

# Qq

- Q, q** /kju:/ (pl **Q's, q's** /kju:z/) **1** English (*Mirang*) cafang a hleisarihna: 'Queen' starts with. (**a**) Q/Q'. **2** (idm) **mind one's p's and q's** ⇒ MIND<sup>2</sup>.
- Q** /kju:/ *abbr* question: Q & A, iequestion and answer. ○ *Qs 1 & 5 are compulsory*, eg in an exam paper. Cf A 2.
- QB** /kju: 'bi:/ *abbr* (*Brit law*) *Queen's Bench*. Cf KB.
- QC** /kju: 'si/ *abbr* (*Brit law*) *Queen's Counsel* = : siangpahrang bawi ih tlangsuak: *Mr Justice Norman QC*. Cf KC.
- QED** /kju: i: 'di:/ *abbr* which was to be proved (*Latin quod erat demonstrandum*); simfiang ding.
- QE2** /kju: i: 'tu:/ *abbr* *Queen Elizabeth the second* (a cruiser liner).
- qr** *abbr* quarter(s).
- qt** *abbr* quart(s).
- qto** (also **4to**) *abbr* quarto.
- qty** *abbr* (*commerce*) (esp on order forms) quantity, thil cah-nak cahnah parih a tam-a mal nganmi.
- qua** /kwei/ *prep* (*fml*) vekin: *I don't dislike sport qua sport—I just think it's rather a waste of time.*
- quack**<sup>1</sup> /kwæk/ *interj*, *n* rampai awn (ai) (kaak! kaak!).  
▷ **quack** *v* [I] ampai awn vek tuah.  
□ **quack-quack** *n* (nauhak te pawl ih/hnenih hmanmi) rampai awn vek.
- quack**<sup>2</sup> /kwæk/ *n* (*infml*) a bikin silamah thiam lo nacingin thiam teraw mi; sibawi deu: *Don't be taken in — he's just a quack.* ○ [attrib] a *quack cure for arthritis.*  
▷ **quackery** *n* [U] thiam lomi thiam terawknak ih tuahzia, thiam-awter.
- quad** /kwnd/ *n* (*fml*) **1** = QUADRANGLE **2** = QUADRUPLET.
- Quadragesima** /kwadrə'dzɛsmə/ *n* Thosal Nipi hlan ni 40 sungih Nipi hmaisai bik.
- quadrangle** /kɒdræŋgl/ *n* **1** kap pali nei riin zuk. **2** (*fml*) inn tumpipi ih kulhmi kapli (hmaili) nei sumtual, eg Oxford college ah a um.  
▷ **quadrangular** /kwɒ'dræŋgʊlə(r)/ *adj* kapli-nei.
- quadrant** /kwɒdrənt/ *n* **1** bialriin pakhat ih thenli then khat. **2** digri 90° a langter theitu a kil tahnak thil.
- quadraphonic** (also **quadrasonic**) /kwɒdrə-'fɒnɪk/ *adj* (of sound-reproduction) awkhum awsuahnak channel pali a nei.  
▷ **quadrasonic** (also **quadrasonic**) /kwɒ-'drɒfəni/ *n* [U] cu ti vek awkhumnak le suah-nak.
- quadratic** /kwɒ'drætɪk/ *adj* (*algebra*) *quadratic equation*, eg  $x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$ .
- quadrennial** /kwɒ'dreniəl/ *adj* **1** kum li a daihmi. **2** kum li vei khat, kumli danih thil um.
- quadr(i)-comb form** **1** thenli nei: *quadrilateral* ○ *quodruped*. **2** then li nei thil ih then khat: *quadrant* ○ *quadruplet*.
- quadrilateral** /kwɒ'dreniəl/ *n, adj* kap-linei riin.
- quadrille** /kwɒ'drɪl/ *n* minung khuah-li ih laam mi square laam hrangih awnmawi: *play a quadrille dance a quadrille.*
- quadrillion** /kwɒ'drɪlɪən/ *pron, det, n* (*pl* unchanged or ~ **s**) **1** (*Brit*) lolak 24 ih thlunmi nambat **1**. **2** (*US*) lolak 15 ih thlunmi nambat.
- quadrophonic, quadrophony** ⇒ QUADRAPHONIC.
- quodruped** /kwɒ'drʊpəd/ *n* ke-li nei ramsa.
- quodruple** /kwɒ'drʊpl/ *US* kwɒ'brʊ:pi/ *n* then-li kom; pali kom; bur li kom: a *quodruple alliance*.  
▷ **quodruple** /kwɒ'drʊ:pl/ *n, adv* a letli: *20 is the quodruple of 5.* ○ *We need quodruple the number of players we've got for a full orchestra.*
- quodruple** /kwɒ'drʊ:pl/ *vi, vt* pali in zai; a letli ah karh: *Their profits have quodrupled/They have quodrupled their profits in ten years.*
- quodruplet** /kwɒ'drʊ:plet/ *US* kwɒ'drʊ:plet/ (also *infml* **quad**) *n* (usu *pl*) veikhat ih faate 4 hrinmi sungih a pakhat, faphiir phiir li ih pakhat.
- quodruplicate** /kwɒ'drʊ:plɪkət/ *n* (idm) **in quodruplicate** a bangrepmi ca (*copy*) 4: *Please submit your application form in quodruplicate.*
- quaff** /kwɒf/ *US* kwɒ'f/ *vt* (dated or rhet) vei khat (kaa khat) ih tampi in: *quaffing his beer by the pint.*
- quagmire** /kwægmaɪə(r), also kwɒg-/ *n* ciarbek; cirh; cirhduup; a ciar ringringmi hmun: (*fig*) *The heavy rain had turned the pitch into a quagmire.*
- quail**<sup>1</sup> /kwei/ *n* (*pl* unchanged or ~ **s**) (**a**) [C] vanim. (**b**) [U] vanim sa.
- quail**<sup>2</sup> /kwei/ *vi* tihnak langter; huphurh: *His heart quailed.* ○ *She quailed at the prospect of addressing such a large crowd.*
- quaint** /kweɪnt/ *adj* duhnungza a hlunmi: *quaint old customs* ○ *quaint little cottages on the village green.*  
▷ **quaintly** *adv*: **quaintness** *n* [U].
- quake** /kweɪk/ *vi* **1** (leilung) hniin: *They felt the ground quake as the bomb exploded.* **2** (minung) khur, thir, thia: *quaking with fear/cold.*  
▷ **quake** *n* (*infml*) = EARTHQUAKE.
- Quaker** /'kweɪkə(r)/ *n* Khristian kawhhran pawl

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## qualification

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pakhat; cuih kawhhran sungtel; raal le buainak an dodal ih remdaihnak duhtu an si (*Society of Friends* tin khal an ko).

**qualification** /'kwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] tlingtlak sinak, tlinnak. **2** [C] **(a)** tlintlaknak hrangih zirnak, campuui tuahnak, hmuhtonak, etc. **(b)** a tlingtlak a si ti ih pekmi dipaloma, caken, tivek: *He's got all the qualifications but is temperamentally unsuitable.* ○ *What sort of qualifications do you need for the job?* **3** [C, U] thu hmaisai a remtu, a tɛmtu thusimnak: *She gave her approval to the scheme but not without several qualifications.* ○ *I can recommend him without qualifications.*

**qualify** /'kwɒlɪfaɪ/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] tlingtlakter; tlingtlak, tlin: *I won't qualify until next year.* ○ *Our team has qualified for the semi-final.* ○ *The training course qualifies you to be a driving instructor.* **2** daan vekih kim; tlingtlak: *Eighteen year-olds qualify to vote.* ○ *Your passport qualifies you to receive free medical treatment.* **3** deemter; thu nemter: *I feel I must qualify my earlier remarks in case they are misinterpreted.* **4** (grammar) thil hmin pakhat fiangter: *In 'the open door,' 'open' is an adjective qualifying 'door.'*

▷ **qualified** *adj* **1** a tlakmi; tɔlmi zirnak, campuui tivek a tɛhehsuakmi: *She's extremely qualified for the job.* ○ *It takes three years to become qualified.* **2** rikhiahmi: *give the scheme only qualified approval.*

**qualifier** /-faɪə(r)/

**qualitative** /'kwɒlɪtətɪv; -teɪt-/ *adj*

**quality** /'kwɒləti/ *n* **1** **(a)** [U, C] tɛhatnak; a man neihzia: *goods of highest quality.* ○ *There are many different qualities of gold and silver.* **(b)** [U] tɛat tuknak: *Is an actor he shows real excellence.* ○ *This company is more concerned with quality than with quantity.* ○ [attrib] *We specialized in quality furniture.* **2** [C] **(a)** sinak; hleicetnak: *He possesses the quality of inspiring confidences.* ○ *She had many qualities despite her apparent rudeness.* **(b)** a lang cuangmi sinak: *One quality of this plastic is that it is almost unbreakable.* ○ *His voice had a rich melodic quality.*

**qualm** /kwɑ:m/ *n* rinhlernak, zumthei ngaingai lonak (a dik le dik lo tivek ah).

**quandary** /'kwɒndəri/ *n* ruatcat thei lo ih um; laklawh: *I've been offered a better job but at a lower salary—I'm in a quandary what to do.*

**quango** /'kwæŋgəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) Cozaih ih theihpimi mahte hnaŋuan pawlkom (*quasi-autonomous, non-governmental organization* = NGO).

**quantify** /'kwɒntɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) a zat sim, siar; tah: *The cost of the flood damage is impossible to quantify.* ▷ **quantifiable** *adj.*

**quantification** /'kwɒntɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**quantitative** /'kwɒntɪtətɪv; US -teɪt-/ *adj* a tam le

a mal thawn pehpar in: *quantitative analysis.* Cf QUALITATIVE.

**quantity** /'kwɒntəti/ *n* **1** [U] tam le mal, a zat, tum le te, rit le zaang tivek pawl tah theih ih thil um: *His reputation as a writer depends more on quantity than quality.* ie : *He writes a lot but he does not write very well.* ○ *Mathematics is the science of pure quantity.* **2** [C, U] nambat (asilole) a zat, a bikin a tam zetmi: *What quantity do you require?* (ziang zat?). ○ *a small quantity of cutlery* ○ *It's cheaper to buy goods in quantity in large quantity.* **3** (idm) **an unknown quantity** ⇒ UNKNOWN.

□ **quantity surveyor** inn saknak ih cem ding zat paisa le thilri tɔuattu.

**quantum** /'kwɒntəm/ *n* (pl **quanta** /-ta/) (fml) duhmi/tɔlmi zat.

□ **quantum leap** hmakhat ih tɛhansonak, thlengnak: *This discovery marks a quantum leap forward in fight against cancer.*

**quantum theory** (physics) khuatleu ih tlelnak sungah electron timi seu theih lo tha pawl a um timi ruahnak (theory).

**quarantine** /'kwɒrəntɪn; US 'kwɔ:r-/ *n* [C, U] natnak ruangah a dam tiang a dangte ih mah lawng ret caan: *keep in quarantine for a week* ○ *be out of quarantine after five days.*

▷ **quarantine** *v* [Tn] mahlawng ih ret: *He is quarantined because of TB.*

**quark** /kwɑ:k/ *n* (physics) tɛhen fate zet; a cirik tete.

**quarrel** /'kwɒrəl; US 'kwɔ:rəl/ *n* **1** thu el-aw, to-aw, hua-aw: *I had a quarrel with my room-mate about who should do the housework.* ○ *Their quarrel wasn't serious.* ⇒ Usage at ARGUMENT. **2** lungkimlonak thuhram; tawhawknak, pontannak thu: *I have no quarrel with him.*

▷ **quarrel** *v* (-ll; US -l-) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (about/over sth) rualpi tɛhatnak catter; to-aw: *Stop quarrelling, children!* ○ *She had quarrelled with her brother about the terms of their father's will.* **2** [Ipr] ~ with sth thil pakhat parah lungkim lo; sual hawl: *quarrel with a statement, an account, an estimate, etc.* ○ *You can't quarrel with the court's decision — it's very fair.*

**quarrelsome** /-səm/ *adj* mi tawhhmang; mi thawn a to-aw duh; thinrang, thinheng ol.

**quarry**<sup>1</sup> /'kwɒrɪ; US 'kwɔ:rɪ/ *n* **(a)** peelmi ramsa/vate: *The hunters lost sight of their quarry in the forest.* **(b)** hawlmi thilri/minung: *It took police several days to track down their quarry.*

**quarry**<sup>2</sup> /'kwɒrɪ; US 'kwɔ:rɪ/ *n* **1** lungto tɛha deuh laihsuahnak hmun. Cf MINE.

▷ **quarry** *v* (pp, pt **quarried**) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ A for B/B from A; ~ sth out (of sth) khur ihsin laihsuah: *quarrying the hillside for limestone* ○ *quarry out a block of marble.* **2** [Ipr] thuhla thei ngah dingih hawl ciamco: *quarrying in old documents for historical*

evidence.

**quart** /kwɔ:t/ *n* **1** (abbr **qt**) thil tii tahnak: 1 qt = 2 pints or 1.4 litres (approx). **2** (idm) **put a quart into a pint pot** a cang thei lomi tuah tum, a bikin ong fate sungih thil tumpi thun.

**quarter** /'kwɔ:tə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] then li then khat: a quarter of a mile ○ three and a quarter (3 ¾) inches ○ The programme lasted an hour and a quarter. ○ Divide the apples into quarters. ⇒ Usage at HALF<sup>1</sup>. **2** minit 15 tuan deuh, asilole, tlai: It's quarter to four now (3:45). ○ The buses leave twice every hour on the quarter; eg at 10:15 and 10:45: (minit 30 dan—minit 15 duh le 15 luan ah an feh ringring). **3** [C] thla thum: the rent is due at the end of each quarter. ○ Our gas (electric ?) bill for the last quarter is unusually high. **4** [C] **(a)** lam hoih (direction): The wind blew from all quarters. ○ Her travels had taken her to every quarter of the globe. **(b)** khuapi sungih minung umnak hmunthen pawl: a residential quarter ○ The president's speech was interpreted in some quarters (ie by some people) as an admission that the Government was wrong. **9** cuai khat ih then li-then khat, tikal 25. **10 quarters** [pl] umnak; riah-nak, a bikin ralkap pawl hrangah: They took up quarters in the nearest village. ○ married quarters ○ single quarters. ○ ordered to return to their quarters. **11** [U] (dated or fml) nehmi asilole a sung a petu parih zaangfahnak langternak: His rivals know they could expect no quarter from such a ruthless adversary. **12** (idm) **at close quarters** ⇒ CLOSE<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **quarter** *v* **1** [Tn] then li ah then: Please quarter an apple. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] riahnak pek; tluninn on: troops quartered on the villagers.

□ **quarter-day** thla thum ih a nikhatnak, inn man tivek pawl pek in.

**quarterdeck** *n* bawi pawl hrangih zuahmi tangphawlawng tlunta khaan, upa khaan.

**quarter-final** *n* (in sport, etc) thiam bik 9, (zuamawknak 4) a nehtu pawl semi-final an kai ding.

**quarter-light** *n* mawṭawka sangka parih thli-luhnak hrangih on theih ong fiakte.

**quartermaster** *n* **1** (ralkap sungah) battalian pakhat sungih in-ei le umnak ṭuanvo neitu bawi. **2** (Navy sungah) tangphawlawng mawn le thuthan lam ṭuanvo neitu bawi.

**Quartermaster-General** *n* ralkap sungih in-ei lam ṭuanvo neitu bawi upabik.

**quarter-note** *n* (US) = CROTCHET.

**quarter sessions** thla thum-veikhat to theumi thuṭhentu zung.

**quarterstaff** *n* pi 6 in 8 a saumi, hriamnam ih rak hmanmi fungsau.

**quarterly** /'kwɔ:təli/ *adj, adv* thla thum ah vei khat suahmi, cu tiih a cangmi thil: I receive quarterly bank statements. ○ Subscriptions

should be paid quarterly. ○ It's a quarterly magazine.

▷ **quarterly** *n* kumkhat ah veili suahmi cabu.

**quartet** /kwɔ:tət/ *n* **1** mi pali sak dingih tuahmi hla, lizai, mi pali ih tummi awnmawi: a string quartet. **2** minung pali, thil pa li kaih khawm: a male quartet.

**quarto** /'kwɔ:təu/ *n* (pl ~ s) **(a)** (abbrs **4to, qto**) cahnah kaupi (standard size) hmai 8 suak ko ih tanmi. **(b)** hi tia cahnah ih tuahmi cabu: the first quarto of 'Hamlet'. ○ [attrib] *Quarto volumes are too large to fit on this shelf.*

**quartz** /kwɔ:ts/ *n* [U] a hakmi lungvar phunphun: [attrib] a quartz clock/watch = electric tha in ralring zet le cekci zet ih tuahmi kuats (quartz) nazi.

**quasar** /'kwɔ:zə(r)/ *n* (astronomy) tleunak tha a suahtertu a hla zet, arsi bangkut van thil pawl.

**quash** /kwɔ:ʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn] daan vekin hnong; daan vekin thiatbal: quash a verdict ○ They had their sentence quashed by the district judge. **2** cemter; siatter: The rebellion was quickly quashed.

**quasi** /'kweizə-, 'kweisə/ *pref* (forming *adjs* and *ns*)

**quatercentenary** /'kwɔ:təsen'ti:nəri; US -sentənəri/ *n* kum 400 kimnak: They planned to celebrate the quatercentenary of Shakespeare's birth.

**quatrain** /'kwɔ:trem/ *n* rin li, tlar li ih a um biaza.

**quaver** /'kwɛvə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] (aw le awnmawi ah) a thir: Her top notes quavered a little. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] awthir ih sim/sak: The children quavered out their little song.

▷ **quaver** *n* **1** (usu *sing*) aw-thir: You could hear the quaver in her voice. **2** (US eighth note).

**quavery** /'kwɛvəri/ *adj* (aw) a thirmi.

**quay** /ki:/ *n* (lawng ihsin) thil sannak le suahnak ah lungto/thir ih dawlmi tangphawlawng colhhmun. ▷ **quayside** *n* [sing] cuih colhhmun kap zim ih hmunlawng: Crowds are waiting at the quayside to welcome the visitors.

**queasy** /'kwɪ:zi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) na zikih um; nat duhnak tisa ih nei: Travelling on a bus makes me feel queasy. ○ She complained of a queasy stomach, pum nuam lo.

▷ **queasily** *adv*. **queasiness** *n* [U].

**queen** /kwɪ:n/ *n* **1** ram ukto siangpahrang bawinu (kumpinu): Queen Elizabeth II ○ The Queen of the Netherlands. Cf KING. **2** siangpahrang bawipa ih nupi: King George VI and (his wife) Queen Elizabeth. **3** **(a)** nunau, hmunhma, thilri lakah a thupi tukih ruahmi: Marilyn Monroe is the most famous of all American movie queens. ○ Agatha Christie, the queen of detective-story writers. **(b)** puai pakhat ah hrilmi nunau, falano: a beauty queen ○ She was chosen to be queen at the freshers' welcome ceremony. **4** (sihte, khuai, palep tivek pawlah) tii a titu bawinu/a nu: A hive con not exist





without a queen. ◦ [attrib] *The queen bee never leaves the hive.* **5 (a)** (in chess) kilhimnak le donehnak ah a cak bik kei. **(b)** (phethuk sungah) siangpahrang bawinu zuk a cuangmi phehnah pali. **6** (*sl deog*) mipa thawn ngaizawng-awmi mipa. **7** (idm) **the King's/Queen's English** ⇒ ENGLISH. **turn King's/Queen's evidence** ⇒ EVIDENCE. **the uncrowned king/queen of sth** ⇒ UNCROWNED.

▷ **queen v 1** [Tn] (in chess) **(a)** pawn ralkap pakhat siangpahrang bawinu cang ko ih thawn. **(b)** [I] pawn ralkap le siangpahrang bawinu thleng. **2** (idm) **queen it (over sb)** (mi par ah) bawi hnawh: *Since her promotion she queens it over everyone else in the office.*

**queenly adj** siangpahrang bawinu vekin; zohmawi in, huham neiin: *her queenly duties* ◦ *dressed in queenly robes* ◦ *give a queenly wave.*

□ **queen bee 1** ⇒ QUEEN 4, khuai siangpahrang bawinu. **2** (*fig*) mi thupi bikih a ruat awmi nunau.

**queen consort** siangpahrang ih nupi.

**queen dowager** siangpahrang ih thihsanmi nuhmei (a nupi).

**queen mother** siangpahrang ih thihsanmi a si ih a tuan laimi siangpahrang bawinu ih nu a si fawn: *The queen mother waved to the crowd.*

**Queen's Bench (Division)** ⇒ KING'S BENCH (KING).

**the Queen's English** a dik bik ti ih ruahmi/ simmi le nganmi Mirang ca (*English*).

**Queen's Counsel** ⇒ KING'S COUNSEL (KING).

**queer** /kwɪə(r)/ *adj* **1 (a)** a uih deuhmi; ruah vek asilomi; ruah hnakh a sia deuhmi: *The fish has a queer taste.* ◦ *His behaviour seemed queer.* ◦ *I think she's gone a bit queer in the head (a molh deuh).* **(b)** lunghrinnak, zumlonak suahter thei: *I heard some very queer about him.* **2** (*sl derog*) homosexual. **3** (*dated infml*) dam lem lo; luzing: *I woke up feeling rather queer.* **4** (idm) **be in Queer Street** (*dated Brit sl*) (a bikin sumsaw thu ah) harsatnak tong: *He lost all his money gambling and now he's really in Queer Street.* **an odd/a queer fish** ⇒ FISH<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **queer n** (*sl derog*) mipa a ngaizawng tu mipa. **queer v** (idm) **queer sb's pitch** (*infml*) miih tumtahmi siatsuah: *I think I'm likely to get the job, but if Bob applies for it too it/he could queer my pitch.* **queerly adv.** **queerness n** [U].

**quell** /kwel/ *v* [Tn] cemer; namneh: *quell the rebellion* ◦ *quell sb's anxieties.*

**quench** /kwentʃ/ *v* [Tn] **1** hmit, toihmit (tidai thawn meisa hmit): (*fig*) *quench sb's ardent passion.* **2** tihal riamter: *quench one's thirst with cold water.* **3** rehter, cemer: *Nothing quench her longing to return home again.* **4** tidai sungah ciah ih daiter.

**querulous** /kwɛrʊləs/ *adj* pontam; phunciar: *in a querulous tone.*

▷ **querulously adv.** **querulousness n** [U].

**query** /kwɪəri/ *n* **1** thusuhnak (*question*): *Your interesting report raises several important queries.* **2** thusimnak hmnsin (?): *Put a query against that.*

**query v** (*pt, pp queried*) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] thu sut "Will it be too late?" *She queried.* ◦ *The engineer was queried about his plans for the new the new building.* **2** [Tn, Tw] lunghrinnak (zumlonak) langter: *I query whether he can be trusted.*

**quest** /kwɛst/ *n* (*fml or rhet*) **1** hawnak; dawinak: *the quest for gold, knowledge, happiness.* **2** (idm) **in quest of sth** thil pakhat hawl: *She had come in quest of advice.* ▷ **quest vi** (*fml or rhet*) hawl: *She asked a lot of quest for clues.*

**question<sup>1</sup>** /kwɛstʃən/ *n* **1** [C] thusuh-nak: *She asked a lot of questions.* ◦ *Question 3 is quite difficult.* ◦ *I'd like to put a question to the speaker.* **2** [C] ruah a tulmi thu/thu harsa: *What about the question of security?* ◦ *We have to consider the question of where to sleep.* **3** [C] lunghrinnak, zumlonak suahti: *There is no/ some question about his honesty.* ◦ *Her sincerity is beyond question.* **4** (idm) **bring/come into question:** *My promotion brings into question the status of certain other members of staff.* **call sth in/into question** lunghrinnak, zumlonak langter: *His moral standards have been called into question.* ◦ *It isn't a question of whether we can afford a holiday—we all are just too busy.*

**sth** ⇒ UNCROWNED. **a fair question** ⇒ FAIR<sup>1</sup>. **it is a question of** ziangbik teu a si tile: *It isn't a question of whether we can afford a holiday — I'm just too busy at the moment.* ◦ *She is so talented that her success can only be a question of time.* **in question** ruatmi, relkhawmi: *The woman in question is sitting over there.* **a loaded question** ⇒ LOAD<sup>2</sup>. **a moot point/question** ⇒ MOOT. **out of the question** relkhawm tlak lo; a cang thei lomi: *Missing school to watch the football match is out of the question.* ◦ *A new bicycle is out of the question—we can't afford it.* **pop the question** ⇒ POP<sup>4</sup>. **at the sixty-four thousand dollar question** ⇒ DOLLAR. **there is some/no question of** a cang theimi a um lo: *There's no question of selling the house.* **a vexed question** ⇒ VEX.

□ **question mark** = ? thusuhnak hmnsin.

**question-master** (also **quiz-master**) *n* a hleice in TV, radio sungah thusuhnak a tuahtu.

**question time** (*Brit*) Parliament thurel khawmnak ah MP pawlih thusuhnak kha rampi riantu (minister) pawl ih an leh caan.

**question<sup>2</sup>** /kwɛstʃən/ *v* **1** [Tn] sut: *They questioned her closely about her relationship with the dead man.* ◦ *I was questioned by the police for six hours.* ◦ *I would like to question you on your views about this problem.* **2** [Tn, Tw] lunghrinnak, rinhlelnak langter: *Her*

- sincerity has never been questioned. ○ I seriously question whether we ought to continue.
- ▷ **questionable** *adj* rinhlēl theih: a ding lemlomi a dik lemlomi: such a questionable assertion is sure to provoke criticism. ○ His behaviour is questionable. **questionably** *adv*.
- questioner** *n* TV radio le zapi hmai thu-el awknak ih thusuttu.
- questioningly** *adv* thusut pianhmang umdan le awsuah: She looked at me questioningly.
- questionnaire** /kwestʃəneə(r)/ *n* thusuhnak tampi cahnah parah ngan ta hrāt in mitampi hnenih kuatmi: Please complete and return the enclosed questionnaire.
- queue** /kju:/ *n* **1** thil pakhat hngak in, tuah dingah a tlar ih a dingmi pawl: a long queue of cars at the traffic lights. **2** (idm) **jump the queue** ⇒ JUMP<sup>2</sup>.
- quibble** /kwɪb/ *n* **1** lungkim lonak tete; soiselnak tuktak: They quibbles to make about her performance. **2** a thupi lemlo simmi, tuahmi: She's introducing this as a quibble.
- ▷ **quibble** *v* [I, Ipr] dan-awknak tete thu ah eel rero; phunciar rero: Stop quibbling about the use of the comma. ○ 50p isn't worth quibbling about.
- quiche** /ki:ʃ/ *n* arti le hnawikhal tivek thawn tuahmi sang phun khat.
- quick** /kwɪk/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) zamrang: a quick reader ○ quick to learn. ○ Taxis are quicker than buses. ○ Be quick! ○ The thief was too quick for me. ○ We must move at a quicker pace or we'll be late. (b) caan tawite sungih tuahsuakmi: have a quick meal ○ Are you sure this is the quickest way? ○ He fired three shots in quick succession. **2** (a) [attrib] virvat; lungtho: a quick ear for music ○ a quick eye for imperfections ○ Her quick wits saved the boy's life. (b) olte ih lungtho: ti-hlehle: Be careful not to annoy him — he's got a quick temper; olten a thin a heng thei. (c) hriohrip; thil tithei: He's not as quick as his sister. ○ His spelling is poor but he's very quick at figures. **3** (idm) **the quick and the dead** (arch) a thimi le a nungmi zate in. (as) **quick as a flash**; (as) **quick as lightning** zamrang zet (in): He got the answer to the riddle a quick as a flash. ○ She's as quick as lightning on the tennis court. (be) **quick of the mark** lakhruak ih thok: You have to be quick off the mark when you answer the reporters. **quick/slow on the draw** ⇒ DRAW<sup>1</sup>. **quick/slow on the uptake** ⇒ UPTAKE.
- ▷ **quick** *adv* (-er, -est) zamrang te in: Come as quick as you can. ○ Everyone is trying to get rich quick nowadays. ○ Who ran quickest? ○ quick-dying paint.
- quickly** *adv*: zamrangin: speak, write very quickly.
- quickness** *n* [U] (saying) The quickness of the hand deceives the eye.
- **quick-change** *adj*: [attrib] zamrang te'n thil thuam thleng.
- quick-freeze** *vt* (pt -froze, /-frəʊz/, pp -frozen) rawl siat hlah seh tiah vur-kuang sungah ret.
- quick march** (ralkap pawl ral'huang tuah ih an fehmi).
- quickstep** *n* ke kar rang deuh ih laam (cumi hrangih awnmawi tummi): Play a quickstep ○ dance a quickstep.
- quick-tempered** *adj* thinheng ol.
- quick-witted** *adj* zamrang zet ih thu ruat thei; thluak rang.
- quicken** /kwɪkən/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** zamrangter: We quickened our steps. **2** (fml) caang, caangvai; thathoter: The child quickened in her womb. ○ Her pulse quickened. ○ His interest was quickened. ○ His interest was quickened by an article he had read.
- quickie** /kwɪki/ *n* (infml) zamrang zet ih tuahmi: I've just made some coffee—have you time for some quickie?
- quicklime** /kwɪklaɪm/ *n* [U] = LIME.
- quicksand** /kwɪksænd/ *n* [C often pl, U] vunnel cirhduup.
- quicksilver** /kwɪksɪlvə(r)/ *n* [U] = MERCURY.
- quid**<sup>1</sup> /kwɪd/ *n* (pl unchanged) (Brit infml) **1** Mirang (English) tong fangkhat, £1: Can you lend me five quid? ○ It costs a quid to get in. **2** (idm) **quids in** a hlawk ngah ding dinhmun: Having sold the film and TV rights he is absolutely quids in.
- quid**<sup>2</sup> /kwɪd/ *n* hmawm dingih tuahmi kuhsi khar.
- quid pro quo** /kwɪd prəʊ 'kwəʊ/ *n* (pl -quos) thil pakhat hrangih pek kiirmi: Please accept the use of our cottage as a quid pro quo for lending us your car.
- quiescent** /kwai'esnt, kwɪ'esnt/ *adj* (fml) caangvai lo; daiziar ih um: It is unlikely that such an extremist organization will remain quiescent for long.
- ▷ **quiescence** *n* [U].
- quiet** /kwaɪət/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** daite, thawthang um lo, dim te in, ring lo te in: her quiet voice, footsteps ○ Be quiet, please! ○ Can't you keep the children quiet? **2** cangvai loin; awn ruri loin; hnaihok loin: The roads are usually quiet in the morning. ○ The sea looks quieter now. ○ Business is quiet at this time of the year. **3** cangvainak um lo; buaipitu um lo; daite ih um: lead a quiet life. ○ have a quiet evening at home. ○ Their wedding was very quiet. **4** nunnem; hrosuang lo: a lady of a quiet shade of blue. **6** ring ih sim lo; suup aw deuh in: have a quiet laugh about sth. ○ Her manner concealed quiet resentment. ⇒ Usage. **7** (idm) **keep quiet about sth**; **keep sth quiet** simphuang lo ih um: I've decided to resign but I'd prefer you to keep quiet

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## quietism

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about it. (as) **quiet as a mouse** daite ih um: *As the teacher enters the class is as quiet as a mouse.*

▷ **quiet** *n* [U] **1** dai le hngamte ih um: *the quiet of the countryside* ○ *live in peace and quiet.* **2** (idm) **on the quiet** a thup te in: *have a drink on the quiet.*

**quiet** /kwaɪət/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sb/sth) (down) (esp US) daiter; dai ko tuah: *quiet a frightened horse.*

**quieten** /kwaɪətən/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] (esp Brit) awnau deemter; daiter: *Quieten down and get on with your work.* ○ *quieten sb's fears/suspensions.*

**quietly** *adv* dai te in: *This car engine runs very quietly.* ○ *She died quietly in her bed.*

**quietness** *n* [U] *The quietness of the chapel.*

NOT ON USAGE: **Quiet**, **silent** and **calm** can all be applied to both people and things and generally indicate the absence of a quality rather than the presence of something. A **silent** film has no speech and a **silent** machine makes no noise. The opposite of reading silently (or to oneself) is reading aloud. **Quiet** can mean silent: *Quiet! Don't make any noise!* It can also indicate a lack of disturbance: *a quiet road with few cars.* ○ *Politicians must sometimes long for a quieter life.* The opposite of *quiet music* is *loud music*. **Still** indicates the absence of movement: *Stand still!* It may also suggest a lack of noise: *a still night after a stormy day.* A **calm** person shows no agitation in difficult circumstances. A **calm** sea has no, or only small, waves.

**quietism** /kwaɪtɪzəm/ *n* [U] taksa duhhriarnak hlon ðeh in dai te ih um ding timi zumtu biaknak umzia.

▷ **quietist** *n* cuvek ih a nungmi.

**quietude** /kwaɪtjʊd/; US -tʊd/ *n* (fml) daihnak; daizirziar.

**quietus** /kwaɪ'ɪtəs/ *n* (usu sing) (fml) nunnak cem; thi: *give sb his quietus*, that. ○ *The plan has finally got its quietus*, bansan; cem.

**quiff** /kwɪf/ *n* (Brit) mipa cal tlunih samtlai.

**quill** /kwɪl/ *n* **1** (also **quill-feather**) aar thla tivek pawl ih hmul (asilole) mei hmul. **2** (also **quill-pen**) hi hmul thawn tuahmi cafung. **3** (usu pl) sakuh hmul sau.

**quilt** /kwɪlt/ *n* a sahmi ihkhun parih hmanmi tangpah sahpi (a karlak ah thil thunmi). Cf DEVET, EIDERDOWN.

▷ **quilt** *v* [Tn] puanthan ðitmi thuah sungah patpar, vate hmul tivek than.

**quin** /kwɪn/ (US **quint** /kwɪnt/) *n* (fml) = QUINTUPLET.

**quince** /kwɪns/ *n* a hawng a kakmi ei ða thingthei rah; usit thei: [attrib] *quince jelly*. ○

*quince jam.*

**quincenary** /kwɪnsen'tɪnəri; US -sentənəri/ *n* kum zanga kimnak: [attrib] *quincenary celebrations.*

**quinine** /kwɪ'nɪn; US 'kwamam/ *n* [U] thinghawng phun khat thawn tuahmi khurhnat kham sii, kunen.

**Quinquagesima** /kwɪŋkwə'dʒesɪmə/ *n* lent (thok hlan deuh Nipi ni. Thosal Nipi hlan ni 50)

**quincy** /'kwɪnzɪ/ *n* [U] dang sung thling (hnai a um thei).

**quintessence** /kwɪnt'esens/ *n* [sing] (fml) **1** a thupitnak bik zawn (khawruahnak, thusinak, le umzia parah): *Her book captures the quintessence of Renaissance humanism.* **2** zohðim tlak thil fel: *He is the quintessence of tact and politeness.*

**quintessential** /kwɪnt'senʃl/ *adj.*

**quintessentially** *adv*: *a sense of humour that is quintessentially British.*

**quintet** /kwɪnt'et/ *n* mi panga ih tummi (awnmawi) asilole mi panga ih sakmi hla, ngazai.

**quintuplet** /kwɪntjʊplet; US kwɪnt'u:plɪt/ (also **quin**, US **quint**) *n* (usu pl) fa panga phir sungih pakhat.

**quip** /kwɪp/ *n* ziaunak ðongkam: *He ended his speech with a merry quip.*

▷ **quip** *vi* (-pp-) ziau, ðongsan: *'Who overslept this morning?' she quipped.*

**quire** /kwaɪə(r)/ *n*

**quirk** /kwɜ:k/ *n* **1** nunzia ðalo; a lamdang zetmi umzia: *One of his quirks of addressing his wife as Mrs Smith.* **2** rin lo thil; a tong aw sualmi: *one of those odd historical quirks.* ○ *By a quirk of fate they had booked into the same hotel.*

**quitsling** /kwɪzɪŋ/ *n* ram le miphun zuartu (ral a rak bawmtu).

**quit** /kwɪt/ *v* (pt, pp **quitted**) **1** [I, Tn] fehsan; bansan; tanta: *He got his present job when he quit the army.* ○ *If I don't get a pay rise I'll quit.*

**2** [Tn, Tg] (infml) cawl; baang: *quit work for five minutes* ○ *Quit fooling around!* **3** (idm) **be quit of sb/sth** thil/mi pakhat khat ihsin luat: *I'd like to be quit of the responsibility.* ○ *You're well quit of him*, a lo fehsan (na luat) cu na vanða.

▷ **quitter** *n* (often derog) hnañuan pakhat ðeh hlanih bangtu: *I've asked you do this for me because I know you're not a quitter.*

**quite** /kwaɪt/ *adv* **1** (a) (used esp with *adjs* or *advs* that refer to a gradable quality) mawitawk; tawkfang; paam: *quite big, quite interesting* ○ *quite good, etc.* ○ *He plays quite well.* ○ *I quite like some pop music.* (b) (used as an intensifier with *adjs* or *advs* that express an extreme opinion) tuk le lawmmam: *The view was quite breathtaking.* ○ *That was quite the*

*nicest meal I've ever had.* ○ *She performed quite brilliantly.* ○ *quite awful, amazing, unbelievable, etc.* **2** (used with absolute measures) kimzetin; a zaten: *quite empty, perfect, unique, etc.* ○ *The theatre was not quite full.* ○ *Cheer up, it's not quite hopeless yet.* ○ *Are you sure you're quite satisfied?* ○ *I quite agree.* **3** (used as an interj to express agreement or understanding): *'It's not some thing we want to have talked about.'* 'Quite(so)' ○ *'He's bound to feel shaken after his accident! 'Quite.'* **4** (idm) **quite a few** (mal nawn); **quite a lot (of)** tam nawn: *Quite a few people come to the lecture.* ○ *We drank quite a lot of wine.* **quite a;** **quite some** /sɑm/ (approx esp US) a keel, asilole; a lamdang zetmi: *We had quite a party.* ○ *It must be quite some car.* **quite some** /sɑm/ **time** caan sau nawn: *It happened quite some time ago.*

▷ **quite det** (used before *a/the* + *n* or before a name, as an intensifier): *We found it quite a change when we moved to London.* ○ *It's not quite the lake District but the countryside's very pretty.* **2** (idm) (**not quite the (done) thing** mipi ih cohlan theih a si (lo) mi: *It wasn't quite the done thing for women to drink in pubs in those days.* **quite the fashion, rage, etc** uar zetmi; sanmanmi: *Black leather trousers seem to be quite the rage these days.*

NOTE ON USAGE: In British English **quite** can have different meanings partly depending on the intonation of the sentence. **1** If **quite** carries the main stress when used with gradable words (ie those describing qualities which can be of different strengths or degrees) it has a negative meaning such as 'not very': *He's quite handsome.* ○ *She played quite well.* **2** If **quite** receives secondary or no stress the sentence expresses more approval and possibly surprise: *I was quite pleased.* ○ *I think he's quite handsome.* **3** When **quite** is used with a word expressing an absolute quality, it means 'completely' and does not usually carry the main stress: *It was quite wonderful.* ○ *She played quite brilliantly.* But compare *I quite agree with you* (= I entirely agree with you).

**quits** /kwɪts/ *adj* (idm) **be quits (with sb)** leibak ruhl ðehhnu, leh-rul sam ðeh hnu ih bangran ih um: *Are we quits or do you still owe me a pound?* **call it quits** ⇒ CALL<sup>2</sup>. **double or quits** ⇒ DOUBLE<sup>4</sup>.

**quittance** *n* leibak sam ðehnak (ca).

**quiver**<sup>1</sup> /kwɪvə(r)/ *v* [I, Tn] thir, thirter; hninter: *The moth quivered its wings.* ○ *a quivering leaf.* ○ *Quivering with rage she slammed the door shut.*

▷ **quiver** *n* a hnin, a thirmi awn, asilole, cangvaihna: *A quiver of an eyelid.*

**quiver**<sup>2</sup> /kwɪvə(r)/ *n* thal bawm conkiang bawm.

**qui vive** /ki:'vi:v/ (idm) **on the qui vive** raling te ih um; hriohrip.

**quixotic** /kwɪk'sɒtɪk/ *adj* a luan tukih terhsiannak, ðatnak: **quixotically** *adv.*

**quiz** /kwɪz/ *n* (pl **quizzes**) thusuhmi lehnak: camipuai fate (a bikin TV, Vedio sungah an hmang). *take part in a quiz* ○ [attrib] *a quiz program* ○ *a quiz game, etc.*

▷ **quiz vt (-zz-)** thu sut: *She quizzed him all night about the people he'd seen.*

□ **quiz-master** *n* = QUESTION-MASTER.

**quizzical** /kwɪz/ *adj* lungawite le suhduhnak mithmai thawn: *with a quizzical tone.*

▷ **quizzically** *adv*: *She looked at me quizzically.*

**quod** /kwɒd/ *n* [U] (sl esp Brit)

**quoit** /kwɔɪt/ *US kwɔɪ* *n* **1** [C] thir, sialriat, hri ih tuahmi lehnak kual (thing tawite phunmi parah bat tahrat in cumi ngah dingih deng, sep ih leh a si).

**quoits** cumi lehnak, a hleice in tangphawlawng parah an lek: *play deck quoits.*

**quorum** /kwɔːrəm/ *n* (usu *sing*) thurel khawmnak (meeting) tuah thei dingah a mal bik a kai ding zat palai khiahmi (cu hnakh mal an suak ahcun meeting tuah a theihlo): *Did the committee form a quorum?*

**quota** /kwɒtə/ *n* **1** vo zem (covo le ðuanvo a telthei): *He had received his full quota of rations.* ○ *I'm going home now — I've done my quota of work for the day.* **2** minung/thilri luhter dingih sian zat (maximum allowed): *TV imports are controlled by strict quotas.*

**quotation** /kwɒtətʃən/ *n* **1** [U] sirhsanmi, asilole, kawlawihmi ngannak: *Support your argument by quotation.* **2** (also *infml quote*) cabu, thusimmi sungih sin la tahratih hman saalmi: *a dictionary of quotation from Shakespeare.* **3** thilri man simnak, thannak: *the latest quotations from the Stock Exchange.* **4** [C] hnañuan pakhat hrangih a cem ding zat tuakcia-nak: *The insurance company requires three quotations for repairs to the car.* Cf ESTIMATE<sup>1</sup> **2**.

□ **quotation-marks** (also *quotes*) mi pakhat ih ðong suakmi ðongtluan a thok le a cemnak ih hmainsinnak retmi (' ' or " "). Cf INVERTED COMMAS (INVERT).

**quote** /kwəʊt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] mi ih thusimcia la tahrat ih simsal: *He's always quoting verses from the Bible.* ○ *She is quoted as saying she disagrees with the decision.* ○ *I think he's going to resign, but please don't quote me, keimai' sim ti cu sim hlah.* **2** simmi fekkhoh dingah sirhsan hrangih sim: *Can you quote an example of what you mean?* **3** thilri man sim, than: *This is the best price I can quote you.*

▷ **quote n (infml)** **1** [C] = QUOTATION **2**. **2 quotes** [pl] = QUOTATION-MARKS: *His words are in*



## quotable

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*quotes.* **3** (idm) **quote** (... **unquote**) lungkim lemlomi kawlawihmi thu, sim tiki a hramthok le a net langternak: *This quote startlingly original novel unquote is both boring and badly written.*

**quotable** *adj* kawlawih tlakmi; simsal tlakmi.

**quoth** /kwəθ/ US 'kwouθ/ *v* [Tn] (1st and 3rd person singular past tense only) (*arch*) sim; ti:

*quoth I/he/she.*

**quotient** /kwəʊfnt/ US 'kwou-/ *n* (*mathematics*) nambat pakhat kha a dang nambat in zem tikah ngahmi nambat.

**qv** /kju: 'vi/ *abbr (fml)* Latin *quod vide*, duh le kawlawih thei, eg *showing a cross-reference* (cabu pakhat sung la ih kawlawihmi).

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