

# Vv

**V, v** /vi:/ *n* (pl **V's** /vi:z/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cafang a kul-hluanhnihnak: *Vivienne begins with (a) V/V'*. **2** V pungsan thawn a bangmi thil: *geese are flying in a V formation*.

**V** abbr **1** nehnaq (*victory*) timi khihhuhtu: *give/make a V-sign*, ie with the first and second fingers spread to form a V, showing victory (with palm outwards), or vulgar derision (with palm inwards). **2** Volts electric thacahnak nganmi: *240V, eg on a light bulb*. Cf **W** abbr **1**.

**V** (also **V**) *symp* Roman nambat in 5 tinak.

**v** (also *v*) (pl **vv**) *verso*: caang (Baibal caang tivek): *St Luke ch 12vv 4-10*. **2** cabu ih a kehlam cahmai vivo, nambat kim (*even number*) a nei mi (*verso*). **3** (also *vs*) (esp in sporting contests) *versus* - tinak lehnak ah cumi le cumi an lek ding tinak: *England v West Indies*, eg England le West Indies an tong-aw ding, tinak. **4** (*infml*) zet, tuk (*very*): *I was v pleased to get your letter*. **5** zoh-aw, ron-aw ti can (Latin *vide*).

**vac** /væk/ *n* (*Brit infml*) **1** = VACATION. **2** = VACUUM CLEANER (VACUUM) tinak.

**vacancy** /'veikænsi/ *n* **1** [C] tonak/umnak lawng: *No vacancies*, eg on a hotel sign. **2** [C] hnañuan lawngmi: *We have vacancies for typists/in the typing pool*. **3** [U] ruahnak, tumnak um lo/ruat mi um lo: *the vacancy of his stare, expression*.

**vacant** /'veikænt/ *adj* **1** a lawng, luah lomi: *Is the lavatory vacant?* ○ *a vacant situation, post, hotel room*. ⇒ Usage at **EMPTY**<sup>1</sup>. **2** (a) ruahnak langternak um lo, cheeknak langter lo: *a vacant stare, look, etc*. (b) ruahnak um lo: *a vacant mind*.

▷ **vacantly adv**: *stare, look, gaze, etc vacantly into space*.

□ **vacant possession** (used in house advertisements, etc) inn a hlumtu um lo ih a leitu in um theih a si thlangmi.

**vacate** /və'keɪt/; *US* 'veɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) lawngter/ um hmuntaan: *vacate a house, hotel room* ○ *vacate one's seat, post* ○ *The squatters were ordered to vacate the premises*.

**vacation** /və'keɪʃn/; *US* 'veɪ-/ *n* **1** [C] (also **recess**, *Brit infml vac*) phunsaang tlawng le upadi zung ah neih sungmi caanlawng: *the Christmas, Easter vacation* ○ *the long vacation*, ie in the summer ○ [attrib] *vacation work*. **2** [C] (*fml*) zungpit/tlawngpit = **HOLIDAY 2**: *take a vacation*. **3** [U] (esp *US*) lawngternak: *Immediate vacation of the house is essential*. **4** (idm) **on vacatoin** (esp *US*) zungpit/tlawngpit caanlawng hmundang ih va hman. ⇒ Usage at **HOLIDAY**.

▷ **vacation v** [I, Ipr] ~ (at/in...) (*US*) zungpit/tlawngpit caanlawng hmundang ah va hman.

**vaccinate** /'væksɪneɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (**against sth**) natkhamnak siidawt: *have your dog vaccinated against rabies*. Cf **IMMUNIZE** (**IMMUNE**), **INOCULATE**.

▷ **vaccination** /'væksɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (instance of) sii-dawh.

**vaccine** /'væksɪn/; *US* 'væk'sɪn/ *n* [U, C] natkhamnak ih dawtmi sii: *develop a smallpox, polio, rabies, etc vaccine*. Cf **SERUM 2**.

**vacillate** /'væsələɪt/ *n* [U, C] *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**between sth** and **sth**) (*fml usu derog*) awloksong, thinlung laklawh/thinlung ah khoimi deuh ti ih ruah ding thei lo ih um: *She vacillated between hope and fear*. Cf **OSCILLATE**.

▷ **vacillation** /'væsə'leɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (*fml usu derog*) (instance of) awloksongnak: *eternal, continual, constant, etc vacillations*.

**vacuity** /və'kjʊ:ətɪ/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] duhsannak, ti duhmi/a tican le fimnak sambauan: *the total vacuity of his thoughts, statements*. **2** [C *usu pl*] hmukhmak ðong.

**vacuous** /'vækjʊəs/ *adj* (*fml*) ruahnak le theihnak, thiamnak um lomi; at-thlak: *a vacuous stare, remark, laugh, expression*.

▷ **vacuously adv**. **vacuousness n** [U].

**vacuum** /'vækjʊəm/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or, in scientific use, **vacua** /-jʊə/) **1** (a) zianghman um hrimhrim lo ih a lawngmi, thilri le daat um lomi. (b) thli suah ðehmi dawng, kuang: *create a perfect vacuum*. **2** (*usu sing*) (*fig*) thil um dan, lole kiangkap vuakvel a lawngmi: *There has been a vacuum in his life since his wife died*. **3** (*infml*) = **VACUUM CLEANER**. **4** (idm) **in a vacuum** midang, thuhla pohpoh le thil cangmi ihsin a paak teih umnak: *live, work, etc in a vacuum*.

▷ **vacuum v** [I, Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**out**) (*infml*) *vacuum cleaner* hman ih fai tein tuah/kholh: *vacuum the stairs, carpet* ○ *vacuum (out) the car*.

□ **vacuum cleaner** leivut le a baal pawl thianfainak dingih hmanmi electric thilri.

**vacuum flask** (also **flask**, *US vacuum bottle*) datbu-tisa retnak. Cf **THERMOS**.

**vacuum-packed adj** (esp of perishable foods) thli suahmi dawng sungih (rawl, sa tivek) erhpitmi.

**vacuum pump** thli hmuah phaw suak ðehtu thil.

**vacuum tube** (*US*) (*Brit radio valve*) thli um lo dawng radio valve.

**vade-mecum** /'vɑ:d'meɪkəm, *US* 'veɪd'mɪ:kəm/ *n* kutken cabu: *The spelling dictionary is a vade-*

- mecum for all secretaries.*
- vagabond** /vægəbɒnd/ *n* mi vakvai, mi rintlak lo, mi zaangzel: [attrib] *lead a vagabond life.*
- vagary** /veɪgəri/ *n* (usu *pl*) thil phundang: *the vagaries of fashion, the weather, the postal service.*
- vagina** /veɪgəri/ *n* (*pl* ~ **s** or, in scientific use, **-nae** /-ni:/) (*anatomy*) passage (in a female mammal) anu zahmawh kua, su-kua.  
▷ **vaginal** /və'dʒaɪnl/ *adj.*
- vagrant** /veɪgrənt/ *n* (*fml* or law) inn nei lo, lole, hnaʔuan pipa nei lo: *vagrant tribes* ○ *lead a vagrant life.*  
▷ **vagrancy** /veɪgrənsi/ *n* [U] (offence of) mi lamtawi, mi vaakvai, inn hmunhma nei lo sinak: *drunks arrested for vagrancy.*
- vague** /veɪg/ *adj* (**-r, -st**) **1** a fiang lomi, lole, theifiang lo: *a vague answer, demand, rumour* ○ *vague memories, hopes, fears* ○ *I haven't the vaguest* (ie slightes) *idea/notion what you mean.* **2** a cekci lo, a si awm: *a vague estimate of the cost* ○ *The terms of the agreement were deliberately vague.* ○ *She can only give a vague description of her attacker.* **3** (**a**) (of persons) felfai lo, ciangkkuang lo: *be vague in/about one's plans* ○ *I'm still vague about what you want.* (**b**) (of a person's looks or behaviour) ruahdaan fiang nei lo/hngilh hmang (mi hmai le um daan ih langmi): *a vague smile, gesture.* **4** a fiang lo; sinak fiangte um lomi: *the vague outline of a ship in the fog.*  
▷ **vaguely** *adv* **1** fiang lem lo in: *Her face is vaguely familiar.* **2** tinak men ah, hrawng: *He pointed vaguely in my direction.* ○ *Italy vaguely resembles a boot.* **3** ruat phah lem lo in: *smile, gesture vaguely.*
- vagueness** *n* [U].
- vain** /veɪn/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** zum-aw, hngal. **2** [attrib] (esp rhet) man nei lo/thupi lo: *vain promises, triumphs, pleasures.* **3** [attrib] (esp rhet) thu lolhak, thahnem lomi: *a vain attempt* ○ *in the vain hope of persuading him.* **4** (idm) **in vain** (**a**) man nei lo, ti man um lo: *try in vain to sleep.* (**b**) tha hnem lo, hlawk lo: *All our work was in vain.* **take sb's name in vain** ⇨ NAME<sup>1</sup>.  
▷ **vainly** *adv* **1** zum-aw zet in. **2** manhla lo zet in.
- vainglory** /veɪn'glɔ:ri/ *n* [U] (*dated* or *fml*) zianghman si lonak, lole, mah le mah zum-awk tuknak.  
**vainglorious** /-l'glɔ:riəs/ *adj* zum-aw tukmi.
- valance** /væləns/ *n* (**a**) ihkhun tlaang ih zaarmi puan tawite. (**b**) (esp US) = PELMET.
- vale** /veɪl/ *n* (arch except in place names) tlaang le tlaang karlak ih hmun rawn: *the Vale of the White Horse.*
- valediction** /vælɪ'dɪkʃn/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) (words used in) thlah-awknak tongfang: *utter a valediction* ○ *bow in valediction.*  
▷ **valedictory** /-təri/ *adj* [usu attrib] (*fml*) thlah-awknak ih hmanmi: *a valedictory speech, message, gift.*
- valedictory** *n* (US) phunsang tlawng, lole tlaawng pakhat ah tlawng thehsuak ding pawl thlahnak ah tlaawngta (a suak ding mi) pakhat ih thusimnak. **valedictorian** /-tɔ:riən/ *n* (US) cuvek ih simtu tlawngta.
- valence** /veɪləns/ *n* (*chemistry*) **1** [U] valensi, atom komnak tha: *Carbon has a valence of four.* **2** [C] (US) = VALENCY.
- valency** /veɪlənsi/ (US **valence**) *n* (*chemistry*) atom komkhawmmi ih tha.
- valentine** /væləntɪn/ *n* (**a**) (also **valentine card**) Thianghlim Valentine ni February ni 14 ni ah hmin ngan lo ih duhdawt mi fala, tlangval hnen ih kuatmi ca/card. (**b**) cuvek ca, card kuatmi duh mi fala, tlangval: *Will you be my valentine?*
- valerian** /vælɪəriən/ *n* [U] a senrau, lole a rang a par ih rim nei zetmi hrampi phunkhat.
- valet** /væleɪ, 'vælit/ *n* (**a**) mipa pakhat ih a hnipuan, a rawl tivek zoh le tuah saktu um-hlawh (hnen-um). (**b**) rawldawr (*hotel*) ih a tlun vek ih tʔuanvo neitu.  
▷ **valet** /vælit/ *v* **1** [Tn] kholh, hnawt le rem (puan, tonak tuam puan, motor thilri: *a valeting service*, eg at a dry-cleaner's or garage. **2** [I, Tn] mi pakhat parih hi vekin tuah.
- valetudinarian** /vælitjʊdɪ'neəriən/ *n* (*fml*) harhdammak lam ah a luarkai ih ralringtu. Cf HYPOCHONDRIAC (HYPOCHONDRIA).
- valiant** /væliənt/ *adj* raltha le thinkhoh mi: *valiant resistance, efforts* ○ *She made a valiant attempt to laugh.*  
▷ **valiantly** *adv*: *Tom tried valiantly to rescue the drowning man.*
- valid** /vælid/ *adj* **1** (**a**) dankeel vekih a simi, a dikmi: *a valid claim, contract* ○ *The marriage was held to be valid.* (**b**) a dan vekih tuahmi a si ih cohlan theihmi, a tha a famkim tiih ruatmi: *a bus pass valid for one week, for ten journeys* ○ *A cheque card is not a valid proof of identity.* **2** (of arguments, reasons, etc) thuruah dan le thu eel-awk thei dingmi thu ah, thu umdaan a dik, a rem caangmi: *raise valid objections to a plan* ○ *Her excuse was not valid.*  
▷ **validity** /væli'dɪti/ *n* [U] **1** a daan vekih cohlan ta theinak: *test the validity of a decision.* **2** thil dik asinak: *question the validity of an argument, assumption.*
- validate** /væli'deɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** a daan vekih cohlan thei ih tuah: *validate a contract, marriage, passport.* **2** thil hmaan le a dik siter: *validate a theory, an argument, a thesis, etc.*  
▷ **validation** /væli'deɪʃn/ *n* [U].
- valise** /və'li:z; US və'li:s/ *n* (*dated*) khualtlawnnak ih hman mi hnipuan sannak saphawdip.
- Valium** /væliəm/ *n* (*prop*) (**a**) [U] thahri le thluak

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(thinlung) thoptheeng daihternak sii. (b) [C] (pl unchanged or ~s) hivek sii hlum.

**valley** /væli/ *n* **1** horkuam, tlang le tlang karlak ih leukuar hmunrawn. **2** tivak kuam: *the Nile valley*.

**valour** (US **valor**) /vælə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] (*rhet*) ralthatnak (ral a do sungah): *display great valour*. **2** (idm) **discretion is the better part of valour** ⇒ DISCRETION.

**valuable** /væljʊəbl/ *adj* **1** tangka tampi man, mankhung: *a valuable collection of paintings*. **2** thahnem zet, a manhla, a thupi: *valuable advice, help, information, etc* ○ *wasting valuable valour* ○ *The jawbone was our most valuable find/discovery*. ⇒ Usage at INVALUABLE. ▷ **valuables** *n* [pl] thilman tha, hlawnthil: *recover stolen valuables*.

**valuation** /væljʊ'eɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] (act of) a man zat ruahnak, thil pakhat ih a man: *property, land, stock, etc valuation* ○ *Surveyors carried out a valuation on/of our house*. (b) [C] thil pakhat ih tangka man zat: *have a valuation made of one's jewellery* ○ *Experts put/set a high valuation on the painting*. **2** [U] (*fig*) mi pakhat ih santlaih dan tuatnak: *take/accept sb at his own valuation*, ie according to his own opinion of himself.

**value** /væljʊ:/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] a man zat: *a decline in the value of the dollar, pound, etc* ○ *pay above/below the market value for sth* ○ *rising share, land, property values* ○ *gain, appreciate, go up, etc in value* ○ *drop, fall, go down, etc in value* ○ *order software to the value of £700*. (b) [U] thil pakhat a man peek zat parah a man le man lo tinak: *This tea is good value at 39p a packet*. ○ *Charter flights give/offer the best value for (your) money*. **2** [U] thahnem sinak, a manhla, lole thupitnak: *the value of regular exercise* ○ *be of great, little, some, no, etc value to sb* ○ *have a high novelty, street, entertainment value* ○ *have a high energy, nutritional value* ○ *the news value of a royal romance*. **3 values** [pl] ziaza nuncan lam ih thlirmi a man, thupit zat: *artistic, legal, scientific values* ○ *a return to Victorian values* ○ *the values of justice and democracy* ○ *hold, respect, adopt, etc a set of values*. **4** (a) [C] (*mathematics*) nambat ai ih laakmi cafang: *find the value of x*. (b) [C] (*music*) aw (*note*) pakhat ih a suah rei/thluai caan: *Give the semibreve its full value*. (c) [U] (in language) tican, tisanmi: *use a word with all its poetic value*. (d) [C] (in art) khuathim le khuatleu pawl langter daan: *tone values in a painting*. Cf FACE VALUE (FACE<sup>1</sup>).

▷ **value v** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (at sth)** thil pakhat ih a man zat ding khiak: *He valued the house for me at £80 000*. **2** [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth/sb (as sth)** (not used in the continuous tenses) mi pakhat, lole thil pakhat mannei zet ih ruat:

*value sb's advice* ○ *value truth above all else* ○ *a valued client, customer, etc* ○ *Do you value her as a friend?* **valuer** *n* thil man khiaktu.

**valueless** *adj* man nei lo, thahnem lo, a man lomi. ⇒ Usage at INVALUABLE.

□ **value added tax** (abbr **VAT**) thil suah tikih a man khiakmi zat tangka parih pekmi siah.

**value judgement** (*derog*) ziaza lam mah ruahnak in a man tuatnak: *make value judgements*.

**valve** /væljʊ:/ *n* **1** thli, tidai luan daan rak uktu thil: *the inlet/outlet valves of a petrol or steam engine* ○ *the valve of a bicycle tyre* ○ *a safety, exhaust valve*. Cf TAP<sup>1</sup> **1**. **2** thii khi hmunkhat lam lawng luangtertu lung sungih taksa ziangmaw. **3** aw saang le niam tertu. **4** (*biology*) tipi ih cengkol tivek a phaw khatlam: Cf BIVALVE. **5** = VACUUM TUBE.

▷ **valvular** /vælvjʊlə(r)/ *adj* valve thawn a pehparmi; thii luannak uktu lam: *a valvular disease of the heart*.

**vamoose** /və'mu:s/ *v* [I] (*dated US infml*) (often imperative) feh lohli, a thup tein tlaan hlo.

**vamp**<sup>1</sup> /væmp/ *n* buut kedan, buut hmailam zawn a tlunlam.

**vamp**<sup>2</sup> /væmp/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (*esp derog*) thil tum phah ih hla sak. **2** (phr v) **vamp sth up** (*infml*) thilri um pohpoh thawn, lole, a hlun ihsin a thar ih tuah: *vamp up some lectures out of/from old notes*.

**vamp**<sup>3</sup> /væmp/ *n* (*dated infml*) (*esp in the 1920's and 1930's*) mipa bum tumtu hiar um zet nunau.

▷ **vamp v** [I, Tn] nunau pakhat in tisa hiarnak thawn mipa va neel ciamco.

**vampire** /væmpaɪə(r)/ *n* **1** (thuanthu sungah) milai thii a zuuktu mithla. **2** zaangfahnak nei lo ih mi parih siatnak tuah theutu. **3** (also **vampire bat**) America kontinent a lai hrawng ih thii zuuk theimi palaap phun khat.

**van**<sup>1</sup> /væn/ *n* **1** a sirlam tukvirh nei lo khuhtluh ih thilri le minung phurhnak mawfawka: *the baker's van* ○ *a furniture/removal van* ○ *a police van*, ie for transporting police or prisoners ○ [attrib] *a van driver*. **2** (*Brit*) tlangleeng khaan sungih, saangka khar ringring a simi, puantom, kutkhai pawl le carek ca, lole tlangleeng kiltu pawl umnak khaan: *the luggage van* ○ *the guard's van*.

**van**<sup>2</sup> /væn/ *n* **the van** [sing] (*dated*) hmailam ih nortu ralkap, lole hmailam ih umtu raldonak lawng (*tembaw*) rual: *positioned in the van*.

**vanadium** /və'neɪdɪəm/ *n* [U] thir pehnak ih hmanmi thir raang phunkhat.

**V and A** /vi: ən 'eɪ/ *abbr* (*Brit infml*) Victoria and Albert Museum (In London).

**vandal** /vændl/ *n* bulpak thil, lole senpi thilri, kiangkap mawitertu ti pawl siatsuahtu: *telephone vandals*, ie vandals who damage

- public phone boxes.
- ▷ **vandalism** /-də'lɪzəm/ *n* [U] cuti vek siatsuahnak.
- vandalize, -ise** /-də'ləɪz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] thil va siatsuah (peng tahnak phunmi, thlanmual thilri tivek pawl): *vandalize a train compartment, public convenience, lift* ○ *The ground-floor flats had been badly vandalized.*
- vane** /veɪn/ *n* **1** thlihrannak lam hmuhtu con kiang thal fung. **2** pangka tlap, thlihrannak, lole, tiluannak tha ih hertermi thir tlapper.
- vanguard** /'væŋɡɑ:d/ *n* **the vanguard** [sing] **1** ral do feh tikah a hmaifang bik ih fehtu ralkap bur, lole raldonak tembaw rual hmai thitu tembaw. **2** (fig) cangvaihnak, burkhawm cangvaihnak, lole hnipuan tuah dan hruaitu, lole a thoktu: *researchers in the vanguard of scientific progress.* Cf REARGUARD (REAR<sup>1</sup>).
- vanilla** /və'nɪlə/ *n* **1** [C] khuasatnak ram um rim nei thingkep par phunkhat. **2** [U] himi pangpar ihsin laakmi, rim thaw: [attrib] *vanilla ice-cream, essence.*
- vanish** /'væniʃ/ *v* [I] **(a)** hlo lohli, hul lohli: *The thief vanished into the crowd.* ○ *vanish into thin air*, ie completely. **(b)** (fig) a um nawn lo, lole hloral ta: *My prospects/hopes of success have vanished.*
- **vanishing-point** *n* [sing] (in perspective) thil rin hnih a tlar ih um vivo mi a hlat zet tikah a tong-aw a bangmi: (fig) *Our morale had almost reached vanishing-point*, ie disappeared.
- vanity** /'væni/ *n* **1** [U] mah le mah uar-awk tuknak, hngalnak: *not a trace of vanity in her behaviour* ○ *tickles sb's vanity*, ie do or say sth that flatters him ○ *injured vanity*, ie resentment caused by some slight or humiliation. **2** (fml) **(a)** [U] zianghman si lonak: *the vanity of human achievements.* **(b)** **vanities** [pl] thulolak, mannei lo.
- **vanity bag, vanity case** nunau pawl ih cei-awknak le thil tuktak an kennak zaal, kut-khai.
- vanquish** /'væŋkwɪʃ/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb** **(at/in sth)** (fml) ral va neh: *vanquish the enemy in battle* ○ (fig) *vanquish one's rival at chess, tennis, etc.*
- vantage** /'vɑ:ntɪdʒ; US 'væŋ-/ *n* **1** [U] midang hnakin a hlawk deuhmi umnak, dinhmun: *a point of vantage.* **2** [C] (in tennis) tennis lehnak ah hmat tam bik bangrep si hnu ih hmat ngahmi.
- **vantage-point** *n* thil hmuhtat deuhnak dinhmun, umnak: *From their vantage-point on the cliff, they could watch the ships coming and going.* ○ (fig) *the war, seen from the vantage-point of the 1980's.*
- vapid** /'væpɪd/ *adj* (fml) duhnung lo zet; ngaih lo zawng: *vapid utterances, remark, comments, etc* ○ *His conversation was vapid in the extreme.*
- ▷ **vapidity** /və'pɪdətɪ/ *n* (fml) **(a)** [U] duh um lonak. **(b)** [C] ngaih lo zawng tong.
- vaporize, -ise** /'vɪpə(r)aɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] **(cause sth to)** ti khu ah cang.
- ▷ **vaporization, -isation** /'veɪpərə'zeɪʃn; US -rɪ'z-/ *n* [U].
- vaporous** /'veɪpərəs/ *adj* (fml) tikhu; a khu, tikhu ih khatmi: *vaporous clouds of mist, smoke, steam.*
- vapour** (US **vapor**) /'veɪpə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] tikhu, lole thil ti a simi a khu vekin a simi (thlisung ah a um): *the steamy vapours of Turkish bath.* **2** [U] satter ruangah ti khu, lole a khu ih cang thei thil khal, til tii: *water vapour.* **3** **the vaours** [pl] (arch or joc) lungmit: *have/get (an attack of) the vapours.*
- **vapour trail** (also condensation trail) vanzam leeng zam laiah an suahter mi mero tluan, mero zual.
- variable** /'veəriəbl/ *adj* **1** a thleng-aw ringringmi, a thleng-aw theimi: *variable pressure, rainfall, weather, speed* ○ *Winds are mainly light and variable.* ○ *His mood/temper is variable.* ○ *The quality of the hotel food is distinctly variable.* **2** (astronomy) **(of a star)** a caancaan ah a tleunak thleng-awmi arsi.
- ▷ **variable** *n* (often pl) a thleng-aw ringringmi thilri pawl/thuhla pawl: *With so many variables, the exact cost is difficult to estimate.* ○ *Temperature was a variable in the experiment.* Cf CONSTANT *n*.
- variability** /'veəriəb'ɪlətɪ/ *n* [U] thleng-aw; thleng-awk theinak.
- variably** /-əbli/ *adv.*
- variance** /'veəriəns/ *n* (idm) **at variance (with sb/sth)** (fml) lungkim-aw thei lomi, dan-awknak a neimi, mi pakhat thawn ruahnak bang-aw lomi, ralsan-aw, rem-aw lo: *Jill and Sue are at variance (with each other) over/about their lodger.* ○ *set people at variance* (among themselves), ie make them quarrel ○ *This theory is at variance with the known facts.*
- variant** /'veəriənt/ *n* thil dang pawl thawn a bang-awk lonak; a si keelnak thawn a dan-awknak: *The story has many variants.* ○ [attrib] *forty variant types of pigeon* ○ *variant spelling, pronunciation.*
- variation** /'veəri'eɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ **(in/of sth)** a dan-awk daan: *Prices have not shown much variation this year.* ○ *Currency exchange rates are always subject to variation.* ○ *The dial records very slight variations in pressure.* **2** [C] ~ **(on sth)** (music) hla-aw phunkhat ihsin aw phun dangdang tuah ih sak: *a set of variations on a theme by Mozart* ○ *piano, orchestral, etc variations* ○ (fig) *His numerous complaints are all variations on a theme, ie about the same thing.* **3** **(a)** [U] (biology) kiangkak, thil umdan a dan-awknak thlun in thleng-aw. **(b)** [U]

(*mathematics*) kanaan tuat tiki thlengnak. (c) [C] cuvek thlengnak pawl.

**varicose** /væɪkəʊs/ *adj* [esp attrib] (of a vein, esp in the leg) thihri bol (ke/ tanpor ih um ðeumi): *varicose ulcers*, ie caused by the condition of the veins.

**varied** /ˈveəriəd/ *adj* **1** dangdang a simi: *varied opinions, scenes, menus* ○ *Holiday jobs are many and varied.* **2** thleng-awk a langmi; a dangdang: *lead a full and varied life* ○ *My experience is not sufficiently varied.*

**variegated** /ˈveəriːgeɪtɪd/ *adj* pianzia (rong) phunphun cok rawimi: *variegated geranium leaves, ponsy flowers, etc* ○ *This specimen is richly variegated in colour.*

▷ **variegation** /ˈveəriːˈgeɪʃn/ *n* [U] pianzia phunphun thleng-awknak le hmainsinnak thleng-awknak.

**variety** /vəˈraɪəti/ *n* **1** [U] bangrep ringring lonak; a keel ih um ringring lonak: *offer, show, lack variety* ○ *a life full of change and variety* ○ *We all need variety in our diet.* **2** [sing] ~ (of sth) thil dangdang, thu dangdang: *He left for a variety of reasons.* ○ *a large/wide variety of patterns to choose from.* **3** [C] ~ (of sth) thil phunkhat sungin a danglam hrihmi: *collect rare varieties of stamps.* (b) (*biology*) thilnung le thingkung phun sung in a phun ðen a si hrihmi: *several varieties of lettuce, mosquito, deer.* **4** (Brit) (US **vaudeville**) [U] TV sung, lole, innpi sung ih hmuhmi lungnomnak dingih an tuahmi, hlasak, laam, capaoh, kut lehthiamnak hmuh, lole puai tuahnak ih a tlnlam pawl an hmuhmi: [attrib] *a variety show, theatre, artist.*

□ **variety store** (US) thil man olte a phunphun zuarnak dawr.

**various** /veəriəs/ *adj* **1** a phunphun, pakhat le pakhat bang-aw lo: *tents in various (different) shapes and size* ○ *Their hobbies are many and various.* **2** [attrib] pakhat hnak ih tam/pakhat ciar le a phunphun in: *for various reasons* ○ *at various times* ○ *write under various names.*

▷ **variously** *adv* (fml) thuhla, tikcu, umhmun ti ih ðen ih a phunphun ih langtermi: *He was variously described as a hero, a genius and a fool.*

**varnish** /ˈvɑːnɪʃ/ *n* [U, C] **1** (a) thir, lole thing pawl thuhmi pianzia (rong) nei lo sii nalhtu sii: *a cover, coat, film, etc of varnish.* ○ *scratch, chip, scrape, etc the varnish on a table.* (b) cuvek sii thuhnak a tiimi-thingsii: *a natural, a gloss, an oak, a polyurethane varnish.* Cf LACQUER **1.** **2** (esp Brit) = NAIL VARNISH (NAIL).

▷ **varnish** *v* [Tn] thing-sii thuh: *a highly varnished table-top* ○ *Some women varnish their toe-nails.*

**varsity** /ˈvɑːsəti/ *n* **1** (dated Brit *infml*) (not used in names) phunsang tlawng: [attrib] *a varsity tie, match, dinner.* **2** (US) phunsang tlawng

(University, College) le phunhra tlawng tivek pawl ai-awh ih lektu pawl.

**vary** /veəri/ *v* (pt, pp **varied**) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) a tuum lam, a cahnak lam tivek ah a dang-aw: *These fish vary in weight from 3 lb to 5 lb.* ○ *Opinions vary on this point.* ○ *The results of the experiment varied wildly.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth); ~ (from sth to sth) a thleng-aw; (thu pakhat khat ruangah) a thleng-aw: *Our routine never varies.* ○ *Prices vary with the seasons.* ○ *Her mood varied from optimism to extreme depression.* ⇒ Usage at CHANGE<sup>1</sup>. **3** [Tn] thleng-awknak tuah in lamdangter: *vary a programme, route* ○ *varying the pace/speed at which you work.*

**vascular** /ˈvæskjələ(r)/ *adj* thiisen, lole taksa sungih ti-thiang luannak thiihri: *vascular tissue.*

**vase** /vɑːz; US veɪs, also veɪz/ *n* kut kaihnak nei lo khokheng (thlalang le tlak ih tuahmi), pangpar retnak ah an hman ðeui.

**vasectomy** /vəˈsektəmi/ *n* faa phihihak ah mipa tii (bua) luannak hri aat ih laak hlonak.

**Vaseline** /væˈsəliːn/ *n* [U] (*prop*) thil naal dingih thuh ðami aire pianzia nei zinaan khal beek.

**vassal** /væsl/ *n* **1** (in the Middle Ages) (AD 1000 – 1450) hrawng ih ram ngah duh ah siangphahrang le mi-uk (*lord*) te hrang ral do sakti. **2** (*fig*) mi pakhat, ram pakhat a dang mi/ram rinsan ih umtu: [attrib] *vassal states, kingdoms, etc.*

▷ **vassalage** /væˈsælɪdʒ/ *n* [U]: *reduce a dukedom to vassalage.*

**vast** /vɑːst; US væst/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** tam zet, tum zet, kau zet, le si zetmi: *a vast expanse of desert, water, snow, etc* ○ *His business empire was truly vast.* ○ *a vast crowd, throng, gathering, etc.* **2** (*infml*) lian zet, mak zet: *a vast fortune, expense, profit, sum of money, etc* ○ *a vast difference.*

▷ **vastly** (esp *infml*) mak zet in: *a vastly superior intellect* ○ *be vastly amused, suspicious.*

**vastness** *n* [U, C] a kauhdaan: *lost in the vastness(es) of space.*

**vat** /væt/ *n* thilsuannak, thilbutnak dingih hmanmi thilti retnak kuang.

**VAT** (also **Vat**) /ˈviː eɪ ˈtiː, US væt/ *abbr* value added tax; timi kha a tawinak ih nganmi: *Prices include 15% VAT.*

**Vatican** /væˈtɪkən/ *the Vatican.* (a) [sing] Rome khuasung ih Pope umhmun. (b) [Gp] Pope cozah.

**vaudeville** /ˈvɔːdəvɪl/ *n* [U] (US) = VARIETY **4.**

**vault** /vɔːlt/ *n* **1** luanglu kuum (a puumi): *fan vaulting*, ie vaults where the arches have ribs, like a fan. **2** (a) leitang lam ih thil daihternak a khaan: *wine vaults.* (b) biakinn tang, lole thlaan hmun ih mithi phumnak ding leikhur:

- in the family vault.* **3** (tangka zung tivek ih) thilri tangka pawl him dingih retnak khaan. **4** luanglu kuum vek a puu in thil ummi: (*rhet*) *the vault of heaven*, ie the sky.  
 ▷ **vaulted** *adj* a kuummi, a puumi: *a vaulted roof, chamber, etc.*
- vault<sup>2</sup>** /vɔ:lt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**over sth**) lan dingmi parah kut pahnih suang ih lan, lole fung sawh ih tlenglan: *vault (over) a fence* ○ *The jokey vaulted lightly into the saddle.* ○ (*fig fml*) *vaulting* (ie boundless, overreaching) *ambition.*  
 ▷ **vault** *n* thil parah kut pahnih thoh ih lan khi. **vaulter** *n* (esp in compounds) a lantu: *a pole-vaulter.*  
 □ **vaulting horse** tlenglan zirnak ih tuahmi thingkuang.
- vaunt** /vɔ:nt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml derog*) tluang khawng: *The bank's much-vaunted security system failed completely.* ○ *vaunting her charm, success, wealth for all to see.*  
 ▷ **vauntingly** *adv.*
- VC** /vi: 'si:/ *abbr* **1** Vice-Chairman a tawi nak ih ngan mi. **2** Vice-Chancellor. **3** Vice-Consul. **4** (*Brit*) Victoria Cross timi pawl a tawinak ih nganmi: *be awarded the VC* ○ *Col James Blunt VC.* Cf GC.
- VCR** /vi: si: 'ɑ:(r)/ *abbr* Video Cassette recorder.
- VD** /vi: 'di:/ *abbr* venereal disease; zahmawh thawn pehparmi natnak.
- VDU** /vi: di: 'ju:/ *abbr* (*computing*) visual display unit: *check a file on the VDU* ○ *a VDU operator.*
- veal** /vi:l/ *n* [U] caw faate sa: [attrib] *veal cutlets.*
- vector** /vektə(r)/ *n* **1** (*mathematic*) quantity that has both magnitude and direction, eg. velocity. Cf SCALAR. **2** (*biology*) nat kengtu nunghring. Cf CARRIER.
- veer** /viə(r)/ *v* **1** (**a**) [I, Ipr, Ip] (*esp of a vehicle*) fehnak zawn pial: *The plane veered wildly.* ○ *The car suddenly veered off the road.* ○ *The wind has veered round.* (**b**) [Ipr] (*fig*) (of a conversation, sb's behaviour or opinion) mi pakhat ih thureldan, umtu dan, lole thupom dan a langhngan ih thleng lohli: *The discussion veered away from religion and round to politics.*  
**2** [I, Ipr, Ip] leilung saklam kau ih nazi kut her daan vekih thli hran daan a thleng-awmi; thlanglam kau ah nazi kut a linglet in a feh: *The wind veered (round to the) north.* Cf BACK<sup>4</sup> 7.
- veg** /vedz/ *n* [U, C] (*pl unchanged*) (*Brit infml*) hanghnah hangrah: *meat and two veg.*
- vegan** /vi:gen/ *n* sa ei lo lawng si loin sa in a ra suakmi/cangmi khal ei lotu: [attrib] *a vegan diet, restaurant, fruit-cake.*
- vegetable** /vedztəbl/ *n* **1** (part of various types of) hanghnah-hangrah pawl: *green vegetables*, ie cabbage, lettuce, Brussels sprouts, etc ○ *a salad of raw vegetables* ○ [attrib] *a vegetable curry, garden, knife* ○ *vegetable oils*, eg in margarine. Cf ANIMAL, MINERAL. **2** (*fig*) (**a**) tisa a fam kim nain thluak tha lo, lole ruahnak dik lo minung: *Severe brain damage turned him into a vegetable.* ○ [attrib] *lead a vegetable existence.* (**b**) nun daan thangharh lo milai: *Stuck at home like this, she felt like a vegetable.*  
 □ **vegetable marrow** (*fml*) = MARROW.
- vegetarian** /vedzɪ'teəriən/ *n* biaknak, harhdamnak, lole, zawnruahnak ruangih sa ei lotu: [attrib] *a vegetarian meal, diet, restaurant.* Cf VEGAN.  
 ▷ **vegetarianism** /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] sa ei loih hanghnah-hangrah lawnglawng einak.
- vegetate** /vedzɪ'teɪt/ *v* [I] (*fig*) nun daan thangharh lo zet ih nungcang: *the unemployed vegetating at home.* Cf VEGAN.
- vegetation** /vedzɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* [I] thingkung le hrampi: *There is little vegetation in the desert.* ○ *the luxuriant vegetation of tropical rain forests.*
- vehement** /vi:əmənt/ *adj* thinlung tak, a nasa zetmi: *a vehement objection, protest, denial, attack, etc* ○ *a vehement urge, impulse, desire, etc* ○ *He slammed the door with a vehement* (ie furious) *gesture.*  
 ▷ **vehemence** /-məns/ *n* [U]. **vehemently** *adv*: *The charge was vehemently denied.*
- vehicle** /vi:əkl/; US 'vi:hi:kl/ *n* **1** (*esp fml*) minung, thilri pawl sukso veivahnak ih phurtu mawtawka, thirleeng, tvp.: *motor vehicles*, ie cars, buses, motor cycles, etc ○ [attrib] *vehicle licensing laws*, eg for motor vehicles ○ *a space vehicle*, ie for carrying people into space. **2** ~ (**for sth**) (*fig*) ruahnak le thinlung langternak: *Art may be used as a vehicle for propaganda.* ○ *The play was an excellent vehicle for the actress's talents.*  
 ▷ **vehicular** /vr'hɪkjʊlə(r)/ *adj* (*fml*) vehicle hrang, vehicle tel: *vehicular access* ○ *The road is closed to vehicular traffic.*
- veil** /veil/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) nunau puan lukhuh, lole, hmai khuhnak puan paate: *a bridal veil* ○ *She raised/lowered her veil.* (**b**) nunau phungki (*me-ti-lah*) pawl ih hmanmi hmai le liangkhuhnak puan fate. **2** [sing] thil thuhnak/phentu: *a veil of mist over the hills* ○ *plot under the veil of secrecy, innocence.* **3** (idm) **draw a curtain/veil over sth** ⇨ DRAW<sup>2</sup>. **take the veil** nunau metilah cang.  
 ▷ **veil** *v* [Tn] **1** puan in khuh: *a veiled Muslim woman.* **2** (*fig*) thup/hei siter: *a thinly veiled threat, insult, hint, etc* ○ *He could hardly veil his contempt at my ignorance.*
- vein** /veɪn/ *n* **1** [C] ruangpi hmun dangdang in lung lam pan ih thii rak kengtu thihri: *Royal blood ran in his veins.* Cf ARTERY. **2** [C] pathri vek thinghnah thahri. **3** [C] lungto sungah a ummi riin, hri veek. **4** [C] lungto sungah a kak mi thil mannei in a khatmi: *a vein of gold.* **5** [sing] ~ (**of sth**) (*fig*) a cang mi, sinak a lang:

have a vein of melancholy in one's character. ○ Her stories struck/revealed a rich vein of humour. 6 [sing] umzia, nunzia: in a sad, comic, creative, etc vein ○ The complaints continued in the same vein.

▷ **veined** /'vi:lə(r)/, **veiny** /'veɪni/ *adjs* thihri lang zetmi: a veined hand ○ blue-veined cheese, eg Stilton.

**velar** /'vɪlə(r)/ *adj* (phonetics) lei bil ih ʈɔŋmi.

▷ **velar** *n* lei bil ih ʈɔŋmi aw (eg /k/, /g/).

**velcro** /'velkrəʊ/ *n* [U] (*propr*) hruk puan sihnak ih hmanmi a erh-aw theimi nailon hmul tuan hnih.

**veld** (also **veldt**) /'velt/ *n* [U] Africa thlanglam tlangrawn (*plateau*) ih thing um lo hrampi ram. Cf PAMPAS, PRAIRIE, SAVANNAH, STEPPE.

**vellum** /'veləm/ *n* [U] 1 cabu tuamnak ih hmanmi caw faate, me faate lole tuu faate ih vun. 2 ca ngannak ʈa zet a simi cahnah.

**velocity** /vɪ'ləʊsəti/ *n* 1 [U, C] (*esp physics*) (usu of inanimate things) (ramsa a silomi thilri pawl ih) cangvaih le ʈawn dan, khul (a rangdan): gain/lose velocity ○ the velocity of a projectile. 2 [U] (*fml*) thil a rang daan/khulvai: Gazelles can move with astonishing velocity.

**velour** (also **velours**) /və'luə(r)/ *n* [U] puu, thil hmul thawn tahmi (kadipa) puan: [attrib] velour chair-covers, coats, hats.

**velvet** /'velvɪt/ *n* [U] 1 pu, nailon tivek puanthan: [attrib] a velvet jacket, curtain. 2 (idm) **an iron fist/hand in a velvet glove** ⇒ IRON<sup>1</sup>. **smooth as velvet** ⇒ SMOOTH<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **velvety** *adj* (*approv*) velvet puan vekih neemmi: a horse's velvety nose ○ her velvety brown eyes.

**velveteen** /'velvɪti:n/ *n* [U] hmul neem tete ih tuahmi velvet vek patpuan.

**venal** /'vi:nəl/ *adj* (*fml*) 1 paisa ngah duh ah thil ʈa lo tuah zuammi: venal judges, politicians, etc. 2 (of conduct) nawhthuh a hmanmi: venal practices.

▷ **venality** /vi:'næləti/ *n* [U] nawhthuh hmannak.

**venally** /-nəli/ *adv*.

**vend** /vend/ *v* [Tn] (*esp law*) zuar dingah thilri pe. ⇒ Usage at SELL.

▷ **vendee** /ven'di:/ *n* (*law*) thil leitu.

**vendor** /-də(r)/ *n* 1 (*esp in compounds*) hmunlawngnak ah thilri ʈukʈak le ei-ʈa zuartu: street vendors ○ news-vendors, ie newspaper sellers. 2 (*law*) mi pakhat ih inn le thilri dang zuartu. Cf PURCHASER (PURCHASE<sup>2</sup>).

□  **vending-machine** *n* thilman zat thir-tangka ong sungah ʈlaak ih thil lei theinak bizu; amahte thil zuartu ceet.

**vendetta** /ven'detə/ *n* 1 a sansan daih insungsang pakhat le pakhat phuhlam-awknak. 2 reipi tiang huat le ral-awknak: (*joc*) wage a personal vendetta against the Post Office.

**veneer** /və'niə(r)/ *n* 1 [C, U] (thin layer of) tohkheng, cabuai tivek mawiternak hrang ih bencihmi thingtleep paat, asilole plastic. 2 [sing] ~ (of sth) (**fig usu derog**) a lenglam hmuihmel; mah sinak ngaingai langter lo ih puanlang men ih aw-kaa ʈatnak: a thin veneer of Western civilization. Cf GLOSS<sup>1</sup> 2.

▷ **veneer** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (**with sth**) zan thing phunʈhalo par ah zan thing phunʈha, a silole, plastic a patte ih tuam/khuh: veneer a deal desk with walnut.

**venerable** /'venərəbl/ *adj* 1 [usu attrib] (*fml*) upat tlaak (kum ah upa sinak, nuncan ʈatnak): a venerable scholar ○ the venerable ruins of the abbey. 2 (*religion*) (a) (in the Church of England) biaknak ah upa hotu bik kawhnak. (b) (in the Roman Catholic Church) biaknak ah upatmi asinain a thianghlim ti ih kawh hrih lohmi.

▷ **venerability** /'venərə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**venerate** /'venəreit/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) upat: venerate the memory, name, spirit, etc of Mozart.

▷  **veneration** /'venərə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U]: The relics were objects of veneration/were held in veneration.

**venereal disease** /və'niəriəl dɪ'zi:z/ [C, U] (*abbr VD*) nunau le mipa pawl-awknak ihsin suanaw theimi natnak e.g gonorrhoea, syphilis.

**venetian blind** /və'ni:ʃn 'blaɪnd/ a phei zangwng thingtleep, lole, plastik tleep tete thawn tuahmi tukvirh zaar.

**vengeance** /'vendʒəns/ *n* 1 [U] ~ (on/upon sb) phuhlam: take/seek/swear vengeance for the bombing. 2 (idm) **with a vengeance** (*infml*) zumnak le duhnak hnakin a si deuhmi: set to work with a vengeance ○ The rain come down with a vengeance.

**vengeful** /'vendʒfl/ *adj* (*fml*) phuhlam duh, phuhlam thei.

▷ **vengefully** /-fəli/ *adv*.

**venial** /'vi:nɪəl/ *adj* [*esp attrib*] (of a sin or fault) ngaithiam theihmi (mawhnak, palhnak), a thupi tuk lomi.

**venison** /'venɪzn, 'venɪsn/ *n* [U] zukneeng sa: roast venison.

**venom** /'venəm/ *n* [U] 1 ruul tur (a tiimi). 2 (*fig*) thinhengnak ʈɔŋ, huatzetnak: 'You liar!' he said, with venom in his voice.

▷ **venomous** /'venəməs/ *adj* 1 (of a snake, etc) tur nei. 2 (*fig*) huatzetnak le ngaih lo zetnak: a venomous look, remark, insult, etc.

**venomously** *adv*.

**venous** /'vi:nəs/ *adj* 1 (*anatomy*) thihri (taksa in lung ah kirmi) thawn a peh parmi: venous blood. 2 (*botany*) (zanthing) ti le rawl a fehnak a hnah thahri tete: a venous leaf.

**vent<sup>1</sup>** /vent/ *n* 1 hmun khat ihsin thli, dat, a ti pawl a luut le a suahnak ongkua. 2 vate, nga, a bok vaak mi ramsa, lole, pawhte nei ramsa



pawl ih tawka. **3** (idm) **give (full) vent to sth** thinheng nawn, hrang nawn ih mah lungduh simsuak: *He gave vent to his feelings in an impassioned speech.*

▷ **vent** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (on sb)** thinlung hrikthlak (phorhsuah): *He vented his anger on his long-suffering wife.*

**vent<sup>2</sup>** *n* /vent/ kawt angki, lole, jacket dunglam tang lam ah, a sirlam ah thit pit lo in ongter.

**ventilate** /ventileit/; *US* -təleit/ *v* [Tn] **1** a khaan sung, innsung ah thli luhter, suahter (a room, building, etc): *ventilate the galleries of a coal-mine* ○ *My office is well-/poorly-ventilated.* **2** (*fml fig*) relkxawm lo cang lo tiang ih thu suhnak le lungkim lonak tivek pawl mipi theih dingih simphuang: *These issues have been very well ventilated.*

▷ **ventilation** /vent'leɪʃn/; *US* -tə'leɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** thli suaah le luhternak: *increase ventilation by opening the top centre part of the carriage window* ○ [attrib] *the ventilation shaft of a coal-mine.* **2** ruahnak le hmuhdan mipi hnenih simsuahnak: *The ventilation isn't working.*

**ventilator** /ventileɪtə(r)/; *US* -təl-/ *n* inn sung, a khaan sung thli luh le suahternak thil.

**ventral** /ventrəl/ *adj* (*biology*) ruangpi ih hmailam (taang le pum lam) a thal lam: *a fish's ventral fins.*

▷ **ventrally** /-trəli/ *adv.* Cf DORSAL.

**ventricle** /ventrɪkl/ *n* (*anatomy*) **1** thilri sungah thi a luantertu (a kuattu) lungphel kaukhat. Cf AURICLE **2.** **2** taksa ong pawl, a bikin thluak ong **4.**

**ventriloquism** /ven'trɪləkwɪzəm/ *n* [U] hlaat nawn ih a ra vekin awsuahthiamnak.

▷ **ventriloquist** /-kwɪst/ *n* : a *ventriloquist's dummy.*

**venture** /ventʃə(r)/ *n* **1** ti suak (awng min) ngah lo ol te mi; khuakhan cangvaihnak (pumcawm hawlnak tukah): *embark on a risky, doubtful, etc venture* ○ *venture.* ○ [attrib] *venture capital*, ie money invested in a new enterprise, esp a risky one. Cf ENTERPRISE **1.** **2** (dim) **at a venture** (*fml*) si theinak pohpoh in, vanthat pang ah.

▷ **venture** *v* (*fml*) **1** [Ipr, Ip] tihnung le nuam lo zet hmun ih va feh ngam: *venture into the water, over the wall* ○ *venture too near the its hole.* ○ *I'm not venturing out in this rain.* **2** [Tn, Tt] (**a**) rak tong ngam: *venture an opinion, objection, explanation* ○ *May I venture to suggest a change?* ○ *I venture to disagree.* (**b**) ti ngam, va tuah ngam (sth dangerous or unpleasant): *venture a visit to the doctor/to visit the doctor.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (on sth)** phaang lo ih thil rak ti ngam: *I ventured a small bet on the horse.* **4** (idm) **nothing venture, nothing gain/win** (*saying*) tuah ngamnak um ve lo, ngah theinak le nehnak um ve lo. **5** (phr *v*)

**venture on/upon sth** thil pakhat rak ti ngam: *venture on a trip up the Amazon.*

**venturesome** /-səm/ *adj* (*fml*) (**a**) (of people) sung ding ruat lo ih thil ti ngamtu: *be of a venturesome spirit.* (**b**) (of acts or behaviour) phaang ding um pawl.

**venue** /venju:/ *n* (thil pakhat tuah tlang ding ah) ton-awknak hmun: *a last minute change of venue.*

**Venus** /vi:nəs/ *n* (*astronomy*) ni ihsin leilung sangtu leilung dang.

**veracious** /və'reɪʃəs/ *adj* (*fml*) (**a**) (of a person) thungai simmi; a hmaan simmi. (**b**) (sutmi thu tivek ah) a dikmi.

▷ **veraciously** *adv.*

**veracity** /və'ræsəti/ *n* [U] (*fml*) thutak simnak: *I don't doubt the veracity of your report.*

**veranda** (also **verandah**) /və'rændə/ (*US* also **porch**) t̃umhmun: *sitting on the veranda.* Cf PATIO **1.**

**verb** /vɜ:b/ *n* tuahnak simtu tongfang, eg bring, happen, exist.

**verbal** /vɜ:bl/ **1** tongfang in/kaa in: *verbal skills*, ie reading and writing ○ non-verbal communication, ie gestures, facial expressions, etc. **2** tong mi (nganmi si lo): *a verbal explanation, agreement, warning, reminder, etc.* **3** a tongfang cekci in: *a verbal translation.* **4** (*grammar*) *verb* ai-ih hmanmi thil hmin (*noun*): *a noun performing a verbal function.*

▷ **verbally** /vɜ:bəli/ *adv* tongka in (ca in si lomi).

□ **verbal noun** (also **gerund**) *verb* in *noun* cantermi.

**verbalize, -ise** /vɜ:bəlaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] (*fml*) (lungput le ruahnak) ca ih ngan: *find it difficult to verbalize.*

**verbatim** /vɜ:'beɪtɪm/ *adj, adv* tong vek le nganmi vek cekci: *a verbatim report* ○ *report a speech verbatim.*

**verbena** /vɜ:'bi:nə/ *n* a paar ah rong a phunphun a neimi thingkung niamte phunkhat.

**verbiage** /vɜ:'bɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (*fml derog*) (use of) a t̃ul lo pipi tongfang harhar le tong hleifuan hmangin simfiangnak: *The speaker lost himself in verbiage.* ○ *plough through the verbiage of an official report*, ie read it with difficulty.

**verbose** /vɜ:'bɔ:əs/ *adj* (*fml*) a t̃ul zat ding hnakin tongfang tamdeuh hman thiam: *a verbose speaker; speech, style.*

▷ **verbosely** *adv.*

**verbosity** /vɜ:'bɔ:səti/ *n* [U] (*fml*) tongfang tamtuk hmanna.

**verdant** /vɜ:dnt/ *adj* (*fml* or *rhet*) (of grass, vegetation, fields, etc) (thingkung hramkung sim duhnak) thar le hring dildelmi: *verdant lawns* ○ *trees verdant with young leaves.*

▷ **verdancy** /-dnɪ/ *n* [U].

**verdict** /vɜ:dɪkt/ *n* **1** (upadi ah thuthentu ho ih)

thuṭhennak: *question/dispute a verdict* ○ *The jury returned/announced/brought in their verdict.* ○ *a verdict of guilty/not guilty* ○ *a majority verdict of 8 to 4.* **2** (fig) thil zingzoi ṭhat hnu ih ruahnak sim, lole, thurelcatnak: *the verdict of the electors* ○ (infml) *My wife's verdict on my cooking was very favourable.*

**verdigris** /vɜːdɪgrɪs, -grɪːs/ n [U] daer tivek parih a hring le mepian (*blue*) nawn rong a ummi (as rust forms on iron surfaces).

**verge** /vɜːdʒ/ n **1** (a) = SOFT SHOULDER (SOFT): *Heavy lorries have damaged the grass verge.* (b) hmuan a tlang, lole, lamzin kap tluan ih hrampi tete. **2** (idm) **on/to the verge of sth** thil thar/thil dang thok zik/naih zet: *on the verge of war, success, bankruptcy* ○ *Her misery brought her to the verge of tears.*

▷ **verge** v (phr v) **verge on sth** a naih zet: *a situation verging on the ridiculous, tragic, chaotic, etc* ○ *He's verging on 80 now and needs constant attention.*

**verger** /vɜːdʒə(r)/ n **1** Church of England (Angliican) biakinn kilkhawitu. **2** (Brit) Siangbawi ih fung kensaktu.

**verify** /verɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw] a si tak le tak lo cekfel/zohfel; hlih; dengfel: *verify statements, allegations, conditions, facts, etc* ○ *verify the figures, details, etc of a report* ○ *The computer verified that/whether the data was loaded correctly.* **2** [Tn, Tf] mi pakhat ih phannak lole zumlonak kha hngetter.

▷ **verifiable** /verɪfaɪəbl/ adj zohfel thluh a theihmi, cekthei a simi: *verifiable truth, facts, assets.*

**verification** /verɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ n [U, C] **1** cekfelnak: *Verification* (eg Checking that weapons have been removed) *could be an obstacle to an arms agreement.* **2** thudik langternak/fiangternak.

**verisimilitude** /,verɪsɪ'mɪlɪtjuːd; US -tuːd/ n [U] (fml) a dik a hmaan a bangnak/a taktak a bangnak: *These flower illustrations show the artist's concern for verisimilitude.*

**veritable** /verɪtəbl/ adj [attrib] (fml or joc) hminpu tlaak, a si taktak: *a veritable villain* ○ *The rain turned our holiday into a veritable disaster.*

**verity** /verə'tɪ/ n **1** [U] (arch) thutak [of a statement, etc]. **2** [C usu pl] (fml) a dik ti ih ruahmi thuhram, khuaruahnak: *universal, scientific, moral, etc verities.* **3** (idm) **the eternal verities** ⇒ ETERNAL.

**vermicelli** /vɜːmɪ'seɪlɪ, -tʃeɪlɪ/ n [U] khauh-suai vek pawl.

**vermiform** /vɜːmɪfɔːm/ adj (anatomy) pangaang vek, cangcel vek: *the vermiform appendix.*

**vermilion** /vɜːmɪlɪən/ adj, n [U] senthiip: *a vermilion sash.*

**vermin** /vɜːmɪn/ n [U, usu pl v] **1** zinghnam, cinghnia tivek lo thlairawl zuatmi ṭilva

siatsuah thei ramsa: *put down* (exterminate) *vermin.* Cf PEST **2.** **2** hrik tivek, cucik-kharbok: *a room alive/crawling with vermin.* **3** khuatlang siatsuah thei minung, lole, mi parah nekrawk (nawm mai) duhnak nei milai.

▷ **verminous** /-əs/ adj **1** uihrik (uihlii), hrik, ṭhah ti vek pawl a khat mi: *verminous children.* **2** hivek hrik tivek in a suahtermi: *verminous diseases.*

**vermouth** /vɜːməθ; US vɜr'muːθ/ n (a) [U] thinghnah rim ṭha rawi ih inmi zurang phunkhat (often in strong cocktails). (b) [C] hivek retnak thlang (khuat)hai, lole, hivek zu.

**vernacular** /vɜ'nækjələ(r)/ n [C] ram pakhat, lole bial pakhat ih ṭong hmanmi: *Arabic vernaculars*, ie as compared with classical Arabic ○ *a vernacular poet*, ie one who writes in dialect.

**vernal** /vɜːnl/ adj [attrib] (fml or rhet) thinghnah corh caan ṭhaal pek thawn pehparmi: *vernal breezes, flowers.*

**Veronal** /'verənəl/ n [I] (propr) thinlung daitertu sii; ihhmu sii.

**veronica** /vɜ'ruːkə/ n [U, C] mepian ih a paarmi thingkung niamte (hrampi phun) phun khat.

**verruca** /vɜ'ruːkə/ n (pl ~ **s** or, in medical use, **-cae** /-ki:/) taksa bol, ke zaphak ah a si thei bik (sihlik phun).

**versatile** /vɜːsə'taɪl; US -tl/ adj (approx) **1** thu le hla, hnaṭuan ah a thleng-aw leuhleuh mi; a phunphun a theitu, a thiamtu: *a versatile cook, writer, athlete* ○ *a versatile mind.* **2** (thil hmanrua) a phun dangdang tuahnak ih hman theih a simi: *a versatile drill, truck, etc.*

▷ **versatility** /vɜːsə'tɪlə'ti/ n [U].

**verse** /vɜːs/ n **1** [U] biazai catluan a tlar ih nganmi, tluh le tang ṭongfang aw-suah a bangmi: *Most of the scene is written in verse, but some is in prose.* ○ *blank verse*, ie without rhymes at the end of the lines ○ [attrib] *a verse translation of Homer's 'Iliad'.* Cf PROSE. **2** [C] ca caangbur: *a hymn of/with six verses.* **3** **verses** [pl] (dated) biazai: *a book of humorous verses.* **4** [C] Bible caang ṭhen. **5** (idm) **chapter and verse** ⇒ CHAPTER.

**versed** /vɜːst/ adj [pred] ~ **in sth** thu thei, thil pakhat ah thiamnak nei: *well versed in mathematics, the arts, etc* ○ *well versed in the ways of journalists.*

**versicle** /vɜːsɪkl/ n biakkhawmnak ah hruiatu le mi senpi hla, lole, thu siar le son-awknak. Cf RESPONSE **3.**

**versify** /vɜːsɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp **-fied**) (fml) **1** [I] hla caang phuah. **2** [Tn] thuhla nganmi hla ah canter: *versify an old legend.*

▷ **versification** /vɜːsɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ n [U] (fml) (a) hla ngandan. (b) hla ngandan a phun.

**versifier** n (sometimes derog) hla ngantu:

amateur versifiers.

**version** /ˈvɜːʃn; US -ʒn/ *n* **1** mi pakhat ih thil pakhat a cangmi hmuhdan, ruahdan nganmi/simmi: *There were contradictory versions of what happened/of what the president said.* **2 (a)** hleice deuh le danglam deuh dingih tuahmi thil: *the standard/de luxe version of this car* ○ *the original/final version of the play.* **(b)** cabu pakhat, silole, hla pakhat tivek cawng phah in a dang deuh ih nganmi: *the radio, film, etc version of 'Jane Eyre'* ○ *an orchestral illustrated, etc version of a suite for strings* ○ *a bilingual, and illustrated version of the poems.* **3** tong dangih lehnak: *the Authorized Revised Version of the Bible.*

**verso** /ˈvɜːsəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s**) cabu ih kehlam cahnah cahmai nambat a paak a si lomi. Cf RECTO.

**versus** /ˈvɜːsəs/ *prep* (abbrs *v, vs*) (Latin) khatlam ah ralkah a simi (zuam-awknak ah): *the advantage of better job opportunities versus the inconvenience of moving house and leaving one's friends* ○ *Kent v(ersus) Surrey, eg in cricket* ○ (law) *Rex v(ersus) Crippen.*

**vertebra** /ˈvɜːtibrə/ *n* (pl **-rae** /-ri:/) zaangruh ih a ðen tete.

▷ **vertebral** /ˈvɜːtibrəl/ *adj*: *the vertebral column, ie the back bone.*

**vertebrate** /ˈvɜːtibrət/ *n, adj* zaangruh nei ramsa, ðilva.

**vertex** /ˈvɜːteks/ *n* (pl **-tices** /-tɪsɪz/) **1** (fml) a saang bik, lole, a tluun bik, a zim: (anatomy) *the vertex of the skull.* **2** (mathematics) **(a)** triangle pakhat ih a tlangphah ih ralkah zawn tlang ton-khawmnak. **(b)** triangle, lole, polygon, tvp. sungah a tlang ton-awknak riin zawn.

**vertical** /ˈvɜːtɪkl/ *adj* **1** carin tluan (*line*), lole, hmunrawn ihsin tah le degree 90° ummi ding te ih ummi; dingte ih a tung-awmi: *the vertical axis of a graph* ○ *The cliff was almost vertical.* ○ *a vertical take-off aircraft, ie one that rises straight up into the air without needing a runway.* **2** a tluun bik in a tang bik tiang: *the vertical clues of a crossword.*

▷ **vertical** *n* a tung ih a dingmi: *out of the vertical, ie not vertical.*

**vertically** /-kli/ *adv.*

**vertices** *pl* of VERTEX.

**vertigo** /ˈvɜːtɪgəʊ/ *n* [U] luziing (a saan zetnak ihsin tanglam zoh tikih): *suffer from (an attack of) vertigo.*

▷ **vertiginous** /vɜːˈtɪdʒɪnəs/ *adj* luzinnak: *a vertiginous drop, descent, etc.*

**verve** /vɜːv/ *n* [U] tha thawhnak, phur zetnak (a bik in zuk suai le ca lam ah): *write, sing, act, ec with verve* ○ *The performance lacked verve.*

**very**<sup>1</sup> /ˈveri/ *adv* **1** (used as an intensifier before *adjs, advs* and *dets*) zet, zet in: *very small, hot, useful* ○ *very quickly, soon, far* ○ *very much,*

*few, etc* ○ *'Are you busy?'* *'Not very.'* **2** (before a superlative *adj* or *own*) hrimhrim, rori, a bik in: *the very best quality* ○ *the very first to arrive* ○ *six o'clock at the very latest* ○ *your very own cheque-book.* **3** cekci: *sitting in the very same seat.*

□ **very high frequency** (abbr **VHF**) radio frequency of 30 to 300 megahertz.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Very much** is used to modify verbs: *She likes Beethoven very much.* ○ *We have enjoyed staying with you very much.*

**2 Much** or **very much** can modify past participles: *She is (very) much loved by every one.* ○ **3 Very** is used to modify adjectives and past participles used as adjectives: *She is very talented.* ○ *I am very tired.* ○ *They were very interested.*

**very**<sup>2</sup> /ˈveri/ *adj* [attrib] **1** hrimhrim/cekci, culaifang ah, rori: *This is the very book I want!* ○ *At that very moment the phone rang.* ○ *You're the very man I want to see.* ○ *These pills are the very thing for your cold.* **2** hrimhrim ah: *at the very end/beginning.* **3** (used to emphasize a *n*) cekci: *He knows our very thoughts, ie our thoughts themselves, even our innermost thoughts.* ○ *The very idea* (ie *The idea alone, quite apart from the reality*) *of going abroad delighted him.* ○ *The very idea/thought!* ie *That is an impractical or improper suggestion.* ○ *Sardine tins can be the very devil* (ie *very difficult*) *to open.* **4** (idm) **under/before one's very eyes** ⇒ EYE<sup>1</sup>.

**Very light** /ˈveri laɪt/ thupoi cakkhai um tikih zaan ih pianzia nei meitleu kahmi (rong nei cerek), eg. vansan ton tikah tangphawlawng in mei an kahmi.

**vesicle** /ˈvesɪkl/ *n* (anatomy or biology) **1** thingkung, lole, nunghring taksa parih a kuar, a ongte. **2** hnai a khuarmi taksa thling.

▷ **vesicular** /vəˈsɪkjələ(r)/ *adj* [usu attrib] taksa bol thawn pehparmi: *swine vesicular disease.*

**vespers** /ˈvespəz/ *n* [pl] zanlam biakinn khawmnak. Cf MATINS.

**vessel** /ˈvesl/ *n* **1** (fml) tangphawlawng: *ocean-going vessels* ○ *cargo vessels.* Cf CRAFT **2.** **2** (fml) palang le hai kkuat kheeng tivek. **3** ramsa le thingkung sungih thii, lole, tii luannak dawngte: *blood-vessels.*

**vest**<sup>1</sup> /vest/ *n* **1** **(a)** (Brit) (US *undershirt*) angki sunghruk: *thermal, cotton, string, etc vests.* **(b)** baan nei lomi ruangpi lawng khuhmi hnipuan: *a bullet-proof vest.* **2** (US) = WAISTCOAT.

□ **vest-pocket** *adj* [attrib] (esp US) kawt angki dip sungih san theihmi: *a vest-pocket camera.*

**vest**<sup>2</sup> /vest/ *v* **1** [Tn.pr usu passive] (fml) ~ **sth in sb/sth**; ~ **sb/sth with sth** upadi thawn kaih in tuah theinak thupek: *the powers vested in a*

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*priest* ○ Authority is vested in the people. ○ vest sb authority, rights in an estate, etc ○ Parliament is vested with the power of making laws. **2** [Tn] (arch or religion) hruk (puithiam thilthuam hruk). **3** (idm) **have a vested interest (in sth)** thil pakhat ihsin thathnemnak ngah tum: *You have a vested interest in Tim's resignation*, eg because you may get his job.

**vestibule** /vestɪbjʊəl/ *n* **1** (fml) inn pakhat luhnak leengkaa (lukhuh le kawtfual retnak): *the vestibule of a theatre, hotel, etc.* **2** (US) minung tonak tlaangleeng khaan pawl karlak ih khar chimi a khaan tete: [attrib] *vestibule train*.

**vestige** /vestɪdʒ/ *n* **1** a taang laimi thil hnephniar: *Not a vestige of the abbey remains.* **2** (esp in negative sentences) malte hman: *not a vestige of truth/common sense in the report.* **3** (anatomy) umdahmi ti theih theinak: *man's vestige of a tail.*

▷ **vestigial** /ve'stɪdʒiəl/ *adj* zingzoinak ding le ruangzingnak dingah a famkim nawn lomi: *vestigial traces of an earlier culture.*

**vestment** /vestmənt/ *n* (esp pl) puithiam tivek pawl ih hrukmi puan.

**vestry** /vestri/ *n* biakinn hruk ding hnipuan retnak inn, lole puithiam/siangbawi hnipuan le choir hnipuan retnak khaan.

**vet**<sup>1</sup> /vet/ *n* (infml) = VETERINARY SURGEON (VETERINARY).

**vet**<sup>2</sup> /vet/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth/sb (for sth)** (Brit) mi pakhat ih a sinak pawl zohfel: *All staff are vetted for links with extremist groups before being employed.* ○ *be positively vetted for a government post*, ie be found to be trustworthy.

**vet**<sup>3</sup> /vet/ *n* (US infml) = VETERAN **2**.

**vetch** /vetʃ/ *n* caw le naa hrang pe phun khat.

**veteran** /vetərən/ *n* **1** hmuhton tam le reipi nei ciami minung, mi hlun, eg. ralkap hlun: *war veterans* ○ *veterans of two World Wars* ○ *veterans of the civil rights campaign* ○ [attrib] *a veteran politician, golfer.* **2** (also infml **vet**) (US) ralkap tuandah cia.

□ **veteran car** (Brit) 1905, 1916 hlaan ih suahmi motor pawl: *a veteran Rolls Royce.* Cf VINTAGE **2**.

**veterinary** /vetɪnrɪ/; US 'vetərnerɪ/ *adj* [attrib] tilva natnak le hliamhma lam: *veterinary medicine, studies.*

□ **veterinary surgeon** (also infml **vet**, US **veterinarian** /'vetərɪnəriən/) (fml) tilva siibawi.

**veto** /vi:təʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **es**) (a) [C, U] pakhat in mitam thurelcatmi eelpet theinak, dawn/kham theihnak: *the ministerial veto* ○ *exercise the power/right of veto* ○ *Permanent members of the United Nations Security Council have a veto over any proposal.* ○ *Japan used her veto to block the resolution.* (b) [C] thil pakhat khat upadi vekin tuah lo ding/thlun lo dingih

khamtheinak.

▷ **veto** *v* (pres p **vetoing**) [Tn] kham, eelpet: *The President vetoed the tax cuts.* ○ (joc) *John's parents vetoed his plan to buy a motor bike.*

**vex** /veks/ *v* (dated or fml) **1** [Tn] (thil thupi a silomi ah) va zinfeter, thinhengter, lunghnokter: *His silly chatter would vex a saint.* ○ *She was vexed that I was late.* **2** [Tn esp passive] don har: *He was vexed at his failure.* **3** (idm) **a vexed question** relcat ding a harsami thu: *the vexed question of who pays for the damage.*

▷ **vexation** /vek'seɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] donharnak; lung retheihnak. **2** [C esp pl] harnakpeek: *life's little vexations.*

**vexatious** /vek'seɪʃəs/ *adj* (dated or fml) mi zinfeter thei, thinharnak tuah thei: *vexatious rules and regulations.*

**vg** *abbr* (esp on corrected written work) very good timi a tawinak ih ngan mi.

**VHF** /vi: eɪtʃ 'ef/ *abbr* (radio) very high frequency: *programmes broadcast on VHF* ○ *VHF radio.* Cf UHF.

**via** /vaɪə/ *prep* zawh phah in, kaan phah in: *go from London to Washington via New York* ○ *I can send him a note via the internal mail system.*

**viable** /vaɪəbl/ *adj* **1** a remcangmi, a si thei zetmi: *a viable plan, proposition, proposal, etc.* ○ *scientifically, politically, economically viable.* **2** (biology) (nung hring) mahte ih thanglian thei le nung thei: *viable eggs, seeds, foetuses.*

▷ **viability** /vaɪə'bɪləti/ *n* [U]: *test the commercial viability of solar power.*

**viaduct** /vaɪədʌkt/ *n* tlaangleeng le mawtaw fehnak tlaang kuar lak ih sakmi lilawn kuul saupi.

**vial** /vaɪəl/ *n* = PHIAL.

**vibes** /vaɪbz/ *n* **1** [sing or pl *v*] (infml) aw-thirter deuhnak thil: [attrib] *a vibes player*, eg in a jazz band. **2** [pl] (sl) = VIBRATION (VIBRATION **3**): *get good, bad, weird, etc vibes from sth.*

**vibrant** /vaɪbrənt/ *adj* **1** aw-thir: *the vibrant notes of a cello, contralto canary.* **2** (fig) cakvak soparnak thawn a khatmi, thinlung thoter theimi: *a vibrant atmosphere, personality, performance* ○ *She was vibrant with health and enthusiasm.* **3** (esp of colours) rong a laar le langzetmi: *vibrant blues and yellows.*

▷ **vibrancy** /-brənsɪ/ *n* [U].

**vibraphone** /vaɪbrəfəʊn/ *n* bingbeu vek awnmawi a si ih electric in ring deuh ih aw-thirnak a nei.

**vibrate** /vaɪbreɪt/ US 'vaɪbreɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** (cause sth to) a hnin theh; a thir: *The whole house vibrates whenever a heavy lorry passes.* **2** (cause sth to) a aw sau-niam malte thleng-aw ih ringter: *The strings of a piano vibrate when the keys are struck.* ○ *His voice vibrated with*



- passion. ○ *The trilled 'r' is produced by vibrating the tongue against the upper teeth.*
- ▷ **vibrator** /-tə(r)/ *n* thirtertu.
- vibratory** /-təri; US -tɔːri/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml*) thir, lole thirter: *a vibratory massage.*
- vibration** /vaɪˈbreɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U, C] thirnak: *Even at full speed the ship's engines cause very little vibration.* **2** [C] (*physics*) dungsip-hmainor in thir ih um: *Middle C is equivalent to 256 vibrations per second.* **3 vibrations** (*infml*) (also *sl* **vibes**) [pl] mi pakhat, thil, lole hmun pakhat ruangah ruahnak/thinlung a thleng termi.
- vibrato** /vɪˈbrɑːtəʊ/ *n* [U, C] (*pl* ~s) (*music*) (awn mawi) aw thir, lole, hri le semmi awnmawi ih a thirmi aw. Cf TREMOLO.
- viburnum** /vaɪˈbɜːnəm/ *n* a paar a raangmi thingkung niamte.
- vicar** /vɪkə(r)/ *n* (in the Church of England) Anglican Kawhhran ih hruaitu (siangbawi tumpi): Cf CURARE, MINISTER<sup>1</sup> 3, PRIEST, RECTOR.
- ▷ **vicarage** /vɪkəˈrɪdʒ/ *n* siangbawi sinak.
- **Vicar of Christ** Pope kha upatnak ih kawhnak.
- vicarious** /vɪˈkeəriəs; US vɑːk/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** mi pakhat ai-ih rak tuar (tep) sakmi: *vicarious pleasure, satisfaction, etc* ○ *He got a vicarious thrill out of watching his son score the winning goal.* **2** mi hrang tuar sakmi: *vicarious punishment, suffering, etc.*
- ▷ **vicariously** *adv.*
- vice**<sup>1</sup> /vaɪs/ *n* **1** (a) [U] nancan tha lo; nun sia: *vice and corruption in the Secret Service.* (b) [C] nunsiatnak: *Greed is a terrible vice.* Cf VIRTUE 1. **2** [C] (*infml* or *joc*) nun dan sambauak: *Sherry is one of my little vice!* **3** [U] nun dan tha lo, eg. paisa thap lehnak, a ri theimi thil sum dawnnak, zahmawh lam zuk le tisa zuar-awknak, *tv*.: [attrib] *vice squads*, ie groups of police who try to prevent this ○ *Detectives smash London vice ring*, eg in a newspaper headline. **4** (idm) **a den of iniquity/vice** ⇒ DEN.
- vice**<sup>2</sup> (US **vice**) /vaɪs/ *n* thir ih tuahmi thilcehnak cangkam: (*fig*) *He held my arm in a vice-like* (ie very firm) *grip.*
- vice-** *comb form* **1** rak ai-awh; bawmtu: *vice-president* ○ *vice-chancellor.* **2** upat sinak ah a sangtu: *vice-admiral.*
- viceroy** /vaɪsɔɪ/ *n* colony, ram then tivek pakhat siangpahrang ai-awh ih ukto.
- ▷ **viceregal** /vaɪsˈriːgl/ *adj* siangpahrang ai-awh ih ukto sinak lam.
- vicereine** /vaɪsreɪn/ *n* siangpahrang ai-awhtu ih nupi.
- vice versa** /vaɪsɪ ˈvɜːsə/ a linglet in, khat le khat si ton in: *We gossip about them and vice versa*, ie they gossip about us.
- vicinity** /vɪˈsɪnəti/ *n* (idm) **in the vicinity (of sth)** (*fml*) a kiangkap sehvel: *There isn't a good school in the (immediate) vicinity.* ○ *crowds gathering in the vicinity of Trafalgar Square* ○ (*fig*) *a population in the vicinity of* (ie of approximately) *100 000.*
- vicious** /vɪˈʃəs/ *adj* **1** mi tisia duh, a siava mi: *Vicious thugs attacked an elderly man.* ○ *a vicious kick, look, remark.* **2** thil thalo lawnglawng duh: *a vicious life* ○ *vicious practices, habits, etc.* **3** (*of animals*) a hraang le thnung. **4** (*infml*) huaisen/a rohmi: *a vicious wind, headache, flu-virus.* **5** (idm) **a vicious circle** a pehton-awmi thu: *I need experience to get a job but without a job I can't get experience – it's a vicious circle.* **a vicious spiral** thil pakhat a man a kai ruangah thildang man khal a kai ve ih ummi.
- ▷ **viciously** *adv.* **viciousness** *n* [U].
- vicissitude** /vɪˈsɪsɪtjuːd; US -tuːd/ *n* (usu *pl*) (*fml*) dinhmun a tha lo lam ih thleng aw: *battling against the vicissitudes of life.*
- victim** /ˈvɪktɪm/ *n* **1** (minung ramsa, lole, thil) siatsuah le thah a tuartu: *Many pets are victims of overfeeding.* ○ *murder, rape victims* ○ (*fig*) *He is the victim of his own success*, eg because overwork has made him ill. **2** (*fig*) bum a tongtu, lole, bum tlakmi/bum ngahmi: *the victim of a hoax, practical joke, conspiracy, etc.* **3** raithawinak ih hmanmi: *a sacrificial victim.* **4** (idm) **fall victim (to sth)** thil pakhat in a neh; thil pakhat in a tlaksiatter: *He soon fell victim to her charms.*
- victimize, -ise** /ˈvɪktɪmaɪz/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**for sth**) **1** midang thil tha lo tuahmi ruangah midang mawhthluk tong, lole, a dik loin cawh kuan peek: *Union leaders claimed that some members had been victimized* (eg by being dismissed) *for taking part in the strike.* **2** a dik loh mi siatnak tuah/hmuhsuam/neh sawh: *The fat boy was victimized by his classmates.*
- ▷ **victimization, -isation** /ˌvɪktɪmaɪzɪʃn; US -mɪˈz-/ *n* [U]: *The strikers agreed to return to work provided there would be no victimization of their leaders.*
- victor** /ˈvɪktə(r)/ *n* (*fml*) ral nehtu, zuam-awknak ah a nehtu: *emerge the victors.*
- Victoria Cross** /vɪkˌtɔːrɪə US ˈkrɒs; ˈkrɔːs/ (*abbr* **VC**) (*Brit*) raalthat ruangih an pekmi laksawng saang bik: *Private Jones was awarded the Victoria Cross* (for his gallantry).
- Victorian** /vɪkˌtɔːrɪən/ *adj* **1** kumpinu Victoria san ih ummi (1837 - 1901): *Victorian novels, poets, houses.* **2** kum zabi 19 san sung ih England ram mizaraan umdan: *Victorian attitudes to sexual morality*, ie ones stressing self-control, family loyalty, etc ○ *Victorian values*, eg thrift, sobriety, hard work.
- ▷ **Victorian** *n* Victoria (*England*) siangpahrang bawinu uk san sungih nungmi

milai.

**victory** /vɪktəri/ *n* (a) [U] ral nehnak, lehnak, lole, zuam-awknak ih nehnak: *lead the troops to victory* ○ [attrib] *victory parades, processions, celebrations, etc.* (b) [C] nehnak: *a narrow, decisive, resounding victory* ○ *gain, win, score, etc a victory over one's rivals* ○ *Labour did not have an easy election victory in East Oxford.* ○ (fig) *The verdict of the court was a victory for common sense.*

▷ **victorious** /vɪk'tɔ:riəs/ *adj* ~ (in sth): ~ (over sb/sth) mi a neh mi, neh: *the victorious players, team, etc* ○ *The police are not always victorious in their fight against crime.* **victoriously** *adv.*

**victual** /vɪtl/ *v* (-II-; US also -I-) [Tn] in le ei ding rak peek: *victual a ship.*

▷ **victualer** (US also **victualer**) /vɪtlə(r)/ *n* rawl le thil dang pursum lei lawn tuahtu: (Brit *fml*) *a licensed victualer*, ie a public house keeper who sells food, spirits, beer, etc to be consumed on the premises.

**victuals** *n* [pl] (dated) ti le rawl, in le ei.

**vicuna** /vɪ'kju:nə; US vaɪ'ku:njə/ *n* 1 [C] America thlanglam ram ih um hmul tha zet neimi sathar tia ramsa. 2 [U] cuih ramsa hmul: [attrib] *vicuna jackets.*

**vide** /videi, 'vaɪdi:/ *v* [Tn] (Latin *fml*) (used only in the imperative) thil pakhat zoh hnik, ron hnik tinak. Cf **INFRA**.

**video** /vɪdiəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) ~ [U] video; television hmang ih zuknung khumnak, lole suahnak: *video in schools*, ie as a teaching aid ○ *amateur, commercial video* ○ *The bank robbery was recorded on video.* ○ [attrib] *video frequencies* ○ *The satellite provides a video link between the White House and the Kremlin.* 2 [C] (a) (cassette or disc containing) video hmang in thuthang thannak: *watching, making, showing, etc videos* ○ *The firm produced a short promotional video.* ○ [attrib] *video shops, libraries.* (b) [C] = VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER.

▷ **video** *v* (pres p **videoing**) [Tn] video zuknak thilri hmangih zukkhum: *video a TV programme.*

□ **video cassette recorder** (also **video, video recorder**) (abbr **VCR**) television .

**videodisc** *n* [U, C] aw le zuk khumnak.

**video nasty** (*infml*) nunau le mipa pawl-awknak le thihnung raapthlak pawl hmuhmi video.

**videotape** *n* [U, C] aw le zuk khumnak tephri.

**videotape** *v* [Tn] = VIDEO *v.*

**vie** /vai/ *v* (pt, pp **vied** /vaɪd/, pres p **vying** /vaɪŋ/) [Ipr] ~ with sb (for sth/to do sth); ~ for sth (*fml*) thil pakhat co dingah mi thawn zuam-aw: *old rivals vying (with each other) for first place* ○ *Businesses vied with each other to attract customers.*

**view**<sup>1</sup> /vjʊ:/ *n* 1 [U] hmun pakhat ihsin hei hmuh,

*mithmuh: The lake came into view/We came in view of the lake as we turned the corner.* ○ *The sun disappeared from view behind a cloud./A cloud hid the sun from view.* ○ *She was soon lost from view among the crowd.* ○ *The man in front was obstructing my view of the pitch.* 2 [C] hmun khat ihsin hei hmuhmi hmun: *enjoying the magnificent views from the summit, over the mountains* ○ *10 different views of London*, eg on picture postcards ○ [sing] *You'll get a better view of the pianist if you stand up.* 3 (also **viewing**) [C] (**opportunity for a**) lem suaimi le lemmnung tivek a hleice ih zoh hlah (caan ngah): *We had a private view of the jewels before the public auction.* 4 [C esp pl] ~ (**about/on sth**) mah ruahnak/lungput: *have, hold, express, air strong political views* ○ *oppose, support sb's extreme views* ○ *What are your views on her resignation?* ○ *We fell in with (ie agreed with) the committee's views.* 5 [sing] theih dan/thu laak dan: *The scientific, legal, medical, etc view is that...* ○ *a highly controversial view of modern art* ○ *take a realistic, favourable, pessimistic, etc view of the problem* ○ *This book gives readers an inside view of (ie an insight into) M15.* 6 (idm) **a bird's eye view** ⇒ BIRD. **have, etc sth in view** (*fml*) ruahnak le tumtahnak thinglung mit in hmu: *What the President has in view is a world without nuclear weapons.* ○ *Keep your career aims constantly in view.* **in full view** ⇒ FULL. **in my, etc view** (*fml*) ka ruah daan ah. **in view of sth** ruah, ruangah: *In view of the weather, we will cancel the outing.* **on view** zoh dingih hmuh, tarlang: *Our entire range of cars is now on view at your local showroom.* a point of view ⇒ POINT<sup>1</sup>. **take a dim, poor, serious, etc view of sb/sth** thil pakhat/mi pakhat thupi ih ruat/ruat lem lo, tvp: (*infml*) *He took a dim view of me/my suggestion.* **take the long view** ⇒ LONG<sup>1</sup>. **with a view to doing sth** (*fml*) thil pakhat tuah ding tumtahnak thawn: *He is decorating the house with a view to selling it.*

□ **viewfinder** *n* zuknak camera sungih zuk dingmi hmun a bihnak thil.

**viewpoint** *n* = POINT OF VIEW (POINT).

**view**<sup>2</sup> /vjʊ:/ *v* (*fml*) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ sth (as sth) thinglung ah ruat: *How do you view your chances of success?* ○ *Future developments will be viewed with interest.* ○ *Has the matter been viewed from the taxpayers' standpoint?* ○ *Viewed from the outside, the company seemed genuine.* ○ *The attack on the ship was viewed as an act of war.* 2 [Tn] thaten zoh fel: *view a battle through binoculars from the top of a hill* ○ *The film hasn't been viewed by the censor.* 3 [Tn] (lei dingah) thilri tivek zoh tha: *open for viewing between 10.00 and 12.00.* 4 [I] TV zoh: *the viewing public.* 5 (idm) **an order to view** ⇒



- ORDER<sup>1</sup>.
- ▷ **viewer** /'vjuə(r)/ *n* **1** zohtu, thlingthlatu: *viewers of the current political scene.* **2** TV caan khiah (*programme*) zohtu: *regular viewers of 'Panorama'.* **3** zuk zohnak thilri: *a slide viewer.*
- vigil** /'vidʒɪl/ *n* **1** [U, C] (action or period of) zaan ah it lo ih zaan men kil: *tired out by long nightly vigils at her son's bedside* ○ *hold a candle-light vigil for peace.* **2** biaknak puai thlen ding zaan ih rawl-ulh: *the Easter vigil.*
- vigilant** /'vidʒɪlənt/ *adj* (*fml*) mi a kilveng theimi, kil ringring thei: *under the vigilant eye of the examiner.*
- ▷ **vigilance** /-əns/ *n* [U]: *exercise constant, perpetual, etc vigilance* ○ *Police vigilance was eventually rewarded,* eg when an arrest was made. **vigilantly** *adv.*
- vigilante** /'vidʒɪ'læntɪ/ *n* (*esp derog*) khua sungah suaksualnak le buainak um lo dingih rak dawntu pawlkom sungtel.
- vignette** /'vɪŋjet/ *n* **1** (a) cabu hmin umnak ih zuk thawn simfiangnak. (b) hman thlak zuk, lole, kut suai zuk, a lu le liang a langmi milai zuk. **2** (*fig*) thil pakhat thu tawite ih nganmi, mi pakhat ih nundan/a thu tawi teih nganmi: *charming vignettes of Edwardian life.*
- vigour** (US  **vigor**) /'vɪgə(r)/ *n* [U] (a) thazaang cahnak: *At 40, he was in his prime and full of vigour.* ○ *work with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.* (b) ruahnak, ʔong hmandan cakvak le hmual nei: *withstand the vigour of her protest, defence, attack, etc* ○ *music, poetry, etc of tremendous vigour.* ⇒ Usage at STRENGTH.
- ▷ **vigorous** /'vɪgərəs/ *adj* (a) cakvak, thanei: *avoid vigorous exercise, exertion, etc* ○ *vigorous supporters of human rights.* (b) ʔong hmualnei: *vigorous debate, criticism, opposition, etc* ○ *the poem's vigorous rhythms.* **vigorously** *adv:* *shake sb's hand vigorously* ○ *argue vigorously in support of sth.*
- Viking** /'vaɪkɪŋ/ *n* (in the 8th to 10th centuries) (Kum Zabi 8 - 10 ih) Scandinavian mi ralʔha tipar lawng ih tlang pawl Europe saklam ni luhnak lam um milai pawl: [attrib] *Viking raiders.*
- vile** /vaɪl/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** fihnung, luaksuakza: *a vile smell, taste, etc* ○ *use vile language.* **2** (nuncan) siava mi: *vile deceits, accusations, slanders, etc* ○ *Bribery is a vile practice.* **3** (*infml*) siava zetmi: *vile weather* ○ *be in a vile temper, mood, humour, etc.*
- ▷ **vilely** /'vaɪli/ *adv.* **vileness** *n* [U].
- vilify** /'vɪlɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) [Tn] (*fml*) mi simsiat: *She was vilified by the press for her controversial views.*
- ▷ **vilification** /'vɪlɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].
- villa** /'vɪlə/ *n* **1** (*Brit*) (usu as part of an address) khuapi kap deuh lam ih um inn: *No 3 Albert Villas.* **2** zung pit caanlawng hmang pawl ih umnak dingih sakmi tipi thuanthum kapih inn: *rented villas in Spain.* **3** hramlak (khawte lam) ramsung ah hmuan kaupi neimi inn: *the Villa d'Este, ie in Italy.* **4** (in Roman times) (Rome sanlaih) hmuan kaupi/ram leilung neimi inn.
- village** /'vɪlɪdʒ/ *n* **1** (a) [C] khawte: [attrib] *the village school, fete, church.* (b) [Gp] khawte um: *The whole village knew about the scandal.* Cf HAMLET, TOWN. **2** [C] (US) uk-awknak ʔhen fate bik.
- ▷ **villager** /'vɪlɪdʒə(r)/ *n* khawte um pa/nu; khuami (khawtefa).
- villain** /'vɪlən/ *n* **1** (a) misualral. (b) (*Brit sl*) (used esp by the police) mawhneitu. (c) (*infml*) mi ʔha lo: *Get off my bike, you little villain!* **2** (in a story, play, etc) (thuanthu nganmi ah) misual, mi ʔha lo ih thil ʔha lo tuahnak cu a thuanthu ih duhsannak a simi. Cf HERO. **3** (idm) **the villain of the piece** (*esp joc*) thil harsatnak, buainak, lole, siatsuahnak hrangih mawh phurtu: *A faulty fuse was the villain of the piece.*
- ▷ **villainous** /'vɪlənəs/ *adj* **1** a ʔha lomi: *a villainous plot, smile.* **2** (*infml*) siava zet: *villainous handwriting, weather.* **villainously** *adv.*
- villainy** *n* [U, C] (*fml*) (act of) thil ʔha lo tuahnak: *capable of great villainy/villainies.*
- villein** /'vɪleɪn/ *n* (in Medieval Europe) ukto ih lo le ram hlaangtu, milian hnenah a hngat-awmi.
- ▷ **villeinage** /'vɪləɪnɪdʒ/ *n* [U] villein a simi.
- vim** /vɪm/ *n* [U] (*dated infml*) cahnak/ʔha thawhnak: *full of vim* ○ *Put more vim into your acting!*
- vinaigrette** /'vɪnɪ'gret/ *n* [U, C] (also **vinaigrette sauce**) thinghnah hring, thil thur ti, siti cokpolh mi ah thinghnah rim thaw rawimi sawhbawl, sawhtii.
- vindicate** /'vɪndɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** mi pakhat/ thil pakhat parah relsiat ding um lo tiih fiangter: *The report fully vindicated the unions.* ○ *I consider that I've been completely vindicated.* **2** a dik rori a si tinak hmuh/sim: *Subsequent events vindicated his suspicions.* ○ *Her claim to the title was vindicated by historians.*
- ▷ **vindication** /'vɪndɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* (*fml*) (a) [U] thil a dikmi phuansuahnak: *speak in vindication of one's conduct* ○ *the vindication of her claim.* (b) [C] cuvek phuan suahmi: *The result was a vindication of all our efforts.*
- vindictive** /vɪn'dɪktɪv/ *adj* phuhlam duhnak nei, ngaithiam lo: *vindictive people, acts, urges, comments.*
- ▷ **vindictively** *adv.*
- vindictiveness** *n* [U]: *He withheld the letter out of sheer vindictiveness.*

**vine**

**vine** /vam/ *n* **1** cabit kung: [attrib] *vine-grower* ◦ *vine leaves*. **2** hri, be hri, busul hri, tvp. (eg peas or hops).

**vinegar** /'vɪnɪgə(r)/ *n* [U] thil uamnak dingah le rawl thawtternak dingih hmanmi cabitti thur: ▷ **vinegary** /'vɪnɪgəri/ *adj* **1** thil thur rim nei, lole, a thawtnak a neimi. **2** (fig) thintawi.

**vineyard** /'vɪnjəd/ *n* *wine* tuahnak dingih cinmi cabit kung hmuan; cabit hmuan.

**vingtetun** /væntetʊn/ *n* [U] (French) = PONTOON **2**.

**vinò** /'vi:nəʊ/ *n* [U] (infml *joc*) *wine* zu.

**vinous** /'vaɪnəs/ *adj* (fml or *joc*) zu vek, zu a bangmi: *a vinous flavour* ◦ *sunk in a vinous stupor*.

**vintage** /'vɪntɪdʒ/ *n* **1** (a) [C *usu sing*] (period or season of) cabitti tuah dingah cabit rah laak caan: *The vintage was later than usual*. (b) [C, U] (*wine* made from the) cabit rah ihsin tuahmi cabit haang: *The claret was (of) a rare vintage*, ie (of) a year when the grapes produced a claret of high quality. ◦ *1959 was an excellent vintage*. ◦ *What vintage (ie year) is this wine?* ◦ [attrib] *vintage claret, port, etc* ◦ *a vintage year for champagne*. **2** [attrib] (a) (fig) a hlaan caan pakhat khat ih thil um daan hmél keng/pumi: *vintage jokes* ◦ *vintage science fiction of the 1950's*. (b) (Brit) (of a car) 1917 - 1930 sung tuahmi mawṭawka. Cf VETERAN CAR (VETERAN). **3** [attrib] (infml) (used before proper nouns) mi pakhat in a ṭha bik ih tuahmi thil ai-awhtu: *This film is vintage Chaplin*.

**vintner** /'vɪntnə(r)/ *n* (dated) cabitti haang thawn sum tuahtu.

**vinyl** /'vaɪnl/ *n* [U, C] (any of various types of) ruah khaan, cabu phaw, muka angki ih hmanmi plastik.

**viola**<sup>1</sup> /vr'əʊlə/ *n* violin (*ta-zaw*) hnakih tum deuh le aw niam deuh ih tum dingih tuahmi awnmawi thilri.

**viola**<sup>2</sup> /'vaɪələɪt/ *n* pangpar nei nunghri.

**violate** /'vaɪələɪt/ *v* [Tn] **1** thukham/dan thukam pah/buar: *violate an agreement, oath, etc* ◦ *These findings appear to violate the laws of physics*. **2** hmun thianghlim ziang siar lo/ hmuhsuam: *violate a tomb, shrine, etc*. **3** (fig) midang va hnaihok, buainak pek: *violate the peace*, eg by making a noise ◦ *violate sb's privacy, right to free speech, etc*. **4** (fml or euph) nunau buan, lole hramhram ih sualpi. ▷ **violation** /'vaɪələ'leɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] dan vabuarnak: *act in open/flagrant violation of a treaty*. (b) [C] danbuarsinak: *gross violations of human rights*. **violator** *n*.

**violent** /'vaɪələnt/ *adj* **1** (a) thazaang hmanngmi, hmual nei: *violent criminals, demonstrators, activists, etc* ◦ *a violent attack, protest, struggle, etc* ◦ *Students were involved in violent clashes with the police*. ◦ *meet with/die*

*a violent death*, eg be murdered. (b) thinglung ah nasa zet ih neihmi, lungtak a simi: *violent passions, rages, fits, etc* ◦ *violent language, abuse, etc* ◦ *in a state of violent shock* ◦ *He has a violent dislike of school*. **2** besia zet, nasa zetmi: *violent winds, storms, earthquakes, etc* ◦ *violent toothache, pain, etc* ◦ *a violent contrast, change, etc*. ▷ **violence** /-əns/ *n* [U] **1** (a) (a bikin a ṭha lomi ah) thazaang hmanna: *crimes, acts, outbreaks, etc of violence* ◦ *The use of violence against one's attackers*. ◦ *TV violence/violence on TV*. (b) thinglung ah hmualnei le nasa takih ruahmi: *We expressed our views with some violence*. **2** besia zet le nasa zetnak: *the violence of the gale, collision, outrage*. **3** (idm) **do violence to sth** (fml) a si lo zawng ih rak ti/tuah, ralsan ih tuahhrim: *It would do violence to his principles to eat meat*. **violently** *adv*: *attack, disagree, react violently* ◦ *The door slammed violently*. ◦ *He fell violently in love with her*.

**violet** /'vaɪələt/ *n* **1** [C] a rim a thaw ih a par sen-pawl (*purple*), lole, a raangmi hmuan sung khomi pangpar kung. **2** [U] hramlak violet pangpar rong. **3** (idm) **a shrinking violet** ⇨ SHRINK. ▷ **violet** *adj*: *violet eyes*.

**violin** /'vaɪəlɪn/ *n* rangmei bunmi fung (*bow*) hmangih tummi hri pali nei ṭingtang fate (*ta-zaw*).

**VIP** /vi: aɪ 'pi: / *abbr* (infml) 'Very Important Person'; mi thupi zet tinak: *give sb/get (the) VIP treatment*, ie special favours and privileges ◦ *the VIP lounge*, eg at an airport, for interviews with famous people, etc.

**viper** /'vaɪpə(r)/ *n* **1** Africa, Asia le Europe ram ih um tur nei rul. **2** (fig) mi nautat hmang le thukam buar thei milai. ▷ **viperish** /'vaɪpəriʃ/ *adj* (fig): *have a viperish (ie malicious) tongue*.

**virago** /'vr'ɑ:gəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) (fml) thintawi, mi hro le kawk thei nunau.

**viral** ⇨ VIRUS.

**virgin** /'vɜ:dʒɪn/ *n* **1** [C] tisa lam in nunau-mipa pawl-aw dah hrih lomi milai, a bikin fala/ nunau (fala him). **2 the (Blessed) Virgin** [sing] Thianghlim Mary: [attrib] *the virgin birth*, ie the doctrine that Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Virgin Mary. ▷ **virgin** [usu attrib] (*esp approv*) dai lo mi, a tir ih sinak vekih um: *virgin snow* ◦ *a jumper of pure new virgin wool* ◦ *virgin forest, soil*, ie where cultivation has never been attempted.

**virginity** /'vɜ:dʒɪnətɪ/ *n* [U] thianghlim, nunau le mipa pawl-awknak tuah dah lo sinak: *keep/lose one's virginity*.

**virginal** /'vɜ:dʒɪnəl/ *adj* (*approx*) fala him vek a simi; a thianghlimmi; sual tuah dah lomi:



- virginal innocence.*
- virginals** /vɜːdʒɪnəlz/ *n* [pl] kum zabi 16 le 17 hrawngih hmanmi sirli nei awnmawi thilri (keyboard ke nei lo).
- Virginia** /və'dʒɪniə/ *n* [U] America ram Virginia ram then ih suak kuhsii: *Golden Virginia* ○ [attrib] *Virginia cigarettes.*
- Virginia creeper** /və'dʒɪniə 'kri:pə(r)/ [U, C] (US also **woodbine**) hnah kaupi nei, phar parih tlai dingih phunmi thil tlaai kung.
- Virgo** /vɜːgəʊ/ *n* **1** [U] Zodiac ih a paruknak hmainsinnak (Virgin). **2** [C] (pl ~ **s**) himi hmainsinnak caan sungih suak milai.  
▷ **Virgoan** *n, adj* ⇒ Usage at ZODIAC.
- virile** /vɪrəl/; US 'vɪrəl/ *n* (usu approv) **1** (of men) mipa sinak nei, pa cangtha, mipa sinak ih tisa kim neimi: *virile young males.* **2** mipa sinak tha zaang le pacang dinhmun a neimi: *virile pursuits such as rowing and mountaineering* ○ a *virile performance of Othello.*  
▷ **virility** /vɪrɪləti/ *n* [U] **1** (of men) mipa sinak lam ih cahnak: *a need to prove, assert, etc one's virility.* **2** mipa tha zaang.
- virology** /vaɪə'rɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] natnak rul cawng thuhla thiamtu.  
▷ **virological** /vaɪə'rɒlədʒɪkəl/ *adj.*
- virologist** /vaɪə'rɒlədʒɪst/ *n.*
- virtual** /vɜːtʃʊəl/ *adj* [attrib] a simi ngaingai vek; a si zikte: *our deputy manager is the virtual head of the business.* ○ *A virtual state of war exists between the two countries.*  
▷ **virtually** /-tʃʊəl/ *adv* zikte: *be virtually certain, impossible, fixed, agreed* ○ *He virtually promised me the job, ie but did not actually do so.* ○ *There's virtually none left.*
- virtue** /vɜːtʃuː/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ziaza thatnak, tha bik sinak: *lead a life of virtue* ○ (esp joc) *a paragon of virtue.* (b) [C] nuncan tha, nun dan tha: (saying) *Patience is a virtue.* ○ *extol, praise, etc the virtues of thrift.* Cf VICE<sup>1</sup> 1. **2** [C, U] **the** ~ (of sth/being sth/doing sth) mi hip thei, duhnung (lole) thatnak nei: *This seat has the virtue of being adjustable.* ○ *The great virtue of camping is its cheapness/is that it is cheap.* ○ *learn the virtue(s) of keeping one's mouth shut, ie of not always saying what one thinks.* **3** [U] (fml or joc) mipa pawl lo nun thianhlimnak (nunau): *lose/preserve one's virtue.* **4** (idm) **by virtue of sth** (fml) thil pakhat ruangah, sinak in: *He was exempt from charges by virtue of his youth/of being so young/of the fact that he was so young.* **make a virtue of necessity** thil poimawhnak ruangih thatnak tuah: *Being short of money, I made a virtue of necessity and gave up smoking.* **a woman of easy virtue** ⇒ WOMAN. **virtue is its own reward** (saying) nuncan thatnak hrimhrim in nun di a riamter.  
▷ **virtuous** /vɜːtʃʊəs/ *adj* **1** nuncan tha. **2** (derog or joc) midang hnakin nuntha si-awtkter,
- tha-awtkter; porh-aw.
- virtuously** *adv.* **virtuousness** *n* [U].
- virtuoso** /vɜːtʃʊəzəʊ, -əʊsəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **s** or **-si** /-zi-, -si:/) **1** awnmawi, zukuwai, lole, laam tivek lam ih thiamnak nei zet: *a cello, trumpet, etc virtuoso* ○ *a jazz virtuoso* ○ *great virtuosos of the keyboard* ○ [attrib] *virtuoso players.* **2** [attrib] (fig) thiam zet: *His handling of the meeting was quite a virtuoso performance.*  
▷ **virtuosity** /vɜːtʃʊəzəti/ *n* [U] thilthiam hleicetnak: *feats, displays, etc of virtuosity.*
- virulent** /vɪrələnt/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] (of a disease or poison) (natnak lole tur) mi a thihter theimi, lole, thihnungza: *a virulent strain of flu.* **2** (fml) mirem lonak, ngaih lonak nei: *virulent abuse* ○ *make a virulent attack on the press* ○ *a particularly virulent form of racism.*  
▷ **virulence** /-ləns/ *n* [U]. **virulently** *adv.*
- virus** /vaɪərəs/ *n* (pl **viruses**) (a) natsuan-awknak pe theitu natnak rulcawng: *the flu, rabies, AIDS, etc virus* ○ [attrib] *attacked by, suffering from, etc a virus infection.* Cf MICROBE. (b) (infml) himi rulcawng ihsin ngahmi natnak: *There's a/some virus going round the office, ie making people ill.*  
▷ **viral** /vaɪərəl/ *adj* virus ihsin ngahmi.
- Vis** (also **Visc**) *abbr* Viscount(ess).
- visa** /vɪzə/ *n* ramsung luh siannak tacik, cakhen suahmi: *entry/transit/exit visas* ○ *get a Polish visa/a visa for Poland* ○ *renew/extend a visa, ie before it expires.*  
▷ **visa** *v* (pt, pp **visaed** /vɪzəd/) [Tn] (a passport) ramdang fehtheinak caken parah visa tacik khen sak.
- visage** /vɪzɪdʒ/ *n* (joc or rhet) mithmai: *the funeral director's gloomy visage.*
- vis-à-vis** /vɪz ə: 'vi:/ *prep* (French) **1** pehpar-aw in: *discuss plans for the company vis-à-vis a possible merger.* **2** thawn tahtim in: *Women's salaries are low vis-à-vis what men earn for the same work.* ○ *His salary vis-à-vis the national average is extremely high.*
- viscera** /vɪsərə/ *n* [pl] (usu the viscera) (anatomy) taksa sung ih ummi lung, thin, le a bik in ril pawl.  
▷ **visceral** /vɪsərəl/ *adj* **1** (anatomy) sungiril. **2** (fig fml) (lungput, ruah dan, tvp) hmaan lomi: *a visceral mistrust of their peace moves.*
- viscose** /vɪskəʊz, -əʊs/ *n* [U] (a) rayon (puu deu) tuahnak ih hmanmi cellulose. (b) himi thawn tuahmi puanthaan.
- viscount** /vɪkaʊnt/ *n* **1** (in Britain) (England) bawiphun. **2** upatnak ih kawhnak-faa upa bik kawhnak (Earl – timi bawiphun): *Viscount Linley.*  
▷ **viscountcy** /-tsɪ/ *n* bawiphun sinak hmin.
- viscountess** /vɪkaʊntɪs/ *n* **1** viscount ih nupi. **2** viscount bawi nunau.
- viscous** /vɪskəs/ *adj* (of a liquid) a hnaangmi

thiltii: *viscous pools of blood, oil, mud.*

▷ **viscosity** /vɪ'skɒsəti/ n [U].

**vise** (US) = VICE<sup>2</sup>.

**visible** /vɪzəbl/ adj ~ (to sb/sth) **1** a lang/hmuh theih: *The hills were barely visible through the mist.* ○ *This star is not visible to naked eye.* **2** (fig) theithiam theih a simi, ruah theih a simi: *visible improvements, differences, changes, etc* ○ *speak with visible contempt, dismay, impatience, etc.*

▷ **visibility** /vɪzə'bɪləti/ n [U] **1** hmuh a theinak. **2** nikhua umdan ruangah a hla in hmuh theinak: *Visibility was down to 100 meters in the fog.* ○ *planes grounded because of poor/low/bad visibility.*

**visibly** /-əblɪ/ adj theihthiam a simi: *visibly offended, ill, in love.*

**vision** /vɪʒn/ n **1** [U] (a) hmuhtheinak, mitkhua: *have perfect, poor, blurred, etc vision* ○ *The blow on the head impaired (ie damaged) his vision.* ○ *within/outside my field of vision, ie that I can/cannot see from a certain point.* (b) (fig) thu pakhat, buainak parah theithiam/ruatthiam; thil theihcia theihnak: *a statesman of (great breadth of) vision.* **2** [C] (a) mang vekih langnak hmuhnak: *Jesus came to Paul in a vision.* ○ *I had/saw a vision of the end of the world.* (b) (esp pl) ruahnak in fiang zet ih hmuhnak: *the romantic visions of youth* ○ *conjure up visions of married bliss* ○ *I had visions of us going on strike.* **3** [C] ~ of sth (rhet) minung, lole, thil a mawi cuang ih a langmi: *She was a vision of loveliness.* **4** [U] TV, lole, baisakup parih a cuangmi, a langmi: *We get good vision but poor sound on this set.*

**visionary** /vɪʒənəri; US -zənəri/ adj **1** (approv) fimnak in ruatcia thei, hmucia thei: *visionary leaders, writers, paintings, ideals.* **2** saduhthat ih ruah zetmi.

▷ **visionary** n (usu approv) hmucia, theicia theitu milai: *True visionaries are often misunderstood by their own generation.*

**visit** /vəzɪt/ v **1** [I, Tn] (a) tlawng, leeng, mi va tong, hmunkhat ah va feh: *No answer — they must be out visiting.* ○ *visiting hours* (ie when relatives and friends can see patients) at a hospital ○ *visit a friend, dentist, fortune-teller, etc* ○ *Most tourists in London visit the British Museum.* (b) hmun pakhat cek dingin feh, va zoh: *the school inspector is visiting next week.* ○ *The restaurant is visited regularly by public health officers.* **2** [I, Tn] mi pakhat inn ah a laang ih va um: *We don't live here, we're just visiting.* ○ *Owls visited the barn to rest.* ○ *I'm going to visit my aunt for a few days.* **3** [Ipr] ~ with sb (US infml) thu theih duh, lole, thu relpi duh ih mi va tong: *Please stay and visit with me for a while.* ⇒ Usage. **4** [Tn-pr] ~ sth on/upon sb/sth (arch) mi cawhkuan/harsat peek: *visit*

*the sins of the fathers upon the children, ie make the children suffer for their parents' failings.*

▷ **visit** n **1** ~ (to sb/sth) (from sb/sth) tlawnnak: *It was his first visit to his wife's parents.* ○ *pay a visit to a friend, a doctor, a prospective customer, etc* ○ *be, come, go on a visit to the seaside* ○ *the Queen's state visit* (ie made for official or political reasons) to China ○ *regular visits from the landlord.* **2** (US infml) thu relpi/reltlaang: *we had a nice visit on the phone.*

□ **visiting card** (US calling card) hmin le umnak nganmi caken fate.

**visiting professor** ramdang, lole, hmundang pakhat ah ca va zirhtu phunsangtlawng saya.

NOTE ON USAGE: We can visit (US **visit with**) or **go to see** someone at home or at work. **Come/Go and stay** is used in informal English for a longer visit at somebody's house: *Come and stay with us soon.* ○ *I'm hoping to go and stay with my cousin Tom over Christmas.* **We call on** someone for an official purpose: *A representative of the company will call on you to assess the damage.* **We call in** on a friend for a short time, often when we are on our way to somewhere else: *We could call in on Patrick on the way to your mother's.* More informally, we **drop by** at somebody's (house), **drop in** on somebody or (in US English) **visit with** somebody when we make a casual visit to friends or relations: *Let's drop in on Nick when we're in Bristol, shall we?*

**visitation** /vɪzɪ'teɪʃn/ n **1** ~ (of sb/sth) (fml) mi upa ih milai/thil va halhnak: *a visitation of the sick, ie made by a clergyman as part of his duties.* **2** ~ (from sb/sth) (infml) mi ih duh lem lo in va tlawng, va leen: *we had sundry visitations from the Tax Inspector.* **3** ~ (of sth) (fml) Pathian ih cawhkuan a si tiih ruahmi harsatnak, thupoi cakkhai: *The famine was a visitation of God for their sins.*

**visitor** /vɪzɪtə(r)/ n ~ (to sb/sth) (from sb/sth) **1** (a) tlawngtu, mileeng, mikhual: *The old lady never has/gets any visitors.* ○ *She was a frequent visitor to the gallery.* ○ *visitors insurance company.* (b) mi hnenah/mi thawn va um sungtu, lole, hmun khat ah va um sungtu: *Rome welcomes millions of visitors each year.* **2** a laangte ih a ra vai mi vate: *summer/winter visitors to British shores.*

**visor** /vəzə(r)/ n **1** (thir lukhuh hlum ih) a thawn thei hmaikhuh: *The motor-cyclist raised/lowered his visor.* **2** (a) mit a tlun ah nitleu phentu dingih tuahmi palastic thilri. (b) lukhuh menmen hmai ih ni pheentu hmaikhuh.

**vista** /vɪstə/n (fml) **1** artlaang ih ummi thingkung karlak, lole, inn le inn karlak; a hla ihsin cuan



tikah a zohmawi hleice: *This street offers a fine vista of the cathedral.* **2** (fig) a pehpeh ih a cang zomi parah ruahsalnak le hmailam hrang ruahnak: *This discovery opens up new vistas of research for biologists.*

**visual** /ˈvɪʒʊəl/ *adj* mit hmuhnak lam thawn a pehpar-awmi: *visual images, effects, etc* ○ *the visual arts*, ie painting, cinema, theatre, etc ○ *visual humour*, ie humour that depends on actions rather than words for its effect ○ *Her designs have a strong visual appeal.* ○ *a good visual memory*, ie ability to remember what one sees.

▷ **visualize, -ise** /-aɪz/ *v* [Tn, Tsg, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth (as sth)** mi pakhat, lole, thil pakhat thinlung mit in zuk: *I remember meeting him but I just can't visualize him.* ○ *I can't visualize myself ever getting married.* ○ *Tom visualized the house as a romantic ruin.*

**visualization, -isation** /ˌvɪʒʊəlaɪˈzeɪʃn/; *US* -lɪz-/ *n* [U] thinlung mit ih langternak: *powers of visualization.*

**visually** /ˈvɪʒʊəli/ *adv* **1** mithmuh in. **2** lang dan ah: *Visually, the decor was very striking.*

□ **visual aid** (*esp pl*) ca zirhnak ih hmanmi vedio, baikup, tvp.

**visual display unit** (*abbr* **VDU**) computer thawn a peh-aw ih TV hmai vek a simi thil.

**vital** /ˈvaɪtəl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] nunnak hrangih a ʔulmi; a um ʔulmi: *the heart performs a vital bodily function.* ○ *He was wounded in a vital part of his anatomy* ○ *The vital park that would have brought the play to life was missing.* **2** ~ **(to/for sth)** thil pakhat um theinak ding/ti suak theinak ding, lole, tuah theinak dingih a ʔulmi: *vital information, research, legislation* ○ *a vital clue to the killer's identity* ○ *The police perform a vital role in our society.* ○ *It is absolutely vital that the matter is kept secret.* **3** (*approv*) thatho zet, thazaang nei: *She's a very vital sort of person.*

▷ **vitality** /ˈvaɪtəli/ *adv* zet, tuk: *vitality important, necessary, etc* ○ *We are vitally concerned to win public support.*

**the vitals** *n* [pl] (*dated joc*) a thupi tukmi ruangpum ʔhen: *fear gripped (at) my vitals.* ○ *She kneed her attacker in the vitals* (ie in the genitals) *and ran away.*

□ **vital statistics** **1** mipum, nausuak, ʔhit-umnak le mithi cazin thawn a pehparmi. **2** (*Brit infml*) nunau pakhat ih ʔaang, eel le taai tahmi.

**vitality** /ˈvaɪtələti/ *n* [U] **1** um ringringmi thazaang, tha cahnak: *the dog was bouncing with health and vitality.* ○ *The ballet sparkled with vitality.* **2** (fig) (of institutions, etc) tuar theinak, cangvaih theinak: *The vitality of the movement is threatened.*

**vitamin** /ˈvɪtəmin/; *US* ˈvaɪt-/ *n* minung le ramsa

pawl hrang damnak dingih a ʔulmi tisa ʔhatnak thil: *vitamin A, B, C, etc* ○ *Pork is rich in vitamin B1.* ○ [attrib] *vitamin pills* ○ *one's daily vitamin requirements* ○ *Vitamin deficiency can cause illnesses, eg scurvy, rickets.*

▷ **vitaminize, -ise** /ˈvɪtəmaɪz/; *US* ˈvaɪt/ *v* [Tn] rawl ah vitamin telh.

**vitiate** /ˈvɪʃiət/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** thil pakhat ih ʔhatnak, thil ti theinak tleunak tha darter, lole, siatsuah: *the vitiated atmosphere of our polluted inner cities* ○ *The serum is vitiated by exposure to the air.* **2** thil pakhat ih hmualneihnak derdaiter: *vitiate a claim, contract, theory.*

▷ **vitiation** /ˌvɪʃiˈeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**viticulture** /ˌvɪtɪkʌltʃə(r), ˈvaɪt-/ *n* [U] cabit cin dan/cinnak.

**vitreous** /ˈvɪtriəs/ *adj* (a) thil tuahmi ah thalang vekih ngilmi: *vitreous enamel, china, porcelain, etc.* (b) (of rocks) thalang vekih hak le tleumi lungto.

**vitrify** /ˈvɪtrɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) [I, Tn esp passive] (cause sth to) thalang vek ih canter: *vitriified glazes, eg on ceramics.*

▷ **vitrifaction** /ˌvɪtrɪˈfæksɪn/ *n*, **vitrication** /ˌvɪtrɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *ns* [U].

**vitriol** /ˈvɪtriəl/ *n* [U] **1** (*dated*) sulphuric acid, lole, cumi ihsin ngahmi cite vek thil: *blue vitriol*, ie copper sulphate. **2** (fig) nasazet ih soisel/mawhthluk, sualpuh: *His attack government was pure vitriol.*

▷ **vitriolic** /ˌvɪtrɪˈɒlɪk/ *adj* hua zet, ral zet: *vitriolic criticism, attacks, etc* ○ *We deplore the vitriolic nature of his remarks.*

**vitro** ⇒ *IN VITRO.*

**vituperate** /ˈvɪtjʊːpəreɪt/; *US* ˈvaɪtuː-/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ **(against sb/sth)** (*fml*) ʔong sia hmang, lole, nasa zetih soi: *the prince vituperated against the developers for ruining London's skyline.*

▷ **vituperation** /ˌvɪtjʊːpəˈreɪʃn/ *n* [U] (*fml*) ʔong hraangih camnak, lole, napi ih soiselnak.

**vituperative** /ˌvɪtjʊːpəreɪtɪv/; *US* ˈvaɪtuːpəreɪtɪv/ *adj*: *vituperative debate, criticism, etc.*

**viva** /ˈvaɪvə/ *n* (*Brit infml*) = *VIVA VOCE.*

**vivace** /ˈvɪvɑːtʃɪ/ *adv* (*music*) (to be played, sung, etc) tawite le thatho zet ih (sak ding, tum ding).

**vivacious** /ˌvɪveɪʃəs/ *adj* (*approv*) (*esp of a woman*) thatho zet; phur zet: *bubbly and vivacious blonde seeks fun-loving gent*, eg as an advertisement in a 'lonely hearts' column ○ *She gave a vivacious laugh.*

▷ **vivaciously** *adv.* **vivacity** /ˌvɪvæˈsɪti/ (also **vivaciousness**) *n* [U].

**viva voce** /ˈvaɪvə ˈvəʊsɪ, ˈvəʊtʃɪ/ (also *Brit infml* **viva**) *n* ʔongka ih thusuhnak, a hleicein phunsang tlawng ah hmanmi: *have, get, take, etc a viva (voce).*

▷ **viva voce** *adj, adv* ʔongka in tuahmi camipuai.

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**vivid** /vɪvɪd/ *adj* **1** (of light or colour) tleu zet: a *vivid flash of lightning* ○ *vivid green trousers*. **2** (of a mental faculty) (thluak hman daan) thatho zet le nuam zet dingih thuruatmi: a *vivid memory, imagination, etc.* **3** thinlung sungah zuk vekin fiang zet ih langtermi: a *vivid description, recollection, dream* ○ *The incident left a vivid impression on me.*

▷ **vividly** *adv.* **vividness** *n* [U].

**viviparous** /vɪvɪpərəs/; *US var-/adj* (*biology*) (of most mammals) (pawhte/hnawi in thilnung) nu pumsung ih a faavon mi; a ti ihsin keuh lomi, op lomi; hrinmi.

**visi-section** /vɪvɪ'sekʃn/ *n* (**a**) [U] thilthar hawlsaalnak (*research*) ding ih ramsa nung taksa rainak: [attrib] *the anti-visi-section lobby*. (**b**) [C] cuvek ih rainak.

▷ **visi-sectionist** /-ʃənɪst/ *n* (**a**) taksa raitu. (**b**) zirzohnak ih ramsa/minung taksa rai khi a dik ti a zumtu.

**vixen** /vɪksn/ *n* **1** cinghnia anu. **2** (*esp dated*) thin tawi le mi to thei nunau: *a real little vixen*.

▷ **vixenish** /vɪksənɪʃ/ *adj* mi to thei: *her nasty, vixenish ways*.

**viz** /vɪz/ *abbr* (often read out as *namely*) Latin ðong videlicet timi ihsin lakmi a si. An hmin tla cu tinak a si. Pakhat asile a hmin cu ti a si ding; hitiin a si; ti duhmi cu: *these three persons, viz landlord, lessee and tenant...*

NOTE ON USAGE: The abbreviations **viz**, **ie** and **eg** are mostly used in formal or technical English. In speech and when reading a written text aloud we usually say **namely**, **that is** (to say) and **for example** respectively. **Viz** (or **namely**) is used to expand or specify what has already been said: *There are three major advantages of the design, viz/namely cheapness, simplicity and availability.* ○ *I want to talk today about a major threat facing our society, namely AIDS.* We use **ie** (or **that is**) to explain an unclear statement or word by rephrasing it: *He admitted being 'economical with the truth' (ie lying).* In this dictionary we often use **ie** and **eg** after examples to give further explanation of the meaning of those examples.

**vizier** /vɪzɪə(r)/ *n* (*esp formerly*) (hlaanlai ih) Muslim ram upa: *the grand vizier*, *eg* of the old Turkish empire.

**vocabulary** /və'kæbjʊləri; -ləri/ *n* **1** [C] ðongfang. Cf **LEXICON**. **2** [C, U] (body of) cabu pakhat, mi pakhat, thu pakhat sungih hmanmi ðongfang: *a wide, limited, colourful, etc vocabulary* ○ *Tim has an average (level of) vocabulary for a 3-year-old.* ○ *an active vocabulary*, ie words one recognizes only ○ *enrich, increase, extend, etc one's vocabulary*. **3** (also *infml* **vocab** /'vʊkæb/) [U, C] ðongfang pawl le an tican

cazin. Cf **GLOSSARY**.

**vocal** /'vəʊkl/ *adj* **1** aw thawn pehparmi: *the vocal organs*, ie the tongue, lips, vocal cords, etc ○ *The cantata has a difficult vocal score.* ○ *Callas's vocal range was astonishing.* **2** misenpi hmai ih thurelnak ah mah ruahnak/duhzawng simmi: *vocal criticism, support* ○ *We were very vocal about our rights.* ○ *The protesters are a small but vocal minority.*

▷ **vocal** *n* (often *pl*) kaa ih sakmi hla hrekhat: *Who was on/sang lead vocal(s) on the group's last record?*

**vocalist** /'vəʊkəlɪst/ *n* hla-thiam. Cf **INSTRUMENTALIST** (**INSTRUMENTAL**).

**vocally** /'vəʊkəlɪ/ *adv* **1** kaa in/aw hmang in. **2** a fiang hngan in/lang zet in: *protest vocally*.

□ **vocal cords** aw suaktertu aw-hri.

**vocalize, -ise** /'vəʊkəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) sim (lole) sak, aw suakter.

**vocation** /vəʊ'keɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (**for/to sth**) thinlung ih duh hrilmi hnaʔuan: *vocations to the priesthood, ministry, etc* ○ *have/follow one's vocation to become a nun* ○ *Nursing is a vocation as well as a profession.* **2** [U] ~ (**for sth**) hnaʔuan pakhat suahkeh nun ih ðuanduhnak: *He has little vocation for teaching.*

**3** [C usu sing] (*fml*) mi pakhat ih kaihmi hnaʔuan: *find one's true vocation (in life)* ○ *You should be an actor — you've missed your vocation*, ie you are following the wrong career.

▷ **vocational** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* hnaʔuannak hrang a ðulmi: *vocational guidance, training, etc*, eg for students about to leave school.

**vocative** /'vəʊkətɪv/ *n* (*grammar*) *noun, pronoun, adjective* pawl phundang ih hman daan (mi kawh tikih hmanmi, u le nau pawl tvk).

▷ **vocative** *adj* cuvek ih hmanmi.

**vociferate** /və'sɪfəreɪt/; *US* vəʊ-/ *v* [I, Tn] (*fml*) au, auh.

▷ **vociferous** /ve'sɪfərəs/; *US* vəʊ-/ *adj* a ring zetmi (aw): *vociferous complaints, protests, etc* ○ *a vociferous group of demonstrators.*

**vociferously** *adv*.

**vodka** /'vɒdkə/ *n* (**a**) [U] rye le a dang hanghnah-hangrah thawn tuahmi a cak zet le a khauh zetmi Russia zu. (**b**) [C] vodka haikhat: *a vodka and lime*.

**vogue** /vəʊg/ *n* [C *esp sing*] **1** ~ (**for sth**) a san ih thil um/hman daan: *a new vogue for low-heeled shoes.* **2** mi tampi duhnak, cohlanak: *His novels had a great vogue ten years ago.* **3** (*idm*) **be all the vogue** (*infml*) hmunkip ah zapi hman le duhmi. **be in/come into vogue** mi tampi in duh, hmang: *Short hair came back into vogue about ten years ago.*

□ **vogue-word** *n* a san ih hmanmi ðongfang: *'Accountability' is the current vogue-word in politics.* Cf **BUZZ-WORD** (**BUZZ**).

**voice** /vɔɪs/ *n* **1** (**a**) [C] aw, ðong aw, hla aw: *I can*

hear voices through the wall. ○ *Keep your voice down*, ie Don't speak loudly. ○ *recognize sb's voice* ○ *speak in a loud, rough, husky, gentle, etc voice* ○ *He has a good singing voice*, ie sing well. ○ *raise/lower one's voice*, ie speak more loudly/softly ○ *His voice has broken*, ie become deep like a man's. ○ *Her voice shook/trembled with emotion*. (b) [U] aw suah theinak: *commands given in a firm tone of voice*. **2** (fig) (a) [U, Sing] ~ (in sth) (right to express one's) mah thu pom zawng sim theinak: *have little, some, no, a voice in the matter* ○ *The workers want a voice in management decisions*. (b) [sing] cu vek mah pom zawng sim mi aw: *listen to the voice of reason, experience, dissent* ○ *Our newspaper represents the voice of the people*. **3** [sing] (grammar) catluan ah tuahtu a thok ih reet le, a tawp lam ih reet daan: *in the active/passive voice*. **4** [U] (phonetics) (aw suah dan) aw suah tikih dangthir mi aw, eg aw phei pawl le /b, d, z/. **5** (idm) **at the top of one's voice** a ring thei tawp in: *cheering, shouting, screaming, etc at the top(s) of their voices*. **find/lose one's voice/tongue** ⇒ FIND<sup>1</sup>. **give voice to sth** (fml) lungsung um thu simsuak: *give voice to one's indignation, dismay, concern, etc*. **have, etc an edge to one's voice** ⇒ EDGE<sup>1</sup>. **in good, poor, etc voice** mah keel in sim/sak, tha lo deuh in sim/sak tvk: *the bass soloist was in excellent voice*. **lift one's voice** ⇒ LIFT. **like, etc the sound of one's own voice** ⇒ SOUND<sup>2</sup>. **make one's voice heard** thinlung sung ih ruahnak neihmi, duh zawng sim: *This programme gives ordinary viewers a chance to make their voice(s) heard*. **raise one's voice against sb/sth** ⇒ RAISE. **the still small voice** ⇒ STILL<sup>1</sup>. **with one voice** (fml) zate lungkim in; eeltu um loin: *With one voice, the workers voted to strike*.  
 ▷ **voice** v [Tn] **1** (feeling, etc) mah duhnak sim: *Aspokesman voiced the workers' dissatisfaction*. **2** (phonetics) dang thirmi awsuah: *voiced consonants*, eg /d, v, z/.  
 -**voiced** (forming compound adjs) aw bang, cuvek: *loud-voiced* ○ *gruff-voiced*.  
**voiceless** adj (phonetics) awsuah ring lo ih saal: *The consonants t, f and s are voiceless*.  
 □ **voice-box** n = LARYNX; danghri.  
**voice-voer** n a tongtu lang lo ih simnak.  
**void** /vɔɪd/ n (usu sing) (fml or rhet) ziang hman um lo, a lawng: *the blue void we call the sky* ○ (fig) *an aching void left by the death of her child*.  
 ▷ **void** adj (fml) **1** a lawng. **2** [pred] ~ of sth thil um lo; thil a sammi: *Her face was void of all interest*. Cf DEVOID. **3** (idm) **null and void** ⇒ NULL.  
**void** v [Tn] **1** (law) upadi ih temtawnnak um lo ih tuah. **2** (fml) thil pakhat sung in suah/lawngter.  
**voile** /vɔɪl/ n [U] hmuhtlang thei zik ih a paami

patpuan/tuuhmul, lole, pupuan.  
**vol** abbr **1** (pl vols) volume: *an edition in 3 vols* ○ *Complete Works of Byron Vol 2*. **2** a sah: *vol 125ml*, eg on a container.  
**volatile** /'vɒlətaɪl/; US -tɪ/ adj **1** (of a liquid) (a tii) tikhu ah zamrang teih a thleng-awmi. **2** (esp derog) (of a person) thinlung um dan thleng olmi: *a highly volatile personality, disposition, nature, etc*. **3** (of trading conditions, etc) a hmun lomi: *volatile stock-markets, exchange rates* ○ *a volatile political situation*, eg one that could lead to a change of government. ○ *a volatile political situation*, eg one that could lead to a change of government.  
 ▷ **volatility** /'vɒlə'tɪləti/ n [U].  
**volauvent** /'vɒləvənt/ n sa le sangvut beek le pokpawr rawi ih tuahmi eiṭha (sa bawl).  
**volcano** /'vɒl'keɪnəʊ/ n (pl ~ es) meisa tlaang.  
 ▷ **volcanic** /'vɒl'keɪnɪk/ adj [esp attrib] meisa tlaang ihsin; thawn pehpar in: *volcanic eruptions, gases, etc* ○ (fig) *The French Revolution was a volcanic upheaval in European history*.  
**vole** /vəʊl/ n tivatlaang le hruang lak ih a ummi zinghnam vek ramsa: *a water-vole*, ie a large water-rat.  
**volition** /və'liʃn/; US vəʊ-/ n (fml) **1** [U] mah duh hril ih thu thennak, thu ruatcatnak. **2** (idm) of **one's own volition** mi ih fialmi si lo mah thu ih thiltinak: *She left entirely of her own volition*.  
 ▷ **volitional** /-fənəl/ adj: *a volitional act*.  
**volley** /'vɒli/ n **1** (a) lungto, cerek tivek cawl lo ih den/kah: *Police fired a volley* (ie of plastic bullets.) *over the heads of the crowd*. (b) lungto, cerek zuang: *He was hit by a volley of snowballs*. Cf SALVO. **2** (fig) mi pakhat parah cawl lo in a pehpeh ih thusuhnak, hmuhsuamnak tong: *He let out a volley of oaths*. **3** (in tennis, football, etc) bawhlung leilung a dai hlaan ih thawi le sit ngah: *a forehand/backhand/overhead volley*, ie in tennis ○ *play, return, miss, etc an opponent's volley* ○ *kick a ball on the volley*.  
 ▷ **volley** v **1** [I] (meithal) a pehpeh in, cat loin kap/puah. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] (in tennis, football, etc) khatlam in a rami bawhlung leilung par a tlaak hlaanah thawi/sit lohli: *He volleyed (the ball) into the net/across the court*.  
 □ **volley-ball** n kut ih bawhlung beeng lehnak.  
**volt** /vɒlt/ n (abbr v) electric tha.  
 ▷ **voltage** /'vɒl'teɪdʒ/ n [U, C] volt thawn tahmi electric tha: *high/low voltage* ○ *check the voltage of an appliance against the supply*, ie before connecting it.  
**volte-face** /'vɒlt 'fa:s/ n (usu sing) (esp fml) mah lungput phundang ah thlengsaalnak: *Her latest speech represents a complete volte-face in government thinking*.  
**voluble** /'vɒljubl/ adj (fml esp derog) (a) (of a person) tong tamzet. (b) (of speech) zamrang,

nalh zet: *volatile protests, excuses, etc.*

▷ **volubility** /vɒljʊˈbɪləti/ n [U].

**volubly** /vɒljʊbli/ adv.

**volume** /vɒljʊm; US -jəm/ n **1** [C] cabu, a bu in –thu khat –phun khat asinain bu dangdang ih suahtak: *an encyclopedia in 20 volumes* ○ *Volume 2 of Show's complete Works is missing.* ○ (fml) *a library of over 12 000 volumes.* **2** [U, C] thil pakhat ih tuumnak, tamzat: *The liquid was 5 liters in volume.* ○ *The jars hold different volumes of liquid/have different volumes.* Cf AREA 1. **3** (a) [U] a tampi: *the sheer volume of business, work, mail, etc* ○ *The volume of protest rose/fell.* (b) [C usu pl] tikhu zual/meikhu zual (eg, meikhu): *Volumes of black smoke poured from the chimney.* **4** [U] (a) aw suahtak ih ring, lole, a diim: *The TV was on at full volume.* ○ *The music doubled in volume.* ○ [attrib] *a volume control.* (b) a ring le ring lo tinak/tuahnak: *turn the volume up/down.* **5** (idm) **speak volumes** ⇒ SPEAK.

**voluminous** /vəˈluːmɪnəs/ adj (fml or joc) **1** (of clothing etc) puan tampi hmang in –dor zet ih thit: *wrapped in the voluminous folds of a blanket* ○ *voluminous skirts, petticoats, etc, eg as worn by a Victorian lady.* **2** (of writing) tam zet nganmi: *voluminous correspondence* ○ *the voluminous works of Dickens, ie filling many books.*

▷ **voluminously** adv: *writing voluminously in one's diary.*

**voluntary**<sup>1</sup> /vɒləntəri; US -teri/ adj **1** mah lungtho ih tuahmi: *The prisoner made a voluntary statement.* ○ *Attendance is purely voluntary.* ○ *Charities rely on voluntary donations/contributions.* ○ *The firm went into voluntary liquidation.* **2** man lo ih tuanmi; a lak ih tuanmi: *voluntary helpers, eg at a fete, bazaar, etc* ○ *She does voluntary social work.* ○ *The organization is run on a voluntary basis.* ○ *a voluntary service, institution, centre, etc.* **3** (of bodily or muscular movements) (taksa, ruangpi, tit cangvaihnak) thil lung ukmi. Cf INVOLUNTARY.

▷ **voluntarily** /vɒləntərɪ; US ,vɒləntərəl/ adv **1** mah lung tho tein. **2** a lak in; man loin.

**voluntary**<sup>2</sup> /vɒləntəri; US -teri/ n biakinn pumkhawm hlan, theh hnuh, lole, khawm lai ih mi pakhat awnmawi tum: *organ, trumpet voluntaries.*

**volunteer** /vɒləntɪə(r)/ n **1** ~ (for sth/to do sth) man lo ih tuan saktu: *volunteers for the post of treasurer* ○ *volunteers to run the Christmas show* ○ *Few volunteers came forward.* ○ [attrib] *volunteer social workers* ○ *volunteer groups.* **2** ralkap ah mah lungtho ih luttu: [attrib] *volunteer troops, forces, etc.* Cf CONSCRIPT n.

▷ **volunteer** v **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tt] ~ (sth)

(for sth) thil pakhat tuahding ah lungtho tein mahte pe-aw, thu ruahnak peek: *She volunteered (her services) for relief work.* ○ *'Tim's busy but I'll come,' he volunteered.* ○ *volunteer information, advice, financial support* ○ *I volunteered to act as chauffeur.* **2** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (for sth) mah lungtho tein ralkap lut: *volunteer for military service/to join the army.*

**voluptuary** /vɒˈlʌptʃʊəri; US -ʊəri/ n (fml esp derog) nunnomnak le tisa hiarnak duh zettu.

**voluptuous** /vɒˈlʌptʃʊəs/ adj **1** (a) tisa hiarnak ih nuam-awmi: *voluptuous thoughts, caresses, smiles* ○ *the voluptuous enjoyment of a hot bath.* (b) (esp derog) tisa nomcennak lam ah a nun a pe-aw mi: *voluptuous tastes, indulgences, urges, etc.* **2** (approx) (of a woman) pawl dingah hiar um zet, hahioza a simi nunau: *voluptuous breasts, hips, curves* ○ *Renoir's voluptuous nudes.*

▷ **voluptuously** adv. **voluptuousness** n [U].

**volute** /vəˈluːt/ n **1** (architecture) innsak tik ih banthum tumpi tlunlam zim ah a ngerh/a zual thawn ceimawinak. **2** (biology) a ngerh, a zualmi.

▷ **volute** adj kharkhem hawng vekih a ngerh a zualmi: *a voluted sea-shell.*

**vomit** /vɒmɪt/ v **1** [I, Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) luak: *the noise of vomiting* ○ *The mixture of drinks made me vomit.* ○ *He vomited (up) all he had eaten.* ⇒ Usage at SICK. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (out/forth) (fig) (of a volcano, etc) a luak, luak vekin a suak: *factory chimneys vomiting (forth) smoke.*

▷ **vomit** n [U] luak: *choke to death on one's own vomit.*

**voodoo** /vʊˈduː/ (also **voodooism**) n [U] West Indies, Haiti ram ih hmanmi dawi/mitkher (biaknak phunkhat).

**voracious** /vəˈreɪʃəs/ adj **1** rawl phaamtuk: *a voracious eater* ○ *a voracious appetite, hunger.* **2** (fig) fimthiam le thu theih a hiarmi: *a voracious reader* ○ *voracious seekers after truth.*

▷ **voraciously** adv.

**voracity** /vəˈræsəti/ n [U].

**vortex** /vɔːteks/ n (pl ~ es or, in scientific use, **-tices** /-tɪsɪz/) **1** [C] tidai, thil phusiing vekin a merhmi. **2** [sing] (fig) a ra naih pawl kha a hiip theimi mibur pawl khawmnak, lole, hnañuan tivek pawl: *down helplessly into the vortex of society, party politics, etc.*

**votary** /vəʊtəri/ n ~ (of sb/sth) (fml) thil/thu hla ah nun a pe-awtu – a bik in biaknak ah nun a pe-awtu: *votaries of peace, disarmament, etc* ○ (joc) *votaries of golf.*

**vote** /vəʊt/ n **1** [C] ~ (for/against sb/sth); ~ (on sth) mah ih duhnak langternak (mee, kutthlir, thupte ih ca ih ngan tivekin tuah a si): *cast/*



record one's vote ○ take/hold a vote on the motion ○ settle, decide, resolve, etc the matter by a vote ○ a majority/minority vote ○ counting, sorting, checking the votes, ie papers on which votes are recorded ○ postal votes ○ The Tory candidate received/pollled 8 000 votes. ○ The measure was passed/defeated by 9 votes to 6. ○ The vote went against him/against accepting the plan. ○ a vote of confidence/censure, ie one showing the support/lack of support of the majority of voters. **2 the vote** [sing] hril-awknak hrangih mee pekmi: attempts to win the teenage, immigrant, Scottish, etc vote ○ increase/decrease the Tory vote by 5%. ○ split the vote, eg between rival opposition parties so that the government is re-elected ○ The Socialists got 35% of the vote. **3 the vote** [sing] mee pek theinak thu: UK nationals get the vote at 18. **4** (idm) **put sth to the vote** mee pe dingin thucat. **a vote of thanks** a ngaitu misenpi hnenah an lungawinak kha kut beeng ih langter dingin sim: propose a vote of thanks.  
 ▷ **vote v 1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tt] ~ (for/against sb/sth); ~ (on sth) mah lungkimnak, lungkim lonak theihter ding ih mee peek: vote by ballot, proxy, post ○ 20 delegates vote for/against the motion. ○ If we cannot agree, let's vote on it. ○ Vote (for) Smith/Labour on polling day! ○ I voted 'No' in the referendum. ○ We voted to continue the strike. **2** [Cn-n] mi pakhat thuneih theinak dinhmun ngah dingin mipi tam sawn ih hril: I was voted chairman. **3** [Dn-n] lungkimnak in tangka pek: MPs have just voted themselves a pay rise. ○ The hospital was voted £ 100 000 for research. **4** [esp passive: Cn-a, Cn-n] (infml) zapi lungkimnak ih thil pakhat a tha, a tha lo ti relcat: The show was voted a success. **5** [Tf no passive] (infml) ruahnak peek/forh: I vote (that) we stay here. **6** (phr v) **vote sb/sth down** mee peeknak in mi pakhat/thil pakhat eel/neh. **vote sb in/out/on/off; vote sb into/out of/onto/off sth** mee in mi pakhat thuneihnak co dingin hril, lole, thlaak: vote the Liberals in ○ She was voted out of office/off the board. **vote sth through** mee in lungkim, lole, hngetter: Parliament voted the bill through without a debate. **voter n** mee petu, petheitu (a bik in uk-awknak hril ah): floating, marginal, tactical, etc voters.  
**votive** /vəʊtɪv/ adj [usu attrib] Pathian hnen ah thukam-awknak ih peekmi: votive offerings, candles, etc.  
**vouch** /vaʊtʃ/ v [Ipr] **1 ~ for sb/sth** mi pakhat cu zumtlaak a si ti tuanvo laak, aamahkhaan: I can vouch for him/his honesty. **2 ~ for sth** a sinak dik fiangter: Experts vouch for the painting's authenticity.  
**voucher** /vaʊtʃə(r)/ n **1** (Brit) thil tuah man, lole,

thilri man tangka pek zo tinak ca nganmi: gift vouchers, ie offered as presents and later exchanged at the store for goods ○ special discount vouchers ○ luncheon vouchers, ie tokens supplied by some employers, exchangeable for food at restaurants which have agreed to accept them. **2** tangka ngah zo tinak ca.

**vouchsafe** /vaʊtʃˈseɪf/ v [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb) (dated or fml) thil pakhat laksawng ih pek, lole, thil titheinak pek: be vouchsafed a vision of the future ○ vouchsafe to him certain official secrets.

**vow** /vaʊ/ n thukam – a bik in biaknak lam: recite/pronounce/renew one's marriage vows ○ keep/break a solemn vow ○ take a vow of silence, secrecy, etc ○ Nuns are under vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

▷ **vow v** [Tn, Tf, Tt] thukam, thu kam-aw; siatcam: They vowed revenge on their enemies. ○ He vowed (that) he would lose weight. ○ She vowed never to speak to him again.

**vowel** /vaʊəl/ n (a) dang-aw: [attrib] a vowel system. (b) dang-aw hmainsinnak; a, e, i o, u. Cf CONSONANT<sup>1</sup>.

**voxpopuli** /vɒks ˈpɒpjʊləɪ/ (Latin) (also infml **vox pop** /vɒks ˈpɒp/) misenpi ih thu pom dan/ ruahnak/lungput.

**voyage** /vɔɪdʒ/ n khaul hla pi tlawnnak – a bik ah ti parih khaultlawnnak: on the outward/homeward voyage ○ make a voyage across the Atlantic ○ go on a voyage from Mombasa to Goa ○ the voyages of Sinbad the Sailor. ⇨ Usage at JOURNEY.

▷ **voyage v** [I, Ipr] (fml) khaultlawng; tidai par/ boruak ah: voyaging across the Indian Ocean, through space.

**voyager** /vɔɪdʒə(r)/ n (daed) khaultlawngtu – a bik in theihban lo ram ah ti parih va tlawngtu: [attrib] the Voyager 2 spacecraft.

**voyeur** /vɔɪə(r)/ n taklawng ih ummi le nunau le mipa pawl-awk lai a thup teih zoththup a hiartu.

▷ **voyeurism** /vɔɪəˈrɪzəm/ cuvek ih zoththupnak. **voyeuristic** /vɔɪəˈrɪstɪk/ adj: voyeuristic pleasures, pursuits, etc.

**VP** (also **V Pres**) abbr Vice-President.

**vs** abbr versus.

**Vs** abbr Veterinary Surgeon; ramsa sii bawi.

**VSO** /vi: es ˈəʊ/ abbr (Brit) Voluntary Service Overseas (a scheme for people to work in developing countries): do VSO.

**VTOL** /vi: ti: əv ˈel ɔː, in informal use, ˈvɪtɒl/ abbr (of aircraft) vertical take-off and landing; dingte ih zuangso le tum: a VTOL jet ○ fly VTOLs. Cf STOL.

**vulcanite** /vʌlkənait/ n [U] sialriat le kaat ih erhmi sialriat.

▷ **vulcanize, -ise** /vʌlkənəɪz/ v [Tn] meisa sa

V

**vulgar**

zet ih sialriat le kaat eer.

**vulcanization, -isation** /vʌlkənəɪzəʃn; US -nɪz-/ n [U].

**vulgar** /ˈvʌlgə(r)/ *adj* **1** dinhmun niam; um daan le ʔongdan a mawi lo, zoh rem lomi: *a vulgar display of wealth* ○ *dressed in cheap and vulgar finery* ○ *a loud and vulgar laugh*. **2** midang thinhenter thei: *a vulgar gesture, suggestion, joke*.

▷ **vulgarism** /vʌlgəɾɪzəm/ thiang lo/mawi lo ʔong: *'Arse' is a vulgarism for the buttocks*.

**vulgarity** /vʌlˈgærəti/ n **(a)** [C usu pl] ʔong dan/tlan dan dik lonak. **(b)** [U] diklo/ʔhalo/mawilo ih umnak: *the vulgarity of his tastes, clothes, manners*.

**vulgarize, -ise** /vʌlgəraɪz/ v [Tn] **1** mi pakhat ih tlanen dan ʔat loter.

**vulgarization, -isation** /vʌlgəraɪzəʃn; US -rɪz-/ n [U, C].

**vulgarly** *adv* **1** nuam lo/thaw lo/mawi lo huatzawng zetin. **2** (*dated or fml*) mitampi theih in; a zaraan vualvo in: *The Devil is vulgarly referred to as 'Old Nick'*.

□ **vulgar fraction** (also **simple fraction**) bungʔhen ih riin tlunta, nambat le riin tangta nambat:  $\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\frac{5}{8}$  are vulgar fractions. Cf DECIMAL n.

**Vulgate** /vʌlgeɪt/ n **the Vulgate** [sing] AD 400 hrawngih Latin ʔong ih nganmi Cathiang, Baibal (RC pawl ih nemhngetmi).

**vulnerable** /vʌlnərəbl/ *adj* ~ **(to sth/sb)** **1** tuahmawh ol/derdai; a him har, siatsuah ol; ʔonʔaihnaak zawn: *Young birds are very vulnerable to predators*. ○ *Cyclists are more vulnerable than motorists*. ○ (*fig*) *His wife's death left him feeling vulnerable and depressed*.

**2** humhim lomi, rak kham lomi, siim neh theih: (*fig*) *vulnerable to abuse, blackmail, criticism* ○ *a vulnerable point in NATO's defences* ○ *The election defeat puts the party leader in a vulnerable position*.

▷ **vulnerability** /vʌlnərəˈbɪləti/ n [U].

**vulnerably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*.

**vulpine** /vʌlpam/ *adv* (*fml*) cinghnia vek: *vulpine cunning, stealth, etc* ○ *sharp vulpine features*.

**vulture** /vʌltʃə(r)/ n **1** langta. **2** (*fig*) mi duhham, mi ih siatnak in a hlawk ngah ding rak bawhtu: *vultures round the bedside of the dying millionaire*.

**vulva** /vʌlvə/ n (*pl* ~ **s** or, in scientific use, **vulvae** /vʌlvɪ:/) (*anatomy*) su; nunau zah-mawh a kua lenglam.

**vv** *abbr* verses.

**vying** *pres p* of **vie**.

