkamnak tɔngkam;

siatcam thukam: *There is a standard form of oath used in lawcourts.* **2** thinhennak, khawruah harnak tivek langter in Pathian hmin a dik lo zawngih sim le saal, siatserh: *He hurled a few oaths at his wife and walked out, slamming the door.* **3** (idm) **be on oath, under oath** (*law*) siatcam ih thukam dingah fial: *The witnesses were placed under oath.* **on my oath** (*dated*) thudik ka sim a si tinak: *I didn't tell anyone, on my oath.* **put/place sb on/under oath** (*law*) siatcam in thudik sim dingih fial: *The witnesses were placed under oath.* **swear/take an oath** (*esp law*) thudik sim dingih kamawknak, rin-um si langternak: *Before giving evidence the witness had to take an oath.* ○ *Government employees swear an oath not to reveal official secrets.*

oats /əʊts/ *n* **1** [pl, sometimes sing *v*] khawsik hmunih cinmi sangvut phunkhat: *Give the horse some oats.* ○ *Oats is a crop grown widely in Europe.* **2** [sing or pl *v*] oats thawn suanmi cencerh: *Is/Are there porridge oats on the breakfast menu?* **3** (idm) **feel one's oats** ⇒ FEEL¹. **be getting one's oats** (*infml*) mipa nunau pawlawknak nei theu. **(be) off one's oats** (*infml*) rawl hiarnak nei lo: *He's been a bit off his oats since his illness.* **sow one's wild oats** ⇒ sow².
 □ **oatcake** *n* [U, C] (*esp in Scotland and N England*) Oats thawn tuahmi sangper: *oatcake served with butter and cheese.*

oatmeal *n* [U] oats thawn tuahmi/suanmi rawl.

OAU /əʊ eɪ 'ju/ *abbr* Organization of African Unity.

ob *abbr* thi (Latin *oblit*) Cf D 2.

obligato /ɒblɪ'gɑ:təʊ/ *n* (pl ~**s** or ~**ti** /-ti:/) (*music*) a thupitnak a suah tertu a bawmtu zawn: *with piano obligato.*

▷ **obligato** *adj* thil tuah (laamnak) tivek ih telter vemi.

obdurate /ɒbdjʊərət/ *US -der-/ adj* (*fml*) thleng theihlo, thinlung hak zet, lungruh: *an obdurate refusal* ○ *He remained obdurate, refusing to alter his decision.*

▷ **obduracy** *n* [U]. **obdurately** *adv.*

OBE /əʊ bi: 'i:/ *abbr* (*Brit*) Officer of the British Empire: *Matthew Silkin OBE.*

obedient /ə'bi:diənt/ *adj* **1** thu/nawl ngaimi: *obedient children* ○ *His dog is very obedient.* Cf DISOBEDIENT. **2** (idm) **your obedient servant** (*dated fml*) (bawi upa hnenih ca ngan tikah a netnak ih hmanmi) a lo upattu tican a si.

▷ **obedience** /-əns/ *n* [U] upatnak, tihzahnak: *The commanding officer expected unquestioning obedience from his men.*

obediently *adv.* *He whistled, and the dog came obediently.*

obeisance

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obeisance /əv'beɪsəns/ *n* (dated *fml*) **1** (upatnak thawm) kuun. **2** (idm) **do/pay/make obeisance to sb** mi pakhat kha tihzah upatnak pek/langter: *He made obeisance to the king.*

obelisk /əbəlɪsk/ *n* hmai li a nei ih a zik a zummi khan-lung.

obese /əv'biːs/ *adj* (*fml* or *medical*) (of people) a thau tukmi: *Obese patients are advised to change their diet.* ⇒ Usage at **FAT**¹.

▷ **obesity** /əv'biːsəti/ *n* [U] thau zetnak: *Obesity is a problem for many people in western countries.*

obey /ə'bei/ *v* [I, Tn] thu/nawl ngai, thluun; tihzah, upat: *Soldiers are trained to obey without question.* ○ *obey orders* ○ *obey the law.*

obfuscate /əbfə'skeɪt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) hnok ding le har dingih tuah hrim: *The writer often obfuscate the real issues with petty details.*

obiter dictum /əbɪtə'dɪktəm/ *n* (*pl dicta* /dɪktə/) (*Latin law or fml*) thuthlur thupi si lo ih sim duakmi, hmnsin (thuthentu zungih thu relnak ah).

obituary /ə'bɪtʃuəri; US -tʃuəri/ (*infml obit*) *n* thuthang ca tivek ah thih le hloh thu thannak (a thimi ih thuanthu tawite an ngan cih theu): [attrib] *obituary notices* ○ *He writes obits for the local newspaper.*

object¹ /əbdʒɪkt/ *n* **1** hmuh le thamtheih thilri: *glass, wooden and plastic objects* ○ *There were several objects on the floor of the room.* **2** ~ **of sth** mi hiiptu thil, lole, minung: *an object of attention, pity, admiration, etc* ○ *This church is the main object of his interest.* ○ *The sole object of all the child's affection was a soft toy.* **3** hmuitinmi, kihhmuhi thil: *with the object of going into business* ○ *with no object in life* ○ *fail/succeed in ones object* ○ *His one object in life is to earn as much money as possible.* **4** (*infml esp Brit*) lamdang zetih a langmi thil/minung/ hnihsuak hmuhsuamza: *What an object you look in that old hat!* **5** (*grammar*) sim hnawhsanmi minung/thilri; thuthimnakah: *He took the money* le *He took what he wanted* timi ah 'the money' le *He took what he wanted* timi ah 'the money' le 'what he wanted' tla cu direct object an si; *I received the money from her* timi ah 'her' cu prepositional object a si; *I gave him the money* ah 'him' cu indirect object a si. Cf **SUBJECT**¹ **4**. **6** (idm) **expense, money, etc no object** paisa hmannak cu a thupi lo, tenren lo ding: *He always travels first class — expense is no object.*

□ **object glass, object lens** = **OBJECTIVE** **2**.

object lesson ralrinnak petu ah a cang theumi, thil a cang taktakmi: *Let this accident be an object lesson in the dangers of drinking and driving.*

object² /əb'dʒekt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ **(to sb/sth)** lungkim lonak langter, eel (kanhkuat): *She wanted to cut down the hedge, but her neighbour objected.* ○ *I*

object to such treatment/to being treated like this.

○ *I object to the plan on the grounds that it is too expensive.* **2** [Tn, Tf] *vt* lungkim lonak a san/a ruangah: *I objected that he was too young for the job.* ○ *'But he's too young,' I objected.*

▷ **objector** *n* a kankuattu; eeltu: *objectors to the plans for a new motorway* ○ *conscientious objectors.*

objection /əb'dʒekʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ **(to sth/doing sth)** lungkim lonak, duh lonak langternak, kankuatnak: *raise/lodge/voice an objection* ○ *He has a strong objection to getting up so early.* ○ *I'd like to come too, if you've no objection.* ○ *Objections to the plan will be listened to sympathetically.* **2** [C] ~ **(to/against sb/sth)** kankuat sannak thu: *My main objection to the plan is that it would be too expensive.*

▷ **objectionable** /-ʃənəbl/ *adj* lungkim lonak suahter, thil nuam lo, kankuat tlak: *an objectionable smell* ○ *objectionable remarks* ○ *objectionable remarks* ○ *His drunken behaviour was extremely objectionable.* ○ *I find him most objectionable.* **objectionably** /-ʃənəbl/ *adv.*

objective /əb'dʒektɪv/ *adj* **1** mai ruahnak le thinlung puak men si lo, thleidannak um lo dingte le felte in: *an objective report, account, assessment, etc* ○ *A jury's decision in a court case must absolutely objective?* ○ *It's hard for nurses to be objective about their patients, if they become too emotionally involved with them* ○ *He finds it difficult to remain objective where his son is concerned.* **2** (*philosophy*) thinlungih ruahnak si lo, a cang taktakmi, a dikmi thil. Cf **SUBJECTIVE**. **3** (*grammar*) sim hnawhsanmi minung/thilri thawm pehpar aw in: *the objective case, ie (in Latin and other inflected languages) the form of a word used when it is the object of a verb or a preposition.*

▷ **objective** *n* **1** (a) hmuitin; tumtahmi: *Her principal objective was international fame as a scientist.* ○ *Everest is the climber's next objective.* ○ *Let justic be our first objective.* (b) (in war) ralkap pawl ih laak ding tumtahmi hmun: *All our objectives were gained.* **2** (also **object glass, object lens**) thil bihnak microscope/telescope ah bihmi thil thawm a naih bik (lens) thlalang.

objectively *adv* dingfel tein; thleidan um lo tein: *see/view/judge things objectively.*

objectivity /əbdʒektɪvəti/ *n* thleidannak um loin dikte ih thurel theinak: *The judge had a reputation for complete objectivity.*

objet d'art /əbʒeɪ 'daː/ *n* (*pl objets d'art*, əbʒeɪ 'daː) (*French*) thil ceimawinak tete: *a house full of antique furniture and objets d'art.*

oblate /əb'leɪt/ *adj* (*geometry*) (of a sphere) a tlun le tang a per ih a laifang a pawngmi: *The earth is an oblate sphere.*

obligate /əb'liget/ *v* (*fml*) a tul tengteng: *He felt*

obligated to help. ○ We were obligated to attend the opening ceremony.

obligation /ˌɒblɪˈɡeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] tuah tengteng dingih phutmi daan, nunzia, thukam: *the obligations of conscience* ○ *the obligations imposed by parenthood* ○ *repay/fulfil an obligation*, eg by returning hospitality that one has received. **2** [C, U] tuah dingih hneekmi, fialmi: *We attended the party more out of a sense of obligation than anything else.* **3** (idm) **be under an obligation (to sb/to do sth)** daan ih phutmi; mahte tuah tɔl ti ih theihmi: *You're under an obligation to pay for goods which you ordered.* ○ *She's under an obligation to him because he lent her money.* **place/put sb under an/no obligation (to sb/to do sth)** hramhram in daan vekih tuahter; hramhram in lungawinak simter; baakmi neihter: *Damaging the goods puts you under an obligation to buy them.* ○ *His kindness places us under an obligation to him.*

obligatory /əˈblɪɡətəri/ *US -tɔːri/adj* (fml) daan le nunphung ih tɔul termi; tuah tengteng tɔulmi: *Attendance at school is obligatory.* ○ *It is obligatory to remove your shoes before entering.*

oblige /əˈblɪdʒ/ *v* **1** [Tt usu passive] daan, thutiamkam le nunzia ih tuah tɔul termi: *The law obliges parents to send their children to school.* ○ *They were obliged to sell their house in order to pay their debts.* ○ *You are not obliged to answer these questions, but it would make our task easier.* **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (with sth by doing sth)** (fml) thil tuktak tete tuahsak, bawm: *We'd be happy to oblige.* ○ *Could you oblige me with (ie lend or give me) five pounds until the weekend?* ○ *Could you oblige us with a song (ie perform a song for us)?* ○ *Please oblige me by closing the door.*

▷ **obliged** *adj* **1** [pred] ~ **(to sb) (for sth/doing sth)** thil tuahsak ruangih lungawi thusim: *I'm much obliged to you for helping us.* **2** (idm) **much obliged** thank you; ka lungawi: *'Much obliged,' he said as I opened the door for him.*

obliging *adj* bawm duh: *obliging neighbours* ○ *You'll find him most obliging.* **obligingly** *adv.*

oblique /əˈblik/ *adj* **1** a tung le a phei si loin a zau, a hraap, arlan: *an oblique line.* **2** [usu attrib] (fig) fiangkko sim loin; a heel zawngin: *He made oblique references to her lack of experience.*

▷ **oblique** (also **oblique stroke**) ca ngan tik le kanantuat tikah (/) ti in a zau-rin tuahmi; as in 4/5 people, male/female.

obliquely *adv.*

obliquity /əˈblikwəti/ (also **obliqueness**) [C, U] oblique sinak.

□ **oblique angle** a kelki (90°) a si lomi pohpoh.

obliterate /əˈblɪtəreɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) **1** phiatfai theh, hngih theh, phen theh, khuh theh: *obliterate all fingerprints* ○ (fig) *She tried to obliterate all memory of her father.* ○ *The view was obliterated*

by the fog. **2** siat theh: *The entire village was obliterated by the tornado.*

▷ **obliteration** /əˈblɪtəˈreɪʃn/ *n* [U].

oblivion /əˈblɪvɪən/ *n* [U] **1** ciing nawn lo; hngilh thehnak: *Alcoholics often suffer from periods of oblivion.* ○ *The pain made him long for oblivion.*

2 ciin sak nawn lo, hngilhsak theh: *His work sank into oblivion after his death.*

oblivious /əˈblɪviəs/ *adj* [usu pred] ~ **of/to sth** ngaihven lo; hlih lo; ciing lo: *oblivious of one's surroundings* ○ *oblivious to what was happening.* ○ *oblivious to danger.*

▷ **obliviousness** *n* [U].

oblong /ˈɒblɒŋ/ *US -lɔːŋ/n, adj* (figure) 90° killi nei, a saumi killi nei: *an oblong table* ○ *an oblong bar of chocolate.*

obloquy /ˈɒbləkwɪ/ *n* [U] (fml) ningzah mualpho ternak.

obnoxious /əˈbɒksɪəs/ *adj* fih-nungza, borhhlawhmi: *obnoxious behaviour* ○ *He is the most obnoxious man I know.*

▷ **obnoxiously** *adv*: *obnoxiously drunk.*

obnoxiousness *n* [U].

oboe /əʊˈbeɪ/ *n* (music) tummi thlung phunkhat.

▷ **oboist** /-ɪst/ *n* oboe a tumtu.

obscene /əbˈsiːn/ *adj* fihnungza; (thinlung, tɔngkam, cabu, zuklem ti vek pawl in) a thiang lomi (a hleice in zahmawh thil): *obscene phone calls* ○ *obscene suggestions, gestures, etc* ○ *obscene literature, language, etc.*

▷ **obscenely** *adv.*

obscenity /əbˈsenəti/ **1** [U] fihnung sinak: *laws against obscenity on the television.* **2** [C] fihnungza tɔngkam le tuahnak: *He shouted obscenity at the woman.*

obscure /əbˈskjʊə(r)/ *adj* **1** olte le fiangte ih hmuh theih lo, theih thei lomi; a fiangfai lomi, a thup awmi: *an obscure corner of the garden* ○ *Is the meaning still obscure to you?* ○ *His real motive for the crime remains obscure.* **2** hmin thang lo; mi ih theih tuk lomi: *an obscure poet* ○ *an obscure village in the country.*

▷ **obscure** *v* [Tn] thup, fiang loter: *The moon was obscured by clouds* ○ *Mist obscured the view.* ○ *The main theme of the book is obscured by frequent digressions.*

obscurely *adv.*

obscurity /əbˈskjʊərəti/ *n* **1** [U] lang lo ih um: *content to live in obscurity.* **2** [C] (fml) a fiang lo, a lang lomi thil: *a philosophical essay full of obscurities.*

obsequies /ˈɒbsɪkwɪz/ *n* [pl] (fml) mithi vuinak.

obsequious /əbˈsiːkwɪəs/ *adj* (derog) ~ **(to sb)** (mithmai tha, laksawng ngah duh ruangih) mi tihzah upat duhtukmi, rian duhtuk: *an obsequious shop owner* ○ *a worker who is obsequious to the boss.*

▷ **obsequiously** *adv*: *obsequiously flattering.*

obsequiousness *n* [U].

observable

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observable /əb'zɜ:vəbl/ *adj* [usu attrib] hmuh theih, zoh theih, zohhliah tlakmi: *an observable lack of enthusiasm* ○ *an observable improvement.*

observance /əb'zɜ:vəns/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (of sth) dan; nunphung, zungpit, tlawngpit tivek pawl ulhnak, thlunnak: *the observance of school rules* ○ *the observance of New Year's Day as a public holiday.* **2** [C] (fml) biaknak kalhmang le tuah dan hrekhat thlunnak: *religious observances.*

observant /əb'zɜ:vənt/ *adj* **1** ol te'n thil a hmuhliah theimi: *An observant shop assistant had remembered exactly what the man was wearing.* ○ *Journalist are trained to be observant.* **2** (fml) daan le nunphung thlunnak ah a ralring: *observant of the rules.*

▷ **observantly** *adv.*

observation /əbzə'veɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] zohhliahnak, hminsinnak, hmuhngahnak: *observation of an animal's behaviour* ○ *observation of a patient* ○ *We escaped observation, ie were not seen.* **2** [U] thil hmuh theinak: *powers of observation* ○ *A scientist's observation should be very good.* **3** [C] hmuh daan: *She made one or two observations about the weather.* **4** **observations** [pl] (fml) thu lakkhawm: *He published his observations on British bird life.* **5** (idm) **be under observation:** *He was closely watched by the police.* **keep sb under observation** ralring zet in zoh, kil: *The patient is seriously ill and is being kept under continuous observation.* **take an observation** umnak hmuh theihfiangnak dingah ni le arsi pawl zoh.

□ **observation car** khurkhua connak sangkate kaupi a neimi tlangleng.

observation post ral pawl ih umnak le cangvaih dan thlirnak hmuh: *an observation post in a border fortress.*

observatory /əb'zɜ:vətɹi; US -tɔ:ri/ *n* arsi pawl, nikhua tivek thlirnak (zohnak) innpi.

observe /əb'zɜ:v/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tf Tw, Tnt only passive, Tng, Tni] zohhliah: *He observes keenly, but says little.* ○ *observe the behaviour of birds* ○ *She observed that he'd left but made no comment.* ○ *They observed how the tiny wings were fitted to the body.* ○ *The woman was observed to follow him closely.* ○ *The police observed the man entering/enter the bank.* **2** [Tn] (fml) (a) dan le nunphung thlun: *observe the speed limit* ○ *observe the laws of the land.* (b) (biaknak, suahni, puai, campha) ul, lawm, cawimawi: *Do they observe Christmas Day in that country?* **3** [Tn, Tf] (fml) hmuhdan simpuan: *He observed that it would probably rain.* ○ *'It may rain' he observed.*

▷ **observer** *n* **1** zohhliah, hliakhlaitu, zohfeltu, cingkenttu: *an observer of nature* ○ *a poor observer of speed restrictions.* **2** thurel khawmnak (meeting) tel ding a si lo na'n a tel ih thu a ngai vetu: *an observer at a summit*

conference ○ *send sb along as an observer.*

obsess /əb'ses/ *v* [Tn usu passive] thinlung a luah, a ciah: *The fear of death obsessed her through her old age.* ○ *obsessed by/with the fear of unemployment* ○ *She was obsessed with the idea that she was being watched.*

▷ **obsession** /əb'seʃn/ *n* ~ (with/about sth/sb)

1 [U] thinlung luahnak: *His obsession with computers began six months ago.* **2** [C] a luahtu thil/milai: *He has many obsessions.* **obsessional** /əb'seʃənl/ *adj* (derog) thinlung luah ko ih tuah, luahter: *obsessional thoughts* ○ *an obsessional character.*

obsessive /əb'sesiv/ *adj* (derog) a thinlung luahmi: *an obsessive concern for neatness* ○ *She's obsessive about punctuality.*

— *n* (medical) thil pakhat khat in thinlung a luahmi minung (molh le at tiang a thleng): *hysterics and obsessives* ○ *The psychiatrist has done a lot of work with obsessives.* **obsessively** *adv* thinlung luahzet in: *obsessively concerned with her appearance.*

obsolescent /əbsə'lesnt/ *adj* san man nawn lo; hman-awh tha nawn lo: *obsolescent technology* ○ *Electronic equipment quickly becomes obsolescent.*

▷ **obsolescence** /lesns/ *n* [U] hman ding tha lo sinak: *a product with built-in/planned obsolescence*, ie deliberately designed by the manufacturer not to last long, so that consumers are encouraged to buy again.

obsolete /əbsə'li:t/ *adj* hman nawn lomi; san man nawn lomi: *obsolete words found in old texts* ○ *The horse-drawn plough is now obsolete in most European countries.*

obstacle /əbstəkl/ *n* (usu fig) dawnkhamtu: *obstacles on the race-course* ○ *obstacles to world peace* ○ *Not being able to pass his mathematics exam proved an obstacle to his career.*

□ **obstacle race** lamzin dawnkhamtu tampi retmi tlan zuamnak.

obstetrics /əb'stetrɪks/ *n* [sing v] (medical) nau neihnak thawn a pehparmi sii (asilole) rainak: *gynaecology and obstetrics* ○ *She specializes in obstetrics.*

▷ **obstetric** /əb'stetrɪk/ (also **obstetrical** /-ɪkl/) nau neihnak thawn a pehparmi: *the obstetric ward* ○ *obstetrical complications.*

obstetrician /əbstətɪʃn/ *n* nau neihnak a bikih zirtu sibawi: *Her obstetrician could not present at the birth.*

obstinaey /əbstənəsi/ *n* [U] lungruhnak, lunghaknak: *His obstinacy was irritating.* ○ *Sheer obstinacy prevented her from apologizing.*

obstinate /əbstənət/ *adj* **1** lungruh, lunghak; ruahnak thleng duh lo: *The obstinate old man refused to go to hospital.* ○ *There's a very obstinate streak in that child*, ie Some of his behaviour is very obstinate. **2** ol te ih neh thei

lo, thawn theih lo; phiat theih lo: *obstinate resistance* ○ *an obstinate rash on his face* ○ *an obstinate stain on the carpet*. **3** (idm) **obstinate/stubborn as a mule** ⇒ MULE¹.

obstreperous /əb'strepərəs/ *adj* (fml) awn-au ih buai celcel: *obstreperous behaviour; children* ○ *He becomes obstreperous when he's had a few drinks*.

▷ **obstreperously** *adv*: *obstreperously drunk*. **obstreperousness** *n* [U].

obstruct /əb'strakt/ *v* (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) lamzin kham: *Tall trees obstructed his view of the road*. ○ *He was charged with obstructing the highway*. (b) [Tn] mi pakhat a thanso ding kham; a lamzin dawnkham: *obstruct the police in the course of their duty* ○ *obstruct a player on the football field* ○ *obstruct the passage of a bill through Parliament*, ie try to prevent a law being passed.

obstruction /əb'strɪkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] khamnak: *obstruction of the factory gates* ○ *a policy of obstruction*. **2** [C] khamnak thil; khamtu: *an operation to remove an obstruction in the throat, intestine, stomach, etc* ○ *obstruction on the road*, eg fallen trees ○ *Your car is causing an obstruction*, ie getting in the way of others. **3** [C, U] (sport) khatlam tangih lehmi a dik lo zawngih kham: *commit an obstruction* ○ *be found guilty of obstruction*.

▷ **obstructionism** /-ʃənɪzəm/ *n* [U] (fml) dawnkham dingih khawkhaw tawlrlnak: *The government were defeated by the obstructionism of their opponents*.

obstructionist /-ɪst/ *n* (fml) dawnkhamnak duhtu, tawlreltu: *a political obstructionist* ○ *an obstructionist policy*.

obstructive /əb'straktɪv/ *adj* dawnkham dingih tumtahmi; siat suahduh: *deliberately obstructive* ○ *a policy obstructive to our plans*.

▷ **obstructively** *adv*.

obtain /əb'teɪn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (for sb) ngah, co,nei: *Where can I obtain a copy of her latest book?* ○ *He always manages to obtain what he wants*. ○ *I obtained this record for you with difficulty*. **2** [I] (fml) (of rules, customs, etc) thlun rero laimi (daan, nunzia): *The practice still obtains in some areas of England*.

▷ **obtainable** *adj* ngah theihmi: *no longer obtainable* ○ *Are his records still obtainable?*

obtrude /əb'tru:d/ *v* [I, Tpr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (oneself/ **sth**) (on/upon **sb/sth**) (fml) mi parih thuneih hman; mi thu thlak duh: *I've no wish to obtrude, but ...* ○ *He persisted in obtruding himself despite our efforts to get rid of him*.

▷ **obtrusion** /əb'tru:ʒn/ *n* **1** [U] (fml) mi thu thlaknak; luhhnawhnak: *the obtrusion of unwelcome guests*. **2** [C] mi thu thlaktu, luhhnawhtu: *unwelcome obtrusions*.

obtrusive /əb'tru:sɪv/ *adj* a langhngan zetmi: *I*

find the music in the bar very obtrusive. ○ *Try to wear a colour that is less obtrusive*.

obtrusively *adv*.

obtrusiveness *n* [U].

obtuse /əb'tju:s; US -tu:s/ *adj* (fml derog) thu thei thei lo, mi-aa; (naam) a bulmi: *He's being deliberately obtuse*. ○ *She cannot possibly be so obtuse*.

▷ **obtusely** *adv*. **obtuseness** *n* [U].

□ **obtuse angle** (geometry) 90° le 180° karlak ih a kelki.

obverse /'ɒbvɜ:s/ *n* (fml) **1** hmuhter duhmi, langter duhmi a hmai, a zawn: [attrib] *the obverse side*. **2** tangka parih milu a cuannak lam: *The head of the Queen appear on the obverse of British coins*. Cf REVERSE² **2**. **3** a let lam, a ralkah: *The obverse of love is hate*.

obviate /'ɒbvɪeɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) thawn; (harsatnak, tih phannak) thawn hlo: *obviate dangers, difficulties, etc* ○ *The new road obviates the need to drive through the town*.

obvious /'ɒbvɪəs/ *adj* olte ih hmuhtheih, theih theih, cinken theih; a fiangfaimi: *His nervousness was obvious right from the start*. ○ *It was obvious to everyone that the child had been badly treated*. ○ *Spending less money is the obvious answer to his financial problems*.

▷ **obviously** *adv* fiangfaiten hmuh; fiangzet in: *Obviously, she needs help*. ○ *He was obviously drunk*. ⇒ Usage at HOPEFUL.

obviousness *n* [U]: *The obviousness of the lie was embarrassing*.

ocarina /'ɒkə'ri:nə/ *n* awnmawi, phawt ih tummi thlung phunkhat.

occasion /ə'keɪʒn/ *n* **1** [C] thil pakhatkhat a cangmi caan caan khat: *on this/that occasion* ○ *on the present/last occasion* ○ *on one occasion*, ie once ○ *on rare occasions* ○ *I've met him on several occasions*. **2** [sing] ~ (for **sth**) caan remcaang; caan tha: *This is not an occasion for laughter*. ○ *I'll buy one if the occasion arises*, ie if I get the chance. ○ *He used the occasion to express all his grievances against the chairman*. **3** [U] (fml) a thu; a tūlnak; a ruangah: *I've had no occasion to visit him recently*. ○ *You have no occasion to be angry*. ○ *She's not had much occasion to speak French*. **4** [C] caan hleice; sunloih caan: *The wedding was quite an occasion*. **5** [C] (fml) rinlo ih thil a cangmi ah a tee nau deuhmi thusuah tertu: *The real cause of the riot was unclear, but the occasion was the arrest of two men*. **6** (idm) **on occasion** (fml) atu le tu; rei lo te ah; a tūl tik poh ah. **on the occasion of sth** (fml) thil a cangmi caan te ah: *on the occasion of his daughter's wedding*. (have) **a sense of occasion** a caan thawn kai in thu a ruat thei: *He wore his shabbiest clothes to the party: he has no sense of occasion!*

▷ **occasion** *v* (fml) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to

sb (fml) thil a cangter; a suah ter: *What occasioned such an angry response?* ○ *Stephen's behaviour occasioned his parents much anxiety.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Occasion**, **opportunity** and **chance** all indicate a time when it is possible to do something. **Occasion** suggests that the time is socially suitable for the activity: *A wedding is an occasion for celebration.* ○ *I'll speak to him if the occasion arises.* **Opportunity** and **chance** suggest that the necessary physical circumstances for doing something are present: *I took the opportunity of visiting my aunt while I was in Birmingham.* ○ *I hope you get a chance to relax.* **Chance** can also indicate a degree of probability: *What are your chances of being promoted?* **Occasion** may refer to the particular time when something happens: *I've met her on several occasions recently.*

occasional /ə'keɪʒənəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a ringing si loin a lak caan caan ah: *He pays me occasional visits.* ○ *There will be occasional showers during the day.* ○ *I drink an occasional cup of coffee; but usually I take tea.* ○ *He reads the occasional book, but mostly just magazines.* **2** (fml) caan hleice hrangih hmanmi, nganmi, a simi: *occasional verses*, eg written to celebrate an anniversary ○ *occasional music for a royal wedding.*

▷ **occasionally** /-nəli/ *adv* a caancaan ah: *He visits me occasionally.*

□ **occasional table** a ʔul naknak ih hmanmi cabuai: *The coffee cups were placed on an antique occasional table.*

Occident /'ɒksɪdənt/ *n* **the Occident** [sing] (fml) nitlak lam ram pawl, ie Europe and America. Cf **ORIENT**¹.

▷ **Occidental** /'ɒksɪdəntl/ *n* (fml) nitlak lam ram minung.

occidental *adj* nitlak lam ram in, thawn pehpar in.

occult /'ɒkʌlt/; *US* ə'kʌlt/ *adj* (a) ʔhiamnak le huham a hleice ih nei pawl hrang lawngah; ʔuhmi, thil thup: *occult practices.* (b) hnam, dawi tivek ʔhiamnak pawl thawn a pehparmi: *occult arts*, eg witchcraft.

▷ **the occult** *n* dawi le hnam cam ʔhiamnak: *He's interested in the occult.*

occultist *n* (fml) hnam le dawi tivek pawl zuamtu, a tuahtu.

occupant /'ɒkjʊpənt/ *n* ram, inn khaan, hnaʔuan hmunhma a luahtu: *The previous occupants had left the house in a terrible mess.* ○ *the next occupant of the post.*

▷ **occupancy** /-pənsi/ *n* **1** [U] hmun, inn luahnak: *a change of occupancy* ○ *sole occupancy of the house.* **2** [C] hmun (asilole) inn lua caan, lua sung: *an occupancy of six months*

○ *During her occupancy the garden was transformed.*

occupation /'ɒkjʊ'peɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (a) hmun pakhat luahnak: *the occupation of a house by a family.* (b) ram pakhat laak ih lua: *a country under enemy occupation* ○ *an army of occupation.* **2** [C] ram, inn, hmunhma lua tikcu, lua kulh (caan) sung: *their four-year occupation of the farm.* **3** [C] (a) (fml) hnaʔuan, pumcawmnak hnaʔuan: *'What's your occupation?'* *'I'm a dancer.'* ○ *Please state your name, age and occupation.* (b) mi pakhat ih caan (lawng caan) a luahtu: *She has many occupations including gardening and wine-making.* ○ *His favourite occupation is reading.* ⇒ Usage at **TRADE**². **4** [U, C] innpi, cet zung tivek luahnak (buainak pakhat khat ruangah).

▷ **occupational** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] mi pakhat ih hnaʔuan thawn pehpar in: *an occupational advice service.* **occupational disease** hnaʔuannak thawn a pehpar awmi natnak: *Skin disorders are common occupational diseases among factory workers.* **occupational hazard** hnaʔuan pakhat thawn a pehparmi ʔihnunnak: *Explosion, though infrequent, are an occupational hazard for coal-miners.* **occupational therapy** taksa/thinlung natnak nei pawl kha hnaʔuan remcaang pekih damternak hnaʔuan. **occupational therapist** cuvek damternak a ʔhiamtu.

occupier /'ɒkjʊpə(r)/ *n* ram (hmunhma) asilole inn a luahtu (a bikin a laangte ih luahtu): *The letter was addressed to the occupier of the house.*

occupy /'ɒkjʊpaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -**pied**) **1** [Tn] lua, um, nei: *They occupy the house next door.* ○ *The family have occupied the farm for many years.* **2** [Tn] (ram, hmunhma, etc) laak ih ralkap pawl in luahcih, long: *The army occupied the enemy's capital.* **3** [Tn] (tikcu caan, hmunhma, thinlung, etc) lua, khahter: *The speeches occupied three hours.* ○ *A bed occupied the corner of the room.* ○ *Her time is fully occupied with her three children.* ○ *Many problems occupied his mind.*

4 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself (in doing sth/with sth)** manlo zet, caan neilo zet ih um: *How does he occupy himself now he's retired?* ○ *The child occupied himself in playing his flute.* **5** [Tn] (hnaʔuan ʔhupi pakhat) ʔuan, ngah: *My sister occupies an important position in the Department of the Environment.* **6** [Tn] buainak, duhsaknak ruangih hmun pakhat lua khat: *The terrorists have occupied the Embassy.* ○ *The striking workers have occupied the whole building.*

▷ **occupied** *adj* [pred] **1** lua zo, hman lai: *This table is already occupied.* ⇒ Usage at **EMPTY**¹.

2 ~ (in doing sth/with sth) manlo, caan neilo; buai: *She's occupied at this moment; she cannot speak to you.* ○ *He's fully occupied in looking after three small children.*

occur /ə'kʊ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) **1** (a) [I] thil pakhat a cang, a hung cang; a cang: *When did the accident occur?* ○ *Death occurred about midnight, the doctor says.* (b) [I, Ipr] (fml) um, hmu-tong: *Misprints occur on every page.* ○ *The disease occurs most frequently in rural areas.* ⇒ Usage at HAPPEN. **2** [Ipr] ~ to sb (thinlung ah) a suak: *An idea has occurred to me.* ○ *Did it ever occur to you that ...?* ie Did you ever think that ...? ○ *It never occurred to her to ask anyone.*

occurrence /ə'kʌrəns/ *n* **1** [C] thil cangmi, a cangmi: *Robbery is now an everyday occurrence.* ○ *an unfortunate occurrence.* **2** [U] (fml) thil pakhat a cannak thuhla, a zat, etc: *He's studying the occurrence of accidents on this piece of road,* ie how often they take place. **3** (idm) **be of frequent, rare, common occurrence** (fml) a cang theu, a cang leuhleuh, a cang tuk lo: *Riots are of frequent occurrence in this province.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **event**, **occurrence** and **incident**. **Occurrence** is the most neutral and does not indicate a particular type of happening: *Divorce has become an everyday occurrence.* An **event** is often a happening of importance: *Their wedding will be quite an event,* ie a large number of people will attend. ○ *The events of 1968 changed Western society.* An **incident** is usually of less importance, often occurring in a narrative: *You don't have to write down every little incident in your life.* It can also refer to a conflict or disagreement, often involving violence: *The kidnapping caused an international incident.*

ocean /əʊfən/ *n* **1** [U] tipithuanthum tidai (tidai a al): [attrib] *an ocean voyage* ○ *the ocean waves.* **2** [C] **Ocean** hmunhma ih thenmi tipithuanthum: *the Atlantic/Pacific/Indian/Arctic/Antarctic Ocean.* **3** (idm) **a drop in the bucket/ocean** ⇒ DROP¹. **oceans of sth** (infml) tam zet: *oceans of food and drink* ○ *Don't worry — we've oceans of time.*

▷ **oceanic** /əʊfɪ'ænik/ *adj* [usu attrib] (fml) tipithuanthum thawn a pehparmi, tipithuanthum vek, sungih ummi: *an oceanic survey* ○ *oceanic plant life.*

oceanography /,əʊfə'nɒgrəfi/ *n* [U] tipithuanthum thu zirnak. **oceanographer** *n* tipithuanthum thu thukpi ih a zirtu.

□ **ocean-going** *adj* (of ships) tipi thuanthum ih khualtlawng.

ocean lane tangphawlawng pawl ih thlunmi lamzin: *The ocean lanes are always busy.*

ocelot /əʊsɪlət/; US 'bɛsələt/ *n* thlanglam le alaifang S America ih ummi tlawang bangtuk sava phunkhat.

ochre /'əʊkə(r)/ (US also **ocher**) *n* [U] **1** a senmi (lole) airemi leilung; tlak-lei sen (thil hnihmi

pianrong ih hmanmi). **2** aire le a pawlmi pian hman: *He painted the walls ochre.*

o'clock /ə'klɒk/ *adv* (used with the numbers 1 to 12 when stating the time, to specify an hour) nazi ziangzat tiuh simtikah nambat 1 ihsin 12 tiang siarnak: *He left between five and six o'clock.* ○ *go to bed at/after/before eleven o'clock.*

Oct abbr October: 6 Oct 1931.

oct (also **8vo**) abbr octavo.

octagon /'ɒktəɡən/; US -ɡɒn/ *n* (geometry) hmai riat le kil riat a neimi thil.

▷ **octagonal** /'ɒktəɡənəl/ *adj* hmai/kap riat a neimi: *an octagonal coin, table, building* ○ *The room is octagonal.*

octane /'ɒkteɪn/ *n* petrol (datsi) sungih ummi (oktaingdat); petrol a sia le a theitheimak ih hmanmi.

□ **octane number** (also **octane rating**) petrol a thatzia tahnak, nambat a sang a sile petrol a thea tinak a si.

octave /'ɒktɪv/ *n* **1** (music) (a) *note* pakhat khat ihsin a tlun lam, lole, a tang lam a hlatnak awkhat (whole tone) paruknak ih *note* (semi-tone) pahnih ih then a si ahcun aw-suah pariat, lole, a hlatnak karlak pasarih a um). (b) *cuvek aw pahnih karlak: These notes are an octave.* (c) *cuvek a bangawmi note pahnih tum tlangnak: The child's hands are too small to stretch to an octave on the piano.* (d) *cumi octave pakhat sungih ummi whole note paruk karlak.* Cf SCALE² 6. **2** (also **octet**) (in poetry) tlang riat (rin riat) a ummi biaza.

octavo /'ɒktɪvəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (abbr **oct**, **8vo**) (size of a) cahnah pakhat veithum bil ih hnah — 8 ah a suakmi tia.

octet (also **octette**) /'ɒktet/ *n* **1** (piece of music for) minung pariat ih tum ding (a silole) sak dingih tuahmi: *an octet by a modern composer.* ○ *a jazz octet.* **2** = OCTAVE².

oat (o)- *comb form* pariat sim nakih tong tawm: *oatagon* ○ *octogenerian* ○ *octopus.*

October /'ɒktəʊbə(r)/ *n* [U, C] (abbr **Oct**) kum khat sungih thla hranak.

For the uses of *October* see the examples at *April*.

octogenerian /'ɒktəʊbə(r)/ *n* kum 80 le 89 karlak minung: *She is very active for an octogenerian.*

octopus /'ɒktəpəs/ *n* (pl ~es) a taksa a nemih kut pariat a neimi tipi sung sahring: *Have you ever tasted octopus?* Cf SQUID.

ocular /'ɒkjʊlə(r)/ *adj* [esp attrib] (fml) **1** mit thawn a pehpar awmi: *ocular defects.* **2** hmuh theihmi, khawhmuhnak: *ocular proof/demonstration.*

oculist /'ɒkjʊlɪst/ *n* mitna zohtu sibawi.

odd /ɒd/ *adj* (-ier, -est) **1** a lamdang; a keel lo; hawi zawng lo; laklawh: *What an odd man!* ○ *How odd!* ○ *She wears rather odd clothes.* ○ *She gets odder as she grows older.* **2** (no comparative or superlative) (of numbers) **2** ih

zemtheih lomi nambat: 1, 3, 5, and 7 are odd numbers. **3** [usu attrib] (no comparative or superlative) a khuah, a kim, a bur sung pakhat laklawh (hlel): an odd shoe/sock/glove ○ two odd volumes of an encyclopedia. You're wearing odd socks, ie two that do not form a pair. **(b)** hlah-mi; a hleimi; a taangmi: She made a cushion out of odd bits of material. **4** (no comparative or superlative; usu placed directly after a number) malte tam deuh: five hundred odd, ie slightly more than 500 ○ thirty odd (ie between 30 and 40) years later ○ twelve pounds odd, ie £12 and some pence extra. **5** [attrib] (no comparative or superlative) caan khiah um lo; a lak caan caan ah: weed the garden at odd times/moments, ie at various irregular moments ○ I take the odd bit of exercise, but nothing regular. ○ The landscape was bare except for the odd cactus. ○ Do you have an odd minute (ie a little spare time) to help me with this? **6** (idm) an odd/a queer fish ⇨ FISH¹. the/an odd man/one out **(a)** a dang pawl a khuah le bur ih an umah mah lawng a taangmi: There's always an odd one out when I sort out my socks. ○ That boy is always the odd man out when the children are divided into teams. **(b)** a dang hnakh a lamdangmi minung/thil: Banana, grape, apple — which of these is the odd one out? **(c)** (infml) rualpi lakih a tlem thei lomi; pawlkom sungah remcaang ih a um theilomi: At school she always felt the odd one out. ○ His formal clothes made him the odd one out in the club.

▷ **oddly** lamdang, hleice, hawizawng lo um daan: behave oddly ○ be oddly dressed ○ She looked at him very oddly. ○ oddly enough, we were just talking about the same thing.

oddness *n* [U] lamdang zet le hleice zet sinak: the oddness of her appearance ○ His oddness frightened her.

□ **oddball** *n* (infml) a lamdangmi minung; mi laklawh: The new boss is a bit of an oddball.

odd jobs midang hrangih tñanmi hnañuan terek pawl: He did odd jobs around the house during his holiday. ○ The man does odd jobs in my father's garden. **odd job man** /mæn/ man phalhami tñanternak tñantu.

odd-looking *adj* phundang zet le zoh remlo: an odd-looking house ○ She's rather odd-looking.

oddity /'ɒdɪti/ *n* [U] (also **oddness**) lamdang le hleice zet sinak; laklawhnak: I was puzzled by the oddity of her behaviour. **2** [C] midang hnakh hleice le lamdang thil tuah, thil cang: a grammatical oddity ○ He is something of an oddity in the neighbourhood, ie unusual in some ways.

oddment /'ɒdɪt/ *n* (usu pl) a taangmi; hlahmi thil: a chair sold as an oddment at the end of the sale ○ a patchwork quilt made out of oddments. Cf ODDS AND ENDS (ODDS).

odds /ɒdz/ *n* [pl] **1** a si theimi, a cang theimi thil: The odds are in your favour (ie You are likely to succeed) because you have more experience. ○ The odds are against him, ie He's unlikely to succeed. ○ The odds are that (ie It's probable that) she'll win. **2** a cak sawnmi; a tam sawnmi: a victory against overwhelming odds ○ They were fighting against heavy odds, ie a much stronger enemy. **3** (in betting) thapmi paisa le neh asile ngah dingmi paisa a dan awknak: The horse is running at odds of ten to one. ○ The odds are five to one on that horse. ○ I bet three pounds on a horse running at twenty to one and won sixty pounds! **4** (idm) **against (all) the odds** dodal tu cakzet le remcaang lozet um hman sehla: Against all the odds she achieved her dream of becoming a ballerina. **be at odds (with sb)** (over/on sth) thil pakhat khat par lungkim tlang lo; thu eel aw; to-aw: They're constantly at odds with each other. ○ He's always at odds with his father over politics. **even chances/odds/money** ⇨ EVEN¹. **give/receive odds** (sport) a cakdeuh ih neh har dingin lek thok pekte ah hmat ngah (bawlung asilole goal ngah). **have the cards/odds stacked against one** ⇨ STACK *v*. **it makes no odds** a poi lo ding; a poimawhter lo ding: It makes no odds to me whether you go or stay. **lay (sb) odds (of)** thaap, kam: I'll lay odds of three to one that he gets the job. **odds and ends** (Brit infml) **odds and sods** man nei lem lo, thil tuktak tete rawi khawmmi: He's moved most of his stuff; there are just a few odds and ends left. Cf ODDMENT. **over the odds** (Brit infml) ruahsanmi/a tñlmi hnakh tam: The firm pays over the odds for working in unpopular areas. ○ We offered over the odds for the house to make sure we got it. **what's the odds?** (infml) ziang a poi? a thupi lo: He's left her? What's the odds? He was never at home anyhow.

□ **odds-on** *adj* a si thei men; neh dingih zummi: It's odds on that he'll be late. ○ That house is the odds on favourite.

ode /əʊd/ *n* (usu long) minung/thil/thil cangmi hrangih nganmi biazai: Keats's 'Ode to Autumn'.

odious /'əʊdiəs/ *adj* (fml) **1** fihnungza, mitkemza: What an odious man! ○ I find his flattery odious.

2 (idm) **comparisons are odious** ⇨ COMPARISON. ▷ **odiousness** *n* [U].

odium /'əʊdiəm/ *n* [U] (fml) mi pakhat asilole a thil tuahmi ruangah mipi pawl ih huatnak, fihnak, mitkemnak: behaviour that exposed him to odium ○ He incurred the odium of everyone by sacking the old caretaker.

odometer /'ɒdəmɪtə(r), əʊ-/ *n* (US) = MILOMETER.

odorous /'əʊdəəs/ *adj* (dated fml) (rim sia, lole, rimtha) thei.

odour (US **odor**) /'əʊdə(r)/ *n* (fml) **1** [C] rim a sia/a tñha: the delicious odour of freshly-made coffee ○ the unpleasant odour of over-ripe cheese. ○ (fig)

An odour of corruption hangs about him. **2** (idm) **be in good/bad odour (with sb)** mi pakhat in a tha ih hmuh/a sia ih hmuh; mi pakhat thawn thatrem/thatrem lo: *I'm in rather bad odour with my boss at the moment.*

▷ **odourless** *adj* rim neilo: *an odourless liquid*
○ *Our new product will keep your bathroom clean and odourless.*

odyssey /'ɒdɪsi/ *n* khualtlawnnak lam saupi le tihnung: (fig) *a spiritual odyssey.*

OECD /əv i: si: 'di:/ *abbr* Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

oecumenical = ECUMENICAL.

Oelipus complex /'iɪpəs kɒmpleks; US 'ed-/ (*psychology*) naute in a mai thinlung ih theih lo in a nu/a pa a duhnak (a hiarnak); a bikin mipa nauhak in a nu a duh (a hiar) ruangah a pa kha a iksiknak (thiiknak thinlung).

o'er /ɔ:(r)/ *adv, prep (arch)* over; a tlun ah: *o'er valleys and hills.*

oesophagus (also esp US **esophagus**) /'tsɒfəɡəs/ *n (medical)* rawl dolhnak hrok: *cancer of the oesophagus.*

oestrogen /'i:stredʒən/ (also esp US **estrogen** /'es-/) *n* [U, C] nunau nau-in sungih um, an ti ihsin a suakmi, nunautaksa lamdang zet ih a thangter, a tumter theitu, naukeng dingah an taksa a tuahsertu dat: *an oestrogen deficiency.* Cf PROGESTERONE.

of /əv/ *strong form* ɒv/ *prep* **1** ta, ih, ihta. **(a)** (followed by a possess pron or by a *n*, usu with 's): *a friend of mine* ○ *an acquaintance of my wife's* ○ *that house of yours in the country.* **(b)** (followed by a *n* referring to an inanimate object) thilri pakhat ih ta sinak: *the handle of the umbrella* ○ *the lid of the box.* **(c)** (after a *n* referring to sb's rights or duties) mi pakhat ih tuanvo covo sinak a sim tikah hmanmi: *the role of the teacher* ○ *the rights of man* ○ *the privileges of the officer* ○ *the responsibilities of a nurse.* **2** a hram thawhnak, a suahkehnak, a umnak sim tikah: *a man of royal descent* ○ *a man of humble origin* ○ *the inhabitants of the area.* **3** a tuahtu, a tuantu sim tikah (esp referring to sb's works as a whole): *the works of Shakespeare* (Cf Shakespeare's comedies) ○ *the paintings of Picasso* ○ *the poems of John Lenon.* **4 (a)** mi pakhat, thil pakhat thu sim tikah: *stories of crime and adventure* ○ *a photograph of my dog* ○ *a picture of the Queen* ○ *a map of Ireland.* **(b)** minung/thilri thawn pehpar in sim tikah: *I've never heard of such places.* ○ *He told us of his travels.* **5** (indicating the material used to make sth) thil tuahser nakih hmanmi thilri thu sim tikah: *a dress of silk* ○ *shirts made of cotton* ○ *a house (built) of stone.* Cf FROM 8. **6** (used to show a special grammatical relationship) **(a)** (introducing the object of the action expressed by the preceding *n*) tuah duhsanmi sim tikah:

a lover of (ie sb who loves) *classical music* ○ *fear of the dark* ○ *any hope of being elected* ○ *the forging of a banknote.* **(b)** (introducing the subject of the action expressed by the preceding *n*) a tuartu, a cotu ih thu sim tikah: *the support of the voters*, ie the voters supporting sb ○ *the feelings of a rape victim towards her attacker* ○ *the love of a mother for her child* ○ *the beliefs of religious groups.* **7 (a)** (indicating what is measured, counted or contained) tah le siar tikah: *a pint of mild* ○ *2 kilos of potatoes* ○ *a sheet of paper* ○ *a loave of bread* ○ *a box of matches* ○ *a bottle of lemonade* ○ *a bag of groceries.* **(b)** (showing the relationship between part and the whole of sth) a pumhlum le a hnge (a then) ih peh kaihnak sim tikah: *a member of the football team* ○ *for six months of the year.* **(c)** (used after *some, many, a few*, etc and between a numeral or superlative *adj* and a pron or det) a zat sim tikah: *some of his friends* ○ *a few of my records* ○ *not much of the food* ○ *six of them* ○ *five of the team* ○ *the last of the girls* ○ *the most expensive of the presents* ○ *the richest of all her friends.* **8 (a)** (used in expressions showing distance in space or time) hmunhma caan thu sim tikah: *a village 5 miles north of Leeds* ○ *within 100 yards of the station* ○ *Within a year of their divorce he had remarried.* ○ (US) *a quarter of eleven*, ie 10.45 am or pm. **(b)** (used in dates) ni sim tikah: *the twenty-second of July.* ○ *the first of May.* **9** co nawn lo, tuar nawn lo, nei nawn lo, thi sim tikah: *rob sb of sth* ○ *deprived of his mother's protection* ○ *relieved of responsibility.* ○ *cure sb of drug-addiction.* **10** (indicating a cause) a cannak thu sim tikah: *die of pneumonia* ○ *ashamed of one's behaviour* ○ *proud of being captain.* **11** (introducing a phrase in apposition) hmun le thu khihhmuhnak sim tikah: *the city of New York* ○ *the issue of housing* ○ *on the subject of education.* **12** (introducing a phrase that describes a preceding *n*) sinak sim tikah: *a coat of many colours* (Cf a multi-coloured coat) ○ *a girl of ten* (Cf a ten-year-old girl) ○ *a woman of genius* ○ *a child of strange appearance* ○ *an item of value,* ○ *products of foreign origin.* **13** (used between *ns*, the first describing the second) thil hmin pahnih karlak ih hman a si tikah: *He's got the devil of a temper.* ○ *Where's that fool of a receptionist?* ○ *He's a fine figure of a man.* **14** (thil pakhat, thu pakhat thawn pehpar in): *the result of the debate* ○ *the time of departure* ○ *the topic of conversation* ○ *a dictionary of English* ○ *the Professor of Mathematics* ○ *his chance of winning* ○ *sure of one's facts.* **15** tampi lakin: *I'm surprised that you of all people think that.* ○ *A flat tyre today of all days — what bad luck!* **16** (used to show who is being described by *It is/was* + *adj*) a sim

duhmi minung langter nakah): *It's wrong of your boss to suggest it.* ○ *It was kind of you to offer.*

17 (dated) a cang theu mi thu le a caan sim tikah: *They used to visit us of a Sunday*, ie on Sundays. ○ *Often, of an evening* (ie in the evening), *we'd hear the sirens.*

off¹ /ɒf; US ɔ:f/ adj **1** [attrib] = OFF-SIDE². **2** [pred] ~ (with sb) (esp after rather, very, slightly, etc); (infml) rem-awi lo: *She sounded rather off on the phone.* ○ *He was a bit off with me this morning.* **3** [pred] a uihmi (rawl): *The fish is gone/is off*, ie can no longer be eaten. ○ *The milk smells/tastes decidedly off.*

□ **off change** a si thei men: *There is still an off chance that the weather will improve.* ○ *He came on the off chance of finding me at home.*

off² /ɒf; US ɔ:f/ adj part (For special uses with many vs, eg go off, turn sth off, clear off, see the v entries.) **1** (a) a hlatnakah: *The town is still five miles off.* ○ *We are some way off*, eg our destination. ○ *He ran off with the money.* ○ *Be off/Off with you!* ie go away! (b) caan a hlat-nai: *The holidays are not so far off.* **2** (indicating removal or separation, esp from the human body) taksa parin phoi, hlon, tan: *He's had his beard shaved off.* ○ *What beautiful curls — why do you want to have them (cut) off?* ○ *take one's hat, coat, tie, etc off* (Cf have (got) one's hat, coat, tie, etc on) ○ *Don't leave the toothpaste with the top off.* Cf on¹ 3. **3** khualtlawn/tlanzuam thok: *She's off to London tomorrow.* ○ *I must be off soon.* ○ *We're off/Off we go!* ○ *They're off*, ie The race has begun. **4** (infml) tuul (thil tuah tummi): *The wedding/engagement is off.* ○ *The miner's strike is off.* Cf on¹ 8. **5** (a) a hrampi thawn peh nawn lo: *The water/gas/electricity is off.* (b) (of appliances) hman nawn lomi: *The TV, radio, light, etc is off.* ○ *Make sure the central heating is off.* Cf on¹ 4. (c) (of an item on a menu) thil a um nawn lo, a cemmi: *The steak pie is off today.* ○ *Soup's off — we've only got fruit juice.* **6** hnatuan colh: *I think I'll take the afternoon off*, ie not do my usual work, etc. ○ *She's off today.* ○ *The manager gave the staff the day off.* ○ *I've got three days off next week.* **7** a man thum, niamter: *All shirts have 10% off.* ○ *Shoes are on sale with £5 off.* ○ *buy a calendar at 50% off.* **8** (in the theatre) a siir ah, a kapah: *noises/voices off.* **9** (idm) **be off for sth** (infml) thil comi, ngahmi: *How are you off for cash?* ie How much have you got? Cf WELL OFF (WELL³), BADLY OFF (BAD¹). **off an on/on and off** caan khat hnu caan khat, atu le tu: *It rained on and off all day.*

▷ **off** n [sing] **1 the off** tlan zuamnak a thok: *They're ready for the off.* **2 the off** (in cricket) bawlung thawitu dingih hmai hoihmi bualrawn laifang: *play the ball to the off* ○ [attrib] *the off stump*, ie the stump on this side. Cf LEG.

□ **off of** prep (US) OFF³.

off³ /ɒf; US ɔ:f/ prep (For special uses with many vs, eg get off sth, take (sth) off sth, see the v entries) **1** a tla, a pet hlo: *fall off a ladder, tree, horse, wall* ○ *The rain ran off the roof.* ○ *The ball rolled off the table* ○ *Keep off the grass.* ○ *Cut another slice off the loaf.* ○ *Take a packet off the shelf.* ○ *They were only 100 metres off the summit when the accident happened.* ○ (fig) *We're getting right off the subject.* ○ *Scientists are still a long way off (finding) a cure.* **2** (esp of a road or street) hlehka theih ih a peh awmi: *a narrow lane off the main road* ○ *another bathroom off the main bedroom.* **3** a hlat nawn ah: *a big house off the high street* ○ *an island off the coast of Cornwall* ○ *The ship sank off Cape Horn.* **4** (infml) duh lem lo; tuul lem lo: *I was off* (ie did not enjoy eating) *my food for a week.* ○ *He's finally off* (ie is no longer addicted to) *drugs.*

off(-) /ɒf; US ɔ:f/ pret (used widely to form ns, adjs, vs and advs) a silo; a hlat; hlat pi in: *off-print* ○ *off-shore* ○ *off-key* ○ *off-load.*

offal /ɒfl; US ɔ:fl/ n [U] tilva sungri: *Offal is now thought to be very nutritious.*

off-beat /ɒfbi:t; US ɔ:f-/ adj (infml) a daan lo; lamdangce; cuang mawi lo: *off-beat humour* ○ *an off-beat TV comedy* ○ *Her style of dress is definitely off-beat.*

off-cut /ɒfkʌt; US ɔ:f-/ n thing pheng, caku tivek tanhleimi: *She bought some timber off-cuts to build kitchen shelves.*

off-day /ɒfdeɪ; US ɔ:f-/ n (infml) vansiat ni; thil tuaht that thei lo ni: *Monday is always an off-day for me.*

offence (US **offense**) /ə'fens/ n **1** [C] ~ (against sth) daan pahsiatnak thilsual tuahnak: *commit an offence* ○ *an offence against the state, etc* ○ *a capital offence*, ie punishable by death ○ *sexual offences* ○ *be charged with a serious offence* ○ *Because it was his first offence* (ie the first crime of which he'd been found guilty), *the punishment wasn't too severe.* **2** [U] ~ (to sb/sth) hmuhsuam; riahsiatter: *I'm sorry; I intended no offence when I said that.* ○ *I'm sure he didn't mean to cause offence (to you).* ○ *The anti-British propaganda gave (ie caused) much offence.* **3** [C] ~ (to sb/sth) (fml) nomlonak, thinhennak, hnahnawh a suahtertu: *The new shopping centre is an offence to the eye*, ie unpleasant to look at. **4** [U] (fml) do, donak: *weapons of offence rather than defence.* **5** (idm) **no offence (to sb)** (used to explain that one does/did not intend to upset or annoy sb) riahsiatter, thin buaiter: *I'm moving out — no offence to you or the people who live here, but I just don't like the atmosphere.* **take offence (at sth)** thinsiat, riahsiatter: *She's quick to take offence*, ie easily offended.

offend /ə'fend/ v **1** (a) [Tn esp passive] riahsiatter, thinhengter: *She was offended at/by his sexist*

remarks. ○ *She may be offended if you don't reply to her invitation.* (b) [Tn] nom lonak, hnaihnocter: *sounds that offend the ear* ○ *an ugly building that offends the eye.* **2 ~ against sb/sth** (fml) mi pakhat parah thil tha lo tuah; thil pakhat parah siatnak tuah: *offend against humanity* ○ *His conduct offended against the rules of decent behaviour.*

▷ **offender** *n* (a) that lonak a tuahtu, daan a pahsiattu: *an offender against society.* (b) sualnak tuahtu a si ti ih hmuhmi: *a persistent offender.* Cf FIRST OFFENDER (FIRST¹).

offense /ə'fens/ *n* 1 [Gp, U] (US sport) lehnak hmai a nortupawl: *Their team had a poor offense.* ○ *They deserve to lose; the offense was badly planned.* Cf DEFENCE 3. **2** [C, U] (US) = OFFENCE.

offensive /ə'fensiv/ *adj* 1 riahsiatter, thinhengter, thin buaitertu: *offensive remarks, language, behaviour* ○ *I find your attitude most offensive.* Cf INOFFENSIVE. **2** fih-nung; luaksuakza: *offensive smell* ○ *She finds tobacco smoke offensive.* **3** (fml) raldonak/leh-nakih a nortu, a namtu lam: *offensive weapons* ○ *an offensive style of play in rugby.* Cf DEFENSIVE.

▷ **offensive** *n* 1 do, nor, nam (tuahnak, thinlung): *The new general immediately launched an offensive against the enemy.* ○ (fig) *The company has launched a strong marketing offensive to try to increase sales.* **2** (idm) **be on the offensive** namnehtu dinhmun: (fig) *He's always expecting criticism of his work, so he's always on the offensive.* ○ *It's difficult to make friends with her; she's constantly on the offensive.* **go on the offensive/take the offensive** namneh thok: *In meetings she always takes the offensive before she can be criticized.*

offensively *adv*: *offensively loud music* ○ *offensively ugly buildings.*

offensiveness *n* [U].

offer /ɒfə(r); US 'ɔ:f-/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to **sth**); ~ **sth** (to **sb**) pek, then, laksawng ah suah, thaap: *The company has offered a high salary.* ○ *She offered a reward for the return of her lost bracelet.* ○ *I've been offered a job in Japan.* ○ *He offered her a cigarette.* ○ *We offered him the house for £35000.* ○ *He offered £30000 for the house.* **2** [I, Tn, Tt, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (sth **sb**) pek duhnak, tuahsak duhnak langter: *I don't think they need help, but I think I should offer anyway.* ○ *They offered no resistance.* ○ *We offered him a lift, but he didn't accept.* ○ *The company offered the job to someone else.* **3** [I] (fml) a cang; a ra suak: *Take the first opportunity that offers, ie that there is.* **4** [Tn] (fml) thil tha tuahsak, pek: *The job offers prospects of promotion.* ○ *The trees offered welcome shade from the sun.* **5** [Tn, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (up) (to **sb**) (for **sth**) (fml) Pathian, khawzing hnenih hlan: *She offered up a prayer to God for*

her husband's safe return. ○ *A calf was offered up as a sacrifice to the goddess.* **6** (idm) **offer itself/themselves** (fml) a suak; a cang: *Ask her about it when a suitable moment offers itself.* **offer (sb) one's hand** (fml) mi kut kai (cibai buk) dingih kutsuah: *He came towards me, smiled and offered his hand.* **offer one's hand (in marriage)** (fml) nunau pakhat thit dingih dil.

▷ **offer** *n* 1 [C] ~ (to **sb/to do sth**) tuah sak ding, pe ding ih simnak: *an offer of help from the community* ○ *your kind offer to help* ○ *an offer of marriage (ie proposal) to the youngest sister.* **2** [C] ~ (for **sth**) pekzat: *a firm offer*; ie one which was genuinely meant and not likely to be withdrawn ○ *I've had an offer of £12000 for the car.* ○ *They made an offer which I could not refuse.* **3** (idm) **be open to (an) offer/offers** ⇨ OPEN¹. **on offer** a man thummi: *Baked beans are on offer this week at the local supermarket.* **under offer** (Brit) (of a building for sale) zilhu a nei zomi: *The office block is under offer.*

offering /'ɒfəriŋ; US 'ɔ:f-/ *n* 1 [U] pekhlannak (cohlan theih/el theih a si): *the offering of bribes* ○ *the offering of financial assistance.* **2** [C] (fml) laksaawng ah, thawhhlawm ah pekhlanni: *a church offering* ○ *He gave her a box of chocolates as a peace offering, ie in the hope of restoring peace after an argument, etc.*

offertory /'ɒfətəri; US -tɔ:ri/ *n* [C] (fml) biakkhawm lai ih thawhhlawm khonmi: [attrib] *Money should be put in the offertory box.*

offhand /'ɒfhænd; US 'ɔ:f-/ *adj* (of behaviour, speech, etc) suup lo ih sim hluahhlo; tɔŋ phutpho men: *He was rather offhand with me.* ○ *I don't like his offhand manner.*

▷ **offhand** *adv* ruat hmaisai lo in: *I can't say offhand how much money I earn.* ○ *Offhand I can't quote you an exact price.*

offhanded *adj*: *an offhanded attitude.*

offhandedly *adv*.

office /'ɒfis; US 'ɔ:f-/ *n* 1 [C] (a) zung: *our London offices* ○ *Our office is in the centre of the town* ○ [attrib] *office equipment*, ie stationery, typewriters, etc ○ *office workers.* (b) (usu small) mi pakhat ih hnaṭuannak zung: *a lawyer's office* ○ *the school secretary's office* ○ *The editors have to share an office.* (c) (US) sibawi ih mi rainak: *the pediatrician's office.* **2** [C] mipi hnaṭuannak hrangih phuanmi innkhan, zung: *the lost property office* ○ *a ticket office at the station* ○ *the local tax office.* **3** **Office** [sing] (esp in compound) cozah (kumpi) vuanci (riantu) zunginn pi (a ṭuantu, a hnaṭuan le ṭuanvo pawl tel theh in): *the Foreign Office* ○ *the Home Office.* **4** [C, U] cozah hnaṭuan upa ṭuanvo: *He has held the office of chairman for many years.* ○ *seek/accept/leave/resign office as a cabinet minister* ○ *the office of mayor* ○ *His political party has been out of office* (ie has



not formed a government) *for many years.* ○ *Which political party is in office in your country?*

5 Office [sing] (religion) khiahmi biakkhawm daan: *Divine Office*, ie daily service in the Roman Catholic Church ○ *the Office for the dead.* **6** (idm) **lay down office** (fml) thuneitu hnañuan ihsin baang. **through sb's good offices** (fml) mi pakhat in tlawmngai ih bomnak.

□ **office-block** *n* (usu large) zung tampi umnak innpi, inntluan: *ugly concrete office-blocks* ○ *The bank and the building society are in the same office-block.*

office boy (fem **office girl**) zung hnañuan bawmtu (piaña): *The office boy will deliver the package.*

office holder (also **office bearer**) ñuanvo nei upa: *All the office bearers have to be elected.*

office hours zung kai caan; hnañuan caan: *Office hours vary from company to company and country to country.*

officer /'ɒfɪsə(r); US 'ɔ:f-/ *n* **1** ral bawi: *All the officers and ratings were invited.* ○ *Both commissioned and non-commissioned officers attended.* **2** (often in compounds) zung a silo pawlkom hnañuannak ih thuneitu/lukaitu upa: *executive and clerical officers*, eg in the Civil Service ○ *a customs officer* ○ *officers of state*, ie ministers in the government ○ *the Medical Officer of Health* ○ *We had to vote to appoint all three officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer.* **3** (a) = **POLICE OFFICER** (**POLICE**). (b) (used as a form of address to a policeman or policewoman) palik pakhat khat (nunau/mipa) kawhnak ih hmanmi: *'Yes, officer, I saw the man approach the girl.'*

official /ə'fi:ʃl/ *adj* **1** upa ñuanvo thawn a pehpar awmi: *official responsibilities, powers, records* ○ *in his official capacity as mayor.* **2** thuneihnak ih simmi, tuahmi: *an official announcement, statement, decision, etc* ○ *the official biography of the princess* ○ *The news is almost certainly true although it is not official.* **3** a daan kim ih tuahmi; thungai thlak ih tuah: *an official reception, dinner, etc* ○ *written in an official style.*

▷ **official** *n* zung hnañuan upa, bawi: *government officials* ○ *the officials of a political party.*

officialdom /-dəm/ *n* (fml often derog) **1** [Gp] bawi upa a bur in: *Officialdom will no doubt decide our future.* **2** [U] thu nei tukih ñuan: *We suffer from too much officialdom.*

officialese /ə'fi:ʃə'li:z/ *n* [U] (derog) zung thu fehdaan takih tuahmi theih harmi ñongfang: *the incomprehensible officialese of income tax documents.* Cf **JOURNALESE** (**JOURNAL**).

officially /ə'fi:ʃəli/ *adv* **1** a daan vekin; zung hnañuan fehdaan in: *I've been officially invited to the wedding.* ○ *We already know who's got the job but we haven't yet been informed officially.*

2 zapi theih ih than asinan, a si taktak lem lomi: *Officially, the director is in the meeting, though actually he's playing golf.*

officiate /ə'fi:ʃieit/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) **1** rak ñuan sung thlahlawh in a ñuan zo nain bo a ben hrih lomi ralbawi khi officiating an ti. **2** zung (asilole) biaknak ih tuah ding pawl ñuan: *The Reverend Mr Smith will officiate at the wedding*, ie perform the marriage ceremony.

officious /ə'fi:ʃəs/ *adj* sim duh tuk, ruahnak pe duh tuk; thuneihnak hmang duh tuk: *We were tired of being pushed around by officious civil servants.*

▷ **officiously** *adv.* **officiousness** *n* [U].

offing /'ɒfɪŋ; US 'ɔ:f-/ *n* (idm) **in the offing** (infml) a cang cing ding, a reinawn lo ding, a nai thlang: *The smell of cooking told them there was a meal in the offing.*

off-key /'ɒf 'ki:; US 'ɔ:f/ *adj, adv* a kaihi lo in: *sing off-key* ○ (fig) *Some of his remarks were rather off-key*, ie not fitting or suitable.

off-licence /'ɒf laɪns/ *n* (Brit) (a) (**US package store**) zu an zuarnak dawr (a hmunah in lo in, a leng in an leinak). (b) cumi hrangih laisin.

off-line /'ɒf 'li:n; US 'ɔ:f/ *adj* (computing) computer thluakpi (CPU) ih theih lomi, ñuan thei lomi: *an off-line process.* Cf **ON-LINE**.

off-load /'ɒf 'ləʊd; US 'ɔ:f/ *v* **1** [Tn] unload = mawtawka titek sungin thilri ñum, suah: *off-load sacks of coal from a lorry.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth on/onto sb** (infml) midang hnenih hlui (peksin): *We'll be able to come if we can off-load the children onto my sister.*

off-peak /'ɒf 'pi:k; US 'ɔ:f/ *adj* [attrib] thupi tuk lo caan ih hmawmman ol deuhmi: *off-peak holiday prices* ○ *off-peak electricity.* Cf **PEAK** **4**.

offprint /'ɒfprɪnt; US 'ɔ:f-/ *n* cabu sung ihsin a ñenkhat a dangte ih nammi.

off-putting /'ɒf 'pʊtɪŋ; US 'ɔ:f/ *adj* (infml esp Brit) a nuam lo zetmi; hnahnokza: *His rough manners were rather off-putting.*

off-season /'ɒf si:zn; US 'ɔ:f/ *n* [sing] khualtlawng pawl an thlen mal bik caan: *Hotel workers wait until the off-season to take their holidays.*

offset **1** /'ɒfset; US 'ɔ:f-/ *v* (-tt-; pt, pp **offset**) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (by sth/doing sth)** rulsaal, taangter: *He put up his prices to offset the increased cost of materials.* ○ *Higher mortgage rates are partly offset by increased tax allowances.*

offset **2** /'ɒfset; y 'ɔ:f-/ *n* (also **offset process**) ca namnak phunkhat (cati amahte a kuat theimi).

offshoot /'ɒfʃu:t; US 'ɔ:f-/ *n* a kungpi ihsin a ñekmi thinghng: *remove offshoots from a plant* ○ (fig) *the offshoot of a wealthy family.*

offshore /'ɒfʃɔ:(r); US 'ɔ:f-/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** tikap ihsin a hlat lonak tipi thuanthum ah: *an offshore oil rig, island, anchorage* ○ *offshore fishing.* **2** (of winds) lei par ihsin tipi lamih a hrangmi (thli): *offshore breeze.*

offside¹ /ɒf'saɪd; US ɔ:f-/ *adj, adv (sport)* **1** (of a player in football, hockey, etc) mai thlen lonak dingih hmai a nortu (bawlung offside): *The forwards are all offside.* **2** cu vek dinhmun, umhmun: *be in an offside position* ○ *the offside rule.* Cf ONSIDE.

offside² /ɒf'saɪd; US ɔ:f-/ (also **off**) *adj* [attrib] (Brit) (mawtawka, lamzin, t̃ilva) ih vorh-lam: *the rear offside tyre* ○ *the off front wheel of a car.* Cf NEARSIDE (NEAR¹).

offspring /ɒf'sprɪŋ; US ɔ:f-/ *n* (pl unchanged) (*fml*) **(a)** fa; teefa: *She's the offspring of a scientist and a musician.* ○ *Their offspring are every clever.* **(b)** ramsa fano: *How many offspring does a cat usually have?*

off-stage /ɒf'steɪdʒ; US ɔ:f-/ *adj, adv* mipi ih hmuh theih lo; donsang parah um lo: *an off-stage scream* ○ *At this point in the play, most of the actors are off-stage.*

off-street /ɒf stri:t; US ɔ:f-/ *adj* [attrib] zalampi ah si loin: *off-street parking only.*

off-white /ɒf 'waɪt; US ɔ:f 'hwaɪt/ *n, adj* a raang taktak deuh lo: *paint a room off-white* ○ *off-white paint.*

oft /ɒft; US ɔ:ft/ *adv (arch)* (esp in compounds) often: *tu le tu: an oft-told tale* ○ *an oft-repeated warning.*

□ **oft-times** *adv (arch)* tu le tu.

often /ɒfn, also ɒftən; US ɔ:fn/ *adv* **1** tu le tu, t̃heu; leuh leuh; vei tampi: *We often go there.* ○ *We have often been there.* ○ *We've been there quite often.* ○ *It very often rains here in April* ○ *How often (ie At what intervals) do the buses run?* **2** t̃heu; voi tampi ah: *These types of dog often have eye problems.* ○ *Old houses are often damp.* **3** (idm) **as often as** voi tamzet: *As often as I tried to phone him the line was engaged.* **as often as not; more often than not** tu le tu, cop le cilh in: *When it's foggy the trains are late more often than not.* **every so often** a lak caancaan ah; caan khat hnu caan khat. **once too often** ⇒ ONCE.

ogle /ɒʊgl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ **at sb** (*derog*) (a hleice in nunau kha) duhnak thawn zoh: *Most women dislike being ogled (at).*

ogre /ɒʊgə(r)/ *n* (*fem* **ogress** /ɒʊgres/) **1** (in legends and fairy stories) thuanthu ih simmi milai a eitu t̃ihnungza miki. **2** (*fig*) t̃ih nungza milai: *My boss is a real ogre.*

▷ **ogrish** /ɒʊgərɪʃ/ *ogre* vek.

oh /əʊ/ *interj* **1** (expressing surprise, fear, joy, etc) aw; ai tivek rin lo ih thilcang; lungawi, riahsiat, t̃ihnak tivek pawl langtertū aw, au: *Oh look!* ○ *Oh, how horrible!* **2** (used for emphasis or to attract sb's attention) mi pakhat thinlung hiip theinaki hmanmi: *Oh yes I will.* ○ *Oh Pam, can you come over here for a minute?*

ohm /əʊm/ *n* rak do theinak electric tha unit.

OHMS /əʊ ɛt̃s/ *em 'es/ abbr (Brit)* (esp on official forms, envelopes, etc) On Her/His Majesty's

Service.

oho /əʊ'həʊ/ *interj* (expressing surprise or triumph) rin lo thilcang; neh-nak le mangbangza simnak.

-oid *suff* (with *adjs* and *ns*) a bang, bangnak a nei: *humanoid* ○ *rhomboid.*

oil /ɔɪl/ *n* **1** [U] hriak, thau, siti; a tii a hnun deuh ih tidai thawn a rawi thei lomi, a alh a olmi, thingkung, ramsa, hriak ti: *coconut, sunflower, vegetable, etc oil* ○ *olive oil* ○ *cooking oil* ○ *cod-liver oil* ○ *salad oil.* **2** [U] **(a)** leilung tanglam lungto ihsin a suakmi petrol (zinan) ti: *drilling for oil in the desert.* **(b)** (often in compounds) minung ih hmanmi zinan, petrol: *an oil-heater/lamp/stove* ○ *Put some oil in the car.* **3** [C] (*infml*) hi vek oil thawn suaimi zuklem. **4** **oils** [pl] sihnih dingih rawi ciami: *paint in oils.* **5** (idm) **burn the midnight oil** ⇒ BURN². **pour oil on the flames** ⇒ POUR. **pour oil on troubled waters** ⇒ POUR. **strike lucky/oil/gold** ⇒ STRIKE².

▷ **oil v** [Tn] **1** thil naal tertu si hnih: *oil a lock, one's bicycle, a stiff hinge.* **2** (idm) **oil the wheels** tidan thiam ruangah fluangzet in thil a feh theimi.

oiled *adj* = WELL-OILED (WELL³).

□ **oil-bearing** *adj* (of areas of rock underground) zinan a zawitu (leilung tangih lung umnak).

oilcake *n* [U] a fe; a hriak laksuak zomi t̃ilva rawl t̃ha a fe (*pee-phat* tivek).

oilcan *n* a hmur a zum ih a fiakmi siti, hriakti retnak dawng.

oilcloth *n* [U] ruakhkaan le cabuai khuh ti vekih hmanmi puanthan (oil thawn rawi ih tuahmi).

oil-colour (also **oil-paint**) *n* [C, U] = OILS (OIL 4).

oilfield *n* zinan umnak leilung, lole, tipi tanglam: *North Sea oilfields.*

oil-fired *adj* (of a boiler, furnace, etc) a alhmi zinan, petrol, dizel ti vek (khawl, cet nungter le caangter dingah): *oil-fired central heating.*

oil-painting *n* **1** [U] pianhmang-rong nei hriakti thawn zuklem suainak: *She enjoys oil-painting.*

2 [C] cu vekih suaimi zuk. **3** (idm) **be no oil-painting** (*infml joc*) mi hmelsia.

oil-palm *n* ungkung.

oil rig zinan suahternak thuamhnaw. Cf DERRICK.

oilskin *n* **(a)** [C, U] ruah ih hlen lo dingih ruah khaan hriak thawn tuahmi puanthan. **(b)**

oilskins [pl] hi ti vekih tuahmi kor-lengta (kawt-angk̃i tivek): *Sailors wear oilskins in stormy weather.*

oil-slick *n* = SLICK.

oil-tanker *n* zinan (*petrol*) phurtu tangphawlawng tumpi.

oil-well zinan khur.

oily /ɔɪli/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** hriak, siti, zinan vek, ihsin: *an oily liquid.* **2** hriak hnihmi, hriak rawimi, ciahmi: *oily fingers* ○ *an oily skin* ○ *an oily old pair of jeans* ○ *oily food.* **3** (*derog*)

porh tahrat ih mithmai tha ngah tum, zuam: *I don't like oily shop assistants.*

▷ **oiliness** *n.*

ointment /^əɪntmənt/ *n* [C, U] **1** taksa hnih hriak sii. Cf SALVE **1**. **2** (idm) /**the fly in the ointment** ⇒ FLY¹.

okapi /^əʊkɑːpi/ *n* hngawng sau ih a tjalmi Afrika ram um ramsa phun khat.

okay (also **OK**) /^əʊkeɪ/ *adj, adv* (infml) a tha, ka lungkim, dam: *I hope the children are okay.* ○ *I think I did OK in the exam.* ○ *We'll go to the cinema tomorrow, OK?*

▷ **okay** (also **OK**) *interj* (infml) a tha; a si; aw: 'Will you help me?' 'OK, I will'. ○ *Okay children, we'll clear up the room now.*

okay (also **OK**) *v* [Tn] (infml) lungkim; cohlang: *He okayed/OK'd my idea.*

okay (also **OK**) *n* lungkimnak: *Have they given you their okay?* ○ *We've got the OK from the council at last.* Cf A-OK (A¹).

okra /^əʊkrə/ *n* [U] (tropical plant) a kawm ei theih thingthei phunkhat.

old /^əʊld/ *adj* (-er, -est) ⇒ Usage at ELDER¹. **1** (with a period of time or with *how*) kum, kum ziat: *He's forty years old.* ○ *At 15 years old he left school.* ○ *How old are you?* ○ *A seven-year-old should be able to read.* **2** reipi nung; tar; kum upa: *Old people cannot so active as young people.* ○ *He's too old for you to marry.* ○ *What will she do when she is/gets/grows old?* **3** (a) reipi hman zomi, neih zomi: *old customs, beliefs, habits, etc.* ○ *old clothes, cars, houses.* ○ *This carpet's getting rather old now.* (b) [attrib] hlanlai: *old religious practices* ○ *Things were different in the old days.* **4** [attrib] hlanlai ihsin, reipi in theihmi, rualpi thatmi: *an old friend of mine*, ie one I've known for a long time, but not necessarily old in years ○ *We're old rivals*, ie we've been rivals for a long time. **5** hlan ih, reipi ih (a tar, a kumtam tiknak cu a si lo): *in my old job* ○ *at my old school* ○ *I prefer the chair in its old place.* ○ *We had a larger garden at our old house.* Usage. **6** [attrib] (infml or joc) (used as a term of affection or intimacy) duh-kawh nakih hmanmi: *Dear old John!* ○ *Good old Angela!* ○ *You're a funny old thing!* **7** [attrib] (infml) (used for emphasis) uarnak ih hmanmi: *Any old thing* (ie Anything whatever) *will do.* **8** (fml) hmuhtonnak tampi neimi: *old in diplomacy* ○ *an old trooper.* **9** (idm) **any old how** (infml) ralring lo le ti hnuaihni in: *The books were scattered round the room any old how.* **a chip off the old block** ⇒ CHIP¹. **a dirty old man** ⇒ DIRTY¹. **for old times' sake** hngilh theihlo dunglam thu nuam pawl ruangah. **the good/bad old days** tui caan hnakh caan tha/caan sia a rak simi: *The friends met occasionally to chat about the good old days at school.* **the grand old man** ⇒ GRAND. **have/give sb a high old time** ⇒ HIGH. **money for**

jam/old rope ⇒ MONEY. **no fool like an old fool** ⇒ FOOL¹. **of old** hlanlai caan ihsin: *in days of old*

○ *We know him of old*, ie have known him for a long time and so know him well. (as) **old as the hills** a hlun zet, hlaan thil: *This dress is as old as the hills.* **old beyond one's years** a kumrup lo in a pitling. **old boy, chap, man, etc** (dated infml) (kum upa lammi neinung pawl ih hmanmi): 'Excuse me, old man, can I borrow your newspaper?' (be) **old enough to be sb's father/mother** mi pakhat hnakin a upa tuk; nu/pa tluk a si: *You can't marry him! He's old enough to be your father!* (be) **old enough to know better** tu hnakin tha deuh ih nungcang ding a mawi: *Have you been drawing on the walls? I thought you were old enough to know better.* **old hat** (infml) a thar lo; hlan thil; ti danhlun: *His ideas are all terribly old hat.* (have) **an old head on young shoulders** a kum zat ruat in a thuruah dan a pitling zet. **an old trout** (infml) thintawi, mi hngerteu nutar. **an old wives' tale** a hlunih atthlak a simi ruahnak, zumnak. **one of the old school** thuruah dan thleng thei lo; hlanlai thupom te'n a ummi. **pay/settle an old score** hlanih mawhpahnak parah lehrul, sam. **rake over old ashes** ⇒ RAKE¹. **ring out the old year and ring in the new** ⇒ RING². **the same old story** ⇒ SAME¹. **teach an old dog new tricks** ⇒ TEACH. **tough as old boots** ⇒ TOUGH. **young and old** ⇒ YOUNG.

▷ **the old** *n* [pl v] tar pawl: *The old feel the cold weather more than the young.*

oldie *n* (infml) mi tar/thil hlun: *This record is a real oldie.*

oldish *adj* a tar ko.

□ **old age** tarlam, tar sinak: *Old age can bring many problems.* **old-age pension** tar pawl cozah (kumpi) ih pension thlahlawh peknak. **old-age pensioner** (abbr OAP) (also **pensioner, senior citizen**) pension ngahmi.

old boy (fem **old girl**) **1** tlawng pakhat ih tlawngta hlun: *an old boys' reunion.* **2** **old boy, old girl** (infml) nutar patar: *the old girl who lives next door.* **3** (idm) **the old-boy network** kum upat hnu ih bomawk ding thinlung nei tlawngta hlun pawl.

the old country suahkehnak mai ram hlun te.

Old English ANGLO-SAXON **3**.

old-fashioned *adj* (often derog) **1** san man nawn lo: *old-fashioned clothes, styles.* **2** hlan dan le nunphung zumtu: *My ount is very old-fashioned.* ○ *She gave me an old-fashioned look*, ie one expressing disapproval. — *n* (US) whisky thawn rawimi zu.

old fogey (US **old foggy**) /^əʊld 'fəʊgi/ ruahnak hlun a thleng duh lotu (a bikin mipa).

old folks home (infml) nutar patar pawl retnak le tuamhlawnak sizung vek innpi: *His mother is in an old folks' home.*

old girl ⇨ OLD BOY.

Old Glory (US) America thantar.

the old guard pawlkom pakhat ah a thok ih telu pawl; thil hmuhan, ruahdan hlun thin duh lo pawl.

Old Harry (also **Old Nick**, **Old Scratch**) (dated *infml* *joc*) khawsia; khawsia vek.

old lady (*infml*) nu asilole nupi.

old lag (*infml*) voi tampi thawng a tla mi.

old maid (*infml* *derog*) pasal nei dingah a kum a cang tuk zomi fala, leeng u. **od maidish** *adj* (*derog*) mi phun ciar; ol te ih thinsiat hmanngmi.

old man (*infml*) pa, (asilole) pasal (asilole) hnañuan nakih bawipa, etc: *How's your old man* (eg your husband) *these days*?

old man's beard a ci kha dum le rang ih buar in a tuammi hram lak pangpar kung (patar khahmul).

old master (kum zabi 13 - 17 lai ih Europe ramah) karlak ih lezmuk suai thiam zet pawl in suaimi zuk.

old school nauhak lai ih rak kai dahnak tlawng.

old school tie (*esp* *Brit*) **1** tlawng pakhat tlawngta hlun pawl ih thlahmi hngawng khih. **2** (*fig*) nunphung umzia le thupom pawl thupi tukih cawisanduhnak, langter duhnak.

old stager (*infml*) hnañuan, cangvaihna pakhat ah rei zet a ñuantu.

old sweat (*Brit* *infml*) (a bikin ralkap) reipi a ñuantu.

the Old Testament Thukam Hlun; Baibal ih a ñen khatnak, Judah pawl ih san thuanthu le an zuamnak pawl a simtu.

old-time *adj* hlan san thawn a pehparmi: *old-time dancing*. **old-timer** *n* hmun pakhat, club le hnañuan pakhat ah reipi a ummi.

old woman (*infml*) **1** nupi, lole, nu. **2** (*derog*) a phunciar mi a ñihhrut mi pacang. **old-womanish** *adj* (*derog*) (*esp* of a man) ñihhrut, phunciar.

old-world *adj* santhar a si lomi; hlansan: *a cottage with old-world charm*.

the Old World Europe, Asia, le Africa. Cf **THE NEW WORLD** (NEW).

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **old**, **aged**, **elderly**, **ancient** and **antique**. **Old** has the widest use and can be applied to people, animals and things. It usually indicates that somebody or something has lived or existed for a long time: *an old woman, dog, church*. It may describe a person who has been known for a long time but is not necessarily old in years: *She's an old friend of ours*. **Old** can also mean 'former' or 'previous': *I was much happier in my old job*. **Aged** is more formal than old and is used of very old people who have possibly become physically weak. If one wishes to be polite and respectful, one can describe old people as **elderly**. **Ancient** and **antique** are usually only applied to things. We

call **ancient** something that existed a long time ago: *an ancient civilization* ○ *ancient history, customs, etc*. **Antique** describes an object which has survived from the past and is therefore valuable today: *antique furniture, silver, etc*.

olden /'əʊldən/ *adj* [attrib] (*arch*) a luan zomi san: *in olden times/days*.

oldster /'əʊldstə(r)/ *n* (*infml* *joc*) a tar mi; mitar.

oleaginous /əʊlɪ'ædʒɪnəs/ *adj* (*fml*) siti, hriak vek, cumi a suahtu; a tlormi, a thaumi: *oleaginous seeds*.

oleander /əʊlɪ'ændə(r)/ *n* [C, U] Mediterranean kiangkap ih um a hnah a khoh ih a hring ringringmi pangpar.

O level /'aʊ levl/ (*infml*) = ORDINARY LEVEL (ORDINARY). Cf **A LEVEL**.

olfactory /ɒl'fæktəri/ *adj* (*fml*) rim theih theinak: *the olfactory nerves/organs*.

oligarchy /ɒlɪgɑ:kɪ/ *n* (*politics*) **1** (a) [U] mi malte in thuneihnak, uknak ankaih ñehmi. (b) [C] cuvek uknak kaitu minung pawl. **2** [C] oligarchy ih ukmi ram.

▷ **oligarch** /ɒlɪgɑ:k/ *n* oligarchy uknak ih sungtel.

olive /'ɒlɪv/ *n* (a) [C] thingthei rah fate, a hmin hlanah a hringih a hmin hnu ah a dum; rawl le hriak hrangih hmanmi: *put olives in a salad*. (b) (also **olive-tree**) [C] a hnah a hring ringringmi olive kung: *a grove of olives*. **2** (also **olive-green**) [U] a hmin deuh hrih lomi olive rah.

▷ **olive** *adj* **1** aire nawn ih hringmi: *olive paint*. **2** (of the complexion) taksa pianhmang aire nawn ih pawl: *an olive skin*.

□ **olive-branch** *n* **1** remdaih hminsinnak **2** (*fig*) mi pakhat thawn remdaihna dingih simmi/ tuahmi: *After years of quarrelling we at last sent our cousins a Christmas card as an olive-branch*. **olive oil** olive hriak.

Olympiad /ə'lɪmpɪəd/ *n* **1** san thar Olympic puai: *The 21st Olympiad took place in Montreal*. **2** Olympic lehnak kum li karlak danih tuahmi.

Olympian /ə'lɪmpɪən/ *adj* (*fml*) a thiangmi le a sangmi (umzia nuncan): *Even when those around her panic she always maintains Olympian calm*.

Olympic /ə'lɪmpɪk/ *adj* [attrib] Olympic leh zuamnak thawn a pehpar in: *an Olympic athlete* ○ *She has broken the Olympic 5000 metres record*.

□ **the olympic Games** **1** hlan lai ah Grik ram ih Olympic leh zuamnak an rak tuahmi. **2** (also **the Olympics**) san thar ah leitlun huap in ram dangdang ih tuahmi kumli voikhat lehpān zuam awknak.

OM /əʊ 'əm/ *abbr* (*Brit*) Order of Merit; timi hmin ñhatnak ngahtu: *John Paul OM*.

ombudsman /'ɒmbʊdzmən, also -mæn/ *n* (*pl* **ombudsmen** /-mæn/) bawi upa pawl parih mipi

lungkim lonak pawl zingzoi dingah cozah (kumpi) ih tirh mi upaho.

omega /əʊmɪgə/; *US* əʊ'megə/ *n* **1** Grik cafang netabik (Ω, ω). **2 Alpha and Omega** ⇨ ALPHA.

omelette (also **omelet**) /'ɒmlɪt/ *n* thildang rawicok ih kiomi arti: *a cheese and mushroom omelette*. **2** (idm) (**one can't**) **make an omelette without breaking eggs** (saying) sunnak/siatnak um lo in hmuitin a thlen theih lo.

omen /əʊmən/ *n* [C, U] ~ (**of sth**) hmai lam ah a sia/a tha pakha tkhat a cang ding timi hmuhsaktu ti ih ruahmi hmainsinnak: *a good/bad omen* ○ *an omen of victory* ○ *a bird of ill omen*.

ominous /'ɒmɪnəs/ *adj* thil tha lo a thleng ding timi hmainsinnak a simi: *an ominous silence* ○ *Those black clouds are/look a bit ominous*.

ommission /ə'mɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] telh lonak; hrelhtanak; thlaunak: *The play was shortened by the ommission of two scenes*. ○ *His ommission from the team is rather surprising?* ○ (fml) *sins of ommission*, ie not doing things that should be done. **2** [C] telh lomi, hrelhmi thil: *This list of names has a few ommissions*.

omit /ə'mɪt/ *v* (-**tt-**) **1** [Tt, Tg] hrelh, thlau, tuah lo ih taan: *omit to do/doing a piece of work*. **2** [Tn] telh lo: *This chapter may be omitted*.

omni- *comb form* hmuahhmuah/hmunkip: *omnipotence* ○ *omniscience* ○ *omnipresent*.

omnibus /'ɒmnɪbəs/ *n* (pl ~**es**) **1** (dated fml) (esp in names) mizapi tomi bus mawtawka. **2** cabu tumpi pakhat sungah cabu tete komkhawmmi (mi pakhat ih nganmi pawl): *an omnibus volume* ○ *a George Orwell omnibus*. **3 the man on the Clapham omnibus** ⇨ MAN.

omnipotent /'ɒm'nɪpətənt/ *adj* (fml) ziangkim thitheimi, tlukimmi: *the omnipotent officials, bureaucrats, state police, etc.*

▷ **omnipotence** *n* [U]: *the omnipotence of God*.

omnipresent /'ɒm'nɪpreznt/ *adj* (fml) hmunkim ih a ummi, umkimmi: *the omnipresent squalor, dread*.

omniscient /'ɒm'nɪʃɪənt/ *adj* (fml) ziangkim a thei thluhmi, theikimmi: *Christians believe that God is omniscient*.

▷ **omniscience** /-ʃɪəns/ *n* [U].

omnivorous /'ɒm'nɪvərəs/ *adj* (fml) **1** (of animals) sa le hnah a eitu ramsa pawl a simi: *Tiger is not omnivorous*. ○ *the omnivorous pig*. **2** (fig) cabu phunphun a siartu; TV program phunphun a zohtu: *an omnivorous reader*.

on¹ /ɒn/ *adv part 1* (For special uses with many *vs*, eg *hang on*, *go on*, *take sth on*, see the *v* entries) a pehzom ih thil tuahnakah, thansonakah: *She talked on for two hours without stopping*. ○ *He can work on without a break*. ○ *If you like a good story, read on*. ○ *They wanted the band to play on* ○ *The war still went on*, ie didn't end. ○ *He slept on through all the noise*. **2** (indicating movement forward or progress in

space or time) hmunhma le caan ah hmai nor: *run, walk, hurry on to the bus-stop*. ○ *Please send my letter on to my new address*. ○ *from that day on*, ie from then until now ○ *On with the show* (ie Let it begin/continue)! **3** (**a**) (of clothes) hnipuan hrak: *Put your coat on*. ○ *Why hasn't she got her glasses on?* ○ *Your hat's not on straight*. (**b**) a sin, a hren: *Make sure the lid is on*. ○ *Leave it with the cover on*. ○ *The skirt is finished — I'm now going to sew a pocket on*. Cf OFF² 2. **4** (**a**) (esp of electrical apparatus, etc or power supplies) nung, hman, tleuter: *The light were all on*. ○ *The TV is always on in their house*. ○ *Someone has left the tap on*, ie The water is running. ○ *I can smell gas — is the oven on?* ○ *leave the handbrake on*. (**b**) ngah theih, a pehzom: *We were without electricity for three hours but it's on again now*. ○ *Is the water on?* Cf OFF² 5. **5** (of a performance, play, etc) thil tuah rero: *The film was already on when we arrived*. ○ *The strike has been on now for six weeks*. **6** hmailam ih a cang dingmi, tuah ding ruatmi: *Is the match on at 2 pm or 3 pm?* ○ *The postal strike is still on*, ie has not been cancelled. Cf OFF² 4. **7** (Of programmes, films, entertainments, etc) piah (hmuh) rero laimi: *look in the TV guide to see what's on*. ○ *What's on at the cinema tonight?* ○ *There's a good play on at the local theatre*. ○ *What time is the news on?* **8** thil pakhat cang dingih timtuahmi: *Have we got anything* (ie any engagements, plans, etc) *on for this evening?* **9** (**a**) (of a performer) thuanthucawn cawng rero: *I'm on in five minutes*. ○ *What time is the group on?* (**b**) (of a worker) tuan rero: *The night nurse is/goes on at 7 pm*. Cf OFF² 6. **10** mawtawka tivek sungah lut, kai: *The coach-driver waited until everybody was on*. ○ *Four people got on*. **11** tawt, khiik: *enter the harbour broadside on* ○ *crash head on with a car* ○ *place it end on with the others*. **12** (idm) **be on** (infml) tuah taktak; a dikmi/cohlan tlakmi: *That just isn't on*. ○ *You're on/not on!* ie I accept/don't accept the proposition, bet, etc. **be on (for sth)** (infml) (thil pakhat) ah tel ve: *Are you on for the game?* **be/go/keep on about sth** (infml derog) ngainuam lo zet le mining zawng ih tong: *What's he on about now?* **be/go/keep on at sb (to do sth)** (infml derog) mi phunciar hnawh ih hnahnawhnak pek rero: *He was on at me again to lend him money*. Cf BE ONTO SB (ONTO). **later on** ⇨ LATE. **on and off** ⇨ OFF². **on and on** catbaang lo in, a pehpeh in: *He kept moaning on and on*. □ **on to prep** = ONTO.

on² /ɒn/ *prep* (For special uses in many idioms, eg *have pity on sb*, and phrasal verbs, eg *pin sth on sb*, see the *n* and *v* entries) **1** (also **upon**) (**a**) parah, tlunah: *a picture on the wall* ○ *a drawing on the blackboard* ○ *dirty marks on the ceiling* ○ *Leave the glasses on the table*. ○ *sit on the*

grass ○ leaves floating on the water ○ the diagram on Page 5 (Cf in the next chapter, paragraph) ○ stick a stamp on an envelope ○ a carpet on the floor ○ hit sb on the head ○ travel on the continent (Cf a country in Europe). (b) thil pakhat parah thlai aw, ben-aw ti vekih um: a roof on a house ○ stand on one foot ○ a spot on one's chin ○ a blister on one's foot ○ a ring on one's finger ○ lean on me/my arm ○ a flag on a pole ○ a coat on a hook ○ hanging on a string ○ a hat on one's head ○ sit on a chair ○ (fig) have sth on one's mind. **2** sung, sungin: on the plane from London to New York ○ have lunch on the train ○ travel on the bus, the tube, the coach, etc (Cf travel by bus, etc; sitting in the bus, etc). **3** (sued esp with pers prons) keng, nei, mi pakhat parah: Have you got any money on you? ○ The burglar was caught with the stolen money still on him. **4** (a) (indicating a time when sth happens; in US English often with on omitted) tikcu caan sim nakah: on Sunday(s) ○ on May the first ○ on the evening of May the first (Cf in the evening) ○ on this occasion ○ on a sunny day in August ○ on your birthday, New Year's day, Christmas day, etc. Cf IN² 3, AT 2. ⇒ Usage at TIME¹. (b) (also upon) a caan laifang/khel lo fangfang: On my arrival home I discovered the the burglary. ○ On (my) asking for information I was told I must wait. ○ on the death of his parents ○ on the unexpected news of his accident. **5** thawn pehpar in, ih thu: speak, write, lecture on Shakespeare ○ a lesson on philosophy ○ an essay on political econmy ○ a program on musicians. ⇒ Usage at ABOUT³. **6** (indicating membership of a group or an organization) pawlkom sungtel: on the committee, staff, jury, panel. ○ Which/Whose side are you on? ie Which of two or more opposing views do you support? **7** hmang rero, ei rero: Most cars run on petrol. ○ The doctor put me on these tablets. ○ live on bread and water ○ on (ie addicted to) heroin. **8** (indicating direction) lam pan in: marching on the capital ○ turn one's back on sb ○ pull/draw a knife on sb, ie to attack him. ○ creep up on sb ○ On the left you can see the palace. **9** (also upon) nai, kiangte (hmun le caan): a town on the coast ○ a house on the main road ○ village on the border ○ Just on (ie Almost exactly) a year ago I moved to London. ○ boats moored on both sides of the river ○ hedges on either side of the road. **10** (also upon) thu a hrambunnak, a ruangah: a story based on fact ○ On your advice I applied for the job. ○ You have it on my word, ie I promise you it will happen. **11** sumpai ih cawm awknak: live on a pension, one's savings, a student grant, etc ○ be on a low wage ○ feed a family on £20 a week ○ an operation on the National Health Service ○ (infml) Drinks are on me, ie I will pay

for them. **12** thil pakhat hmangin: play a tune on the recorder ○ broadcast on the TV/radio ○ speak on the telephone. **13** (also upon) (indicating an increase, esp of cost) thil man, ngunkhuai tivek pawl kai: a tax on tobacco ○ charge interest on the loan ○ a strain on our resources. **14** (indicating an activity, a purpose or a state) hnañuan le cangvaihnak ah: on business/holiday ○ go on an errand ○ on loan for a week ○ on special offer. **15** a bet aw; thlun in: suffer disaster on disaster ○ receive insult on insult. **once** /wʌns/ adv **1** voi khat; caan khat: I've only been there once. ○ He cleans a car once a week, a fortnight, etc, ie every week, every fortnight, etc. ○ She goes to see her parents in Scotland once every six months. **2** (a) a luan ciامي caan khat, vei khat lai ah: I once met your mother. ○ He once lived in Zambia. (b) hlan ah ... a rak si dah: This book was once famous, but nobody reads it today. **3** (in negative sentences or question) dah maw? dah lo: He never once/He didn't once offer to help. ○ Did she once show any sympathy? **4** (idm) all at once hmatekhat ah: All at once the door opened. ○ All at once she lost her temper. at once (a) atu rori: Come here at once! ○ I am leaving for Rome almost at once. (b) caan khat ah; a cuhi caan ah: Don't all speak at once! ○ I can't do two things at once ○ The film is at once humorous and moving. (just) for once; just this once hih caan lawngah, hih caante lawng: Just for once he arrived on time. ○ Be pleasant to each other — just this once. get/give sb/sth the once-over (infml) zamrang ih cekfel, hliakhlai: Before buying the car he gave it the once-over. ○ She felt his parents were giving her the once-over. once again; once more voi khat hrih, voi khat ten; voi khat tuah hrih: I'll tell you how to do it once again. ○ Amanda is home from college once again. once and for all netabik voikhat; voi khat tuah ih kumkhua daih: I'm warning you once and for all. ○ He's travelled a lot but he's now come back to Britain once and for all. once beaten, twice shy (saying) veikhat palhsual hnu ahcun cuvek tong nawn lo dingin ralring te'n a um: She certainly won't marry again — once beaten, twice shy. once in a blue moon (infml) a umdah tuk lo, lole, a umdah lo lawlaw: I see her once in a blue moon, hmuhton har zet tinak. (every) once in a while a caancaan te ah: Once in a while we go to a restaurant — but usually we eat at home. once more (a) tuihnu vei khat: Let's sing it once more. (b) = ONCE AGAIN. once or twice voikhat voihnih; malte: I don't know the place well, I've been there once or twice. once too often voi tampi: He had driven home drunk once too often — this time he got stopped by the police. once upon a time (used as the beginning of a fairy-tale) khuahlan lai ah: Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess....



you're only young once ⇒ ONLY².

▷ **once** conj tikah, vete'n: *Once you understand this rule, you'll have no further difficulty.* ○ *How would we cope once the money had gone?*

the once n [sing] (infml) voi khat lawng: *She's only done it the once so don't be too angry.*

oncoming /ɒŋkʌmɪŋ/ adj [attrib] pan, naih vivo, a thleng zikte mi: *oncoming traffic.*

▷ **oncoming** n [U] (fml) naih vivonak: *the oncoming of winter.*

one¹ /wʌn/ pron, det **1** pakhat, a paak: *I've got two brothers and one sister.* ○ *There's only one piece of cake left.* ○ *Book One, Chapter One*, ie the first chapter of the first book ○ *One of my friends live in Brighton.* ○ *One of the girls brought her sister.* **2** (a) (esp of periods of time) sawhkhiih mi caan pakhat: *one day/morning/afternoon/evening/night last week* ○ *One day* (ie At an indefinite time in the future) *you'll be glad she left you.* ○ *One morning in June....* (b) (used for emphasis and always stressed) ti bik nei ih simmi: *The one way to succeed is to work hard and live a healthy life.* ○ *No one of you could lift that piano*, ie Two or more of you would be needed. **3** (usu fml) (used with somebody's name to show that the speaker does not know the person) mi pakhat; pakhat pa: *One Tim Smith* (Cf *A Mr Smith*) *called to see you but you were out.* ○ *The author of the anonymous article turned out to be one Stanley Carter.* **4** (used with the other, another or other(s) to show a contrast) *the other, another, other(s)* timi pawl thawn ʔong ralsan ih hmanmi: *The two girls are so alike that strangers find it difficult to tell (the) one from the other.* ○ *I see you add the egg before the milk. That's one way of doing it*, ie suggesting there are other and possibly better ways. ○ *I'm sorry I can't help you. For one thing* (ie As a first reason) *I'm in a hurry, and for another I have a bad back.* **5** bang-aw; bangrepmi: *They all went off in one direction.* ○ *After the union meeting the workers were all of one mind*, ie all had the same opinion. **6** (infml esp US) (used instead of a or an to emphasize the n or phrase that follows it) a le an ai ih hmanmi a si: *That's one handsome guy.* ○ *It was one hell of a match*, ie a very good and exciting match. **7** (idm) **be all one to sb** ⇒ ALL³. **be at one** (with sb/sth) lungkim pi: *I'm at one with you/We are at one on this subject*, ie Our opinions are the same. **get one over sb/sth** (infml) a cuangmuar deuh; neh dingah lam a ong: *They got one over us in the end by deciding to speak in German.* **get sth in one** (infml) a thuhla sim thei lohli: *'We've to attract younger customers.'* *'Exactly, you've got it in one!'* **I, you, etc/sb for one** fiang zet in ... ka: *I for one have no doubt that he is lying.* ○ *lots of people would like to come — your mother for one.* (all) **in one** kom ʔheh: *He's President, Treasurer, and*

Sectetary in one. ○ [attrib] *the all-in-one first-aid kit for everyday use.* **one after another/the other** pakhat hnu pakhat. **one and all** (dated infml) zate'n; zozo khal: *A Happy New Year to one and all.* **one and only** lawnglawng; lawng rori: *You have always been my one and only true love.* ○ *Here he is — the one and only Frank Sinatra!* **one and the same** (used for emphasis) a bangrep timi uar deuh ih simnak: *One and the same idea occurred to each of them.* **one by one** pakhat pakhat in: *They entered the gate one by one.* **one or two** malte: *One or two people can't come.* **one up** (on/over sb) cuangmuar deuh, hleicee deuh: *Your experience as a sales assistant puts you one up on the other candidates.* For the uses of *one* see the examples at *five*.

▷ **one** n **1** nambat pakhat (1). **2** (idm) **number one** ⇒ NUMBER.

one- (in compounds) a hmai ih nganmi ih pakhat a sinak: *a one-act play* ○ *a one-piece swimsuit* ○ *a one-parent family.*

□ **one-armed bandit** = FRUIT MACHINE (FRUIT).

one-horse adj [attrib] **1** rang pakhat hmanmi: *a one-horse cart.* **2** (fig joc) a teenau ih a thupi lomi: *a one-horse town*, ie a quiet town without much business, entertainment, etc.

one-liner n (infml) lemcawn le hnihsuaksai ih capo tawite: *deliver some good one-liners.*

one-man band a mah lawngin veikhat ah thil phun hnih-thum a tumtu (lamzin kapih) awnmawi tumthiam: (fig) *I run business as a one-man band-just me and no one else.*

one-man show **1** minung tampi ʔulnak zawnah amah lawngte ih lemcawn tivek tuah ʔhehmi. **2** minung tampi ih ʔuan dingmi mah pakhat lawngih ʔuan ciamconak.

one-night stand **1** khua tampi tlawng vivo ih lemcawn a hmuhtu in khua pakhat ih an hmu (piah) mi. **2** (infml) caan tawite sung (a hleice in zan khat lawng) mipa nunau pawl-awknak: *I was hoping for a lasting affair, not just a one-night stand.*

one-off n, adj (thing) voi khat lawng tuah theimi (thil): *Her novel was just a one-off — she never wrote anything as good as that again.*

one p (also **1p**) (Brit) penny (pia) thar pakhat: [attrib] *Two one p stamps, please.*

one-sided adj **1** (esp of ideas, opinions, etc) khatlam lawng a ʔanmi: *a one-sided argument* ○ *His attitude towards the unemployed is very one-sided.* **2** (esp in sport, etc) khat lam pawl hnakin cak tuk: *It was a very one-sided game: our team won easily.* **one-sidedly** adv.

one-sidedness n [U].

one-time adj [attrib] vei khat lai; hlan deuh: *a one-time politician.*

one-to-one adj, adv pawlkom pahnhiih ih sungtel khat lam khatlam zoh tonnakk: *a one-to-one ratio between teachers and pupils* ○ *teaching one-to-*

one.

one-track mind thil pakhat, thu pakhat lawng a ruat theimi thinlung: *He's got a one-track mind — all he ever thinks about is sex!*

one-upmanship *n* (infml) [U] midang hleih thei daan.

one-way *adv, adj* [attrib] khat lam hoih lawngih fehnak: *I'll go by boat one way.* ○ *one-way traffic* ○ *a one-way street* ○ *a one-way* (ie not a return) ticket.

one² /wʌn/ *indef pron* **1** (used as the object of a *v* or *prep* to avoid *a* and the repetition of a *n*): *I forget to bring a pen. Can you lend me one?* (Cf *I can't find the pen I was given. Have you seen it?*) ○ *I haven't got any stamps. Could you give me one?* ○ *There have been a lot of accidents in the fog. I read about one this morning.* **2** ~ **of** (used with a *pl n* preceded by a *det*, eg *the, my, your, these*, etc to indicate a member of a class or group) sungin, lakin pakhat: *Mr Smith is not one of my customers.* ○ *She's knitting a jumper for one of her grandchildren.* ○ *He's staying with one of his friends* (Cf *a friend of his*). ○ *We think of you as one* (ie a member) *of the family.*

▷ **one** *n* (never taking main stress) **1** (used after *this, that, which* or as a 'prop-word' after an *adj* which cannot stand alone) *this, that, which* tivek thawn siseh, *adj* thawn siseh kop ih hmanmi: *I prefer that one.* ○ *Which ones have you read?* ○ *Your plan is a good one.* ○ *I need a bigger one.* ○ *Those shoes are too small. We must buy some new ones.* ○ *The chance was too good a one to miss.* ○ *Her new car goes faster than her old one.* **2** (used with a group of words that identify the person(s) or thing(s) being considered) ruatmi, simmi minung/thil, thu fianternakih hmanmi: *Our hotel is the one nearest the beach.* ○ *The boy who threw the stone is the one with curly hair.* ○ *Students who do well in examinations are the ones who ask questions in class.* **3** (idm) **a one** (infml esp Brit) (used to show amused surprise at sb's behaviour) rinlopi ih lungawi thinnom ternak tongkam: *You asked your teacher how old she was? You are a one!* ○ *He is a one, your son. Never out of trouble!* **the one about sb/sth** caponak: *Do you know/Have you heard the one about the bald policeman?*

NOTE ON USAGE: In formal speech or writing the use of the nouns **one/ones** in senses 1 and 2 is avoided in the following cases. **1** After a possessive (eg *your, Mary's*), unless it is followed by an adjective: *This is my car and that's my husband's.* ○ (with adjective) *My cheap camera takes better pictures than his expensive one.* **2** When two adjectives indicate a contrast: *compare British and/with American universities* (compare *British universities with American ones* is less formal). **3** After *these* and *those*: *Do*

you prefer these designs or those (more formal than *those ones*)? **One/Ones** may be used after *which*, even in formal speech, to distinguish singular from plural: *Here are the designs. Which one(s) do you prefer?* ie You can choose one or several of them.

one³ /wʌn/ *n* (used, esp *pl*, after an *adj*, to refer to a person or people not previously specified): *It's time the little one's were in bed.* ○ *pray to the Holy One* (ie God) *for forgiveness.*

▷ **one** *pron* (fml) **1** mi pakhat: *He worked like one possessed*, ie someone possessed by a spirit. ○ *She was never one to gossip*, ie who would gossip. ○ *He's not one who is easily frightened.* ○ *John is one who must certainly be invited.* **2** (idm) **(be) one for (doing) sth** thil pakhat a ti thatu, caan reipi pe ih a tuahsuaktu: *She's a great one for (solving) puzzles.*

□ **one another** pakhat le pakhat: *We help one another with the extra work in the summer.* ○ *listening to one another's records.*

one⁴ /wʌn/ *pers pron* (fml) (used as the subject or object of a *v*, or after a *prep* to refer to people generally, including the speaker or writer) khih hmuhtu bulce nei lo in a tlangpi thu ih hmannak: *In these circumstances one prefers to be alone.* ○ *A little delay will give one time to prepare.* ○ *One must be sure of one's facts before making a public accusation.* ○ (US) *One does not like to have his word doubted.*

onerous /ˈɒnərəs/ *adj* (fml) a har zetmi; thilrit a simi; zuaa a ʔul zetmi: *onerous duties* ○ *This is the most onerous task I have ever undertaken.*

oneself /wʌn'self/ *reflex, emph pron* (only taking the main stress in sentences when used emphatically) mah le mah, mahte. **1** (reflex) (used when people in general cause and are also affected by an action) a tlangpi thu in: *one's ability to wash and dress oneself.* **2** (emph) (used to emphasize *one*) sawhkhil a nei: *One could easily arrange it all oneself.* **3** (idm) **(all) by oneself** (a) mahte lawng. (b) bomnak um loin.

ongoing /ˈɒŋɡəʊɪŋ/ *adj* [esp attrib] a pehzom ih nung, thang: *an ongoing debate* ○ *programme of research.*

onion /ˈɒniən/ *n* **1** (a) [C] khasuan sen; piat: *Spanish onions* ○ *a crop of onions* ○ *spring onions, etc.* (b) [C, U] khasuan sen ih tuahmi rawl hme: *chop onions to make a sauce* ○ *too much onion in the salad* ○ [attrib] *French onion soup.* **2** (idm) **know one's onions/stuff** ⇨ **KNOW.**

on-line /ˈɒnˈlaɪn/ *adj* (computing) kompiuta ah pehmi; kompiuta in tuahmi: *an on-line ticket booking system* ○ *We've been on-line* (ie have had on-line equipment) *for about a year now.*

onlooker /ˈɒnlʊkə(r)/ *n* a zohtu; puai zohtu: *By the time the ambulance had arrived, a crowd of onlookers have gathered.*

only¹ /əʊnli/ *adj* [attrib] **1** lawng, mahlawng, pakhat lawng: *She was the only person able to do it.* ○ *His only answer was a grunt.* ○ *This is the only painting in this style that we have.* ○ *We were the only people there.* **2** (infml) ruah tlak bik; a tha bik: *She's the only woman for the job.* ○ *She says Italy is the only place to go for a holiday.* **3** (idm) **one day only** ⇒ ONE¹. **an only child** fa neihsun: *My mother was an only child* ○ *Only children are sometimes spoilt.*

only² /əʊnli/ *adv* **1** (modifies a word or phrase and is placed close to it in written or formal spoken style; etc is modified, so that *only* may have various positions) a simmi hoih zawngin sullam a nei vivo: *I only saw Mary*, ie I saw Mary and no one else. ○ (fml) *I saw only Mary.* ○ *I only saw Mary*, ie I saw her but I didn't speak to her. ○ *Only members may use the bar.* ○ *Only five people were hurt in the accident; the rest were uninjured.* ○ *He only lives just round the corner.* ○ *We only waited a few minutes but it seemed like hours.* ○ *Women only*, eg on a sign or poster. ○ *We can only guess* (ie We cannot be certain about) *what happened.* **2** (idm) **for X's eyes only** ⇒ EYE¹. **if only** ⇒ IF. **not only ... but also** lawng si loin ... khal: *He not only read the book, but also remembered what he read.* **only have eyes for sb/have eyes only for sb** ⇒ EYE. **only just** (a) tu baite, tu pekte: *We've only just arrived.* ○ *I've only just moved to London.* (b) lo zikte, daih fangfang: *He only just caught the train.* ○ *I've enough milk for the coffee — but only just.* **only too** (with an *adj* or *pp*) zet, ngaingai: *I shall be only too pleased to get home.* ○ *That's only too true, I'm afraid*, ie really true, and not untrue as the speaker might have hoped or wanted. **you're only young once** (saying) no lai caan nuam le mannei ih hman ding: *Enjoy the disco — you're only young once.*

only³ /əʊnli/ *conj* (infml) (a) amah lawngte; a sinan: *I'd love to come, only I have to work.* ○ *This book's very good, only it's rather expensive.* ○ *He's always, making promises, only he never keeps them.* (b) rak si ta hlah sehla: *He would probably do well in the examinations only he gets very nervous.*

ono /əʊ en 'əʊ/ *abbr* (Brit) (esp in classified advertisements) a man ngenmi hnakin a tum deuh theimen: *lady's bike £25 ono*, ie the seller might accept £20.

onomatopoeia /ɒnəmətə'piə/ *n* [U] a awsuah daan thlun ih a hmin sakmi, eg hiss, cuckoo, thud; tlirlung, tlirlung ti ih a awnmi vate cu tlirlung tin an ko.

▷ **onomatopoeic** /-iːk/ *adj*: 'Sizzle' and 'hush' are onomatopoeic words.

onrush /ɒnrʌʃ/ *n* [sing] (fml) cak zet/hmakhat ih hmainor; cu vekih luang: *an onrush of water* ○ *the onrush of powerful feelings.*

onset /ɒnset/ *n* [sing] (nuam lozet le nasazet ih) hramthawhnak: *the onset of winter* ○ *The onset of a disease.*

onshore /ɒnʃɔː(r)/ *adj* [usu attrib] *adv* (a) (of wind) tipi ihsin tikap lamih a hrangmi (thli): *an onshore breeze.* (b) tipi kapah, tipi kap nai ah: *an onshore development.*

onside /ɒn'saɪd/ *adj* [usu pred] *adv* (sport) mai lehnak dinhmun ih a lekmi: *He was definitely onside when he scored that goal.* ○ *The referee declared him onside.* Cf OFFSIDE¹.

onslaught /ɒnslɔːt/ *n* ~ (on sb/sth) tihnung zet ih siim, do: *They survived on onslaught by tribesmen.* ○ (fig) *an onslaught on government housing policies.*

on-stage /ɒn'steɪdʒ/ *adj, adv* lemcaun hmuhnak donsang parah, mipi hmuh ah: *three actors on-stage* ○ *She walked slowly on-stage.*

onto (also **on to**) /ɒntə, before vowels and finally 'ɒntuː/ *prep* **1** parah: *move the books onto the second shelf* ○ *step out of the train onto the platform* ○ *Water was dripping onto the floor.* ○ *The crowd ran onto the pitch.* ○ *The child climbed up onto his father's shoulders.* Cf OFF³ 1. **2** (phr v) **be onto sb** (a) (infml) mi tha lo a dung ihsin dawi: *The police are onto him about the stolen paintings.* (b) thil tuah dingah sim: *Have you been onto the solicitor yet?* ○ *My mother's been onto me about the mess in my room.* Cf GET ONTO SB (GET). **be onto sth** thil thupi hmuhsuahnak ih a tulmi theih theinak: *When did you realize you were onto something really big?*

ontology /ɒn'tɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] (philosophy) a um timi ih sizia zirnak.

▷ **antological** *adj*: *ontological speculations.*

onus /əʊnəs/ *n* the **onus** [sing] (fml) tuanvo, thilrit: *the onus of bringing up five children* ○ *The onus of proof rests/lies with you*, ie You must prove what you say.

onyx /ɒnɪks/ *n* [U] a sungah pianhmang phunphun a neimi lungvar phun khat; oniks lungvar: [attrib] *an onyx paperweight.*

oodles /uːdlz/ *n* [pl] (infml) tam zet; (thil) tam zet: *oodles of hot water* ○ *oodles of money.*

oomph /ʊmf/ *n* (infml) thathawhnak; mipa nunau hiip-awk theinak: *Marilyn Monroe had lots of oomph.*

ooze /uːz/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **from/out of sth**; ~ **out/away** (of thick liquids) nuamten a pawt, a luang, a ziam: *All the toothpaste had oozed out.* ○ *Black oil was oozing out of the engine.* ○ *Blood was still oozing from the wound.* ○ (fig) *Their courage was oozing away.* **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (with sth) nuamten pawtter, luangter: *toast oozing with butter* ○ *The wound was oozing pus.* ○ (fig) *She was simply oozing (with) charm.* ○ *They oozed confidence*, ie showed it freely. Usage at ⇒ DRIP¹.

- ▷ **ooze** /u:z/ *n* **1** [U] ciarbek (a hleice in tiva le tili tawnee ih um). **2** [sing] (*fml*) nuamte ih a luangmi: *the ooze of pus from a wound*.
- op** /ɒp/ *n* (*infml*) = OPERATION 3.
- op** (also **Op**) *abbr* opus: *Beethoven's Piano Sonata No 30 in E major, Op 109*.
- opacity** /ə'pæsəti/ (also **opaqueness**) *n* [U] tleu ih pahtlang thei lonak: *the opacity of frosted glass*.
- opal** /əʊpl/ *n* a pianhmang a thleng aw theimi lungvar phunkhat: *a bracelet made of opals* ○ [attrib] *an opal ring*.
- ▷ **opalescent** /əʊpə'lesnt/ *adj* (*fml*) opal lungvar vekih pian hmang a thleng aw theimi: *an opalescent silky material*.
- opaque** /əʊ'peik/ *adj* **1** tleu ih pahtlang thei lomi: *opaque glass* ○ *an opaque lens*. **2** (of a statement, piece of writing, etc) a fiang lomi; theih a harmi (thusim, cangan): *I felt his report was deliberately opaque*.
- ▷ **opaquely** *adv*.
- opaqueness** (also **opacity**) *n* [U]: *the opaqueness of her reasoning*.
- op art** /ɒp ɑ:t/ (also **optical art**) mit a bum theitu thil tuahmi.
- op cit** /ɒp 'sɪt/ *abbr* sirhsan ih laak zomi cabu (Latin *opere citato*). Cf LOC CIT.
- OPEC** /ə'pek/ *abbr* Organingation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Petrol zuarsuak theitu ram pawl).
- open**¹ /əʊpən/ *adj* **1** ong: *leave the door open* ○ *The door burst open and the children rushed in*. ○ *sleep in a room with the windows open* ○ *with both eyes open* ○ *The dog escaped through the open gate*. **2** [usu attrib] phen lo, kham lo, kulh lomi: *He prefers open fires to stoves or radiators*. ○ *open country*, ie without forests, buildings, etc ○ *open fields* ○ *an open stretch of moor* ○ *crack open a nut* ○ *break open a safe*. **3** [usu pred] hnaʔuannak hrangih ong: *The banks aren't open yet*. ○ *The shop isn't open on Sundays*. ○ *Doors open* (eg of a theatre) at 7.00pm. ○ *Is the new school open yet?* ○ *She declared the festival open*. ○ *He kept two bank accounts open*. **4** (a) pharh; parh kau-aw; ong-aw: *The flowers are all open now*. ○ *The book lay open on the table*. (b) sih lo, hren lo: *an open shirt* ○ *a blouse open at the neck* ○ *His coat was open*. **5** [attrib] khuh lo, sin lomi: *an open car*, ie one with no roof or with a roof that is folded back ○ *an open wound*, ie one in which the skin is broken or damaged ○ *He has open sores all over his arms*. ○ *an open drain/sewer*. **6** ~ (to sb/sth) tel thei cio dingih onmi: *an open competition, championship, scholarship* ○ *The garden is open to the public*. ○ *She was tried in open court*, ie with the public being freely admitted to hear the trial. **7** (a) thup lo (thuh lomi); zapi theihmi: *an open quarrel, scandal, etc* ○ *the lovers' open display of affection*. (b) fiangte in sim duh; thinlung thup um loin: *an open character* ○ *He was quite open about his reasons for leaving*. **8** rel cat loih taan tami: *Let's leave the matter open*. ○ *Is the job/vacancy/position still open* (ie available, unfilled)? **9** [usu attrib] (of cloth, etc) kaang pipi ih ʔhitmi (hnipuan): *an open texture/weave*. **10** (idm) **an open secret** than le theihpi a si hrih lo nan, mizapi ih rak theih zomi (thu thup puangzaar): *Their love affair is an open secret*. **be/lay oneself (wide) open to sth** soisel ding um: *Don't lay yourself open to attack*. ○ *You're laying yourself wide open to accusations of dishonesty*. **be open to offer/offers** thil leitu ih pek duh zet lungkimnak: *We haven't decided on a price but we're open to offers*. **have/keep an open mind (about/on sth)** ruahnak thar, midang pekmi ruahnak a cohlang duhtu: *I'm not convinced your idea will work, but I'll keep an open mind for the moment*. **in the open air** a leng lamah: *picnics, crusades in the open air*. **keep one's ears/eyes/open** zamrang in thil a hmu thei, a thei theimi (a hriohrip mi). **keep an eye open/out** ⇒ EYE¹. **keep one's eyes open/peeled/skinned** ⇒ EYE¹. **keep open house** mileng le mikhual rak cohlang ʔha ringring. **keep/leave one's options open** ⇒ OPTION. **keep a weather eye open** ⇒ WEATHER¹. **leave the door open** ⇒ LEAVE¹. **an open book** thuthup nei lo ih a simtu, a thinlung theih a olmi: *His mind is an open book*. **open Sesame** (magic words used in one of the Arabian Nights stories to cause a door to open) Arabian Nights thuanthu sungah sangka onter theinak dawi ʔong (ʔongthup). **an open sesame (to sth)** ngah a har ʔheumi ol deuh ih ngah theinak lamzin: *Being the boss's daughter is not an open sesame to every well-paid job in the firm*. **open to sb** a hrangih a cang theimi: *It seems to me that there are only two options open to her*. **open to sth** thil pakhat cohlang duh: *open to suggestions* ○ *open to conviction*, ie willing to be persuaded about sth. **throw sth open (to sb)** mi zapi hrangih tuahsakmi thil: *throw the debate open to the audience* ○ *throw one's house open to the public*. **wide open** ⇒ WIDE. **with one's eyes open** ⇒ EYE¹. **with open arms** duhdawtnak le thathawhnak thawn: *He welcome us with open arms*.
- ▷ **the open** *n* [sing] **1** hramlak; inn le hnahnok um lonak hmun: *The children love playing in the open*. Cf IN THE OPEN AIR. **2** (idm) **bring sth/be/come (out) in (to) open** (thuthup pawl) mi zapi theih dingih cang, cang ko tuah: *Now the scandal is out in the open, the president will have a lot of questions to answer*.
- openly** *adv* thup loin; zapi theih in; lungthin rangte in: *discuss a subject openly* ○ *go somewhere openly*, ie where one might be expected to go secretly.

openness thinlung thianggih tuahnak; thup neih lonak: *n* [U] *They were surprised by her openness when talking about her private life.*

□ **open-air** *adj* [attrib] hramlak ah, a lenglam ah: *an open-air swimming-pool* ○ *an open-air party.*

open-and-shut *adj* a fiang tukmi, olte ih relcat theimi: *As far as I can see the whole matter is open-and-shut.* ○ *He's obviously guilty — it's an open-and-shut case.*

opencast *adj* [usu attrib] (of mines or mining) leilung sung thil mankhung lainnak ah leiphah a hun naihnak zawn: *opencast coal-mining.* Cf DEEP-MINED (DEEP²).

open cheque paisa suah thinak chek lethmat (cahnah) (CROSS² 4).

open day khar theumi hmun zapi zoh thei ni: *an open day at the village school.*

open-ended *adj* rikhiahnak, hrekhhawnnak, tumcianak um loin: *an open-ended contract* ○ *an open-ended discussion.*

open-eyed *adj* (a) mit meng in; mit kau ter in: *an open-eyed in the terror.* (b) hriohrip; hliplau; ralring ih um.

open-handed *adj* terhsiang; a lakih pek.

open-handedly *adv.* **open-handedness** *n* [U].

open-hearted *adj* tluangtlam.

open-heart surgery (medical) cet thawn thii an fehter rero lai ah sibawi in lungnat a rainak.

open letter cakuat asinan mipi theih dingah thuthang ca tivekih suahcih dingih tumtahmi lungkim lonak cakuat: *The students wrote an open letter to the Minister of Education.*

open-minded *adj* ruahnak thar a cohlang duhmi; thinlung fiakceplomi: *He wished his parents were more open-minded on political issues.*

open-mouthed mangbang ruangih ka-aang: *The child stared open-mouthed at the huge cake.*

open-plan *adj* a sunglam khaan dan phar a um cuca lomi (inn): *the lack of privacy in an open-plan office.*

open prison thawngtla pawl zalennak a um deuhmi thawnginn.

open question hmuhdaan le ruahdaan a phunphun a um theimi thuhla; leh hrih lomi thusuhnak: *How many people will lose their jobs is an open question.*

open sandwich a tlunah sa le hnawikhal retmi sangphek (pawnghmuk at): *a Danish open sandwich.*

the open sea leilung thawn a hlatnak tipi sehvel (kiangkak): *Sail in and out of bays — not in the open sea.*

the open season kumkhat sungah nga le ramsa kai le kap thei dingih on caan: *October to February is the open season for pheasants in Britain.*

the Open University (Brit) lamhlat ihsin zir

theihnak Phunsang Tlawng.

open verdict ziang ruangah a thi timi a sim fiang lomi thuthentu ih thuthen catnak.

open vowel (phonetics) lei niamter ih aw suahmi aw-phei, eg /a:/, /ɒ/.

open-work *n* [U] thitnak karlak zuahmi; hmunhma-kaan ih (thir tivek) benmi: [attrib] *open-work lace* ○ *open-work wrought iron.*

open² /əʊpən/ *v* 1 (a) [I, Ip] ong-aw (amah le mah ti vek): *Does the window open inwards or outwards?* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ong: *Open your coat.* ○ *open a box, parcel, envelope, etc* ○ *She open the door for me to let me in.* ○ *open the window a crack/fraction/bit/little*, ie open it slightly. 2

[Tn, Tn-pr] *vt* tan, vit ih ongter: *open a mine, well, tunnel, etc* ○ *open a new road through a forest.* 3 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-p] *vi*, *vt* ~ (sth) (out) pharh: *The flowers are opening (out).* ○ *open a book, a newspaper, etc* ○ *open (out) a map on the table* ○ *open your hand* — *I know you're hiding something.* 4 (a) [Tn] thok: *open account*, eg at a bank ○ *open a meeting, a debate, etc.*

(b) [I, Tn] (dawr ti vek) ong; hramthok: *Another supermarket opened last week.* ○ *Banks don't open on Sundays.* ○ *open a business, new shop, hospital, etc.* (c) [Tn] onnak (apnak) tuah: *open a garden fête* ○ *The Queen opens Parliament.*

5 (idm) **the heavens opened** ⇨ HEAVEN. **open one's/sb's eyes (to sth)** mit vaangter: *Foreign travel opened his eyes to provety for the first time.*

open fire (at/on sb/sth) kap thok: *He ordered his men to open fire.* **open the floodgates (of sth)** a hlanah caangkhai thei lo ih tuahmi

thinlung, siatnak, ralthawhnak tivek pawl thlah, phoih. **open one's heart/mind to sb** thinlung tuarnak le ruahnak pawl zalong zet ih sim le reel. 6 (phr v) **open into/onto sth** hmaiton; thlenpi: *This door opens only to the garden.* ○ *The two rooms open into one another.* **open out**

(a) kau sin; hmuh theih ih cang: *The road opened out into a dual carriageway.* ○ *The view opened out in front of us as the fog cleared.* (b) mi-sinak ih thanglian: *She opened out a lot while she was staying with us.* **open (sth) up; open up** (infrm)

thuhmi um lo ih sim le reel: *After a few drinks he began to open up a bit.* (a) ongter: *Coughing like that might open up your wound.* (b) thansonak hrangih (thil pakhat semrem ternak): *New mines are opening up.* ○ *open up undeveloped land, new territory, etc.* ○ *His stories opened up new worlds of the imagination.*

(c) (thil pakhat kha) hnaŋuan thokter: *open up a new restaurant* ○ *He never opens shop on a Sunday.* **open sth up** a fun kheh, a tuam ong, phoih: *open up a package* ○ *open up the boot of a car* ○ *open up an unused room* ○ 'Open up!' (ie 'Unlock the door!') *shouted the police officer.*

open (sth) with sth thil pakhat thawn hramthok: *The story opens with a murder.* ○ *He opened the*

conference with a speech.

▷ **opener** /əʊpnə(r)/ *n* (usu in compounds) **1** thil sin onnak: *a tin-opener* ○ *a bottle-opener*. **2** (idm) **for openers** (US infml) a hramthawhnak ah: *For openers we'll get rid of this old furniture*.

opening /əʊpnɪŋ/ *n* **1** [C] thil pakhat ongter ih tuahmi lamzin; tlolak ong: *an opening in a fence, hedge, etc* ○ *an opening in the clouds*. **2** [C esp sing] hram thawhnak: *the opening of a book, speech, film, etc*. **3** [sing] pharh; onnak: *the opening of a flower* ○ *the opening of new library*. **4** [C] (zung innpi ti vek) phuannak; phuannak puai: *Many attended the opening of the new sports centre*. **5** [C] (a) a lawngmi hnaŋuan (ŋuan hmun): *an opening in an advertising agency* ○ *There are few openings for the new graduates*. (b) tuahnak, simnak hrangih caan ŋa: *excellent openings for trade*. ○ *The last speaker gave me the opening I was waiting for*.

▷ **opening** *adj* [attrib] a hmaisa bik, pakhatnak: *his opening remarks* ○ *the opening scene of a film*.

□ **opening night** lemcawn/lemnung an hmuh (pia) hmaisa bik zan (fakseltu pawl tla an sawm): *The princess attended the opening night of the opera*.

opening-time *n* inmi thil pawl zuarnak dawr an ong ih an zwar thok caan.

opera /ɒpə/ *n* **1** [C] ŋong ding pawl kha hla in sakmi lemcawn: *an opera by Wagner* ○ *Verdi's later operas*. **2** [U] mi senpi hrangih lemcawn hnaŋuan: *We're very fond of opera*. ○ *sing in comic opera* ○ *grand* (ie serious) *opera* ○ *light* (ie not serious) *opera* ○ *tickets for the opera* ○ [attrib] *the opera season*. **3** [C] opera lemcawn tawlreltu, neitu (kampani): *The Vienna State Opera*.

▷ **operatic** /ɒpəˈrætɪk/ *adj* opera thawn pehpar awmi; opera hrangah: *operatic music, singers, scores, arias*.

□ **opera-glasses** *n* [pl] lemcawn zoh nakih hmanmi durbing fate.

opera-house *n* opera lemcawn hmuhnak innpi.

operate /ɒpəreɪt/ *v* **1** (a) [I] (fml) ŋuan; cangvai: *This machine operates night and day*. ○ *The lift was not operating properly*. (b) [Tn] cangvaiter; nunger; ŋuanter; kil: *operate machinery* ○ *He operates the lift*. ○ *The kettle is operated by electricity*. **2** [I, Ipr, It] thil pakhat kha suahter; zaizanter: *The system operates in five countries*. ○ *The new law operates to our advantage*. ○ *Several courses operated to bring about the war*. **3** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (from sth) sum tuah; pursum leilawn ŋuan; ŋuanrel: *The company operates from offices in London*. ○ *They operate three factories and a huge warehouse*. **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) (for sth) taksa rai, at: *The doctors decided to operate (on her) immediately*. **5** [I, Ipr] (of soldiers, the police, etc) raldo: *bombers operating*

from bases in the North. ○ *Police are operating on this motorway*.

▷ **operable** /ɒpərəbl/ *adj* at, rai ŋulmi, rai theihmi: *operable diseases of the chest* ○ *The tumour is operable*.

□ **operating system** caan khatte ah kompeuŋa program tampi tuah theinak.

operating-table *n* sibawi pawl ih mi an rainak mina ihnak cabuai saupi: *The patient died on the operating table*.

operating-theatre *n* (also esp US **operating room**) mi rainak khaan.

operation /ɒpəˈreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] hnaŋuan, thil tuahzia: *I can use a word processor but I don't understand its operation*. **2** [C] minung tampi tel ih ŋuannak, cangvaihnak: *mount a rescue operation* ○ *at each stage of the massive police operation* ○ *The entire operation will take about five days*. **3** (also op) [C] ~ (on sb) (for sth); ~ (to do sth) (medical) sibawi in mina taksa rai, at: *undergo an operation for appendicitis* ○ *perform an operation to amputate his leg* ○ *a liver transplant operation*. **4** [C] hnaŋuan kampani: *a huge multinational electronics operation*. **5** (a) [C usu pl] (also ops) raldonak/ training zirnak ih vanzam, tangphawlawng, kefeh ralkap tivek pawl a burbur ih cangvaihnak: *the officer in charge of operations*. (b) **Operation** [sing] (used as part of a code name for military campaigns) raldo nakih hmanmi hmin thup: *Operation Overlord*. (c) [C usu pl] hnaŋuan tumpipi ih cangvaihnak: *involved in building, banking, business operations* ○ *operations research*, ie study of business operations to improve efficiency in industry. **6** [C] (mathematics) a dir, a kom, a zai, a zem, tivek pawl. **7** (idm) **be in operation; bring sth/come into operation** (thil pakhat) cang suakter: *When does the plan come into operation?* ○ *Is this rule in operation yet?*

▷ **operational** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* (fml) **1** operation thawn pehpar aw in; ... hrangah hmanmi: *early operational problems* ○ *operational cost/ expenditure*, ie money needed for operating (machines, etc). **2** hman dingah a tiar-aw mi; cangvai dingih a tiar-aw mi: *The telephone is fully operational again*. ○ *The squadron is not yet operational*.

□ **operations room** raldonak pawl uk (control) nak khaan.

operative /ɒpəreɪtɪv; US -reɪt-/ *adj* (fml) **1** [usu pred] a ŋuanmi; a caangmi; hman mi: *This law becomes operative on 12 May*. *The station will be operative again in January*. ○ *The oil rig is now fully operative*. **2** (idm) **the operative word** ŋongfang langcuang bik: *The boss is hopping mad about it — and 'mad' is the operative word*.

operator /ɒpəreɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** cet le cet thil pawl a tawng thamtu, a mawngtu: *a lift operator* ○ *a*

computer operator. **2** telephone le radio a kaitu le thantu: *Dial 100 for the operator.* **3** hnaʔuan thupi le cetzung tivek a neitu, a ʔuantu: *a private operator in civil aviation* ○ *Our holiday was cancelled when the travel operator went bankrupt.* **4** (infml esp derog) phundang zet ih a nungcangmi minung: *He's a smooth/slick/shrewd/clever operator.*

operetta /ˈɒpəˈretə/ *n* a nuam ih a zaangkhaumi awnmawi thawn tuahmi capotawi.

ophthalmic /ˈɒfθəlˈmɪk/ *adj* (medical) mit thawn a peh parmi: *ophthalmic surgery.*

□ **ophthalmic optician** = OPTICIAN 2.

ophthalmology /ˈɒfθəlˈmɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] (medical) mit le mitnat thu zirfelnak.

▷ **ophthalmologist** *n* mit sibawi: *the ophthalmologist at our local eye clinic.*

ophthalmoscope /ˈɒfθəlˈmɒskəʊp/ *n* (medical) mit sunglam zohnak thil.

opiate /əˈpiət/ *n* (fml) bing a telmi ihhmu sii (nat tuar nuamter nakah tla an hman): *become addicted to opiates* ○ (fig derog) *the opiate of all-day television.*

opinion /əˈpiːnɪən/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (of/about sb/sth) ruahnak; hmuhdan: *political opinions* ○ *What's your opinion of the new President?* ○ *The chairman's opinion should be sought.* ○ *He was asked to give his honest opinion.* **2** [U] a tlangpi thu in mipi hmuh daan: *Opinion is shifting in favour of the new scheme.* ○ *The project seems excellent, but local opinion is against it.* **3** [C] mifim ih ruahnak pekmi: *get a lawyer's opinion on the question* ○ *You'd better get a second opinion before you let that man take out all your teeth.* **4** (idm) **be of the opinion that...** (fml) Cutin zum, ruat...: *I'm of the opinion that he is right.* **one's considered opinion** ⇒ CONSIDER. **have a good, bad, high, low, etc opinion of sb/sth** ruat ʔhalo...: *The boss has a high opinion of her.* ○ *She has a rather poor opinion of your written work.* **in my your, etc opinion** ka hmuh daan, ka ruah dan ahcun: *In my opinion add in the opinion of most people, it is a very sound investment.* **a matter of opinion** ⇒ MATTER¹.

▷ **opinionated** (also **self-opinionated**) *adj* (derog) ruahnak khoh zet; mai ruahnak lawng thupi ih ruatmi: *a self-opinionated young fool* ○ *He is the most opinionated man I know.*

□ **opinion poll** = POLL¹ 2.

opium /əˈpiːəm/ *n* [U] bing: *opium smuggling.*

opposum /əˈpɒsəm/ (US **possum** /ˈpɒsəm/) *n* America le Australia ram ih thingkung par um pum-fa-zawi a tee pawl.

opp abbr opposite.

opponent /əˈpəʊnənt/ *n* (a) ~ (at/in sth) dotu; khat lamih ʔangmi poh: *our opponents in Saturday's game* ○ *a political opponent* ○ *Her opponent left the tennis court in tears.* (b) ~ (of sth) thil phun khat a dokalhtu: *a fierce opponent of*

nuclear arms ○ *opponents of abortion.*

opportune /ˈɒpətjuːn; US -tuːn/ *adj* (fml) **1** (of time) caan remcaang: *arrive at an opportune moment.* **2** (of an action or event) caan remcaang ih tuahmi, rami: *an opportune remark, statement, etc.* ○ *Your arrival was most opportune.*

▷ **opportune** *adv.*

opportunism /ˈɒpətjuːnɪzəm; US -tuːn-/ *n* [U] (esp derog) ningzak loin mai zawn lawng ruahnak: *political opportunism* ○ *a record of shameless opportunism.*

▷ **opportunist** *n* (esp derog) mai zawn lawng a ruattu minung: *There were many opportunists and few men of principle.*

opportunity /ˈɒpətjuːnəti; US -tuːn-/ *n* [C, U] **1** ~ (for/of doing sth); ~ (to do sth) caan ʔha; can remcaang: *have/get/find an opportunity* ○ *have few opportunities of meeting interesting people* ○ *have no/little/not much opportunity for hearing good music* ○ *a great, golden, marvellous, etc opportunity to travel* ○ *I had no opportunity to discuss it with her.* ○ *Don't miss this opportunity: it may never come again.* ⇒ Usage at OCCASION.

2 (idm) **take the opportunity to do sth/of doing sth** caan ʔha, caan remcaang laaikh hman: *Let me take this opportunity to say a few words.* ○ *We took the opportunity of visiting the palace.*

oppose /əˈpəʊz/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) lungkim lo zetnak langter; do, el, ralsan: *oppose the building of a motorway* ○ *oppose a scheme* ○ *oppose the Government* ○ *He opposed the proposal to build a new hall.* (b) (fml) (mi pakhat) zuam: *Who is opposing you in the match?* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ sth; to/against sth (fml) eltai, ralsan ih him: *Do not oppose your will against mine.*

▷ **opposed** *adj* **1** ~ to sth duh lo zet; napin el: *She seems very much opposed to your going abroad.* **2** (idm) **as opposed to** kalhkeh in; linglet in: *I am here on business as opposed to a holiday.*

opposite /ˈɒpəzɪt/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] ~ (to sb/sth) ralkah; khat lam: *on the opposite page* ○ *In England you must drive on the opposite side of the road to the rest of Europe.* ○ *John and Mary sat at opposite ends of the table (to each other).* ○ *This is Number 6, so Number 13 must be on the opposite side of the street.* **2** (used after the *n*) simmi thil (minung hmai/ralkah ah): *I asked the man opposite if he would open the door.* ○ *I could see smoke coming out of the windows of the house opposite.* ○ *Can you see where the grammar books are? The dictionaries are on the shelf directly opposite.* **3** [attrib] a lamdang rori mi; a ralsan mi: *travelling in opposite directions* ○ *contact with the different sex*, ie of men with women or women with men ○ *The opposite approach is to use a bilingual dictionary.*

▷ **opposite** *adv*: *There's a couple who live*

opposite. ○ *The woman sitting opposing opposite is a detective.*

opposite prep ~ (to) **sb/sth** 1 ralden; hmaiton: *I sat opposite to him during the meal.* ○ *The bank is opposite the supermarket.* ○ *Put the wardrobe in the corner opposite the door.* 2 (of actors) lemcawn lemnung tivekah mi pakhat thawn tñan tlang: *She had always dreamed of appearing opposite Olivier.*

opposite n ~ (of sth) a ralden awmi thil; a dang-aw zetmi thil: *Hot and cold are opposites.* ○ *Light is the opposite of heavy.* ○ *I thought she would be small and pretty but she's completely the opposite.*

□ **one's opposite number** mai hñañuan vek hmundang ih a rak tñan vetu: *talks with her opposite number in the White House.*

opposition /ˌɒpəˈziʃn/ n 1 [U] ~ (to sb/sth) ralsannak; dodalnak: *violent opposition to the new committee* ○ *There's not much opposition to the scheme.* ○ *Her proposal met with strong opposition.* ○ *The army came up against fierce opposition in every town.* 2 [Gp] dodaltu, zuamtu; raltu: *The opposition have a strong defence.* ○ *Before setting up in business, she wanted to get to know the opposition.* 3 **the Opposition** [Gp] (politics esp Brit) kumpi (cozah) a kaitu ih khatlam tñang, dodaltu paṭi (party) sungih (MP pawl): *We need an effective Opposition.* ○ *the leader of the Opposition* ○ [attrib] *the Opposition benches*, ie seats where MPs of the Opposition sit in Parliament ○ [attrib] *Opposition MPs are few in number.* 4 (idm) **in opposition (to sb/sth) (a)** kalhkeh: *We found ourselves in opposition to several friends on this issue.* (b) *khatlam-tñang paṭi dinsuahnak: The Conservative party was in opposition for the first time in years.*

oppress /əˈpres/ v [Tn esp passive] 1 namneh; dik lo le namsuk ih uk: *The people are oppressed by the communist government.* ○ *Women are often oppressed by men.* 2 nuam lo ko ih tuah: *The heat oppressed and made him ill.* ○ *oppressed with anxiety, worry, poverty, etc.*

▷ **oppressed** adj a dik lo le zaangfahnak nei lo ih namneh mi: *an oppressee people, group, class, etc.* **the oppressed** n [pl v] namneh mi minung: *the oppressed of the world.*

oppression /əˈpresʃn/ n [U] namnehnak; namneh mi sinak: *a tyrant's oppression of his people* ○ *victims of oppression.*

oppressive /əˈpresʃn/ adj 1 mi namnehtu a simi; tñā lo zetih mi a tuahtu: *oppressive laws, rules, measures, etc.* 2 tuar a harmi; nom lonak suahternak: *oppressive weather* ○ *The heat in the tropics can be oppressive.* **oppressively** adv: *oppressively hot.*

oppressor n hremtu; mi a namnehtu; tñā lo le dik lo ih mi a uktu: *suffer at the hands of an*

oppressor.

opprobrious /əˈprɒbrɪəs/ adj (fml) hmuhsuam nautat langternak (tong kam pawl): *opprobrious language, remarks, deeds, etc.*

▷ **opprobriously** adv (fml).

opprobrium /-brɪəm/ n [U] (fml) mualphonak.

ops /ɒps/ n [pl] (infml) = OPERATIONS (OPERATIONS 5a).

opt /ɒpt/ v 1 [Tt] tuah ding ih ruatcat; hril: *He opted to go to Paris rather than London.* 2 (phr v) **opt for sth** ruat cat; hril: *Fewer students are opting for science courses nowadays.* **opt out (of sth)** tel lo dingih hril, ruat cat: *I think I'll opt out of this game.*

optic /'ɒptɪk/ adj [esp attrib] (fml) mit le khawhmuhnak thawn pehpar aw in: *the optic nerve*, ie from the eye to the brain.

▷ **optics** n [sing v] mit/khawhmuhnak lam zirnak.

optical /'ɒptɪkl/ adj [esp attrib] 1 khawhmuhnak a simi: *optical effects and sound effects.* 2 mit thawn a peh parmi; mit bawmtu a simi: *optical instruments*, eg microscopes and telescopes.

▷ **optically** /-klɪ/ adv.

□ **optical art** = OP ART.

optical illusion mit buum theitu thil: *A mirage is an optical illusion.* ○ *I thought I saw a ghost but it was just an optical illusion.*

optician /'ɒptɪʃn/ n 1 mit kharh (a bikin a thalang) tivek a tuahtu le a zuartu. 2 (also **ophthalmic optician**) mit a zoh ih mitkharh lei ding/zuar dingah ca a ken theitu; mit sibawi: *The optician said I needed new glasses.* ○ *I've just been to the optician's*, ie the optician's practice.

optimism /'ɒptɪmɪzəm/ n [U] thil a tñā lam in a zoh, a ruat, a ruahsantu: *He was still full of optimism for the future despite his many problems.* ○ *There was a feeling of optimism in the country when the new government was elected.* Cf PESSIMISM.

▷ **optimist** /-mɪst/ n a tñā lam ih thu a ruat ringringtu: *He's such an optimist that he's sure he'll soon find a job.* Cf PESSIMIST (PESSIMISM).

optimistic /'ɒptɪ'mɪstɪk/ adj ~ (about sth) ruahsannak neimi a tñā bik ruahsan (beisei) in: *an optimistic view of events* ○ *She's not optimistic about the outcome.* ○ *an optimistic view of events.*

optimistically /-klɪ/ adv.

optimum /'ɒptɪmə/ (also **optimal** /'ɒptɪmə/) adj [attrib] (fml) duh-um bik; caan tñabik: *the optimum temperature for the growth of plants* ○ *enjoy optimum economic conditions.*

option /'ɒpʃn/ n [U] duh hril theinak: *have little option*, ie not much choice ○ *I haven't much option in the matter*, ie I cannot choose. ○ *I have little option but to go*, ie I have to go. ○ *He did it because he had no other option*, ie no other

choice. ○ *He was given one month's imprisonment without the option (ie alternative) of a fine.* **2** [C] hril dingmi/hrilmi thil: *Make a list of the various options.* ○ *There weren't many options open to him, ie there was little choice available.* **3** [C] ~ (**on sth**) (commerce) tikcu caan khiahmi sungah thil lei le zuar theinak: an option on a package holiday ○ *have an option on a piece of land* ○ *We have a 12-day option on the house.* **4** (idm) **keep/leave one's options open** nehnhu caan tha hngak in a ruat cat duh hrih lo: *Don't take the job now — keep your options open until you leave university.*

▷ **optional** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* duh hril theihmi, a tengteng a si lomi: *optional subjects at school* ○ *Formal dress is optional.* ○ *The cassette player is an optional extra in this make of car, ie It will cost extra if one chooses to have it.*

opulent /'ɒpjələnt/ *adj* (fml) **1** a lian zet mi; tam zet a neimi: *opulent furnishings* ○ *an opulent suburb* ○ *opulent tastes in cars.* **2** tamzet: *opulent vegetation.*

▷ **opulence** *n* [U].

opulently *adv*: *opulently furnished rooms.*

opus /'əʊpəs/ *n* (pl **opera** /'ɒpərə/) **1** awnmawi/hla tivek mi pakhat ih phuahmi, suahmi: *Beethoven's opus 112.* **2** (fml) cu vek hnatuan.

or /ɔː(r)/ *conj* **1** (introducing an alternative) a silole: *Is it green or blue?* ○ *Is the baby a boy or a girl?* Cf **EITHER...OR** (**EITHER**). **2** (introducing all but the first of a series of alternatives) hril tampi sungin a silole ti vivonak: *I'd like it to be black, (or) white or grey.* **3** cu lole, lo ahcun: *Turn the heat down or your cake will burn.* Cf **OR ELSE**. **4** (after a negative) a silole tinakih hmanmi: *He can't read or write.* ○ *They never dance or sing.* Cf **NEITHER...NOR**. **5** (a) (introducing a word or phrase that explains, or means the same as, another) thil bangrep simnak: *an increase of 50p, or 10 shillings in old money* ○ *a kilo, or two pounds* ○ *geology, or the science of the earth's crust.* (b) (introducing an afterthought) hnu ih vun ruat saalmi, vun theih saalmi: *He was obviously lying — or was he?* ○ *I need a new coat — or do I?* **6** (idm) **either...or** ⇒ **EITHER...OR ELSE** (a) cu lo ahcun: *Hurry up or else you'll be late.* ○ *You must go to work or else you'll lose your job.* (b) (infml) (used as a threat) hrinhronak ih hmanmi: *Pay up or else!* ○ *You'd better give me that book — or else!* **or rather** (used when making a statement more accurate or correct) cekci ih sim duh tikah: *We stayed at my friend's house, or rather at my friend's parents' house.* ○ *He is my cousin — or rather my father's cousin.* **or so** (suggesting vagueness or uncertainty about quantity) hrawng; a zat a fiangfai lomi simnak: *There were twenty or so, ie about twenty.* ○ *We stayed for an hour or so.* **or somebody/something/somewhere; somebody/something/**

somewhere or other (infml) (expressing uncertainty or vagueness about a person, thing or place) minung, thilri, hmunhma fiangfai lem lo mi simnak: *He's a bank manager or something.* ○ *I put it in the cupboard or somewhere.* ○ *'Who told you?' 'Oh, somebody or other, I've forgotten who.'* ○ *It's somewhere or other in the kitchen.* **or two** (after a singular *n*) hrawng; zat hrawng: *After a minute or two we saw him.* ○ *I haven't seen him for a year or two.* **whether...or; whether or not** ⇒ **WHETHER**.

-or *suff* (with *vs* forming *ns*) a tuahtu (a ti tu) minung, thil: *actor* ○ *governor* ○ *resistor*. Cf -EE, -ER.

oracle /'brɔːkl/; US 'ɔːr-/ *n* **1** (a) (in ancient Greece) an khawzing hnenah hmailam thu an sut theunak hmun thianghlim: *the oracle at Delphi.* (b) a fiang lomi thulehnak. (c) cu vek thusuhnak a lett u puithiam: *consult the oracle.* **2** (fig) ruahnak tha pe theitu ti ih ruahmi minung: *My sister's the oracle on beauty matters.*

▷ **oracular** /ə'rækjələ(r)/ *adj* (fml or joc) oracle vek; cumi thawn pehpar in; sullam thup neimi: *oracular utterances from the headmaster.*

oral /ɔːrəl/ *adj* **1** kaa ih simmi: *an oral examination* ○ *stories passed on by oral tradition, ie from one generation to the next without being written down.* **2** kaa thawn pehpar-aw in, pehpar-awmi: *oral hygiene* ○ *oral contraceptives.*

▷ **oral** *n* kaa ih suhmi camipuai: *He failed the oral.*

orally /ɔːrəli/ *adv* **1** kaa ih sim nakin; awkaa in: *Tribal lore and custom have been passed down orally.* **2** kaa in; kaa thawn pehpar awmi: *orally administered drugs* ○ *not to be taken orally, eg of medicines, not to be swallowed.*

orange /'brɪndʒ/; US 'ɔːr-/ *n* **1** [C] dawhhlei; serthlum; (lingmaw): *oranges, lemons, and other citrus fruits* ○ [attrib] *orange juice.* **2** [C] (usu **orange tree**) dawhhlei kung: *an orange grove.* **3** [U] dwhhlei pianhmang-a sen aihre: *a pale shade of orange.* **4** [U, C] dawhhlei haang (hai khat, laang khat): *Would you like some orange?* ○ *A fresh orange, please, ie real orange juice as opposed to orangeade or orange squash.* ○ *I'd like a gin and orange please.*

▷ **orange** *adj* dawhlei pianhmang bangtuk: *an orange hat* ○ *an orange light.*

orange-ade /'brɪndʒ'eɪd/; US 'ɔːr-/ *n* [C, U] dawhhlei haang phun khat.

□ **orange-blossom** *n* dawhhlei par: *Orange-blossom is associated with weddings.*

orange squash (Brit) tidai thawn rawimi dawhhlei haang.

orang-utan /ɔːræŋu'tæn/; US ɜːræŋe'tæn/ (also **orang-outang** /-u'tæn/, **orang-outan**) *n* Borneo le Sumatra ih um kut saupi nei zawng tumpi.

oration /ɔː'reɪfən/ *n* (infml) mi zapi hmai (puai ti vek) ih thusimmi: *a funeral oration.*

orator /'ɒrətə(r); US 'ɔːr-/ *n* (fml) (a) mipi hmai ih thusimtu. (b) thusim thiam: *a fine political orator*.

▷ **oratorical** /'ɒrətərɪkl; US 'ɔːrətər-/ *adj* (fml sometimes derog) mipi hmai ih thusimnak; thusimtu pawl thawn a pehparmi: *oratorical phrases, gestures, etc* ○ *an oratorical contest*.

oratorio /'ɒrətɔːrɪ; US 'ɔːr-/ *n* (pl ~ s) Baibal thu sirhsan a nei theumi hlamawi, hlairem, hlapi: *Handel's oratorios*. Cf CANTATA.

oratory¹ /'ɒrətəri; US 'ɔːrətəri/ *n* pumpak ih Pathian Biaknak khaan fate; thlacam khaan.

oratory² /'ɒrətəri; US 'ɔːrətəri/ *n* [U] mipi hmai ih thusim daan: *His oratory soon had the crowd booing his opponents*. ○ *Some politicians are famous for their powers of oratory*.

orb /ɔːb/ *n* 1 (fml or arch) leilung hlum pakhat khat, a bikin ni le thlapi, a hluummi: *an orb of golden light*. 2 siangpahrang kianghrol lubo.

orbit /ɔːbɪt/ *n* 1 (a) leilung pi, thlapi, arsi pawl an heel awknak lamzin: *the earth's orbit round the sun*. (b) minung tuahmi thil (a zuangmi) in leilung, arsi le ni tivek pawl an heelnak lamzin: *The spacecraft is in orbit (ie moving in orbit) round the moon*. ○ *How many satellites have been put into orbit round the earth?* 2 huapmi kuhlveel: *Marketing does not come within the orbit of his department*.

▷ **orbit** *v* [I, Tn] thil pakhat heel: *orbit in space* ○ *How many spacecraft have orbited the moon?*

orbital /'ɔːbɪtl/ *adj* orbit thawn pehparin: *a spacecraft's orbital distance from the earth* ○ *an orbital motorway*, ie round the outside of a city. — *n* khawpi heel ih tuahmi lamzinpi: *Take the London orbital*.

orch *abbr* orchestra(1); orchestrated (by).

orchard /ɔːtʃəd/ *n* thingthei cinnak hmun: *apple orchards*.

orchestra /'ɔːkɪstrə/ *n* [CGp] awnmawi phunkim a tumkhawmtu mibur: *a dance, string, symphony orchestra* ○ *She plays the flute in an orchestra*. ○ *He conducts the London Symphony Orchestra*. Cf BAND 3.

▷ **orchestral** /'ɔːkɛstrəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] orchestra thawn a pehpar awmi: *orchestral instruments, music, performances* ○ *an orchestral concert*.

□ **orchestra pit** = PIT¹ 7.

orchestra stalls (US **orchestra**) puaizohnnak innpiih hmailam bik tokham.

orchestrate /'ɔːkɪstreɪt/ *v* [Tn] 1 orchestra hrangih nganmi, tuahmi awzai; hla-aw: *a set of piano pieces orchestrated by the composer*. 2 ciamciam teih timtuahmi: *The demonstration was carefully orchestrated to attract maximum publicity*.

▷ **orchestration** /'ɔːkrɪstreɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

orchid /'ɔːkɪd/ (also **orchis** /'ɔːkɪs/) *n* 1 senhri pangpar: *Many kinds of wild orchid are*

becoming rare. 2 (a man khungmi) senhri par khat: *She wore a single orchid on her evening dress*.

ordain /ɔː'deɪn/ *v* 1 [Tn, Cn.n] kutsuang ih puithiam tivekah canter; hriak thih: *He was ordained priest last year*. 2 [Tn, Tf] (fml) khaukhihmi; remruatciami: *Faith had ordained that he should die in poverty*. ⇒ Usage at DECREE.

ordeal /ɔː'diːl, 'ɔːdiːl/ *n* mi pakhat ih nunnak ah hniksaknak hrangih tuarmi a har zetmi le a na zetmi hmuhtonnak: *the ordeal of divorce* ○ *The hostages went through a dreadful ordeal*.

order¹ /'ɔːdə(r)/ *n* 1 [U] a sangsang teih ret daan: *names in alphabetical order* ○ *events in chronological order*, ie according to times, dates, etc ○ *arranged in order of size, merit, importance, etc*, ie according to size, etc. 2 ralringte le zoh mawi te ih thil ret zia: *put/leave/set one's affairs, papers, accounts in order* ○ *Get your ideas into some kind of order before begining to write*. Cf DISORDER. 3 [U] daan le thu ngai le upat ruangih a suakmi (thil um daan, rem daihnak tivek): *Some teachers find it difficult to keep order in their classes/to keep their classes in order*. ○ *The police must try to restore order*. Cf DISORDER. 4 [C] ~ (for sb todo sth); ~ (that...) thupek: *Soldiers must obey orders*. ○ *He gave orders for the work to be started/that the work should be started immediately*. ○ *My orders prevent me from doing that*, ie I have been instructed not to do it. 5 [C] ~ (for sth) (a) thil cah: *fill an order*, ie supply the goods asked for ○ *He gave his order to the waiter*. ○ *We've received an order for two tons of coal*. (b) cahmi thil pawl: *A delivery van has brought the grocery order*. ○ *Your order has arrived*. 6 [C] paisa, lole, thilri suahsak dingih nganmi caken: *a banker's/postal order*, ie an order to a bank/post office to pay money ○ *obtain a court order to allow a divorced man to visit his children*. 7 [U] meeting tivek ih ti daan, tuah daan: *rules of order* ○ *speak to order*, ie according to rules laid down by the meeting ○ *the order of business* ○ (on) a point of order, ie (on) a question of procedure ○ *I wish to raise a point of order*. 8 (a) [C] (fml) a burbur le a pawl ih um daan: *The social order of ants is very interesting*. (b) [C esp pl] (derog or joc) cuih a bur ih sungtel pawl: *the lower orders*. 9 [CGp] (biology) phunhnam ih peh tlaimi ramsa, thinkkung: *the order of primates* ○ *The rose and the bean families belong to the same order*. Cf PHYLUM, GENUS 1, SPECIES 1. 10 (a) [CGp] a hleice ih upat pekmi mibur pakhat: *The Order of the Garter is an ancient order of Chivalry*. (b) [C] cuvek sungtel ih hruhmi, benmi hmnsin tacik tivek: *wear all one's orders and medals*. 11 [CGp] biaknak lamih tuanvo pekmi mibur: *the Order of Priests/Deacons/Bishops*. 12 [CGp] biaknak ah daan pakhat

hnuai ih retkhawmmi (a bikin phungki tivek pawl): *the monastic orders*. ○ *the Order of Dominican Friars*. **13** [C] hlanlai Grik le Rom pawl ih inn sak daan (a thuam um daan ih phuncang thennak): *the five classical orders of architecture* ○ *the Doric order*. **14** [U] (fml) a phun: *skills of the highest order*. **15** [sing] ~ **of sth** biakkhawmmak ih caan hmadaan: *the order of service as laid down in the Prayer Book*. **16** (idm) **be in/take (holy) orders** biaknak hnatuantu ah cang; puithiam ah cang. **be under orders (to do sth)** tuah tengteng dingih fial: *I'm under strict orders not to let any strangers in*. **by order of sb/sth** thuneitu ih thupek vekin: *by order of the Governor* ○ *by order of the court*. **call sb/sth to order** ⇒ CALL². **get one's/give sb his marching orders** ⇒ MARCH¹. **in apple-pie order** ⇒ APPLE. **in running/working order** (esp of machines) thate'n a caang thei, a tuan theimi: *This lift is hardly ever in perfect working order*. ○ *The engine has been tuned and now in working order*. **in order** a ningcang, a daan kim, hman theih: *Is your passport in order* (is it still valid)? **in order to do sth** (fml) thurel khawmmak daan vekin: *It is not in order to interrupt*. ○ *Is it in order to speak now?* **in order that** (fml) cuti cun; cuvek tumtah nakin: *He left early in order that he might arrive on time*. **in order to do sth** duh ruangah: *She arrived early in order to get a good seat*. **in/into reverse order** ⇒ REVERSE. **in short order** ⇒ SHORT¹. **law and order** ⇒ LAW. **of the order of sth** (fml) hrawng, kiangkap: *Her salary is about the order of £150 a month*. **on order** cah na'n thlang hrih lo: *I've got two books on order at the bookshop*. **the order of the day** Parliament, lole, thurel khawmmakih rel dingmi pawl: (fig joc) *Good behaviour must be the order of the day when the school inspector comes*. **Order! Order!** (used to call attention to the fact that a person is not observing the usual rules or procedures at a debate, meeting, etc) mi pakhat in thurel khawmmak daan thlun lo ih a um tikah daite in um dingih simnak. **in order to view** lei dingih tumtahnak thawn inn pakhat zoh dingah thupeknak ca. **out of order** (a) (of a machine, etc) hman theih lo, a siatmi (thil): *The phone is out of order*. (b) (fml) thurel khawmmak daan thawn a kaih lomi: *His objection was ruled to be out of order*. **the pecking order** ⇒ PECK. **a point of order** ⇒ POINT¹. **put/set one's (own) house in order** ⇒ HOUSE. **take orders from sb** fial vekih tuah: *She said she wouldn't take orders from a junior clerk*. **a tall order** ⇒ TALL. **(made) to order** thil leitu ih cahmi vekin tuah: *This company will tailor a suit to order*. **under the orders of sb** mi pakhat ih fial, thupek: *serve under the orders of a new general*. **under starter's orders** ⇒ STARTER. □ **order-book** n thil cahmi pawl ngankhumnak cabu: *have a full order-book*.

order-form n thil lei dingmi pawl cah-nak cahnah: *It will speed up delivery if you complete the official order-form*.

order-paper n nikhat sung thurel dingmi pawl nganciami cahnah.

order² /ˈɔːdə(r)/ v [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Dn-t] **1** thu pek; fial: *The chairman ordered silence*. ○ *The doctor ordered me to (stay in) bed*. ○ *The boy was ordered out of the room*. ○ *The judge ordered that the prisoner should be remanded*. ○ *We ordered him to leave immediately*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb)** lei dingah thilcah: *I've ordered a new carpet (from the shop)*. ○ *We don't have the book in stock but we can order it*. ○ *He ordered himself three shirts*. ○ *She ordered a garden chair for her husband*. **3** [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb)** ei-in cah (rawl dawr sungah): *We haven't ordered yet*. ○ *I've ordered a steak*. ○ *She ordered lunch for (ie to be served at) 1.30*. ○ *He ordered himself a pint of beer*. ○ *I've ordered egg and chips/egg and chips for you*. **4** [Tn] (fml) thlun; nunci: *He ordered his life according to strict rules*. ○ *I must have time to order my thoughts*. **5** (phr v) **order sb about/around** cutin khatin tuah ding teih midang a sim ringringmi: *Even as a boy he was always ordering his friends about*. **order sb off** (sport) daan thlun thei lotu kha leh — nak hmun suahsan dingah thupek: *The referee ordered Johnson off in the second half for kicking another player*. **order sb out** palik, ralkap pawl (a bikin daihnak umter dingah) a bur in fehter: *The government ordered the police out to restore order in the streets*.

▷ **ordered** adj thate ih timtuah; semrem ten: *an ordered life* ○ *a badly ordered existence*.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **tell**, **order**, **instruct**, **direct**, **command**. **Tell** is the most generally used verb. It is not very strong and is the word used in everyday situations: *I keep telling him to cut his hair but he takes no notice*. ○ *Do what you're told*. ○ *They've been told to finish the job by tomorrow*. **Order** is stronger and is used of people in authority who expect to be obeyed: *The policeman ordered the motorist to stop*. **Instruct** and **direct** suggest the giving of a precise description of necessary action. They are used in impersonal and official situations: *I have been instructed by the company to offer you a refund*. ○ *The judge directed the defendant to answer*. **Command** is mainly used in military situations: *The officer commanded his men to open fire*.

orderly¹ /ˈɔːdəli/ adj **1** mawi le thiangten retmi, timtuahmi: *an orderly room, desk, etc* ○ (fig) *an orderly mind*. **2** remcang le dai ten um: *an orderly football crowd*.

▷ **orderliness** /ˈɔːdəlɪnɪs/ *n* [U].

orderly² /ˈɔːdəli/ *n* **1** (also **medical orderly**) sizung ih a ſulmi pohpoh ſuantu; terh fialmi. **2** ralbawi pakhat ih terhfial dingih ummi (hnen-um).

ordinal /ˈɔːdɪnl/; US -dənl/ *adj* (of a number) a sangsang te'n nganmi nambat siar-pakhatnak, pahnihnak tivek.

▷ **ordinal** *n* (also **ordinal number**): 'First,' 'second' and 'third' are ordinals. Cf **CARDINAL**¹.

ordinance /ˈɔːdɪnəns/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) daan, thukham,thupek: *the ordinances of the City Council* ○ *by ordinance of the mayor*.

ordinary /ˈɔːdənrɪ/; US ˈɔːrdənəri/ *adj* **1** a menmen; a daan keel ih ummi: *an ordinary sort of day* ○ *in the ordinary course of events* ○ *ordinary people like you and me* ○ *We were dressed up for the party but she was still in her ordinary clothes*. ○ (*derog*) *a very ordinary meal, ie nothing special*. Cf **EXTRAORDINARY**. **2** (*idm*) **in the ordinary way** a si keel vek ahcun: *In the ordinary way he would have come with us, but he's not feeling well*. **out of the ordinary** menmen a si lomi: *Her new house is certainly out of the ordinary*. ○ *His behaviour is nothing out of the ordinary*, ie not unusual.

▷ **ordinarily** /ˈɔːdənrəli/; US ˈɔːrdn'eri/ *adv* **1** a keel in; a menmen in: *behave quite ordinarily*. **2** a tlangpi thu in; a si theu bangan: *Ordinarily, I find this job easy, but today I'm having problems*.

□ **ordinary level** (also **O level**) (formerly in British education) *General Certificate of Education* timi GEC campuai.

ordinary seaman tangphawlawng hnaſuan ih a niambik.

ordination /ˈɔːdɪneɪʃn/; US -dn'eɪʃn/ *n* (**a**) [U] pastor pitlinnakih hriak thihnak; kutsuannak; hngeh ternak. (**b**) [C] cu vekih tuahnak.

ordnance /ˈɔːdnəns/ *n* [U] **1** ral thuamhnaw le thilri pawl. **2** cumi hrangah acozah ih tuahnak.

□ **Ordnance Survey** (*Brit*) Britain ram zuk pawl dikzet kimzet ih a ngaih tuah tu (*Acozah zung*): [attrib] *an Ordnance Survey map*.

ordure /ˈɔːdʒʊə(r)/; US -dʒər/ *n* [U] (*fml*) zun-ek.

ore /ɔː(r)/ *n* [U, C] thir, dar, sui tivek umnak leilung lungto: *iron ore* ○ *an area rich in ores*.

organ¹ /ˈɔːgən/ *n* **1** ramsa, minung le thingkung ih ruangthen (tumtah a um ciar): *the organs of speech*, ie the tongue, teeth, lips, etc ○ *The eye is the organ of sight* ○ *the reproductive organs* ○ *The surgeon removed the infected organ*. **2** (*fml*) (official) thil ſuansuak dingih tuahmi pawlkom: *Parliament is the chief organ of government*. **3** (*fml*) mipawl khat ih hmuh daan simsuak tu: *organs of public opinion*, ie newspapers, TV, radio, etc ○ *This paper is the official organ of the Communist Party*.

organ² /ˈɔːgən/ *n* **1** (US also **pipe-organ**) awnmawi hrangih tummi, thil dawng in aw a fehmi, ke ih palnak le kut ih tumnak a ummi thil: *He plays*

the organ in church. ○ [attrib] *organ music*. **2** thildawng tel lo ih tummi: *an electric organ* ○ *a mouth-organ*. Cf **HARMONIUM**.

▷ **organist** *n* organ tumtu: *a church organist*.

□ **organ grinder** *n* barrel organ tumpi a tumtu.

organ-loft *n* biakinn hrekkhat ah organ retnak donhle.

organdie (US also **organdy**) /ˈɔːgændi/; US ˈɔːrgændi/ *n* [U] patpar in tuahmi puanthan khoh: *a blouse made of organdie* ○ [attrib] *an organdie dress*.

organic /ˈɔːgænik/ *adj* **1** (*fml*) taksa thawn a pehparmi: *The illness is organic in origin*. ○ *organic diseases, disorder, etc*. **2** [*esp attrib*] nunnak a neimi sung in, sungah hmuhmi; pianphung dawm: *organic substances, compounds, matter, etc* ○ *rich organic soil*. Cf **INORGANIC**. **3** [*esp attrib*] dat dawm le pangang thahnak pawl hmang lo ih (rawl suah le lo tuahmi): *organic vegetables* ○ *organic horticulture*. **4** (*fml*) ti daan pakhat ah kaihkhawmmi; a thenſek pawl peh zom ih tuahmi: *an organic part of our business*.

▷ **organically** /-kli/ *adv*: *The doctor said there was nothing organically wrong with me*. ○ *organically grown tomatoes*.

□ **organic chemistry** chemistry of carbon compounds. Cf **INORGANIC CHEMISTRY** (**INORGANIC**).

organism /ˈɔːgənɪzəm/ *n* **1** (**a**) (usu small) a thenſete ſuankhawm ih nunnak neimi: *study the minute organisms in water*. (**b**) thingkung hramkung, lole, ramsa. **2** (*fml*) burkhat le burkhat a rinsan awmi pawl ih hnaſuan khawmnak, thil ti daan: *The business is a large, complicated organism*.

organization, -sation /ˈɔːgənə'zeɪʃn/; US -nɪ'z-/ *n* **1** [U] (**a**) pawlkom hnaſuan: *He's involved in the organization of a new club*. (**b**) ningcang te le felfai te ih um zia: *She is brilliant but her work lacks organization*. **2** [C] minung tampi kom ih tuahmi pawlkom; ti daan: *all the local leisure organizations* ○ *The human body has a very complex organization*.

▷ **organizational, -isational** /-fənəl/ *adj* [*esp attrib*]: *excellent organizational skills*.

organize, -ise /ˈɔːgənaɪz/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (**into sth**) pawlkhawmter; hna ſuantlang dingih pawlkom tuah: *organize a political party, a club, an army, etc* ○ *She loves to organize people*. ○ *She organized the class into four groups*. **2** [Tn] timtuah; tawrel: *organize a picnic* ○ *They organized an expedition to Everest*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**into sth**) pawlkom pakhat dinsuah: *organize the work force* ○ *organize peasant farmers into a co-operative*.

▷ **organized, -ised** *adj* **1** felfai tein um, zohrem tein ret: *a highly organized person* ○ *a well-organized office*. **2** timtuahmi; tawrelmi: *a badly organized event* ○ *organized crime*. **3** (of

workers) pawlkom sungih tel pawl: *organized labour*.

organizer, -iser *n* pawlkomnak a tuahtu, a tawlreltu: *The organizer of the event, function, party, etc.*

orgasm /ɔːgæzəm/ *n* mipa le nunau pawlawknak ih a vawrtawp: *the failure to achieve (an) orgasm*.

orgiastic /ɔːdʒɪˈæstɪk/ *adj* (fml) zuri le baibah ih um: *orgiastic revels*.

orgy /ɔːdʒɪ/ *n* **1** (often derog) zuri in nunau mipa duhduh ih um celcel mi pawlkomnak; umdaan a phunphun ih nu le pa pawl-awknak; Grik le Rom sanlai ah an biaknak thenkhat ah zuri le nunau mipa pawl aw in buai celcel ih laam le nom: *a drunken orgy*. **2** ~ (of sth) (infml) sup-awknak um lo ih thil tuahnak: *an orgy of killing and destruction* ○ *an orgy spending before Christmas*.

oriel /ɔːdʒɪ/ *n* (also **oriel window**) inn tlunta dot ih sangka te (tukvirh).

orient¹ /ɔːrɪənt/ *n* **the Orient** [sing] (fml or rhet) nisuah lam a dengih rampawl (Tuluk, Japan tivek): *perfumes and spices from the Orient*. Cf OCCIDENT.

orient² /ɔːrɪənt/ *v* (esp US) = ORIENTATE.

oriental /ɔːrɪˈentl/ *adj* Orient ram pawl thawn pehparmi: *oriental art* ○ *a department of oriental studies*.

▷ **Oriental** *n* (sometimes offensive) Nisuah lam a deng ram minung (a bikin Japan, Tuluk mi). **orientalist** *n* /-təlɪst/ nisuah lam a deng ram pawl ih thuhla a zirtu; a thiamtu.

orientate /ɔːrɪəntet/ (also esp US **orient** /ɔːrɪənt/) *v* **1** [Tn esp passive, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (towards **sb/sth**) (a) thinlung hoiter, luttu: *Try to orientate your students towards the science subjects*. ○ *Our company is orientated towards the export side of the business*. (b) hmuitin neih; hei hmuitin: *The course was orientated towards foreign students*. **2** [Tn] ~ **oneself** (a) khuitawkwawnah ka um ti kha compass thawn hawl: *The mountaineers found it difficult to orientate themselves in the fog*. (b) hmunhma thar thawn kaih ih um thiam: *It took him some time to orientate himself in his new school*.

▷ **orientation** /ɔːrɪənˈteɪʃn/ *n* [U] hmunhma thar thawn kaih dingih thinlung hoiternak: *the orientation of new employees*.

-orientated (forming compound adjs) lam hoihter: *a sports-orientated course*.

orienteering /ɔːrɪənˈtɪərɪŋ/ *n* [U] ram zuk le compass hmangin hramlak hlatpi fehnak (lehnak phun khat a si): *He has taken up orienteering*.

orifice /ˈɒrɪfɪs/ *n* (fml) kua, ong: *the nasal orifices*, ie nostrils. ○ *at the dark orifice of the cave*.

origin /ˈɒrɪdʒɪn/ *n* **1** [C, U] a hram thawh-nak; a hrampi: *the origin of life on earth* ○ *words of Latin origin* ○ *The origins of the custom are*

unknown. **2** [C esp pl] suahkehna; pu-pa thu: *He never forgot his humble origins*.

original /əˈrɪdʒənəl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] a thok ihsin a ummi; a hmaisai bik: *The Indians were the original inhabitants of North America*. ○ *I prefer your original plan to this one*. **2** (usu approv) (a) thil thar tuahmi; mahte hramthawhmi: *an original idea* ○ *His designs are highly original*. ○ *an original idea*. (b) ruahnak thar suahpi thei: *an original thinker, writer, painter, etc* ○ *an original mind*. **3** mi ih thu/thil cawng loin mahte tuahmi: *The original manuscript has been lost; this is a copy*.

▷ **original** *n* **1 the original** [C] a hmaisai bik tuahmi thil: *This painting is a copy; the original one is in Madrid*. ○ *This is a translation; the original is in French*. **2 the original** [sing] ngan hmaisai biknak ih hmanmi tɔŋ: *read Homer in the original*, ie in ancient Greek. **3** (infml esp joc) mi phundang zet; lamdang zetih a ummi: *Her Aunt Effic is certainly an original*.

originality /əˈrɪdʒəˈnæləti/ *n* [U] a hmaisai bik, a thoktu sinak: *Her designs have great originality*. ○ *The work lacks originality*, ie is copied or imitated.

originally /-nəli/ *adv* **1** a hram thok vekin: *speak, think, write originally*. **2** a hram thokah; a thok ihsin: *The school was originally quite small*.

□ **original sin** (religion) (in Christianity) Adam le Eve in Eden hmuan sungih an sualnak cu mi hmuahhmuah sungah a um ti ih ruahnak, zumnak, sualhrampi.

originate /əˈrɪdʒɪneɪt/ *v* (fml) **1** [Ipr] ~ **in sth**; ~ **from/with sb** thawhter (thil/minung) ruangah thok: *The quarrel originated in rivalry between the two families*. ○ *The style of architecture originated from/with the ancient Greeks*. **2** [Tn] thil pakhat thoktu si: *originate a new style of dancing* ○ *Who originated the concept of stereo sound?*

▷ **originator** *n* hram thoktu.

oriole /ˈɔːrɪəʊl/ *n* **1** (also **golden oriole**) a thla a dum le aire ih a tialmi Europe ram ih vate phunkhat. **2** America ih cuvek vate (a pa lawngin cuvek thlatial a nei).

ormolu /ɔːmɒlu/ *n* [U, C] sui ih khutmi dar, suan tivek pawl: [attrib] *an ormolu clock*.

ornament /ˈɔːnəmənt/ *n* **1** [U] (fml) ceimawi; tamh: *The palace was rich in ornament*. ○ *The clock is simply for ornament, it doesn't actually work*. **2** [C] a mawinak ih retmi pawl, man nei lem lo: *a shelf crowded with ornaments*, ie vases, pieces of china, etc ○ *I've just dropped one of your china ornaments*. **3** (dated fml) thil a mawiter, a sunlawiter bettu: *He is an ornament to his profession*.

▷ **ornament** /ɔːnəmənt/ [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) ceimawi: *a dress ornamented with lace* ○ *a Christmas tree ornamented with*

- tinsel*.
- ornamental** /ɔːnə'mentl/ *adj* ceimawinak hrang: *Ornamental copper pans hung on the wall.*
- ornamentation** /ɔːnə'men'teɪʃn/ *n* [U] ceimawinak: *a church with no ornamentation.*
- ornate** /ɔː'neɪt/ *adj* (often derog) (a) nasa zet ih ceimawimi: *ornate carvings in a church* ○ *That style of architecture is too ornate for my taste.* (b) (of prose, verse, etc) a hnok zetmi, a fiangthei lomi biaza: *ornate descriptions* ○ *an ornate style.*
- ▷ **ornately** *adv.* **ornateness** *n* [U].
- ornithology** /ɔːnɪ'θɒlədʒɪkl/ *n* [U] vate thu zirnak.
- ▷ **ornithological** /ɔːnɪ'θɒlədʒɪkl/ *adj* [esp attrib]: *an ornithological survey.*
- ornithologist** /ɔːnɪ'θɒlədʒɪst/ *n* vate thu a thei zetmi; a zirmi.
- orotund** /ɔː'rəʊtʌnd/ *adj* (fml sometimes joc) **1** (of the voice) huhaam neimi aw; awcawi thupi zet: *the orotund tones of the priest.* **2** titer-aw; porh-aw.
- orphan** /ɔː'fn/ *n* ngak'tah faa: *He has been an orphan since he was five.* ○ [attrib] *an orphan nephew.*
- ▷ **orphan** *v* [Tn usu passive] ngak'tah siter, canter: *She was orphaned in the war.*
- orphanage** /ɔː'fənɪdʒ/ *n* ngak'tah pawl umnak inn.
- orris-root** /ɔː'brɪsruːt/; *US* 'ɔːr-/ *n* rimhmui le sii hrangih a thami iris thing hram.
- orth(o)-** *comb form* a dikmi; bituk: *orthography* ○ *orthodox* ○ *orthopraxis* ○ *orthopaedic.*
- orthodontics** /ɔːθə'dɒntɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] (medical) ha le khabaruh natnak pawl damternak, nat khamnak.
- ▷ **orthodontic** *adj*: *orthodontic surgery.*
- orthodontist** /ɔːθə'dɒntɪst/ *n* ha le khabaruh sibawi.
- orthodox** /ɔːθə'dɒks/ *adj* **1** a tlangpi thu in a dik ti ih pommi zumnak, ruahnak, ziaza: *orthodox behaviour* ○ *Her ideas are very orthodox.* Cf HETERODOX, UNORTHODOX. **2** (esp religion) pom daan le kalhmang hlun pawl fekzet ih a thluntu: *orthodox Jews.*
- ▷ **orthodoxy** /ɔːθə'dɒksɪ/ *n* **1** [U] zumnak dik, pom daan hlun thlunnak. **2** [C esp pl] (fml) *orthodox zumnak, um daan, tuahnak, tivek: a firm supporter of Catholic orthodoxies.*
- **the orthodox Church** (also **The Eastern Orthodox Church**) *Orthodox kawhhran*, (Grik ram le nisuah lam Zurup rampawl ah antam bik):
- orthography** /ɔːθə'græfɪ/ *n* [U] (fml) **1** cafang komdaan; cumi zirnak: *In dictionaries, words are listed according to their orthography.* **2** cafang komdik.
- ▷ **orthographic** (also **orthographical**) /ɔːθə'græfɪk, -fɪkl/ *adj*.
- orthographically** /-kəli/ *adv.*
- orthopaedics** (also **orthopedics**) /ɔːθə'piːdɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] (medical) ruh thawn pehpar aw ih rainak le damternak: [attrib] *the orthopaedics department in the hospital.*
- ▷ **orthopaedic** (also **orthopedic**) /ɔːθə'piːdɪk/ *adj* ruh nat thawn pehpar aw in: *orthopaedic surgery on his spine.*
- orthopaedist** /-piːdɪst/ *n* ruh sibawi.
- ortolan** /ɔː'tələn/ *n* [U, C] Zurup (*Europe*) ram ih a sa a thawmi vate (sa).
- ory** *suff* (with *vs* and *ns* forming *adjs*): *congratulatory* ○ *inhibitory.*
- oryx** /ɔː'ɪks; *US* 'ɔːr-/ *n* Afrika ram ih zukneng tumpi.
- OS** /əʊ 'es/ *abbr* **1** ordinary seaman. **2** (*Brit*) Ordnance Surve: *an OS map.* **3** (esp on clothing, etc) outsize.
- Oscar** /ɔːskə(r)/ *n* *US* ah kumtin te'n lemnung tuahnakih thiam bik pawl an pek theumi laksawng (lemzuk): *be nominated for/win an Oscar* ○ *He received an Oscar for his performance.* ○ *This film is the the winner of four oscars.* Cf ACADEMY AWARD (ACADEMY).
- oscillate** /ɔːsɪlət/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] khatlam le khatlam ah seep: *A pendulum oscillates.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (between sth and sth) (fml fig) thinlung, ziaza, pom dan hmainor thul-dungsiip thul: *He oscillates between political extremes.* ○ *Manic depressives oscillate between depression and elation.* Cf VACILLATE. **3** [I] (physics) a caan hmanten tha le hoihnak a thleng theumi (electric tha, radio thasuar).
- ▷ **oscillation** /ɔːsɪ'leɪʃn/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] dung le hmai seepnak; thasuar thlengnak: *the oscillation of the compass needle* ○ *the oscillation of radio waves.* **2** [C] veikhat cangvaih ah napi'n a seep awmi: *Her oscillations in mood are maddening.*
- oscillator** /-tə(r)/ *n* (physics) electric tha thlengnak suahtertu thil.
- oscillograph** /ə'sɪlə'grɑːf; *US* -græf/ *n* (physics) electric tha hmainsinnak thil.
- oscilloscope** /ə'sɪlə'skəʊp/ *n* (physics) electric tha a rak langturtu thil.
- osier** /əʊ'zɪə(r); *US* 'əʊzər/ *n* a hnge in bawm le kho tah theimi thingkung phun khat: [attrib] *an osier basket.*
- osmosis** /ɒz'məʊsɪs/ *n* [U] **1** (biology or chemistry) a tii mi lanternak ong tete neimi a dan paate: *Blood can be cleaned by osmosis if the kidneys have failed.* **2** theihtham lote le nuamte ih thil thar cohlan theinak: *Children seem to learn about computers by osmosis.*
- ▷ **osmotic** *adj.*
- osprey** /ɔː'spreɪ/ *n* ngathur va (a lu a rangih a hmur a dum).
- osseous** /ɒ'siəs/ *adj* (fml) ruh neimi; ruh thawn.
- ossify** /ɒ'sɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) (fml) **1** ruh vekin hakter; ruh ah cangter. **2** (fml derog) khoh zet le thleng theih lo ah cangter: *Beliefs have ossified into rigid dogma.*

▷ **ossification** /ˈɒsɪfɪkəɪʃn/ *n* [U] (fml) hahternak; khohternak: *the ossification of traditional practices.*

ostensible /ˈɒstənsəbl/ *adj* [attrib] buumnak hrangih thuphuahmi: *The ostensible reason for his absence was illness, but everyone knew he'd gone to a football match.*

▷ **ostensibly** /-əblɪ/ *adv* lenglam langnak ahcun: *Ostensibly he was on a business trip, but he spent most of the time on the beach.*

ostentation /ˈɒstənˈteɪʃn/ *n* [U] (derog) mi ih uarduh ruangih porh awknak thil ti: *the vulgar ostentation of the newly rich* ○ *Their daughter's wedding reception was sheer ostentation.*

ostentatious /ˈɒstənˈteɪʃəs/ *adj* (derog) porhawk a duhmi: *ostentatious jewellery* ○ *dress in a very ostentatious manner.*

▷ **ostentatiously** *adv*: *ostentatiously dressed.*

oste(o)- *comb form* ruh thawn pehpar aw in: *osteopath* ○ *osteo-arthritis.*

osteo-arthritis /ˈɒstiəʊəˈθraɪtɪs/ *n* [U] (medical) ruh le hlihklok nat.

osteopathy /ˈɒstriˈɒpəθi/ *n* [U] (medical) ruh le tha pawl hmetih natnak pawl dam ternak.

▷ **osteopath** /ˈɒstriˈɒpəθ/ *n* damnak hrangih mihmettu: *An osteopath has been treating her injured back.*

ostler /ˈɒslə(r)/ *n* (formerly) riahbuk ih rang kiltu.

ostracize, -ise /ˈɒstrəsaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (fml) suah, daw; tong duh lo, bia duh lo: *He was ostracized by the group for refusing to support the strike.*

▷ **ostracism** *n* [U] (fml) dawinak, suahnak: *suffer ostracism.*

ostrich /ˈɒstriːʃ/ *n* **1** Africa ih um hngawng saupi nei a zam thei lomi vate tumpi; kala-uk va (a ke zim in a kawng tiang pi 3 a sau): [attrib] *Her dress was trimmed with ostrich feathers.* ○ *an ostrich-egg.* **2** (infml fig) thu harsa a hmaiton ngam lotu: *He's such an ostrich — he doesn't want to know about his wife's love affairs.*

OT *abbr* Old Testament. Cf NT 2.

other /ˈʌðə(r)/ *indef det* **1** midang; a dang: *Mr Smith and Mrs Jones and three other teachers were there.* ○ *Other people may disagree but I feel the whole thing has gone far enough.* ○ *She's engaged to Peter but she often goes out with other men.* ○ *Did you see any other films?* ○ *Not now, some other time* (ie at an unspecified time in the future), *perhaps.* Cf **ANOTHER**. **2** (used after *the, my, your, his*, etc with a singular *n*) a dang, a pahnihnak: *Hold the bottle and pull the cork out with the other hand.* ○ *Those trousers are dirty — you'd better wear your other pair.* ○ *You may continue on the other side of the paper.* **3** (used after *the* or a possessive with a plural *n*) cu lo dang pawl; a taangmi: *The other students in my class are from Italy.* ○ *Mary is older than me but my other sisters are younger.* ○ *I haven't read 'Cymbeline' but I've read all the other plays*

by Shakespeare/all Shakespeare's other plays. **4** (idm) **every other** ⇒ **EVERY**. **none other than** ⇒ **NONE**. **one after the other** ⇒ **ONE**¹. **the other day, morning, week, month, etc** tu baite: *I saw him in town the other day.* **somebody/something/somewhere or other** ⇒ **OR**. **this, that and the other** ⇒ **THIS**.

▷ **other** *adj* [attrib] ~ **...than...** (fml) a dang... deuh: *You'll have time to visit other places than those on the itinerary.* ○ *Other women than Sally would have said nothing.*

others *pron* **1** midang pawl; a dang pawl: *Some people came by car, others came on foot.* ○ *These shoes don't fit — haven't you got any others?* ○ *We must help others less fortunate than ourselves.* **2** (used after *the* or a possess det) cu lo dang pawl; a tangmi pawl: *I went swimming while the others played tennis.* ○ *I can't do the fourth and the fifth questions but I've done all the others.* ○ *She was the only person who replied to the invitation — none of the others bothered.*

□ **other than** *prep* (esp after a negative) **1** siar lo (except): *He never speaks to me other than to ask for something.* ○ *She has no close friends other than him.* **2** ti siar lo cu: *I have never known him behave other than selfishly.* ○ *She seldom appears other than happy.*

other-worldly /ˌʌðəˈwɜːldli/ *adj* leitlun thu hnakin thlarau thu a ngaihtuahtu, a ruattu.

otherwise /ˈʌðəwaɪz/ *adv* **1** (fml) a dangin; phundang in, lamdang in: *You obviously think otherwise.* ○ *He should have been working, but he was otherwise engaged*, eg doing something else. **2** phundang in zoh; lamdang in cuan: *The rent is high, (but) otherwise the house is fine.*

▷ **otherwise** *conj* cuti lo asile: *Put the cap back on the bottle, otherwise the juice will spill.* ○ *We must run, otherwise we'll be late.* ○ *Do as you're told, otherwise you'll be in trouble.*

otherwise *adj* [pred] ruah vek si loin: *The truth is quite otherwise.*

otiose /ˈəʊtiəs/; *US* /ˈəʊʃiəs/ *adj* (fml) thahnem lo, a ʔul nawn lomi (tong, ruahnak tivek pawl): *long, otiose passages of description.*

otter /ˈɒtə(r)/ *n* (a) [C] sahrem. (b) [U] sahrem hmul: [attrib] *a jacket made of otter skins.*

ottoman /ˈɒtəmən/ *n* puan le thuamhnaw retnakih hmanmi zaunak neilo tokham kuang saupi.

OU /əʊ ˈjuː/ *abbr* (Brit) Open University: *an OU degree in maths.*

oubliette /ˌuːbliˈet/ *n* (esp formerly) leilung tanglam ih tuahmi thawnginn.

ouch /autʃ/ *interj* (expressing sudden pain) rinlo nat ruangih aihramnak: *Ouch! That hurts!*

ought to /ɔːt tə; before vowels and finally ɔːt tuː/ *modal v* (neg **ought not**; contracted form **oughtn't** /ɔːtnt/) **1** (a) (indicating obligation) tuah ʔulmi langter: *We ought to start at once.* ○ *You ought*

to say you're sorry. ○ *Such things ought not to be allowed.* ○ *They oughtn't to let their dog run on the road.* ○ *'Ought I to write to say thank you?'* *'Yes, I think you ought (to).'* ○ *She ought to have been more careful.* ⇒ Usage 1 at MUST. **(b)** (indicating advice or recommendation) ruahnak pek; lungkimpinak langter: *You ought to improve your English before going to work in America.* ○ *There ought to be more buses during the rush hour.* ○ *You ought to have been a teacher,* ie She would probably have been a good one. ⇒ Usage 2 at MUST. **2** (drawing a tentative conclusion) si dingih awm-angmi simnak: *If he started at nine, he ought to be here by now.* ○ *That ought to be enough food for all of us.* ○ *Look at the sky — it ought to be a fine afternoon.* ⇒ Usage 3 at MUST.

Ouija /wi:dʒə/ (also **Ouija-board**) *n* (prop) mithi hnenin a rami thu an timi pawl hmainsinnak thingpheng.

ounce /aʊns/ *n* **1** [C] (abbr **oz**) cuai thlai tikah pawng khat ih then 16 then then khat (awngs). **2** [sing] ~ **of sth** (infml) (used esp with neg *vs*) malte; ziang zat hman: *She hasn't an ounce of common sense.* ○ *There's not an ounce of truth in his story.*

our /a:(r), 'aʊə(r)/ possess det **1** kanmai: *Our youngest child is six.* ○ *Our main export is rice.* ○ *Has anybody seen our two dogs?* ○ *They want us to show some of our colour slides.* **2** **Our** (used to refer to or address God, etc) Pathian biak tikih simmi: *Our Father*, ie God. ○ *Our Lady*, ie the Virgin Mary.

▷ **ours** /a:z, 'aʊəz/ possess pron kanmai ta: *Their house is similar to ours, but ours has a bigger garden.* ○ *Your photos are lovely-do you want to see some of ours?*

ourselves /a:'selvz, aʊə'selvz/ reflex, emph pron (only taking the main stress in sentences when used emphatically) **1** (reflex) (used when I and another or others, or I and you, cause and are affected by an action) kanmahte in; kan mah le kan mah: *We try and keep ourselves informed about current trends.* ○ *Let's sign ourselves 'Your affectionate students'.* ○ *We'd like to see it for ourselves.* **2** (emph) (used to emphasize *we* or *us*) kannih, kanmahte: *We've often thought of going there ourselves.* **3** (idm) **by ourselves** (a) kan mahlawngin. (b) bawmtu um loin.

-ous suff (with *ns* forming *adjs*) tongpeh sinak phurtu: *poisonous* ○ *mountainous* ○ *glorious*.

▷ **-ously** (forming *advs*): *gloriously*.

-ousness (forming uncountable *ns*): *spaciousness*.

oust /aʊst/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sth) (fml) hnaʔuan long; dawi: *oust a rival from office* ○ *He was ousted from his position as chairman.*

out /aʊt/ *adv* part (For special uses with many *vs*, eg *pick sth out*, *put sb out*, see the *v* entries) **1** suak, suah ter, suahpi: *go out for some fresh air*

○ *get up and walk out* ○ *open the door and run out into the garden* ○ *open the door and run out into the garden* ○ *open a bag and take sth out* ○ *find one's way out* ○ *lock sb out* ○ *She shook the bag and some coins fell out.* ○ *Out you go?* ie *Go out!* Cf IN¹ 1. **2** (a) inn ah um lo; hnaʔuan nak ah umlo: *I phoned Sally but she was out.* ○ *The manager is out at this moment.* ○ *Let's go out this evening/have an evening out,* eg go to the cinema, a restaurant, the theatre, a disco, etc. (b) (of a book, record, etc) library ah um lo (leng ah an suah): *The book you wanted is out.* Cf IN¹ 3. **3** (indicating distance away from land, one's country, a town, etc) lam hlapi ah um: *The boats are all out at sea.* ○ *She's out in Australia at the moment.* ○ *He lives right out in the country.* ○ *The ship was four days out from Lisbon,* ie had left Lisbon four days earlier. **4** (indicating that sth is no longer hidden) thil pakhat thu ah a si nawn lo thu a sim: *The secret is out,* ie revealed or discovered. ○ *The flowers are out,* ie open. ○ *The sun is out,* ie not behind a cloud. ○ *Her new book is out,* ie published. ○ *There's a warrant out* (ie issued) *against him.* ○ *Out with it!* ie Say what you know. **5** (used with superlative *adjs*) a um nawn lo: *It's the best game out.* **6** dinhmun, ʔuanhmun nei nawn lo; um nawn lo: *The Labour Party went out in 1980.* Cf IN¹ 10. **7** uarmi a si lo (hnipuan ti vekah): *Flared trousers are out this year.* Cf IN¹ 8. **8** mah le mah thei aw lo (ʔihnak tivek ruangah): *He's been out (cold) for ten minutes.* **9** (of a tide) tipi tidai a kai ih a ʔum salmi: *We couldn't swim — the tide was too far out.* Cf IN¹ 6. **10** duhnak langter dingih feh le au: *The dockers in Liverpool are out.* **11** (infml) a cang thei lo; duh um lo: *Swimming in the sea is out until the weather gets warmer.* **12** (of fire, lights, burning materials, etc) hmit, a mit, mitter: *The fire, gas, candle, etc is out.* ○ *The fire has gone/burnt out.* (Cf *The fire is still in.*) ○ *All the lights were out in the street.* ○ *Put that cigarette out!* ○ *The wind blow the candles out.* **13** a net tiang; tuah suak: *hear sb out* ○ *work out a problem* ○ *Supplies are running out,* ie becoming low. ○ *fight it out,* ie settle a dispute by fighting ○ *I'm tired out,* ie exhausted. ○ *before the week is out,* ie finished. **14** fiang le ring in: *call/cry/shout out* ○ *the need to speak out about sth* ○ *say sth out loud* ○ *tell sb sth right/straight out.* **15** (indicating a mistake) tuat sual; a sualmi a khihhmuh: *be out in one's calculations, reckoning, etc* ○ *We're ten pounds out in our accounts.* ○ *Your guess was a long way out,* ie completely wrong. ○ *My watch is five minutes out,* ie showing a time five minutes earlier or later than the correct time. **16** (sport) (a) (in cricket, baseball, etc) lek nawn lo; baang zo: *The captain was out for three,* ie after having made

only 3 runs in cricket. ○ *Kent were all out for 137.* (b) (in tennis, badminton, etc) (of a ball, etc) rinleng ih a tlami: *He lost the point because the ball was out.* Cf IN¹ 10. **17** (idm) **all out** ⇒ ALL. **be out for sth** ngah duh ih zuam; ngah duh zet: *I'm not out for compliments.* ○ *He's out for your blood,* ie seeking to attack you. **be out to do sth** thil pakhat tumtah ih zuam: *I'm not out to change the world.* ○ *The company is out to capture the Canadian market.* **out and about** ihkhun ih lum hnu-ah dam ih tho thei feh thei saal: *It's good to see old Mr Jenkins out and about again.* **out and away** (with superlatives) a hleih: *She was out and away the most intelligent student in the class.*

▷ **out n 1** (US) (in baseball) a bannak. **2** (idm) **the ins and outs** ⇒ IN³.

□ **out-and-out** adj [attrib] tlamtling in; rori in: *an out-and-out crook, professional.*

out- pref **1** (with *vs* and *ns* forming transitive *vs*) hleih; lan; khel: *outlive* ○ *outgrow* ○ *outnumber* ○ *outwit*. **2** (with *ns*) then; thiatdan; a dang te'n ret: *outhouse* ○ *outpost*. **3** (with *vs* forming *ns*, *adjs* and *adv*s): *outburst* ○ *outgoing* ○ *outspokenly*.

outback /'aʊtbæk/ *n* [sing] (esp in Australia) minung malte umnak ram thuuk: *lost in the outback.*

outbid /'aʊtbɪd/ *v* (-dd; pt, pp **outbid**) a man sangbik pek (li-lan ih thil zuarnak ah): *She outbid me for the house.*

outboard motor /,aʊtbɔ:d 'məʊtə(r)/ tangphawlawng fate dungah an thlahi mi, thawn theihmi engine cet.

outbreak /'aʊtbrek/ *n* hmakhatte ih a suakmi (nat sia tivek): *an outbreak of typhoid, hostilities, rioting, etc.*

outbuilding /'aʊtbɪldɪŋ/ *n* inn kiangte ah a dangte ih sakmi inn te: *a large farmhouse with useful outbuildings.*

outburst /aʊtbɜ:st/ *n* (a) puakkuai; pawtsuak: *an outburst of steam from the pressure-cooker.* (b) thinlung, umzia puakkuai: *an outburst of laughter, anger, etc* ○ *an outburst of vandalism.*

outcast /'aʊtkɑ:st; US -kæst/ *n*, *adj* ~ (form...) (person) hnonmi, khaakmi; inn nei lo, rualpi nei lo: *be treated as an outcast.*

outcaste /'aʊtkɑ:st; US -kæst/ *n*, *adj* (esp in India) (person) minung dinhmun sungih telh lomi; cumi sungin dawimi; hnonmi; phun le hnam ih siar tlaak lo mi.

outclass /'aʊtklɑ:s; US -'klæs/ *v* [Tn esp passive] hleih; tha sawn: *I was outclassed from the start of the race.* ○ *In design and quality of manufacture they were outclassed by the Italians.*

outcome /'aʊtkɑ:m/ *n* (usu sing) thusuak; rahsuahmi; a hung saakmi thil: *What was the outcome of your meeting?*

outcrop /'aʊtkrɒp/ *n* (geology) leilung par ih

hmuh theimi a thuah tlunta.

outcry /'aʊtkraɪ/ *n* (esp sing) ~ (about/against sth) mipi lungkim lonak au-aw: *There was a public outcry about the building of a new airport.*

outdated /'aʊt'detɪd/ *adj* sanman lo: *outdated clothing* ○ *Her ideas on education are rather outdated now.*

outdistance /'aʊt'dɪstəns/ *v* [Tn] hleih, taan, lan: *The favourite soon outdistanced the other horses in the race.* ○ *His wife has outdistanced* (ie has been promoted more often than) *him in her career.*

outdo /'aʊt'du:/ *v* (3rd pers sing pres *t* -does /-'dʌz/, pt -did /-'dɪd/, pp -done /-'dʌn/) [Tn] (outdoes, outdid, outdone) tha sawn in tuah; neh: *determined to outdo her brother at work and games.* ○ *Not to be outdone* (ie Not wanting to let sb else do better) *she tried again.*

outdoor /'aʊtdɔ:(r)/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a lenglam; innleng: *outdoor activities* ○ *outdoor clothing* ○ *outdoor sports.* Cf INDOOR. **2** a lengcangvaihna ah nuam a titu: *He's not really an outdoor type.*

outdoors /'aʊtdɔ:z/ *adv* lenglam ah; inn sung si lomi ah: *It's cold outdoors.* ○ *In hot countries you can sleep outdoors.* ○ *Farm workers spend most of their time outdoors.* Cf INDOORS.

▷ **outdoors n** (idm) **the great outdoors** khawpi thawn a hlatnak ramlak: *I couldn't live in London, I enjoy the great outdoors too much.*

outer /'aʊtə(r)/ *adj* [attrib] (a) a lenglam ta, a leng: *the outer layer of wallpaper* ○ *outer garments* ○ *the outer walls of the house.* (b) a lenglam deuh: *the outer hall* ○ *the outer suburbs of the city.* Cf INNER.

□ **outermost** /'aʊtəməʊst/ *adj* a lengta bik; a sung ihsin a hlatnak bik: *the outermost planet from the sun* ○ *the outermost districts of the city.*

outer space =SPACE 5: *Journeys to outer space.*

outface /'aʊtfeɪs/ *v* [Tn] ningzak ding le umnuam loding in taar ko ih zoh: *outface one's opponent without flinching.*

outfall /'aʊtfɔ:l/ *n* tidai a liamnak (tili, tiva ihsin) a put liamnak.

outfield /'aʊtfi:ld/ *n* **1** **the ourfield** (cricket a baseball) bawlung thawi dingih a bawtu ihsin a hlatnak bik. **2** [Gp] cutawk hmun (zawn) ih a lektu pawl: [attrib] *Their outfield play is weak.* Cf INFIELD.

▷ **outfielder n** outfield ih a lektu; hmai a nortu.

outfight /'aʊtfait/ *v* (pt, pp **outfought** /-'fɔ:t/) [Tn] ral hnakin tha deuh ih do; khat lam tang hnakin tha deuh ih lek: *We were outmanoeuvred and outfought throughout the winter campaign.*

outfit /'aʊtfɪt/ *n* **1** [C] tumtah mi pakhat hrangih thuamhnaw a tulmi pawl: *a complete car repair outfit.* **2** [C] hnipuan thilthuam hruk khat: *a white tennis outfit* ○ *She bought a new outfit for her daughter's wedding.* **3** [CGp] (infml) hnaŋuan khawm mibur: *a small publishing outfit.*

▷ **outfitter** *n* mipa nauhak thilthuam a suahtu; thuamhnaw a suahtu: *He bought a jacket at the gentleman's outfitters.* ○ *They are the official school outfitters.*

outflank /aut'flæŋk/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) (a) *ral pawl umnak kap in kulh: an outflanking movement.* (b) *rinlo thil tuah pakhat ruangih nehtu ding dinhmun thlen: He was totally outflanked in the debate.*

outflow /aut'fləʊ/ *n* [C usu *sing*] ~ (from sth) a liam; a tlawt: *a steady outflow from the tank* ○ *an illegal outflow of currency.*

outfox /aut'fɒks/ *v* [Tn] (*infml*) *hrokhrawlnak in mi neh: He always outfoxes his opponents at chess.*

outgoing /aut'gəʊŋ/ *adj* 1 [attrib] (a) *feh; fehsuak: an outgoing ship, tide* ○ *the outgoing tenant, ie the one who is leaving the house.* (b) *hnaʔuan a baang dingmi: the outgoing president* ○ *the outgoing government.* 2 *rualpi kom a thiam zetmi: She's very outgoing.* ○ *an outgoing personality.* ○ *He's never been an outgoing type.*

outgoings /aut'gəʊŋz/ *n* [pl] *paisa hmanmi; hman zat: monthly outgoings on rent and food.*

outgrow /aut'grəʊ/ *v* (pt **outgrew** /-gru:/, pp **outgrown** /-grəʊn/) [Tn] 1 *ʔhankhelh: He's outgrown his older brother.* 2 *hnipuan tlem lo ko ih ʔhang: He's already outgrown his older brother.* 3 *bansan; taanta: outgrow bad habits, childish interest, etc* ○ *He has outgrown his passion for pop music.* 4 (idm) **outgrow one's strength** a ʔhan tuknak ah a ʔawŋʔai, ʔhangaa.

outgrowth /aut'grəʊθ/ *n* (*fml*) 1 *amahte a ʔhangmi, a cangmi: The manufacture of this material is an outgrowth of the space industry.* 2 *thil pakhat ihsin a dang thil a suakmi: an outgrowth on a beech tree* ○ *an outgrowth of hair from the nostrils.*

outhouse /aut'haʊs/ *n* 1 *inn lenglamih inn fate; deuthlam: She did her washing in one of the outhouses.* Cf **OUTBUILDING**. 2 (US) *innleeng ih zunpawng tlannak.*

outing /autɪŋ/ *n* *nomnak khualtlawn (nomtlawn): an outing to the seaside* ○ *go on an outing* ○ *the firm's annual outing to the theatre.*

outlandish /aʊ'lændɪʃ/ *adj* (*esp derog*) *zohrem lo, lamdang zet: outlandish clothes, behaviour* ○ *Her views on children are rather outlandish.*

▷ **outlandishly** *adv.* **outlandishness** *n* [U].

outlast /aut'læst/; US -læst/ *v* [Tn] *rei a daih sawn; a nungrei sawn: This clock has outlasted several owners.* ○ *This political system will outlast most of us.* Cf **OUTLIVE**.

outlaw /autlɔ:/ *n* (formerly) *upadi daan ih a humhinnak lengah suahmi: Bands of outlaws lived in the forest.*

▷ **outlaw** *v* [Tn] 1 (formerly) *mipakhat kha daan lengah ret.* 2 *thil pakhat upadi daan thawn a kaih lo tiah than: outlaw certain addictive*

drugs.

outlay /'aʊtleɪ/ *n* ~ (on sth) (a) [U] *hmailam hnaʔuan ʔhansonak hrangih bomnak paisa hmanmi: There was very little outlay on new machinery.* (b) [sing] *hi tivekih hmanmi paisa: a considerable outlay on basic research.*

outlet /'aʊtlet/ *n* 1 ~ (for sth) (tidai, tikhu tivek) *suahnak ong: an outlet for water* ○ *the outlet of a lake* ○ [attrib] *an outlet valve.* 2 ~ (for sth) (fig) *irh suahnak, phuansuahnak ong: Children need an outlet for their feelings.* ○ *He needs an outlet for all that pent-up anger.* 3 (commerce) *kampani pakhat ih suahmi thil pawl a rak zuartu dawr: This cosmetics firm has 34 outlets in Britain.*

outline /'aʊtlam/ *n* 1 a *kap tlaangrin: She could see only the outline(s) of the trees in the dimlight.* ○ [attrib] *He drew an outline map of Italy.* 2 a *thutlangpi pawl: an outline of an essay, a lecture, etc.* ○ *an outline of European History.* 3 (idm) **in outline** a *thupituk thutlangpi lawngsim: describe a plan in (broad) outline.*

▷ **outline** *v* [Tn] 1 a *kap tlaang in rin: He outlined the triangle in red.* 2 a *tawi nakin, a tlangpi thu in ngan, sim: We outlined our main objections to the proposal.*

outlive /aut'liv/ *v* [Tn] *nung rei sawn: He outlived his wife by three years.* ○ (fig) *When he retired he felt that he had outlived his usefulness, ie was no longer useful.* Cf **OUTLAST**.

outlook /'aʊtlʊk/ *n* 1 ~ (onto/over sth) *khua cuanilh hmuhmi: The house has a pleasant outlook over the valley.* 2 ~ (on sth) *hmuh daan, thlir daan: a narrow outlook on life* ○ *a tolerant, forgiving, pessimistic outlook.* 3 ~ (for sth) *cang dingih awm-angmi; hmailam ruahsannak: a bright outlook for trade* ○ *a bleak outlook for the unemployed* ○ *further outlook, dry and sunny, eg as a weather forecast.*

outlying /'aʊtlaɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] a *laifang ihsin a hlatnak: outlying regions* ○ *outlying villages, with poor communications.*

outmanoeuvre (US **outmaneuver**) /'aʊtmə'nu:və(r)/ *v* [Tn] *fimkhur le thiam zet ih tuah ruangah midang hleih: He was completely outmanoeuvred in his campaign to win the support of other ministers.*

outmoded /'aʊtməʊdɪd/ *adj* (*often derog*) *hman sawn lo; san man lo: outmoded ideas, styles, views, etc.*

outnumber /'aʊtnʌmbə(r)/ *v* [Tn *esp passive*] *tam sawn; hleih: The demonstrators were outnumbered by the police.* ○ *We were outnumbered two to one by the enemy, ie There were twice as many of them.*

out of /'aʊt əv/ *prep* 1 *ihsin; lengah: Mr Green is out of town this week.* ○ *Fish can survive for only a short time out of water.* Cf **IN** 1. 2 *ihsin; sungin: jump out of bed* ○ *go out of the shop* ○



fly out of the cage. **3** (indicating motive or cause) ti duh sannak; a ruangah: *do sth out of mischief, spite, malice, etc* ○ *help sb out of pity, kindness, generosity, etc* ○ *ask out of curiosity.* **4** (mi tampi) lakin, sungin: *Choose one out of the six.* ○ *To give you only one example out of several....* **5** ihsin (tuahmi): *the hut was made out of pieces of wood* ○ *She made a skirt out of the material I gave her.* Cf FROM 8, OF 5. **6** (thil pakhat) hlawhsam, lo in: *I'm beginning to feel out of patience.* ○ *He's been out of work for six months.* ○ *be out of* (ie have no) *flour, sugar, tea, etc.* **7** a um lo: *These books are out of order.* ○ *He's still in hospital but out of danger.* **8** a thu umcia vekin; ihsin: *a scene out of a play by Pinter* ○ *copy a recipe out of a book* ○ *drink orange juice out of the can* ○ *pay for a new car out of one's savings.* **9** (indicating the loss of sth, esp as a result of dishonesty) bum ruangih thil hlo: *cheat sb out of his money* (See v entries for similar examples.) **10** ihsin a hlatnak zat: *The ship sank 10 miles out of Stockholm.* **11** tel lo; pehpar lo: *It's a dishonest scheme and I'm glad to be out of it.* ○ *Brown is out of the England team.* **12** (idm) **out of it** (infml) a bur sungih telh lo ruangah riahisia: *We've only just moved here so we still feel a bit out of it.* ○ *She looks rather out of it — perhaps she doesn't speak English.*

outpatient /'aʊtpetʃnt/ n sizung to loin a lenglam in si a zawhtu: *If you do not require surgery you can be treated as an outpatient.* ○ [attrib] *the outpatient department.*

outplay /'aʊtpleɪ/ v [Tn esp passive] khatlam hnakin tha sawn ih lek: *The English team were totally outplayed by the Brazilians.*

outpoint /'aʊtpɔɪnt/ v [Tn esp passive] (boxing tivekah) a hmat tam sawn in neh: *He was outpointed by the champion.*

outpost /'aʊtpəʊst/ n **1** lamhlat ralvennak ih retmi (ralkap bur). **2** lamhlat ih hmunhma khuar pohpoh: *a missionary outpost in the jungle* ○ (joc) *You'd better get petrol here — where we're going is the last outpost of civilization.*

outpouring /'aʊtpɔːrɪŋ/ n (usu pl) phuan lo theih lo thinlung irh put: *out pourings of the heart* ○ *an outpouring of frenzied grief* ○ *the outpourings of a madman.*

output /'aʊtpʊt/ n [sing] **1** (cet, minung tivekih tuanmi) thilsuak pawl: *The average output of the factory is 20 cars a day.* ○ *We must increase our output to meet demand.* ○ *the literary output of the year*, ie all the books, etc published in a year. **2** (cet pakhat ih) a suahmi tha: *an output of 100 watts.* **3** (computing) computer ihsin suahmi thuhla theihternak. Cf INPUT.

▷ **output** v (pt, pp **output** or **outputted**) [Tn] (computing) thu suahter. Cf INPUT v.

□ **output device** thu rak latu computer thilri.

outrage /'aʊtreɪdʒ/ n (derog) **1** [C, U] huatsuah le

that lonak maksak (tuahmi): *outrages committed by armed mobs* ○ *never safe from outrage.* **2** [C] mipi lau ternak, thinheng ternak: *'The building of the new shopping centre is an outrage,' she protested.* **3** [U] thinnatnak le thinhennak maksak: *When he heard the news he reacted with a sense of outrage.* ○ *He leapt up and down in sheer outrage.*

▷ **outrage** v [Tn esp passive] riahsiatter thinhengter, lauter: *outrage public opinion* ○ *They were outraged by the announcement of massive price increases.*

outrageous /'aʊtreɪdʒəs/ adj **1** mi thinhengter thei, lauter thei; ziaza tha lo: *His treatment of his wife is outrageous*, ie much too high. **2** a lam dangzet; mi ih tuah keel a si lomi: *outrageous hats at Ascot* ○ *outrageous remarks to designed to shock listeners.*

▷ **outrageously** adv: *outrageously expensive clothes* ○ *outrageously pornographic magazines.*

outrank /'aʊtræŋk/ v [Tn] (fml) hnaʔuan dinhmun a hleih: *Colonel Jones outranks everyone here.*

outré /'uːtreɪ/ US uː'treɪ/ adj (French derog or joc) (esp of behaviour, ideas, tastes, ect) (nunzia, in-ei tivek ah) hawizawng lo; lamdangzet: *an outré style of dress* ○ *She likes to shock people with her outré remarks.*

outrider /'aʊtraɪdər/ n bawi upa kilveng dingah mawtaw-saikal to ih a thluntu: *The President's car was flanked by motor-cycle outriders.*

outrigger /'aʊtrɪgər/ n **1** long kapih thil bunmi (zuamawknak asilole long let lo dingih fek ternak ih hmanmi). **2** hivek bunmi long.

outright /'aʊtraɪt/ adv **1** lang hngan; thuhpneh um loin: *I told him outright what I thought of his behaviour.* **2** nuamten si loin hmakhat te ah: *be killed outright by a single gun shot* ○ *buy a house outright*, ie not by instalments. **3** lawlaw: *He won outright.*

▷ **outright** adj [attrib] **1** lunghrinnak um lomi; suup lomi: *an outright denial, refusal, etc.* **2** a fiangmi, palh lomi: *She was the outright winner.*

outrival /'aʊtraɪvl/ v (-II-; US also -I-) [Tn] (fml) lehnak ah neh; thiam sawn: *She outrivals him at all board games.*

outrun /'aʊtrʌn/ v (pt **outran** /-ræn/, pp **outrun**) [Tn] tlan cak sawn; tlanneh; hleih: *The favourite easily outran the other horses in the field.* ○ (fig) *His ambition outran his ability*, ie He was ambitious to do more than he was able.

outsell /'aʊtsel/ v (pt, pp **outsold** /-səʊld/) [Tn] **1** thil zuar neh: *The Japanese can outsell any competitor in the market.* **2** tamsawn zuarnghah: *This model outsells all others on the market.*

outset /'aʊtset/ n (idm) **at/from the outset** (of sth) a thokte in/ah: *At the outset of her career she was full of optimism but not now.* ○ *From the outset it was clear that he was guilty.*

outshine /'aʊtʃaɪn/ vt (pt, pp **outshone** /-ʃɒn/)

[Tn] (*usu fig*) tleu deuh; thiam deuh; langdeuh: *The young girl violinist outshone* (ie was much better than) *all other competitors*.

outside¹ /aʊt'saɪd/ *n* **1** [*usu sing*] a lenglam: *The outside of the house needs painting.* ○ *Lower the window and open the door from the outside.* ○ *Make sure the contents are clearly labelled on the outside.* ○ (*fig*) *She seems calm on the outside but I know how worried she really is.* **2** [*sing*] inn kiangkap; inn lenglam: *walk round the outside of the building* ○ *I only saw it from the outside.* Cf **inside**¹. **3** (*idm*) **at the outside** a sang bik, a tam bik ih ŋuatmi: *room for 75 people at the outside* ○ *With tips I can earn £150 a week, at the very outside.* **on the outside** (of motorists, motor vehicles, etc) mawtaw zinpi ih a lai riin naih bik in feh: *overtake sb on the outside.*

▷ **outside** /aʊt'saɪd/ *adj* [*attrib*] **1** a lenglam a simi: *outside repairs, measurements, appearance* ○ *a house with only two outside walls.* **2** (**a**) inn sungah si lo in: *an outside toilet.* (**b**) mibur lakah, pawlkom lakih tel lomi: *We'll need outside help before we can finish.* ○ *We may have to use an outside firm of consultants.* ○ *She has a lot of outside interests,* ie not connected with her job or main subject of study. **3** (of choice, possibility, etc) malte: *an outside chance of winning the game.* **4** a cang theimi a sangbik: *My outside price is £100000.* ○ *150 is my outside estimate.* □ **outside broadcast** a lenglam ih lemnung zukmi; cuvekih hla-aw thunmi.

outside lane mawtawka tampi feh theinak zin kaupi ah a laifang rin a naih bik, mawtawka cakbikih fehnak.

outside left, outside right bawlung lehnakih hmainor a kapbik (left wing, right wing).

outside line telephone thawn innpi lenglam pehnak.

outside² /aʊt'saɪd/ (also esp *US outside of*) *prep* **1** a lengah: *You can park your car outside our house.* ○ *Don't go outside the school playground.* Cf **inside**². **2** huapmi lengah: *The matter is outside my area of responsibility.* ○ *I'm not concerned with what you do outside working hours.* **3** siar lo ah: *Outside her brothers and sisters she has no real friends.*

▷ **outside** *adv* **1** lenglam pan in; lengah: *Please walk outside.* ○ *The house is painted green outside.* ○ *The children are playing outside* ○ *Don't go outside — it's too cold.* **2** innleng, khawheng: *It's warmer outside than in this room.* ○ *The car wouldn't start after standing outside all week.*

outsider /aʊt'saɪd(ə)/ *n* **1** a lenglam mi: *Although she's lived there for ten years, the villagers still treat her as an outsider.* ○ *Women feel like outsiders in that club.* **2** zuam awknak ah neh dingih zum lem lomi: *That horse is a complete outsider; I wouldn't waste my money on it.* ○

Amazingly, the job went to a rank outsider.

outsize /aʊt'saɪz/ *adj* [*usu attrib*] (*sometimes derog*) (of clothing or people) a tum cuangmi: *outsize dresses for larger ladies* ○ *She's not really outsize — just well-built.*

outskirts /aʊtskɜːts/ *n* [*pl*] khuapi pakhat ih a lenglam deuh; a zimleep: *They live on the outskirts* (ie in an outlying district) of Paris.

outsmart /aʊt'sma:t/ *v* [Tn] fim deuh; depde deuh: *We outsmarted them and got there first by taking a shorter route.*

outspoken /aʊt'spəʊkən/ *adj* ~ (*in sth/doing sth*) ruah vekih sim hluaahlomi; thuthup nei lo: *an outspoken critic of the government* ○ *be outspoken in one's remarks.*

▷ **outspokenly** *adv*: *outspokenly critical.*

outspokenness *n* [U].

outspread /aʊt'spred/ *adj* pharhmi: *She ran towards him with outspread arms/with arms outspread.*

outstanding /aʊt'stændɪŋ/ *adj* **1** a tha tuk; a tha hleice: *an outstanding student, piece of work, performance.* **2** [*usu attrib*] a langsarmi: *the outstanding features of the landscape* ○ *an outstanding landmark.* **3** (of payment, work, problems, etc) pek hrih lo ih a tangmi (paise); tawrel suak hrih lomi (thu buai); ŋuan suak hrihlomi (hnaŋuan): *outstanding debts* ○ *A good deal of work is still outstanding.*

▷ **outstandingly** *adv* tha cuangin: *outstandingly good* ○ *play outstandingly (well).*

outstation /aʊt'steɪ/ *n* lamhlatpi ih colhnak hmun; ŋankhuarnak hmun; tlaangleng colhnak tivek.

outstay /aʊt'steɪ/ *v* [Tn] **1** rei cuang a lengmi, a tomi, a ummi: *outstay the other guests.* **2** (*idm*) **outstay/overstay one's welcome** ⇨ **WELCOME.**

outstretched /aʊt'stretʃt/ *adj* (with limbs) kut-ke napiin pharh: *He lay outstretched on the grass* ○ *with arms outstretched/with outstretched arms.*

outstrip /aʊt'stri:p/ *v* (-pp-) [Tn] **1** lan; cak deuh ih ilan: *We soon outstripped the slower runners.* **2** thupi deuh, tum deuh ah cang: *Demand is outstripped current production.*

outvote /aʊt'vəʊt/ *v* [Tn esp passive] thurel nakah mi tamsawn ih neh; vawt ih neh: *Richard and David tried to get the question put on the agenda but they were heavily outvoted.*

outward /aʊtwəd/ *adj* [*attrib*] **1** (of a journey) feh lam: *He got lost on the outward journey.* **2** a lenglam: *the outward appearance of things* ○ *To (all) outward appearances* (ie As far as one can judge from the outside) *the child seems very happy.* **3** minung pakhat ih a lenglam umtuzia: *She gives no outward sign of sadness she must feel.* ○ *An outward show of confidence concealed his nervousness.*

▷ **outwardly** *adv* a langmi ah; a lenglam hmuh ah: *Though badly frightened, she appeared*

outwardly calm.

outwards /-wədz/ (Brit) (also esp US **outward**) *adv.* ⇒ Usage at FORWARD². **1** a lenglam hoi in: *The two ends of the wire must be bent outward(s).* ○ *Her feet turn outwards.* **2** a lenglam ah suakin: *a train is travelling outwards from London.* **outward bound** um hmun ihsin suakin: *The ship is outward bound.* ○ [attrib] *the outward bound train.* **Outward Bound Movement** a lenglam le hramlakah mino pawl zirhnak nei ding tumtahnak: [attrib] *an Outward Bound (Movement) School.*

outweigh /aʊt'wei/ *v* [Tn] a rih-nak, thupitnak, le man neihnakh hleih; rit deuh: *This outweighs all other considerations.* ○ *The advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.*

outwit /aʊt'wit/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn] fimnak (asilole) depdetnak thawn neh: *Two prisoners outwitted guards and got away.*

outwork /aʊt'wɜ:k/ *n* [U] khawlp ihsin a cipnoph in suah ih innsangah bun le pehmi thil: *do outwork for a clothing factory.*

▷ **outworker** *n* outwork hna a tuantu: *Outworkers in the clothing industry are badly paid.*

outworn /aʊt'wɔ:n/ *adj* [usu attrib] hman theih nawn lo; sanman lo: *outworn scientific theories* ○ *outworn practices in industry.*

ouzel /'u:zl/ *n* aw a thami leibual va phunkip sungin phun khat: *a ring ouzel.*

ouzo /'u:zəʊ/ *n* [U] Greek pawl ih zu phunkhat.

ova *pl* of ovum.

oval /'euvl/ *n, adj* arti pian ih hluummi; malte a sawlmi: *The play ground is a large oval.* ○ *an oval-shaped face* ○ *The mirror is oval.*

ovary /'euveri/ *n* **1** cii hrangah ti a sem tertu nunau (asilole ramsa a nu) sul sungih taksa: *an operation to remove diseased ovaries.* Cf OVUM. **2** (botany) cii a suahtu thingkung hrampi ih a par.

▷ **ovarian** /əʊ'veəriən/ *adj* [attrib] ovary thawn a pehparmi: *an ovarian cyst.*

ovation /əʊ'veiʃn/ *n* zapi ih lom le thangthat: *She received an enthusiastic ovation from the audience.* ○ *The speaker was given a standing ovation,* ie *The audience stood to clap, etc.*

oven /'ʌvn/ *n* **1** tappawn (thilrawhnak ih hmanmi vutcam le meiling khawlnak hmun) electric meitha thawn tuahmi rawl suannak, sa emnak le rawhnak (*electric oven, microwave oven*): *Bread is baked in an oven.* ○ *a gas oven* ○ *a microwave oven* ○ [attrib] *You've left the oven door open.* Cf STOVE **1**. **2** (idm) **have a bun in the oven** ⇒ BUN. **like an oven** a sa tuk (tawppawn vek): *Open the window, its like an oven in here!* □ **oven-ready** *adj* suan dingih tim tuahmi: [attrib] *oven-ready chickens.*

ovenware /'ʌvnwea(r)/ *n* [U] meisa a tuar theimi, tappawn ih toh theih pakan le bel: [attrib]

ovenware pottery.

over¹ /'əʊvə(r)/ *adv part* (For special uses with many *vs*, eg *give over*, see the relevant *v* entries.)

1 (a) ding patio in thil pakhat parah: *Don't knock that vase over.* ○ *He fell over on the ice.* ○ *I wobbled uncertainly for a couple of paces, then over I went.* ○ *The wind must have blown it over.* (b) kapkhat in kapkhat ah; let; kau: *Turn the patient over onto his front.* ○ *Turn over the page.* ○ *The car skidded off the road and rolled over and over down the slope.* ○ *After ten minutes, turn the meat over,* ie *to cook the other side.* (c) khat lamah: *Take these letters over to the post office.* ○ *Let me row over to the other side of the lake.* ○ *He has gone over to/is over in France.* ○ *Let's ask some friends over,* ie *to our home.* ○ *Put the tray over there.* **2** (esp US) saal: *He repeated if several times over* (ie *again and again*) *until he could remember it.* ○ *We did the house over* (ie *redecorated it*) *and bought new furniture.* **3** hmang lo ih taan; a taangmi: *If there's any food (left) over, put it in the fridge.* ○ *I'll have just £10 over when I've paid all my debts.* ○ *7 into 30 goes 4 with 2 over.* **4** cu hnakh tam: *children of fourteen and over* ○ *10 metres and a bit over.* Cf UNDER **4**. **5** a cem; a net: *Their relationship is over.* ○ *By the time we arrived the meeting was over.* ○ *'It's all over with him'* (ie *He is going to die*), *'the doctor said gently.* **6** (a) (indicating transfer or change from one person, group, place, etc to another) hmun/minung pakhat hnenin pakhat ah thawn: *He's gone over to the enemy,* ie *joined them.* ○ *Please change the plates over,* ie *exchange their positions.* (b) (used when communicating by radio) thirhri thawn biak awk tikih hmanmi: *Message received. Over,* ie *It is your turn to speak.* **7** khuh theh: *paint sth over* ○ *The lake is completely frozen over.* ○ *Cover her over with a blanket.* **8** (idm) (all) **over again** a thok in tuah saal: *He did the work so badly that I had to do it all over again myself.* **over against sth** (fml) a kalhkeh in: *the benefits of private education over against state education.* **over and over (again)** atu le tu; vei tampi: *I've warned you over and over (again) not to do that.* ○ *Say the words over and over to yourself.*

over² /'əʊvə(r)/ *prep* (For special uses with many *vs*, eg *argue over sth, get over sth, fall over sth*, see the *v* entries.) **1** a par ah (khuh, hup tinak a siih above timi in a ai-rawl thei lo): *Spread a cloth over the table.* ○ *She put a rug over the sleeping child.* ○ *He put his hand over her mouth to stop her screaming.* ⇒ Usage at ABOVE². **2** a tlunah asinan a dai aw lo: *They held a large umbrella over her.* ○ *The sky was a clear blue over our heads.* ○ *The balcony juts out over the street.* ○ *There was a lamp (hanging) over the table.* Cf ABOVE² 1a, UNDER. ⇒ Usage at ABOVE². **3**

(a) khatlam in khatlamah: a bridge over the river
 ○ run over the grass ○ escape over the frontier
 ○ look over the hedge. (b) khatlam ralah: He lives over the road. ○ Who lives in that house over the way (ie on the other side of the road or street)? ○ Over the river is private land. ○ (fig) We're over (ie We have completed) the most difficult stage of the journey. (c) lan, kaan: climb over a wall ○ jump over the stream ○ go over the mountain. 4 (esp with all) a tlun zate huap in: Snow is falling (all) over the country. ○ He sprinkled sugar over his cereal. ○ He's famous (all) over the world. 5 hnakh tam: over 3 million copies sold ○ She stayed in Lagos (for) over a month. ○ She's over two metres tall. ○ The river is over fifty kilometres long. ○ He's over fifty. Cf UNDER 4. ⇒ Usage at ABOVE². 6 (indicating control, command, authority, superiority, etc) thupit deuhnak le uakzia langternak: He ruled over a great empire. ○ She has only the director over her. ○ He has little control over his emotions. 7 (a) (indicating the passing of time) caan a liam rero; ti laifangah: discuss it over lunch ○ He went to sleep over his work. ○ We had a pleasant chat over a cup of tea. ○ Over the next few days they got to know the town well. (b) caan ... sungah: stay in Wales over (ie until after) Christmas and The New Year. 8 thil pakhat thawn pehpar in: an argument over money ○ a disagreement over the best way to proceed. 9 (radio, telefawn) ti vekih sim/theih: We heard it over the radio. ○ She wouldn't tell me over (ie when speaking on) the phone. 10 (idm) over and a bove cuh hlei ah: The waiters get good tips over and above their wages.

over³ /əʊvə(r)/ n (in cricket) a rak thawitu ding hnenih bawlung dengtu in a pehpeh in vei ruk a denmi bawlung: dismiss two batsmen in the same over.

over- pref 1 (with ns forming ns, vs, adjs and advs) a tlun, a leng, a ralkah: overcoat ○ overhang ○ overall ○ overhead. Cf SUPER. 2 (used widely with vs, ns, adjs and advs) a hleiluanin: overeat ○ overwork ○ overtime ○ over-rich ○ over-aggressively. Cf HYPER.

overact /əʊvərækt/ v [I, Tn] (derog) a luan tuk le porh aw tukih thil ti: Amateur actors often overact. ○ He overacts the part of the loving husband. Cf UNDERACT.

overall¹ /əʊvərɔ:l/ adj [attrib] (a) a zaten; zate huap in: the overall measurements of a room ○ the overall cost of the carpet including sales tax and fitting. (b) a tlangpi thu in; zate huapin: There's been an overall improvement recently.
 ▷ **overall** adv 1 zate tel in; zate huap in: How much will it cost overall? 2 a tlangpi thu in: Overall it's been a good match.

overall² /əʊvərɔ:l/ n 1 [C] (Brit) baal khamtu a dormi korleng: The shop assistant was wearing

a white overall. 2 overalls (Brit) (US coveralls /ˈkʌvərɔ:lz/) [pl] baal le hnawm khamtu korleng fualpi: The carpenter was wearing a pair of blue overalls. Cf BOILER SUIT (BOILER)

overarm /əʊvərə:m/ adj, adv (of bowling in cricket) bawlung den tikah liang tlunah kut vawr: an overarm bowler ○ bowl overarm. Cf UNDERARM.

overawe /əʊvər'eɪ/ v [Tn usu passive] tihter, tuksuumter, upat: overawed into submission by senior colleagues ○ He was overawed by rather grand surroundings.

overbalance /əʊvə'bæləns/ v [I, Tn] hawr, tlu zik rero: He overbalanced and fell into the water. ○ If you stand up you'll overbalance the canoe.

overbearing /əʊvə'beəriŋ/ adj (derog) mai thuthu ih midang thil tuahter; mi neekrawk hman: an overbearing mancer.

▷ **overbearingly** adv: overbearingly proud.

overbid /əʊvə'beəriŋ/ v (-tt-; pt, pp overbid) 1 [Tn] lilan thil zuarnak ah midang hnakh tamsawn pe thei. 2 [I, Tn] (phekahnak ah) mai comi phe hnakh man tam sawn ih sim. Cf UNDERBID.

▷ **overbid** /əʊvə'bid/ n.

overblown /əʊvə'blaʊn/ adj 1 (of flowers) a par that lai a luan deuhmi, par uai: overblown roses ○ (fig) overblown beauty. 2 (fml) a hleifuan ih thil ti; titer aw: an overblown style of writing.

overboard /əʊvə'bɔ:d/ adv 1 longkap in tidai sungah: fall, jump, be washed overboard. 2 (idm) go overboard (about sb/sth) (infml often derog) (thil pakhat parah) tha tho tuk: He goes overboard about every young woman he meets. throw sth/sb overboard taanta; baansan; tha pe nawn lo: After losing the election the party threw their leader overboard.

overbook /əʊvə'bʊk/ v [Tn esp passive] (vanzam, riahnak tivek) a ham ciatu an tam tuk: The flight was overbooked.

overburden /əʊvə'bɜ:dn/ v [Tn esp passive] ~ sb (with sth) hnaʔuan, thilrit tamtuk ih nen: overburdened with committee meetings ○ overburdened with guilt, remorse, debt.

overcapitalize, -ise /əʊvə'kæpɪtəlaɪz/ v [Tn] (hnaʔuannak, kampani pakhat) ih sumsaw sang tukih tuat.

▷ **overcapitalization, -isation** /əʊvə, kæpɪtəlaɪzeɪʃn; US -lɪz/ n [U].

overcast /əʊvə'ka:st; US -'kæst/ adj van a dur; mero in a zeel: a dark, overcast day ○ It's a bit overcast — it might rain. ○ (fig) a gloomy, overcast (ie unhappy) expression on his face.

overcharge /əʊvə'tʃa:dʒ/ v [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ (sb) (for sth) 1 a man tam tukih ngen: That grocer never overcharges. ○ We were overcharged for the eggs. ○ They overcharged me (by) £1 for the shopping. Cf UNDERCHARGE. 2 tet tuk, khat tukih thun, khin: overcharge an electric circuit. ○ (fig) a poem overcharged with

emotion.

overcoat /əʊvəkəʊt/ *n* (also dated **topcoat**)
lenghruk korfual: *He wore a hat, gloves and an overcoat.*

overcome /əʊvə'kʌm/ *v* (pt **overcame** /-'keɪm/, pp **overcome**) **1** [Tn] *neh: He overcame his bad habit* ○ *He overcame a strong temptation to run away.* **2** [I] (fml) *neh: We shall overcome!* **3** [Tn usu passive] *ṭawnṭai, derhawmter: be overcome by gas fumes* ○ *be overcome by/with grief, anger, despair, etc.* **4** [Tn] (buainak) *nehsuak dingih lamzin hawl: We'll overcome that difficulty when we get to it.*

overcompensate /əʊvə'kɒmpenseɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) (palh-nak, ṭawn taih-nak tivek) *rem ding a hleifuantukih zuam: He had overcompensated for the effect of the wind, and taken the aircraft off course.* ○ *Working mothers often over-compensate for their absences from home by spoiling their children.*

▷ **over-compensation** /əʊvə'kɒmpen'seɪʃn/ *n* [U].

overcrop /əʊvə'krɒp/ *v* (-pp-) [Tn] *leilung dawm cem ṭheh ko in thlai rawl ciin le laak.*

overcrowded /əʊvə'kraʊdɪd/ *adj* *khat tuk; tet tuk: Shops are very overcrowded before Christmas.* ○ *overcrowded bus, train, etc.*

▷ **overcrowding** /əʊvə'kraʊdɪŋ/ *n* [U] *minung khahtuknak: the serious overcrowding in the poorer areas of the city.*

overdo /əʊvə'du/ *v* (pt **overdid** /-'dɪd/, pp **overdone** /-'dʌn/) [Tn] **1** *tam tuk, a hleifuan ih tuah, sim: She rather overdid the sympathy, ie was so sympathetic that she did not seem sincere.* **2** *a hlei tukih cawn: The comic scenes in the play were overdone.* **3** *hmangtuk: Don't overdo the garlic in the food — not everyone likes it.* ○ *I think they've rather overdone the red in this room, ie used too much red paint, wallpaper, etc.* **4** *rei tuk suang; ut ko ih suang: The fish was overdone and very dry.* **5** (idm) **overdo it/things** (a) *zuam tuk, ṭuan tuk, a hlei ih thilti: He's been overdoing things recently.* ○ *You must stop overdoing it — you'll make yourself ill.* (b) (tumtahmi hlensuah thei dingah) *a hlei tukih zuam: He was trying to be helpful, but he rather overdid it.*

overdose /əʊvədəʊs/ *n* *ṭum khat ah si tamtuk ei/in: take a massive overdose of sleeping tablets* ○ *die of a heroin overdose* ○ (fig) *I've had rather an overdose of T.V this week, ie watched too much.*

overdose /əʊvədəʊs/ *v* **1** /əʊvədəʊs/ [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with sth) (sii) *tam tukih pek: He's been overdosing himself.* ○ *She overdosed the old woman with pain-killers.* **2** /əʊvədəʊs/ [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) *sii tam tukih ei/in: He overdosed (on sleeping-pills) and died.*

overdraft /əʊvədra:ft; US -dræft/ *n* *bankah mai*

paisa khawlmi hnakin tam deuh suah-nak: He has a huge overdraft to pay off. ○ *I took out an overdraft to pay for my new car.* ○ [attrib] *an overdraft arrangement.*

overdraw /əʊvə'drɔ:/ *v* (pt **overdrew** /-'dru:/, pp **overdrawn** /-'drɔ:n/) **1** [I, Tn] *mai khawlmi hnakh tam deuh suah.* **2** [Tn] *porh tuk: The characters in this novel are overdrawn, ie not true to life.*

▷ **overdrawn** /əʊvə'drɔ:n/ *adj* (a) [pred] (of a person) *a luan ih (suahtu milai): I am overdrawn by £500.* (b) (of an account) *a luan ih (suahtu): a heavily overdrawn account.*

overdress /əʊvədres/ *v* [I, Tn usu passive] (usu derog) *a hleiluan ih thil thuam hruk; a luan ih ceimawi awk: I feel rather overdressed in this suit — everyone is wearing jeans!*

overdrive /əʊvədraɪv/ *n* **1** *mawṭawka cakzet ih mawn laiah datsi tivek ei tuk lo dingin (gear) dangte bun betmi.* **2** (idm) **go into overdrive** (fig) *rang tukih mawng; nasa tukih ṭuanter: She always goes into overdrive (ie starts working very hard) before the holidays.*

overdue /əʊvə'dju:/ *US -du:/adj* [usu pred] *a caan khel ih pe lo, rul lo; suak lo: These bills are overdue, ie should have been paid before now.* ○ *The baby is two weeks overdue, ie still not born two weeks after the expected date of birth.* ○ *The train is overdue, ie late.*

overeate /əʊvə'reɪt/ *v* (pt **overate** /-'et/, pp **overeaten** /-'i:tn/) [I] *rawl phaam tuk: I overate at the party last night and got violent indigestion.* ○ *Obese people find it difficult to stop overeating.*

overestimate /əʊvə'restɪmeɪt/ *v* [Tn] *a si hnakh ṭha sawn, tum sawn tivek ih tuat: I overestimated the amount of milk we'd need for the weekend.* ○ *I overestimated his abilities — he's finding the job very difficult.* Cf UNDERESTIMATE.

overexpose /əʊvə'ri:k'spəʊz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (film tivek) *tleu ah tam tuk, rei tuk langter. Cf UNDEREXPOSE.*

▷ **overexposure** *n* [U].

overflow /əʊvə'fləʊ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] *tidai a liam: Your bath is overflowing.* ○ *The river overflowed (its banks).* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (into sth) *tlem lo ih darh: The meeting overflowed into the streets.* ○ *The audience easily overflowed the small theatre.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** *khat le liam in, liam thluathlo in: overflowing with happiness, kindness, gratitude, etc* ○ *a heart overflowing with love.*

▷ **overflow** /əʊvə'fləʊ/ *n* **1** [U] (a) *ti a liamnakh: stop the overflow from the cistern.* (b) *a liammi: Put a bowl underneath to catch the overflow.* ○ [attrib] *an overflow canal.* **2** [U, sing] *hmun pakhat ih tlem lo, tam tuk: a large overflow of population from the cities* ○ *find a smaller hall for the overflow from the main meeting.* **3** [C] (also **overflow pipe**) *tidai liamternak tidawng: The overflow from the bath is blocked.*

overfly /əʊvə'flaɪ/ *v* (pt **overflew** /-flu:/, pp **overflowed** /-fləʊn/) [Tn] (khua, ram) tlun in zam: *The journey back took longer than normal, because the plane could not overfly the war zone.*

overgrown /əʊvə'grəʊn/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] rang tuk tumtukih a thangmi: *That man behaves like an overgrown child.* **2** [pred] ~ (with sth) (a pit a sah tukmi thingkung hrampi pawl) ih khuhmi: *walls overgrown with ivy* ○ *The garden's completely overgrown (with nettles).*

overgrowth /əʊvə'grəʊθ/ *n* **1** [U, C] thlawh theih lo ih a keuhmi, a thangmi hrampi, thingkung pawl: *an overgrowth of nettles.* **2** /əʊvə'grəʊθ/ [U] rang tuk le tumtukih thian: *Overgrowth is common in adolescents.*

overhang /əʊvə'hæŋ/ *v* (pt, pp **overhung** /-hʌŋ/) [I, Tn] thlai; zaar; muuk; khuh: *The ledge overhangs by several feet.* ○ *The cliff overhangs the beach.*

▷ **overhang** /əʊvə'hæŋ/ *n* a tlaimi, a muukmi: *a bird's nest under the overhang of the roof.*

overhaul /əʊvə'hɔ:l/ *v* [Tn] **1** famkim zet le ralring zet in cekfel ih a tulmi pawl rem: *have the engine of a car overhauled* ○ (fig) *The language syllabus needs to be completely overhauled.* **2** man ih lan: *The fast cruiser soon overhauled the old cargo boat.*

▷ **overhaul** /əʊvə'hɔ:l/ *n* famkim zet ih cekfel hnu ah tulmi hmuahhmuah remnak: *I've taken my typewriter in for an overhaul.* ○ *The engine is due for an overhaul.* ○ (infml joc) *I'm going to the doctor for my annual overhaul*, ie physical examination.

overhead /əʊvə'hed/ *adj* **1** leilung par si loin a tlun deuh; minung pakhat ih lutlun: *overhead wires, cables, etc* ○ *an overhead railway*, ie built on a level higher than the street. **2** overhead thawn a peh parmi: *overhead expenses, charges, etc.*

▷ **overhead** /əʊvə'hed/ *adv* mi pakhat ih lutlunah; van tlunah: *the stars overhead* ○ *birds flying overhead.*

overheads /əʊvə'hedz/ *n* [pl] hnaʔuan hrangih paisa hman theunak pawl, eg inn hlan man; thlahlawh tivek pekmi pawl: *Heavy overheads reduced his profits.* ○ *If you move to a smaller office you will reduce your overheads.*

overhear /əʊvə'hɪə(r)/ *v* (pt, pp **overheard** /-hɜ:d/) [Tn, Tng, Tni] mi ih thu relmi anmai theih lo ih rak theingah; rinlopi ih mi thurel ngai ngah, theingah: *I overheard their argument/them.* ○ *I overheard them quarrelling.* ○ *I overheard him say/saying he was going to France.*

overjoyed /əʊvə'dʒɔɪd/ *adj* [usu pred] ~ (at sth/ to do sth) lungawinak maktak ih a khatmi: *He'll be overjoyed at your news.* ○ *She was overjoyed to hear about the arrival of the baby.*

overkill /əʊvə'kɪl/ *n* [U] (usu fig) thil pakhat tuahsuaknak ding nehnak dingah a tulmihnakin

nasa deuh ih tuahnak: *It was surely overkill to screen three interviews on the same subject in one evening.*

overland /əʊvələnd/ *adj* lei parih feh, khualtlawn: *an overland route, journey, etc.*

▷ **overland** *adv*: *travel overland.*

overlap /əʊvələp/ *v* (-pp-) [I, Tn] **1** a zim a thuah awmi: *a boat made of overlapping boards* ○ *The tiles on the roof overlap one another.* **2** (fig) thil a tong awmi: *Our visits to the town overlapped.* ○ *His duties and mine overlap*, ie cover part of the same area of interest.

▷ **overlap** /əʊvələp/ *n* **1** [C] a zim lam a thuah awmi thil: *an overlap of 50 cm* ○ *a large overlap.* **2** [U] thil an thuah awknak thu: *There is no question of overlap between the two courses.*

overlay /əʊvə'leɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **overlaid** /-leɪd/) [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) a tlun in paate ih khuh: *wood overlaid with gold* ○ *He overlaid the walls with hessian.*

▷ **overlay** /əʊvə'leɪ/ *n* khuhnak thil: *a table covered with a copper overlay.*

overleaf /əʊvə'li:f/ *adv* khat lam cahmai: *see picture overleaf*, ie as an instruction to the reader.

overload /əʊvə'ləʊd/ *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) **1** a phurh thei ding hnak ih rit sawn ih thil phurhter: *The donkey was so overloaded, it could hardly climb the hill.* **2** (electric) tha tam tukih thlah: *The lights fused because the system was overloaded with electrical appliances.*

overlook /əʊvə'lʊk/ *v* [Tn] **1** a tlunlam ihsin cuan, zoh: *My room overlooks the sea.* ○ *We overlook the church from our house.* ○ *Our garden is overlooked by our neighbours' windows*, ie They can see into our garden from their windows. **2** (a) hrelh sual; zohhhiah lo: *He overlooked a spelling error on the first page.* (b) hmu lo vekih um; hmu lo awter; ruatsak lo; ziang siar lo ih um; ngaithiam: *He was overlooked* (ie He was not considered for the job) *when they set about choosing a new manager.* ○ *We can afford to overlook minor offences* ○ *She overlooked his rudeness and tried to pretend nothing had happened.*

overlord /əʊə'lɔ:d/ *n* (formerly) hlanlai mi-uk: *a feudal overlord* ○ *The peasants owed service and obedience to their overlord.*

overly /əʊvə'li/ *adv* (fml esp Scot or US) (before an adj or a v) tuk; luantuk; lawmmam: *overly cautious* ○ *I am not overly impressed by his work.* Cf **OVER**.

overmanned /əʊvə'mænd/ *adj* (of a factory, etc) hnaʔuantu tamtuk; hleifuan: *Management decided the office was overmanned and sacked three junior typists.* Cf **OVERSTAFFED**, **UNDERMANNED**.

▷ **overmanning** /əʊvə'mæniŋ/ *n* [U]: *Overmanning can be a serious problem in*

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overmastering /əʊvə'mɑ:stərɪŋ/ US -'mæs-/ *adj* [esp attrib] (*fml* or *rhet*) neh sawh; nekhkhu; luahkhat: *an overmastering passion*, ie one that is difficult to control.

overmuch /əʊvə'mʌtʃ/ *adj, adv* (*fml*) (esp with a negative *v*) tuk; tamtuk; nasa tuk: *His book did not display over-much talent.* ○ *I do not like her over-much.*

overnight /əʊvə'nait/ *adv* **1** zankhat sung: *stay overnighnt at a friend's house*, ie sleep there for the night. **2** (*infml*) a zanzan in; hmatekhat ah; zamrang zet in: *She became a celebrity overnight.*

▷ **overnight** /əʊvə'nait/ *adj* [attrib] **1** zan ah; zan khat: *an overnight journey* ○ *an overnight bag* ○ *an overnight stop in Rome.* **2** (*infml*) hmatekhat ah; zamrang zet in: *an overnight success.*

overpass /əʊvə'pɑ:s/ US -pæs/ *n* (esp US) (*Brit* also **flyover** /'flaɪəʊvə(r)/) mawṭawka lamzin tlunih lilawn. Cf UNDERPASS.

overpay /əʊvə'peɪ/ *vt* (pt, pp **overpaid** /-peɪd/) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for sth) tam tuk, sangtukih pek: *They don't exactly overpay their work-force.* ○ *I think he's overpaid for the little he does.* Cf UNDERPAY.

overplay /əʊvə'pleɪ/ *v* **1** [Tn] thupi tukih ruat; nasatukih thupitnak pek: *overplay certain factors* ○ *You must not overplay his part in the negotiations.* Cf UNDERPLAY. **2** (*idm*) **overplay one's hand** (mah le mah thupitukih ruat awk ruangah) harsat/tih um zet pawl ṭuanvo laak: *The union is in danger of overplaying its hand in the current dispute.*

overpower /əʊvə'paʊə(r)/ *v* [Tn] neh: *The burglars were easily overpowered by the police.* ○ *He was overpowered by the heat.*

▷ **overpowering** /əʊvə'paʊərɪŋ/ *adj* caktuk; nasatuk: *find the smell is overpowering* ○ *overpowering grief.*

overprint /əʊvə'prɪnt/ *v* (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) cangan um ciami parah nam bet: *overprint stamps with a new price.* (b) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (on sth) nam bet: *Additional material is overprinted in red.* ○ *overprint a grid on a map.*

▷ **overprint** /əʊvə'prɪnt/ *n* (*fml*) nam betmi thil.

overrate /əʊvə'reɪt/ *v* [Tn esp passive] sangtukah ruat; man khungtukah ret: *I think I overrated him; he can't handle a senior job.* ○ *He overrated his abilities as a salesman.* Cf UNDERRATE.

▷ **overrated** *adj* (*derog*) sangtukih ruatmi: *I think his work is extremely overrated.*

overreach /əʊvə'reɪtʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn no passive] ~ **oneself** (esp *derog*) sang tukih tumtah ruangah hlensuah lo: *Don't apply for that job; you're in danger of overreaching yourself.*

over-react /əʊvə'rɪ'ækt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (to sth) harsatnak, ṭih-nunnak a um tikah a luantukih ṭan laak; luantukih leh rulh: *She tends to over-*

react when things go wrong. ○ *He over-reacted to the bad news.*

▷ **over-reaction** /-ækʃn/ *n* [U, C]: *The stock-market panic was simply over-reaction to the news from Tokyo.*

override /əʊvə'reɪd/ *v* (pt **overrode** /-rəʊd/, pp **overridden** /-rɪdn/) [Tn] **1** (midang ruahnak, tuahmi kha) ziang siar lo ih hlón sak: *disregard sb's views, decisions, wishes, etc* ○ *They overrode my protest and continued with the meeting.* **2** thupiter sawn, nekhkhuhter: *Considerations of safety override all other concerns.*

▷ **overriding** /əʊvə'reɪdɪŋ/ *adj* [usu attrib] thil dang hnakin a thupi sawnmi: *It is of overriding importance to finish the project this week.*

overrule /əʊvə'ru:l/ *v* [Tn] a sang deuhmi thu in a niam deuhmi ih thu ṭhencat zomi a rem sak, a siat bal sak: *overrule a claim, objection, etc* ○ *The judge overruled the previous decision.* ○ *We were overruled by the majority.*

overrun /əʊvə'ran/ *v* (pt **overran** /-ræn/, pp **overrun**) **1** [Tn esp passive] cil neh ih laak, luah khat: *a country overrun by enemy troops* ○ *a warehouse overrun by rat.* **2** [I, Tn] (caan) a luan ih peh: *The lecturer overran by ten minutes.* ○ *the news programme overrun the allotted time.*

overseas /əʊvə'si:z/ *adj* tipi ral, ramdang: *overseas trade* ○ *an overseas broadcast* ○ *overseas students in Britain.*

▷ **overseas** *adv* tipi ral, ramdang ah: *go, live, travel, etc overseas.*

oversee /əʊvə'si:/ *v* (pt **oversaw** /-sɔ:/, pp **overseen** /-sɪn/) kilkhawi; (hnaṭuan pawl) kil, zoh: *You must employ someone to oversee the project.*

▷ **overseer** /əʊvəsɪə(r)/ *n* hnaṭuan pawl kiltu, hotu: *the production overseer* ○ *The overseer was explaining the job to young trainees.*

over-sexed /əʊvə'sekst/ *adj* mipa nunau hiarnak a hleice mi; mipa nunau pawl-awk ding a ruat tuktu; a hur tukmi. Cf UNDER-SEXED.

overshadow /əʊvə'shænəʊ/ *v* [Tn] **1** phen: *a village overshadowed by mountains* ○ *Large oak trees overshadow the garden.* **2** (fig) nuam lo deuh, lungawi lo deuh ko ih canter: *His recent death overshadowed the family gathering.* **3** (fig) thupi lo deuh, langcu lo deuh ih canter: *Despite her professional success, she was always overshadowed by her husband.*

overshoe /ʊvəʃu:/ *n* tidai le ciarbek khamtu ah a lengih hruk betmi kedam: *a pair of overshoes* ○ *She removed her overshoes at the front door.* Cf GALOSHES.

overshoot /əʊvə'ʃu:t/ *v* **1** (pt, pp **overshot** /-ʃɒt/) hlan; hmuitin hnakihi hlat deuh feh, zam, kap, etc: *The aircraft overshot the runway.* ○ *We overshot the exit for Manchester on the motorway.* **2** (*idm*) **overshoot the mark** palh; ṭhelh.

oversight /əʊvəsait/ *n* (a) [U] zohhliah lo ruangih hmu lo: *Many errors are caused by oversight.* (b) [C] hi tivek thil cang: *Through an unfortunate oversight your letter was left unanswered.*

over-simplify /əʊvə'simplifai/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied** /-faɪd/) [I, Tn esp passive] a ol zawng tukih simfiang: *an over-simplified analysis of the problem we face.* ○ *an over-simplified interpretation of the reasons for the child's behaviour.*

▷ **over-simplification** *n* [C, U] a ol zawng tukih fianternak.

oversleep /əʊvəsli:p/ *v* (pt, pp **overslept** /-slept/) [I] it thu; reituk it: *I'm afraid I overslept and missed my usual bus.*

overspill /əʊvəspil/ *n* [U] (esp Brit) khawpi laifang minung tetsong tuknakh umpawl (an hrangah khawpi sehvel ah inn tha saksakmi an si): *build new houses for London's overspill* ○ [attrib] *an overspill housing development.*

overstaffed /əʊvə'staft/; *US* -stæft/ *adj* a tūlmi hnakh tam sawn hnaṭuantu neih: *No wonder the company makes a loss: the office is terribly overstaffed.* Cf **OVERMANNED**, **UNDERSTAFFED**.

overstate /əʊvə'steɪt/ *v* porhtuk, uar tukih sim: *Don't overstate your case or no one will believe you.* ○ *The problems have been greatly overstated.*

▷ **overstatement** /əʊvə'steɪtmənt/ *n* **1** [U] porhtu; a luan tukih simmi. **2** [C] cu vekih simmi thu: *a wild overstatement of the facts.*

overstay /əʊvə'steɪ/ *v* [Tn] caan khiahmi hnakin rei deuh um: *We've already overstayed our visit to Aunt Sophie.* **2** (idm) **outstay/overstay one's welcome** ⇒ **WELCOME**.

overstep /əʊvə'steɪp/ *v* **1** (-pp-) [Tn] lan; luanko ih feh: *overstep one's authority* ○ *overstep the bounds of modesty.* **2** (idm) **overstep the mark** a luantukih nuncan: *It's surely overstepping the mark to behave so rudely to your guests.*

overstock /əʊvə'stɒk/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) tlem lo dingih thilret: *a shop overstocked with out-of-date furniture* ○ *overstock a farm with cattle*, ie with more cattle than there is food or space for.

overstrung *adj* **1** /əʊvə'strʌŋ/ (of person) tha thir neimi; thin thawh ol tukmi: *She was tense and overstrung before the performance.* **2** /əʊvə'strʌŋ/ pakhat pakhat a kalh zawn ih ummi (piano) hri.

oversubscribe /əʊvəsəb'skraɪb/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (esp finance) a daihlo tiangih tamtuk cah: *Tickets for this concert have been oversubscribed.* ○ *The flight has been oversubscribed; there are no seats.*

overt /əʊvət/; *US* əv'vɜ:t/ *adj* [usu attrib] (fml) thuhpneh um lo-zapi theih ih tuahmi: *overt hostility.* Cf **COVERT**.

▷ **overtly** *adv* (fml): *overtly critical of his work.*

overtake /əʊvə'teɪk/ *v* (pt **overtook** /-tʊk/, pp

overtaken /-tʰeɪkən/) **1** [I, Tn] man tahrat ih lan: *It's dangerous for a car to overtake on a bend.* ○ *overtake other cars on the road* ○ (fig) *Supply will soon overtake demand*, ie There will soon be more of sth than is needed. ○ *The country's economy has overtaken that of its nearest competitors.* **2** [Tn esp passive] rinlo ih thil a rah lengmi (riahsiatnak thu tivek): *be overtaken by/with fear, surprise, etc* ○ *be overtaken by events*, ie by circumstances changing so rapidly that plans, etc become out of date ○ *Disaster overtook the project.* ○ *On his way home he was overtaken by a storm.*

overtax /əʊvə'tæks/ *v* [Tn] **1** (fml) thinlung rit tertuk: *overtax one's strength* ○ *overtax sb's patience.* **2** tamtuk kuanter; ngunkhuai rittukih khuai: *If you have been overtaxed you will get a tax rebate*, ie money will be paid back to you.

overthrow /əʊvə'θrəʊ/ *v* (pt **overthrew** /-θru:/, pp **overthrown** /-θrəʊn/) neh; hlön; cemter: *The rebels tried to overthrow the government.*

▷ **overthrow** /əʊvə'θrəʊ/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] nehna: *the overthrow of the monarchy* ○ *the attempted overthrow of the tyrant.* **2** [C] (in cricket) hlattukih bawlung den ruangah khatlam hrangih a tha sawnmi.

overtime /əʊvətəɪm/ *n* [U], *adv* a hlei ih tūanmi (caan): *working overtime* ○ *be paid extra for overtime* ○ [attrib] *overtime payment* ○ *be on overtime*, ie working overtime.

overtone /əʊvətəʊn/ *n* (usu pl) a ziaphial ih simmi: *overtones of despair in a letter* ○ *threatening overtones in his comments.* Cf **UNDERTONE**.

overture /əʊvətʃʊə(r)/ *n* **1** [C usu pl] ~ (to sb) (fml) thurelkhawm hramthawh thei ding rualpiṭhat hmaisanak, pan zia: *make overtures of friendship to the new neighbours.* ○ *overtures of peace to the enemy.* **2** [C] pumkhawm hram thawhnak ih tummi awnmawi: *The audience must be in their seats before the overture.*

overturn /əʊvə'tɜ:n/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] let, linglet: *The boat overturned.* ○ *He overturned the boat.* ○ (fig) *The Labour candidate overturned the previous Conservative majority of 4000.* ○ (fig) *The House of Lords overturned (ie reversed) the decision by the House of Commons.* **2** [Tn] hlön: *overturned the military regime.*

overview /əʊvə'vju:/ *n* (fml) theih ol ding in tawite ih nganmi/simmi: *an overview of the company's plans for the next year.*

overweening /əʊvə'wi:nɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] (fml) mah le mah rin awktuk: *overweening ambition, vanity, pride, etc.*

overweight /əʊvə'weɪt/ *adj* **1** a rittukmi; a luan ih ritmi: *If your luggage is overweight you'll have to pay extra.* ○ *Your suitcase is five kilograms overweight.* **2** (of people) a thautuk, a rittukmi (minung): *an overweight child* ○ *He's very*



overweight ○ *I'm overweight by 2kg according to my doctor.*

▷ **overweighted** /əʊvə'weɪtɪd/ *adj* (fml) *thil tamtuk phur, thiar: overweighted with packages.* ○ (fig) *Her lecture was overweighted with quotations.*

overwhelm /əʊvə'welm/ *US* -'hwelm/ *v* [Tn usu passive] (a) *khuh ðeh; phim ðeh: overwhelmed by a flood.* ○ *A great mass of water overwhelmed the village.* ○ (fig) *be overwhelmed with grief, sorrow, despair, etc* ○ (fig) *Overwhelmed with gratitude, he fell to his knees.* (b) *n neh* (a bik in ralkap thazaang thawn): *be overwhelmed by the enemy/by superior forces.*

▷ **overwhelming** *adj* [usu attrib] *neh dingah a hartukmi; anasa tukmi: an overwhelming urge to smoke* ○ *an overwhelming victory* ○ *The overwhelming majority of people, ie the majority by a great number.*

overwhelmingly *adv: overwhelmingly successful, generous.*

overwork /əʊvə'wɜ:k/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] *a hleiluan-tukih hnañuan; taimak tuk: You'll become ill if you continue to overwork.* ○ *overwork a horse.* 2 [Tn esp passive] *ɬongfang tivek hman tamtuk ruangah a sullam a puanter, hmual a nei thei lo: an overworked phrase, metaphor, expression, etc* ○ *'Situation' is a word that is greatly overworked.*

▷ **overwork** /əʊvə'wɜ:k/ *n* [U] *reitung le taimatukih hnañuan: ill through overwork* ○ *stress caused by overwork.*

overwrought /əʊvə'rɔ:t/ *adj* *donhar; helhkam; ninghang; thinlau: She was in a very overwrought state after the accident.* ○ *She didn't mean to offend you; she was overwrought.*

oviduct /əʊvɪdʌkt/ *n* = FALLOPIAN TUBE; *nau-inn pehtu kua.*

oviparous /əʊvɪpərəs/ *adj* (biology) *ti tit ih opmi pawl.*

ovoid /əʊvɔɪd/ *adj, n* (fml) *arti piankeng: large ovoid pebbles.*

ovulate /ɒvjuleɪt/ *v* (medical or biology) *sul sung in nunau ci (tii) suah: Women who do not ovulate regularly have difficulty in becoming pregnant.*

▷ **ovulation** /ɒvju'leɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *She is taking a drug to stimulate ovulation.*

ovum /əʊvəm/ *n* (pl **ova** /əʊvə/) (biology) *nunau ci (tii).* Cf OVARY.

owe /əʊ/ *v* 1 (a) [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] *baak: He still owes (us) for the goods he received last month.* ○ *He owes (his father) £50.* ○ *He owes £50 to his father.* (b) [Dn-pr] ~ **sth to sb/sth** *cumi ruangah, amah ruangah: We owe the greatest discovery to Newton.* ○ *He owes his success more to luck than to ability.* 2 [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth to sb** (a) *ñuanvo nei ih um: owe loyalty to a political party, one's union, the company, etc.* (b) *thil ti sakmi ruangih lungawinak neih: I owe my*

teachers and parents a great deal. ○ *I owe a lot to my wife and children.* 3 (idm) **the world owes one a living** ⇒ WORLD.

owing /əʊɪŋ/ *adj* [pred] (esp of money that has been earned, lent or promised) *sam hrih lo; baak laimi: £5 is still owing.*

□ **owing to** *prep* *ruangah: Owing to the rain, the match was cancelled.*

owl /aʊl/ *n* 1 *sumbuh (fimmak khhimhuhtu ih ruat a rak si).* 2 (idm) **wise as an owl** ⇒ WISE.

▷ **owlet** /aʊlɪt/ *n* *sumbuh faate.*

owlish *adj* *sumbuh vek; fim tuak; fim hmelpu: Her new glasses make her look rather owlsh.*

owlshly *adv: owlshly earnest.*

own¹ /əʊn/ *det, pron* 1 (used after possessives to emphasize the idea of personal possession or the individual character of sth) *mai ta sinak; ta rori: I saw it with my own eyes, ie I didn't hear about it from someone else.* ○ *It was her own idea.* ○ *This is my own house/This house is my own, ie not rented, etc.* ○ *Use your own pen; I need mine.* ○ *Our children have grown up and have children of their own.* ○ *I wish I had my (very) own room, ie didn't have to share one, borrow one, etc.* ○ *Your day off is your own, ie You can spend it as you wish.* ○ *For reasons of his own* (ie particular reasons that perhaps only he know about), *he refused to join the club.* 2 (used to indicate the idea of personal activity) *midang si lo mai hrangih tuah: She makes her own clothes.* ○ *I can cook my own meals.* ○ *It's unwise to try to be your own lawyer.* 3 (idm) **come into one's own** *lom tlak, hminthang tlak sinak a co: She really comes into her own when someone is ill.* ○ *This car really comes into its own on rough ground.* **hold one's own (against sb/sth) (in sth)** (a) *dodaltu lakah dinhmun a fekmi; a sung lomi: She can certainly hold her own against any body in an argument.* (b) *tha cem lo: The patient is holding her own although she is still very ill.* **of one's own** *mah ih neihmi; mah ih ta: He'd like a car of his own.* ○ *Children need toys of their own.* (all) **on one's own** (a) *mah lawng: I'm all on my own today.* ○ *She lives on her own.* (b) *bom le kilkhawɪ ɬul lo; mahte: He can be left to work on his own.* ○ *Although her father is in the firm she got the job on her own.* (c) (infml) *a ɬha bik; a hleice: When it comes to craftsmanship, Sally is on her own, ie is better than anyone.* ⇒ Usage at ALONE. **get/have one's own back (on sb)** (infml) *mahte leh-rul sam: After the fight the defeated boxer swore he'd get his own back (on his rival).*

□ **own brand** *a tuahtu si loin a zuartu dawr hmin khenmi thilri pawl: [attrib] Own brand goods are often cheaper.*

own goal *mah le mah kawɪ awkmi.*

own² /əʊn/ *v* 1 [Tn] *nei; ta: This house is mine; I own it.* ○ *She owns a car but rarely drives it.* ○

Who owns this land? **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tf, Cn-a, Cn-n] ~ (to sth/doing sth) (dated) sualphuan; a si le si lo dikih sim: *own to having told a lie* ○ Finally she owned the truth of what he had said. ○ They own that the claim is justified. ○ He owned himself defeated. **3** (phr v) **own up (to sth)** (infml) ka mawh tiih phuan: *Nobody owned up to the theft.* ○ Eventually she owned up.

owner /'əʊnə(r)/ *n* neitu: the owner of a black Mercedes ○ Who's the owner of this house?

▷ **ownerless** *adj* neitu um lo; tatu nei lo: ownerless dogs ○ wrecked ownerless cars.

ownership *n* [U] neitu sinak; ta sinak: The ownership of the land is disputed. ○ Ownership of property involves great expense. ○ The restaurant is under new ownership.

□ **owner-driver** *n* a mawngtu cu a neitu; mai mawṭawṭ amahte mawngtu.

owner-occupied *adj* mai inn ah mah um: Most of the houses in this street are owner-occupied.

owner-occupier *n* mai umnak inn neitu.

ox /ɒks/ *n* (pl **oxen** /'ɒksn/) **1** cawcang. Cf **BULL**, **STEER**. **2** (esp pl) (dated) caw pohpoh. Cf **CATTLE**.

□ **oxtail** *n* caw mei: [attrib] *oxtail soup*.

Oxbridge /'ɒksbrɪdʒ/ *n* (something derog) England ram ih phunsang tlawng thar pawl thawn tahṭhimnakah Oxford le Cambridge tlawng hmin an sak hrimmi: *You don't have to go to Oxbridge to receive a good university education.* Cf **REDBRICK** (RED).

ox-eye /'ɒksaɪ/ *n* (a) pangpar kung phun khat khat. (b) cu tivek a pami: [attrib] *a vase of ox-eye daisies*.

Oxfam /'ɒksfæm/ *abbr* Oxford Committee for Famine Relief: *a concert in aid of Oxfam*.

oxide /'ɒksaɪd/ *n* [C, U] (chemistry) oksizin (oxygen) le a dang thil pakhat kommi: *iron oxide* ○ *oxide of tin*.

▷ **oxidation** /'ɒksɪ'deɪʃən/ (also **oxidization**, **-isation** /'ɒksɪdaɪ'zeɪʃən; US -dɪ'z-/) *n* oksizin thawn thil pakhat komter.

oxidize, **-ise** /'ɒksɪdaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] (a) oxygen thawn komter. Cf **REDUCE** 6. (b) tlapter.

Oxon /'ɒksn/ *abbr* **1** (esp in addresses) Oxfordshire

(Latin *Oxonia*). **2** (esp in degree titles) **of** Oxford University (Latin *Oxoniensis*): *Alice Tolley MA (Oxon)*. Cf **CANTAB**.

oxy-acetylene /'ɒksɪə'setəliːn/ *adj, n* exygen le asitelin rawimi thil hmanmi (thir tannak le pehnak ah hman a si bik): *oxy-acetylene torches, blowpipes, equipment*, ie devices burning oxy-acetylene ○ *oxy-acetylene welding*, ie joining metal by means of a hot flame of oxy-acetylene.

oxygen /'ɒksɪdʒən/ *n* [U] pianzia le thawtnak le rim nei lo, thli lakih um, nunnak nei hmuahhmuah hrangih ṭulmi dat: *There was a shortage of oxygen at the top of the mountain.* ○ *She died from lack of oxygen.*

▷ **oxygenate** /-et/ (also **oxygenize**, **-ise** /-aɪz/) *v* [Tn] (thil pakhat kha) oksizin pek, thawn rawi.

□ **oxygen mask** oksizin hawpnak dingih hnar le ka an khuhnak hmaikhuh: *Oxygen masks are used in aircraft only in emergencies.*

oxygen tent oxygen thlaam; mina ih liang le lu tlun ih ret sakmi thlaamte vek puanzar: *They placed the child in an oxygen tent when he had difficulty in breathing.*

oyez /əʊ'jɛz/ (also **oyes** /əʊ'jɛs/) *interj* “ngai uh” tiah khua tlang-autu ih veithum a timi, lole thuṭhentu zung ah dai ding le thungai dingih thu peknak aw.

oyster /'ɔɪstə(r)/ *n* **1** cengkol; tiva, tipi ah a ummi (a phaw a khohmi, a sung ei theih a simi, keplung mankhung a suahter theitu): *fresh oysters* ○ [attrib] *oyster stew*. **2** (idm) **the world is one's/sb's oyster** ⇒ **WORLD**.

□ **oyster bed** rawl hrangah, lole keplung hrangih cengkol pawl vulhnak tipi tawphah.

oyster-catcher *n* cengkol eitu tipi vate.

oz *abbr* (pl unchanged or **ozs**) ounce; English cuaithlai daan ah pawng khat ih ṭhen 16 ṭhen ṭhenkhat (Italian *onza*): *Add 4oz sugar*. Cf **LB**.

ozone /'əʊzəʊn/ *n* [U] (a) oxygen thawn rawimi tharsuah theinak rim nei dat. (b) (infml) tipi kapih thlizil thiange: *Just breathe in that ozone!*

□ **ozone layer** ni ihsin a ra mi ṭihnungza (meici ṭek) pawl a rak khamtu tlunlam ihsin leilungpi tuamtu ozone thuah.