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B, b /bi:/ *n* (pl **B's, b's** /biz:/) **1** Mirang (English) cafang pahnihnak: *There are three b's in bubble.* **2** (music) C scale ih a pasarihnak note. **3** cathiam lam ih a pahnihnak: *get (a) B/B' in English.*

□ **B-road** *n* (in Britain) (A road) hnakin a thupi lo sawn mawṭaw zin: *Take the B1224 to York.*

B /bi:/ *abbr* (of lead used in pencils) a tawizawng ih a dum ti nganmi: *a B/BB/2B pencil.* Cf H, HB.

B /bi:/ *symb* (Brit) a sia deuhmi (lamzin), 'B' lampi: *the B1224 to York* ○ *a B-road.* Cf A.

b *abbr* born, a suak: *Emily Jane Clifton b 1800.* Cf D 2.

BA /bi:'ei:/ *abbr* **1** (US **AB**) Bachelor of Arts: *have/be a BA in history* ○ *Jim Fox BA (Hons).* **2** British Airways: *flight BA430 to Rome.*

baa /ba:/ *n* tuufa aai aw.

▷ **baa** *v* (pres p **baaing**, pt **baaed** or **baa'd** /ba:d/) [I] aai (baa ti in).

babble /bæbl/v **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) theih theilo ih ṭong (ṭong tluaktlo): *Stop babbling and speak more slowly.* ○ *tourists babbling (away) in a foreign language.* (b) thu ruat loih ṭong ciamco: *What is he babbling (on) about?* **2** [I] tiva luang awn: *a babbling brook.*

▷ **babble** *n* [U] **1** (a) theih theilo ṭong: *hear the babble of many voices.* (b) aat ṭong. **2** lungto lakih luangmi tidai awn.

babbler /bæblə(r)/ *n* theihthei loih a tlok rerotu.

babe /beib/ *n* **1** (arch) naute. **2** (US *sl*) nunau no. **3** (idm) **a babe in arms** (a) pomlai naute (bokvak thei hrih lo). (b) zaangfakza; bawmtu zohtu nei lomi. **out of the mouths of babes and sucklings** ⇒ MOUTH¹.

babel /beibl/ *n* [sing] ṭong ruri: *a babel of voices in the busy market.*

baboon /bə'bu:n/ US bæ-/ *n* uico hmél nei Africa le Arabia ram um zawng tumpi.

baby /beibi/ *n* **1** (a) naute, nausen (milai le ramsa): *Both mother and baby are doing well.* ○ *a baby boy/girl* ○ *a baby thrush, monkey, crocodile.* (b) (infml) kum nauta bik: *He's the baby of the team.* (c) naute vek, ralsia: *Stop crying and don't be such a baby.* **2** (a) (sl esp US) fala no (tlangval pa ih fala). (b) (US *sl*) milai. **3** [attrib] a fate zetmi: *a baby car.* **4** (idm) **be one's baby** (infml) zoh ṭha mi (milai, thil): *It's your baby,* ie You must deal with it. **leave sb holding the baby** ⇒ LEAVE¹.

smooth as a baby's bottom ⇒ SMOOTH¹. **start a baby** ⇒ START². **throw the baby out with the bath water** a ṭha lomi lakah a ṭhami hloneih.

▷ **baby** *v* (pt, pp **babied**) [Tn] naute vekih pawl, zoh; a duhnak vekin tuahsak (thlun) ringring (pamper): *Don't baby him.*

babyhood *n* [sing] (a) seentet-lai. (b) seentet caan.

babyish *adj* nauteta, naute hrang lawngah a tlaakmi: *Now that Ned can read he finds his early picture books too babyish.*

□ **baby carriage** (US) = PRAM.

baby-faced *adj* naute hmai vek (a bial a ceeng). **baby grand** grand piano fate.

baby-minder *n* naute rak kiltu (a rei nawn tiang).

baby-sit *v* (-tt-, pt -sat) [I] nau umsak: *She regularly baby-sits for us.* **baby-sitter** *n* (infml) (also **sitter**) nu le pa man loih suahvah sung caan tawite nau um saktu. **baby-sitting** *n* [U].

baby-snatcher *n* naute phurhnak leeng dirhmi sungih tantami naute firtu nunau.

baby-talk *n* naute ṭong (ṭong thiam hlaanih ṭongmi).

baby tooth (esp US) = MILK TOOTH (MILK).

baccalaureate /bækə'lɔ:riət/ *n* France ram le ram tampi ih tuahmi phunhra camibuai: *sit, take, pass, fail, etc one's baccalaureate.* University Bachelor dikari (degree).

baccarat /bækə'rɑ:/ *n* [U] phetama pawl ih lehmi phekah daan.

bacchanal /bækənəl/ *n* (pl ~s or ~ia /bækə'neilə/) (dated or fml) zuri ih nunnomnak.

▷ **bacchanalian** /bækə'neiliən/ *adj*: *bacchanalian revels.*

baccy /bæki/ *n* [U] (Brit infml) kuhsi; sikawng.

bachelor /bætʃələ(r)/ *n* **1** (a) tlangval; nupi nei hrih lo: *He remained a bachelor all his life.* ○ *a confirmed bachelor*, ie one who has decided never to marry ○ [attrib] *a bachelor girl*, ie unmarried woman who lives independently. Cf SPINSTER. (b) [attrib] tlangval hrangih a kaihmi: *a bachelor flat.* **2** phunsang tlawng ih detree ngah maisa bik a ngahtu; BA, BSc degree ngahtu: *a bachelor's degree* ○ *Bachelor of Arts/Science.*

bacillus /bə'siləs/ *n* (pl -cilli /bə'siləi/) funghreu vek pian nei nat petu (bacteria) nat hrik.

back¹ /bæk/ *n* **1** dunglam: *If you use mirrors you can see the back of your head.* ○ *The index is at the back (of the book).* ○ *The child sat in the back (of the car) behind the driver.* ○ *I was at the back (of the cinema) and couldn't see well.* ○ *Write your address on the back (of the cheque).* ○ *a room at the back of the house* ○ *a house with a garden at the back* ○ *You can't cut with the back of the knife.* ○ *the back of one's hand*, ie the side with the nails and the knuckles. Cf FRONT 1. **2** (a) milai ih zaang: *He lay on his back and looked up at the sky.* ○ *She broke her back in a climbing accident.* (b) ramsa ih zaang: *Fasten the*

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saddle on the horse's back. **3** sinfen a zaanglam kau. **4** tokham ih a hngauhsannak lam kau. **5** (in football, etc) bawlung lehnak ih dunglam kiltu, dunglam ih a tangtu pawl. **6** (idm) **at the back of one's/sb's mind** mi pakhat ih ruahnak ah a um nan, thupitnak a nei lemlomi: *At the back of his mind was the vague idea that he had met her before.* **the back of beyond** a pirpaak ih ummi hmun, a hriang le kelet hmun: *They live somewhere at the back of beyond.* **back to back** dung tun aw in: *Stand back to back and let's see who's taller.* **back to front** dunglam hmailam ah letin, linglet in: *Your pullover is on back to front.* **be glad, etc to see the back of sb/sth** hmu/tong saal nawn lo ding ruangah lungawi. **behind sb's back** mah theih lo ah, a thup in: *They say nasty things about him behind his back.* Cf TO SB'S FACE (FACE¹). **be on sb's back** rak kham, hnaihok, hrem. **break one's back (to do sth)** tuan nasa. **break the back of sth** a hardeuh mi, lole, a tamsawn tuansuak. **get/put sb's back up** thinhengter: *His offhand manner put my back up.* **get off sb's back** (infml) hnaihok nawnlo, hrem nawn lo. **have eyes in the back of one's head** ⇒ EYE¹. **have one's back to the wall** harsatnak ton ruangah tangtha. **know sth like the back of one's hand** ⇒ KNOW. **make a rod for one's own back** ⇒ ROD. **a pat on the back** ⇒ PAT² n. **pat sb/oneself on the back** ⇒ PAT² v. **put one's back into sth** tha suah ih tuah/ tuan. **a stab in the back** ⇒ STAB n. **stab sb in the back** ⇒ STAB v. **turn one's back on sb/sth** hrial, cohlanglo, dungtun: *He turned his back on his family when he became famous.* **water off a duck's back** ⇒ WATER. **you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours** ⇒ SCRATCH¹.

▷ **backless** adj (of dress) a zaanglam a tawimi (kor).

□ **backache** n [U, C] zaangnat, kheelnat.

backbone n **1** [C] zaangruh. **2** [sing] (fig) rinsan bikmi; suutpi: *Such people are the backbone of the country.* **3** [U] (fig) thazaang, cahnak, tuar theinak: *He has no backbone,* ie lacks stamina, perseverance, strength of character, etc. **4** (idm) **to the backbone** tha le kim zet in.

back-breaking adj a khunghar zetmi, baang thei zetmi: *back-breaking work, effort, etc.*

backpack n (esp US) = RUCKSACK. (ralkap thil phurhnak bawm). **backpacker** n. **backpacking** n [U].

backrest n zaang domtu.

backscratcher n zaang kheuhnak fung (kut vek).

backstroke n [U] zapathal tileuh, zathal tileuh.

back² /bæk/ adj (esp attrib and in compounds; no comparative or superlative) **1** dunglam: *a back garden* ○ *the back door* ○ *back teeth* ○ *back street*, ie usu narrow streets in a poor part of a town. **2** (a) dunglam ta; a luancia: *back issues of*

a magazine. (b) a tangmi: *back pay/taxes/rent.* **3** (phonetics) (of vowel) dang naihnak hmun ihsin a suakmi dang aw, awphei. **4** (idm) **put sth on the back burner** (infml) lehnau ih tuan/tuah dingih reet. **by/through the back door** a daanlo pi in: *He used his influential friends to help him get into the civil service by the back door.*

□ **back-bench** n (usu pl) (Brit) (senpi ai-awh upa pawl) thu relnak innpi ah dunglam ih tonak; Hluatdaw sungih mithupi lo deuh pawl tonak: *sit on the back-benches* ○ [attrib] *back-bench MPs.*

back-bencher n (Brit) tuanno/cohmun thupi a nei lo mi MP tlangsuak.

backcloth n (Brit) thuanthu cawnnak inndan dunglam puanzaar.

backdrop n = BACKCLOTH.

backhand n [sing] (tennis thawi tivek ah) a thawinak fung khi keh-lam ah nawp ih thawi daan; kut dunglet ih thawi daan: *He has a good backhand*, ie can make good backhand shots. ○ [attrib] *backhand stroke, shot, drive, etc.* Cf FOREHAND.

backhanded adj [usu attrib] **1** keh-lam kut nawp ih lekmi, kehlam nawp ih lek thiammi. **2** a kelkawimi, fiangte ih sim lomi; kelkawi: *a backhanded compliment*, ie one made in a sarcastic way so that it is not a compliment at all = becalawh.

backhander n (sl) nawhthuh.

backlist n an suah lai rero mi cabu cazin.

backlog n (usu sing) tuan lai dingmi hnatan; hmabaak: *a backlog of work/unanswered letters* ○ *After the postal strike there was a huge backlog of undelivered mail to be dealt with.*

back number an zuar nawn lomi zarhtin, thlatin, kumtin suahmi cabu pawl.

back road (esp US) = BY-ROAD.

back room n **1** (esp unimportant) a thupi lo dunglam innkhaan. **2** (idm) **back-room boys** (esp Brit infml) mi ih theipi cuca lomi scientists, engineers, research workers, tivek pawl.

back seat **1** mawtawka sungih dunglam tokheng. **2** (idm) **back-seat driver** (derog) a tul lomi ruahnak pe rerotu driver dungih totu. **take a back seat** (fig) thupi lovek ih rak um.

backside n (infml) tawtawk: *Get off your backside and do some work!* To ringring loin hna va tuan aw.

backstage adv **1** donsaang dunglam ah: *I was taken backstage to meet the actors.* **2** (fig) mi hmuh loin: *I'd like to know what really goes on backstage in government.*

backwater n [sing] **1** tiluang ih ban lonak tiva hmun thenkhat. **2** (fig) a san ih thil cangmi, thansonak, fimnak ih ban lomi hmun, ram: *I find this town too much of a backwater.*

backwoods n [pl] **1** vah hrih lo hrampa lak. **2** khawpi thawn a hlatnak, mi malte lawng umnak

ram. **3** a fim hrihlo ram. **backwoodsman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) hi vek ram ih ummi milai.

backyard *n* (also **yard**) **1** (a) (Brit) inn dunglam tualrawn. (b) inn caarlam, hmuamcaar lam. **2** (fig) a naih zet mi: *in one's own backyard*, ie within one's own organization.

back³ /bæk/ *adv* part **1** (a) dunglam ah: *Stand back to allow the procession to pass.* o *Sit well back in your chair.* o *You've combed your hair back.* o *The house stands back* (ie at some distance) *from the road.* o *We passed a garage, about a mile back.* Cf **FORWARD**¹ **1**. (b) rak kham; rak sup: *He could no longer hold back his tears.* o *The barriers failed to hold/keep the crowds back.* **2** (a) um hmun keelah: *Put the book back on the shelf.* o *Please give me my ball back.* o *My aunt is just back* (ie has just returned) *from Paris.* o *It takes me an hour to walk there and back.* o *We shall be back* (ie home again) *by six o'clock.* o *The party expects to be back in power after the election.* (b) rei ah, cu lai ah: (way) *back in the middle Ages* o *That was a few years back.* **3** thungrul: *If he kicks me, I'll kick him back.* o *Jane wrote him a long letter, but he never wrote back.* o *She smiled at him, and he smiled back.* **4** (idm) **back and forth** khatlam le khatlam feh le kir, hmaifeh-dungkir: *ferries sailing back and forth between Dover and Calais.* (in) **back of sth** (US infml) inn caarlam um, inn dunglam um: *the houses back of the church.*

□ **backbite** *v* (pt, pp **backbitten**) [I] (esp in the continuous tenses) umlo sungah rak relsia; thangsia. **backbiter** *n* relsiatu. **backbiting** *n* [U]. **backchat** (**back talk**) *n* [U] (infml) ziang siar loih sawn kir: *I want none of your backchat!*

backcomb (also **tease**) *v* [Tn] sam dunglam ah hriat.

backdate *v* [Tn] dung kir ih ni siarsak: *a pay increase awarded in May and backdated to 1 January.*

backfire *v* **1** [I] tuantukih alh/puak (engine sung tivek ah): *The car/engine backfired noisily.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) (fig) mah ih duh lomi suahter (maih tuahmi in): *The plot backfired (on the terrorist) when the bomb exploded too soon.* Cf **MISFIRE**. — *n* tuante ih puak (alh) mi (engine sungah).

back-formation *n* [U, C] tongfang sau suak tertu ih a hram, eg *televise* ihsin *television*.

backlash *n* [sing] dodal salnak; thungrul salnak: *The fall of the fascist dictatorship was followed by a left-wing backlash.*

back-pedal *v* (-il-; US -l-) **1** [I] baikal dunglam kir ih her/mawng. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) (fig) tul sal, tuah loih um sal: *The government are backpedalling on their election promises.*

backslide *v* (pt, pp **backslid**) [I] siakir; hlanih nuncan sia ah kir sal: *He's a reformed criminal who may yet backslide.* **backsliding** *n* [U].

backspace *v* [I] thircuk ngan tiki dungkirter.

back talk (US) = **BACKCHAT**.

backtrack *v* [I] **1** mah fehnak ziin thlun ih kir sal. **2** (fig) hlan ih relmi thu ihsin dung sip sal. **backwash** *n* **1** dung kirmi tilet. **2** (fig) (usu unpleasant) cangvaihnak, thu relmi ih ngahmi (a thalo lam): [attrib] *the backwash effect of the war years.*

back⁴ /bæk/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] dung kirter: *back (a car) out of/into the garage, onto the road, into* (ie hitting) *a tree.* **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (on/onto) *sth* dunglam a hoih: *Our house backs on(to) the river.* **3** [Tn] (a) bawm: *She's the candidate who is backed by the Labour Party.* (b) sumsaw bawm: *Who is backing the film?* **4** [Tn] (rang tlan zuamnak ah) paisa thaap: *I backed four horses but won nothing.* o *Did anyone back the winner?* o *The favorite was heavily backed, ie Much money was bet on its winning the race.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr esp passive] ~ *sth* (with *sth*) dunglam ihsin rak dan: *The photograph was backed with cardboard.* **6** [Tn] tan, a tul asile keimah in ka pe ding ti in cahnah dunglam ih hminkhen: *back a bill, note, etc.* **7** [I] (of wind) dunglam kir ih feh (nazi kut dunglam kirter vekin). Cf **VEER** **2**. **8** (idm) **back the wrong horse** (zuam-awknak ah) a sung dingmi rak tan. **9** (phr *v*) **back away** (from *sb/sth*) duh lo/tih ruangah dungsip: *The child backed away from the big dog.* **back down**; **US back off** a sung pek: *He proved that he was right and his critics had to back down.* **back out** (of *sth*) thutiam, thukam tul sal: *It's too late to back out (of the deal) now.* **back up** (US) = **BACK**⁴ **1**: *You can back up another two yards.* **back sb up** a si ti ih rak tan: *If I tell the police I was with you that day, will you back up my story/back me up?* **back sth up** (computing) computer sungih cahram, program file pawl a hlo/siat ding ralrinnak ah copy tuah.

▷ **backer** *n* **1** sumsaw thawn mi bawmtu. **2** rang tlanzuamnak ih tangka thaptu/kamtu.

backing *n* **1** (a) bomnak, tanpinak. (b) [sing] bawmtu pawl, tantu pawl: *The new leader has a large backing.* **2** [U] rak domtu ih hmanmi thil: *cloth, rubber, cardboard, etc backing.* **3** [U, C usu sing] (esp in pop music) hla saktu a dunglam in rak bawmtu awnmawi/milai aw: *vocal/instrumental backing* o [attrib] *a backing group.*

□ **back-up** *n* **1** [U] bomnak; bawmtu dingih zuahmi: *The police had military back-up.* o [attrib] *back-up services* o *the back-up team of a racing driver.* **2** [U, C] (computing) computer sungih cahram, program file pawl a hlo/siat ding ralrinnak ih copy tuahnak: *a back-up disc.*

backgammon /bæk'gæmən, 'bækgæmən/ *n* [U] keicang lehnak phunkhat.

background /bækgraʊnd/ *n* **1** [sing] dunglam um thil. Cf **FOREGROUND**. **2** [sing] (a) langlemlo

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ih umhmun, a phennak hmun: *be/be kept/stay in the background*, ie not in the centre of public attention. (b) a ring tuk lomi: *background music*. Cf FOREGROUND. **3** (a) [sing] *kiangkap ih a cangmi, asilole, a khuh-nehtu thil umtu daan: These political developments should be seen against a background of increasing East-West tension.* o [attrib] *background information*. (b) [C] *milai pakhat ih nunkhawsak daan, fimthiam daan, le zirnak pawl: He has a working-class background.* (c) [U] *dunglam thu le hla pawl: Can you give me more background on the company's financial position?*

backward /bækwəd/ *adj* **1** *dunglam ah: a backward glance, somersault.* **2** *thangso hrihlo: a very backward part of the country, with no proper roads and no electricity* o *John was rather backward as a child; he was nearly three before he could walk.* **3** [pred] ~ (in sth) *hmaisong deuh, ngamlo: Sheila is very clever but rather backward in expressing her ideas.* Cf FORWARD.
▷ **backwards** (also **backward**) *adv* **1** *dunglam ah: He looked backwards over his shoulder.* **2** *dungsip in, a letkir zawngin: It's not easy to run backwards.* o *The word 'star' is 'rats' backwards.* **3** *khuahlan lai umtudam lam ah; a sia lam ah: Let's take a journey backwards through time, ie imagine we are going back to an earlier period in history.* o *Instead of making progress, my work actually seems to be going backwards.* ⇒ Usage at FORWARD². **4** (idm) **backward(s) and forward(s)** *khatlam le khatlam ah: traveling backwards and forwards between London and the south coast* o [attrib] *a backward and forward movement.* **bend/lean over backwards (to do sth)** (infml) *teima, zuam nasa: Although we bent over backwards to please her, our new manager was still very critical of our work.* **know sth backwards** ⇒ KNOW.
backwardness *n* [U].

bacon /beikən/ *n* [U] **1** *cite ciahmi voksa; voksa pherh: a rasher of bacon.* Cf GAMMON, HAM 1, PORK. **2** (idm) **bring home the bacon** ⇒ HOME³. **save one's bacon** ⇒ SAVE¹.

bacteria /bæk'tiəriə/ *n* [pl] (sing -ium /-iəm/) *durbing lawngih hmuh theih nunnak nei thilnung; bacteria pangaang (thli, tidai, le leilung ah an um theu ih natnak an suahter thei).*

▷ **bacterial** /-riəl/ *adj* *hrik (bacteria) ih suahter-mi.*

bacteriology /bæk'tiəri,plədʒi/ *n* [U] *bacteria pangang thuhla zirnak.* **bacteriologist** /-dʒɪst/ *n* *bacteria thuhla thiamtu.*

bad¹ /bæd/ *adj* (**worse** /wɜːs/, **worst** /wɜːst/) **1** (a) *a tha lo, tha lo; a sia: a bad lecture, harvest* o *bad pronunciation, eyesight* o *You can't take photographs if the light is bad.* (b) (used with names of occupations or with *ns* derived from

vs) *hnaṭuan hmin, lole, vs ihsin a cangmi ns thawn hman khawm a si: a bad teacher, hairdresser, poet, etc* o *a bad liar, listener, etc* o *a bad loser, ie one who complains when he loses.* **2** *cohlan theih lomi: It's bad to steal.* o *He led a bad life.* **3** *a nuam lomi: In the recession, our firm went through a bad time.* o *What bad weather we're having!* o *He's had some bad news: his father has died suddenly.* o *These rotting bananas are giving off a bad smell.* **4** [usu attrib] *siazet, tha lo nasa: a bad mistake, accident, fracture, headache.* **5** (of food) *a ṭawih, a thu, ei tha lo: bad eggs, meat, etc* o *The fish will go bad if you don't put it in the fridge.* **6** [usu attrib] *a harhdam lo, a naa mi: bad teeth* o *a bad back, ie one that causes pain.* **7** [pred] ~ **for sb/sth** *siatsuahtu, thil tha lo: Smoking is bad for you/bad for your health.* o *Too much rain is bad for the crops.* **8** ~ (**for sth/to do sth**) *harsa lai, kaihl-lo: a bad time for buying a house/to buy a house* o *This beach is good for swimming but bad for surfing.* **9** (idm) **go from bad to worse** *a sia sinsin: We were hoping for an improvement but things have gone from bad to worse.* (**be/get**) **in bad (with sb)** (US infml) *lungkim lo, cohlang lo: If you get in bad with the boss, you'll have problems.* **not bad** (infml) *a tha, ruah hnakin a tha: That was not bad for a first attempt.* o *'How are you feeling?' 'Not too bad!'* **too bad** (a) *riahsiazta, zaangfahza: It's too bad you can't come to the party.* (b) (infml ironic) *vansiat ah: 'My share's too small.' 'Too bad! It's all you're going to get.'* (For other idioms containing **bad**, see entries for other major words in each idiom, eg **turn up like a bad penny** ⇒ PENNY)

▷ **bad** *adv* (US infml) *badly* (2): *That's what I want, and I want it bad.* o *Are you hurt bad?*

baddy *n* (infml) *thuanthu cawn le thuanthu sungih mi siava: In real life, it's not so easy to divide people into goodies and baddies.*

badly *adv* (**worse, worst**) **1** *lungduh um lo, thin kim um lo: play, work, sing, etc badly* o *badly made, dressed, etc* o *I'm afraid our team's doing rather badly.* **2** *zet, nasa (a ṭul nasa): badly in need of repair* o *badly wounded* o *badly beaten at football* o *They want to see her very badly.*

3 (idm) **badly off** *tlasam (sumpai lam ah): We shouldn't complain about being poor — many families are much worse off (than we are).* **be badly off for sth** *hlawhsam, daihl lo: The refugees are badly off for blankets, and even worse off for food.*

badness *n* [U].

□ **bad debt** *rulh saal thei lo dingmi leiba.*

bad lands *n* [pl] (US) *phuul ram, ram caar.*

bad language *ṭong sia.*

bad-mouth *v* [Tn] (US infml) *ṭong sia ṭong; mi ningna dingih ṭong.*

bad-tempered *adj* *thin sia, thin heng ringring.*

bad² /bæd/ *n* [U] **the bad** **1** thalomi, a siami. **2** (idm) **go to the bad** a siava ta (ziaza lam ah). **take the bad with the good** a sinak vekih cohlaang (a siat a that ah). **to the bad** leiba: *I am £500 to the bad*, ie I have £500 less than I had.

bade ⇒ BID.

badge /bædz/ *n* (a) taangben tacik (hmin le ziang hnaʔuan a si ti theihnak): *a cap badge*. (b) (fig) hminsinnak: *Chains are a badge of slavery*. Cikcin cu sal sinak ih hminsinnak a si.

badger¹ /bædzə(r)/ *n* vok vek, uico vek ramsa; ngalvaang.

badger² /bædzə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ **sb** (with/for sth); ~ **sb** (into doing sth) hnaihnokter, hnasetter: *Stop badgering your father with questions!* ○ *She badgered me into doing what she wanted.* ○ *Tom has been badgering his uncle to buy him a camera.*

badinage /bædɪnɑːz; US ˌbædənˈɑːz/ *n* [U] (French) capoh.

badminton /bædmɪntən/ *n* [U] ar-hmul thawi lehnak.

baffle¹ /bæfl/ *v* [Tn] **1** mangbangter; theiharter: *One of the exam questions baffled me completely.* ○ *Police are baffled as to the identity of the killer.* **2** rak kham, rak dawn: *She baffled all our attempts to find her.*

▷ **bafflement** *n* [U]. **baffling** *adj*: *a baffling crime.*

baffle² /bæfl/ *n* aw, khawtleu, le a tii pawl rak khamtu puanzar.

BAFTA /bæftə/ *abbr* British Academy of Film and Television Arts: *BAFTA awards*.

bag¹ /bæg/ *n* **1** (a) zaal, dip (cahna, puan, saphaw vek pawl) ○ *a shopping-bag* ○ *a handbag* ○ *a kitbag* ○ *a toolbag* ○ *a mailbag*. (b) dip khat: *two bags of coal*. **2** zaal bangtuk thil, a dor puangpimi: *bags under the eyes*, ie loose folds of skin under the eyes, eg from lack of sleep. **3** kah thatmi vate le ramsa pawl: *We got a good bag today.* **4** (infml derog) duhum lo thinsia nunau: *She's an awful old bag.* **5** (infml derog) (idm) **bag and baggage** mah thil neih hmuah thawn in: *Her tenant left, bag and baggage, without paying the rent.* **a bag of bones** ʔawl zet: *The cat had not been fed for weeks and was just a bag of bones.* **be in the bag** (infml) duhthusam vekin a si: *Her re-election is in the bag.* **let the cat out of the bag** ⇒ CAT¹. **pack one's bags** ⇒ PACK². **the whole bag of tricks** ⇒ WHOLE.

bag² /bæg/ *v* (-gg-) **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) zaal, dip sungah san: *bag (up) wheat*. **2** [Tn] (of hunters) ramsa kaap, ngah: *They bagged nothing except a couple of rabbits.* **3** [Tn] (infml) diil lo ih rak laak: *Who's bagged my matches?* ○ *She bagged (ie occupied, sat in = luah, to) the most comfortable chair.* ○ *try to bag an empty table*, ie to secure one, eg in a crowded restaurant. **4** [I, Ipr] a tlai puangpi: *trousers that bag at the knee*. **5** (idm) **bags** (I)... (infml) cuh, ngeen: *Bags I go first.*

bagatelle /bægəˈtel/ *n* **1** [U] thil hlum tete hmangih lehnak phunkhat. **2** [C] a thupilo, thil terek: *a mere bagatelle*. **3** [C] awnmawi/ hla tawi tete.

bagel /ˈbeɪgl/ *n* zunhruk pian ih tuahmi sangkhoh.

baggage /bæɡɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [U] = LUGGAGE, khual-tlawn tikih kenmi zaal, dip le hnipuan kuang pawl. **2** [U] ralkap phurhmi thuamhnaw. **3** [C] (dated infml joc) nunau huatsuak: *Come here, you little baggage!* **4** (idm) **bag and baggage** ⇒ BAG¹.

□ **baggage car** (US) = LUGGAGE VAN (LUGGAGE).

baggage room (US) = LEFT-LUGGAGE OFFICE (LEFT¹).

baggy /bæɡi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) tlai puangpi: *baggy trousers*.

▷ **baggily** *adv*. **bagginess** *n* [U].

bagpipes /bæɡpaɪps/ (also **pipes**) *n* [pl] zaktang ah thlithawl cep in kaa ih phawtmi thlung: *Scottish bagpipes*.

bags¹ /bægz/ *n* [pl] (infml) bawngbi sau: *Oxford bags*.

bags² /bægz/ *n* [pl] ~ (of sth) (infml) tampi: *There's bags of room.* ○ *Don't worry about money: I've got bags.*

bah /baː/ *interj* thinheng, thinsiat tikih ʔong suakmi aw.

bail¹ /beɪl/ *n* [U] **1** (sual ruangah) kamnak ih pekmi tangka, aamahkhaan (zakhamnak). **2** thukamnak thawn thawng sung ihsin thlah-lawknak: *The magistrate granted/refused him bail.* **3** (idm) **jump bail** ⇒ JUMP². **go/stand bail (for sb)** mi aamahkhan ih suah. (out) **on bail** aamahkhan thawn suak: *The accused was released on bail (of £1000) pending trial.*

▷ **bail** *v* (phr v) **bail sb out** (a) thu kamnak thawn thlah. (b) (fig infml) sumpai harsatnak ihsin ruun: *The club faced bankruptcy until a wealthy local businessman bailed them out.*

bail² /beɪl/ (also **bale**) /beɪl/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (out)/sth (out) lawngsungih tidai lenglam ah hlon: *bailing water (out)* ○ *bailing (out) the boat* ○ *The boat will sink unless we bail (out).*

bail³ /beɪl/ *n* (in cricket) cricket lehnak ih hmanmi thil.

bailey /ˈbeɪli/ *n* **1** phahlei innpi kulhtu phar/cangdawl. **2** phar sahpi ih kulhmi tual.

Bailey bridge /ˈbeɪli brɪdʒ/ thiar ih bun lohli theih lilawn (ralkap hmanmi).

bailiff /ˈbeɪlɪf/ *n* **1** thuthen zungih thilri le sumpai pawl finkhawitu cazipi. **2** (Brit) loram neitu ai-awh, palai; loram hrang ʔanreltu. **3** (US) thuthentu zungah thuthentu bawi a thleng tihi autu le tonak zemtu.

bairn /beən/ *n* (Scot) nauhak, naute.

bait /beɪt/ *n* [U] **1** thangtarh mi rawl; ngasio ih tarhmi rawl; thangtarh: *The fish nibbled at/rose to/took/swallowed the bait.* ○ *live bait*, ie small fish used to catch larger fish. **2** (fig) siahmi,

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kammi (rawl, etc) **3** (idm) **rise to the bait** ⇒ RISE². **swallow the bait** ⇒ SWALLOW².

▷ **bait** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** kam, tarh, siah, awk seh tiih rak siah (rawl thawn): *bait a trap* ○ *bait a hook with a worm*. **2** [Tn] (**a**) hreem (ramsa pakhat hreng tahrat in uico keuter tivek): *bear-baiting*. (**b**) tɔŋg sia hmang ih mi thinlung siatter.

baize /beiz/ *n* [U] biliat cabuai le phe cabuai ih pahmi puansah.

bake /beik/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb)** em, rawh: *bake bread, cakes, etc* ○ *The bread is baking/being baked* ○ *I'm baking Alex a birthday cake/baking a birthday cake for Alex*. ○ *baked potatoes* ○ *baked beans*, ie haricot beans baked and tinned with tomato sauce. ⇒ Usage at COOK. **2** [I, Tn, Cn-a] em caar: *The sun baked the ground hard*. ○ *The bricks are baking in the kilns*. **3** [I] (*fig infml*) (ni) a lingtuk: *It's baking today!* ○ *We are baking in the sun*.

▷ **baker** *n* **1** hmuk/sang rawhtu/emtu le zuartu: *buy some rolls at the baker's*. **2** (idm) **a baker's dozen** hleithum.

bakery /beikəri/ *n* sang, hmuk rawh/em le zuarnak hmun.

□ **baking-hot** *adj* (*infml*) a ling tuk: *a baking-hot day*.

baking-powder *n* sang colh; sang lak ih rawimi colh, thilnu.

bakelite /beikəlaɪt/ *n* [U] plastic phunkhat.

baksheesh /bækʃiːʃ, also bækʃiːʃ/ *n* [U] (in the Middle East) farah hnenih thenmi laksawng; thilthen; pek thil.

balaclava /bəleɪˈkla:və/ *n* (also **Balaclava helmet**) hmaicekci lawng langter in lu le hngawng hup thluhmi lukhuh.

balalaika /bəleɪˈlaɪkə/ *n* kil thum a nei ih hri thum a nei mi tingtang (Russia ram ih Slav pawl ih hmanmi).

balance¹ /bəleɪns/ *n* **1** [C] zazu (cuai thlainak).

2 [U] (**a**) khatlam le khatlam khing bangawknak: *Riders need a good sense of balance*. (**b**) khawruah theinak, thinlung diknak: *His wife's sudden death upset the balance of his mind*. **3** [U, sing] (**a**) ~ (**in sth/between A and B**) cuai tlai bangrep ih umzia; bukawk tonnak: *Try to achieve a better balance between work and play*. ○ *This newspaper maintains a good balance in its presentation of different opinions*. (**b**) kaih-aw, deeng-aw, buk-awton: *All the parts of the building are in perfect balance*. ○ *This painting has a pleasing balance of shapes and colours*. **4** [C] pek dingih tanglai mi tangka: *I must check my bank balance*, ie find out how much money I have in my account. **5** (**a**) [C] (*usu sing*) tangka taang: *The balance (of £500) will be paid within one week*. (**b**) **the balance** [sing] a taanglaimi: *The balance of your order will be supplied when we receive fresh stock*. ○

When will you take the balance of your annual leave? ⇒ Usage at REST³. **6** (idm) (**be/hang**) **in the balance** (thu le hla) fianghrih lo: *The future of this project is (hanging) in the balance*. **keep/lose one's balance** tlu lo ih ding te ih um ringring: *It is difficult to keep one's balance on an icy pavement*. ○ *She cycled too fast round the corner, lost her balance and fell off*. (**catch/throw sb**) **off balance** tlu: *I was caught off balance by the sudden wind and nearly fell*. **on balance** (*infml*) ruah ciamciamnak: *Despite some failures, our firm has had quite a good year on balance*. **redress the balance** ⇒ REDRESS *v*. **strike a balance** ⇒ STRIKE². **tip the balance** ⇒ TIP² **3**.

□ **balance of payments** ramdang ih thilri zuarman le ramdang pawlih thilri an leimi man a danawknak tangka: [attrib] *a healthy balance-of-payments position*.

balance of power **1** thuneihnak bangraan ih neih cionak. **2** (*politics*) paṭi tumpi pahnih mipum an bangawknak tik ih (thuneihnak congahutu) paṭi fate (mi malte): *Since the two main parties each won the same number of seats, the minority party holds the balance of power*.

balance of trade ramdang ih thil kuat le ramdang ihsin thil lut a man danawknak: [attrib] *a balance-of-trade deficit*, ie when a country's exports are worth less than its imports.

balance sheet tangka pekmi le ngahmi an danawknak ngankhummi ca.

balance² /bəleɪns/ *v* **1** (**a**) [Tn, Tn-pr] tlu lo, tla lo ih ret/umter: *a clown balancing a stick on the end of his nose*. (**b**) [I, Ipr] tlu lo dingih umter: *He balanced precariously on the narrow window-ledge*. ○ *How long can you balance on one foot?* **2** (*finance*) (**a**) [Tn] tangka lut le suak bangrep dingih tuah: *balance an account/one's books* ○ *balance the budget*, ie arrange for income and expenditure to be equal. (**b**) [I] tangka lut le suak a bang aw: *Do the firm's accounts balance?* (**c**) [Tn] bangawlo mi bangawknak ter sal; khuh sal: *This year's profits will balance our previous losses*. ○ (*fig*) *His lack of experience was balanced by his willingness to learn*. **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **A against B** khawkhannak pakhat ih a ṭhat zia a dang pakhat thawn taṭthim: *She balanced the attractions of a high salary against the prospect of working long hours*. **4** [Tn] a thupit daan bangran ih ret: *This school aims to balance the amount of time spent on arts and science subjects*. ○ *Try to balance your diet by eating more fruit and less protein*.

▷ **balanced** *adj* [*usu attrib*] bangaw dingih a khingkhaimi; a bukawmi: *a balanced state of mind*, ie a stable one, in which no single emotion is too strong ○ *a balanced decision*, khuilam khal ningna loih thuṭhennak; bangrep ih

khingkhainak. ○ a *balanced diet*, harhdamnak hrangih a tha mi rawl.

balcony /bəˈlɒni/ *n* **1** inndot tlunta phar leeng ih kulhmi zaute; biakinn, lole, puai zohnak hmun ih tonak dot tlunta.

bald /bɔːld/ *adj* **1** (a) lu kolh, sam kolh. (b) hmul kolh, a kolh: *Our dog has a bald patch* (ie a patch with no hair) *on its leg*. ○ *bald* (ie badly worn) *tyres* ○ (fig) *a bald landscape*, ie one with no trees, bushes, etc. **2** a fiangmi: *bald facts* ○ *a bald statement of the facts*. **3** (idm) (as) **bald as a coot** kolh lialli (sam fangkhat hman umlo).

▷ **balding** *adj* sam kolh: *He was already balding at the age of 25*.

baldly *adv* fiangte in: *To put it baldly...*, ie If I may speak plainly, without trying to soften what I am saying...

baldness *n* [U].

□ **bald eagle** sakta America ram um mu-lukolh.

balderdash /ˈbɔːldədæʃ/ *n* [U] (*dated infml*) thulolak: *He's talking balderdash*.

bale¹ /beɪl/ *n* cahnah tom; puanthan tom, hrampi tom: *bales of hay* ○ *The cloth was packed in bales*. ○ *How many bales of tobacco were sold?*

▷ **bale** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) tom: *baling hay*.

bale² /beɪl/ *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] = **BAIL**². **2** (phr *v*)

bale out (of sth) vanzam par ihsin parachute thawn dawp.

baleful /beɪfʊl/ *adj* tihphangza, harsatnak pe thei: *a baleful look, influence, presence*.

▷ **balefully** /beɪfʊli/ *adv*.

balk¹ (also **baulk**) /bɔːk/ *n* rawlkap. (yetmah)

balk² (also **baulk**) /bɔːk/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) *tuah duh hrathrai lo* (a har, tihnung ruangah): *The horse balked at* (ie refused to jump) *the high hedge*. ○ *His parents balked at the cost of the guitar he wanted*. **2** (*dated*) (a) rak kham hrim: *balk sb's plans*. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb of sth** ngah lo dingpin *tuah, kham: They were balked of their prey*.

ball¹ /bɔːl/ *n* **1** (a) bawlung, ciinphu: *a foot ball* ○ *a tennis-ball* ○ *a cricket-ball*. (b) bawlung vek a hluummi thil: *Signs with three balls hang outside pawnbrokers' shops*. **2** (a) (in cricket) bawlung dengtu ih den mi denkhat. (b) (in baseball) denmi, thawimi bawlung: *a foul ball*. (in football) siitmi ball: *send over a high ball*. **3** hluum ko hrualmi: *a meat ball* ○ *a snowball* ○ *a ball of wool/string*. **4** kut zungpi a hluumnak zawn: *the ball of the thumb*, ie the part near the palm. ○ *the ball of the foot*, ie the part near the base of the big toe. **5** (usu *pl*) (*infml*) tilmu. **6** (idm) **the ball is in one's/sb's court** pakhat pa ih cangvaih caan. **a ball of fire** (*infml*) thazaang le hiarnak thawn a khatmi minung. **have the ball at one's feet** tuahsuak thei dingmi. **keep/start the ball rolling** *tuah vingvo; tuah thok*. (be) **on the ball** (*infml*) ruahnak thar le ralrinnak thar nei: *The new publicity manager is really on*

the ball. **play ball** (*infml*) bawm ve, tel ve, tuah khawm ve: *They're refusing to play ball*.

▷ **ball** *v* [Tn] hluumter, hluum (saihluum hrual): *ball one's fist*.

□ **ball-bearing** *n* (a) leeng ke sungih retmi kahpa-thir hlum tete. (b) (usu *pl*) cuvek thir hluum.

ballboy, ballgirl *ns* tennis leh tikih bawlung sartu.

ballcock *n* tidai thang ding rak khamtu pung sungih palang hru khok.

ball game **1** (a) bawlung thawn lehnak. (b) (US) baseball lehnak. **2** (sl) thil umtuzia: *We're into a whole new ball game*.

ballpark *n* **1** (US) baseball lehnak bualrawn. **2** (sl) hmunhma, area: *a guess that's just not in the right ballpark*, ie one that is wildly inaccurate ○ [attrib] *a ballpark figure*, ie a rough estimate.

ball-point *n* (also **ball-point pen**) a zim ah a hluumte ummi ca ngannak cafung. Cf BRIO.

ball² /bɔːl/ *n* **1** laamnak puaipi. **2** (idm) **have (oneself) a ball** (*infml esp US*) nuam aw.

□ **ballroom** *n* laamhmun innkhanpi. Cf DANCE-HALL (DANCE¹). **ballroom dancing** ballroom laam.

ballad /bæləd/ *n* thuanthu tel hla le biazaai pawl.

ballade /bæˈləd/ *n* **1** riin 7 in riin 10 tiang a um mi biazaai tawite. **2** duhdawtnak awnmawi phunkhat.

ballast /bæˈləd/ *n* **1** [U] a din hnget seh ti ih lawngpi sungih retmi thilrit. **2** [U] pawpawlung sangsin ah zam seh tiah a sungih thunmi lungto/vunnel. **3** [U] tlaangleng zin ih phahmi lungto. **4** [C] electric tha fehdan diktertu thil. **5** (idm) in **ballast (of a ship)** ballast lawnglawng phurtu. ▷ **ballast** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) ballast ret sak.

ballerina /bæləˈrɪnə/ *n* ballet laamtu nunau.

ballet /bæleɪ/ *n* **1** (a) [U] (sometimes **the ballet**) tɔng le hla sak tello, awnmawi lawng tel thuanthu cawn laam phunkhat: *enjoy (the) classical ballet* ○ [attrib] *ballet music*. (b) [C] Cutivek ih hmuhmi thuanthu: *Have you seen this ballet before?* **2** ballet laamtu mi pawlkhat: *members of the Bolshoi Ballet*.

□ **ballet-dancer** *n* ballet laamtu.

ballistics /bəˈlɪstɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] kahmi cerek tivek pawl thuhla zirnak: [attrib] *a ballistics expert*.

□ **ballistic missile** hmun pakhat ihsin lamhruinak thawn ih kahmi pukpi cerek vek tumpi.

ballocks (also **bollocks**) /ˈbɒləks/ *n* (Δ *infml*) **1** tilmu. **2** [U] thulolak: *What a load of ballocks!*

▷ **ballocks** *interj* (Δ *infml*) thulolak.

balloon /bəˈluːn/ *n* **1** balun sialriat, pawpawlung dip. **2** (also **hot-air balloon**) thli saa thun mi balun. **3** pawpawlung vek tɔng suahnak, tawnɔk. **4** (idm) **when the balloon goes up** (*infml*) theihcia mi harnak a thok tikah: *I don't want to be around when the balloon goes up*.

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▷ **balloon** *v* [I] **1** a puar, a pawng, a thang: *Her skirt ballooned in the wind.* **2** (usu **go ballooning**) pawpawng to ih zuang: *They like to go ballooning at weekends.*
balloonist *n* (lehpannakah) pawpawng to ih khual-tlawngtu.
ballot /bælət/ *n* **1** (a) [C] (also **ballot-paper**) hril-awknak ih hmanmi cahnah (mee). (b) [U] (hmuhtheihlo) a thup ih hril-awknak: *elected by ballot.* (c) [C] hiti vekih hril-aw: *hold a ballot of members* ○ *We should put it to a ballot.* **2** [C] thlakmi mee zat.
▷ **ballot** *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb/sth) mee thlaak. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (about/on sth) thupte mee thlakter: *The union balloted its members on the proposed changes.*
□ **ballot-box** *n* mee pung.
balls /bɔ:lz/ *n* (Δ *infml*) **1** [sing *v*] hnaihnoknak: *What a balls you've made of it!* **2** [U] thulolak: *That's a load of balls!* ○ *What he said was all balls.*
▷ **balls** *interj* (Δ *infml*) thulolak!: *Absolutely balls!*
balls *v* (phr *v*) **balls sth up** (US also **ball sth up**) (Δ *infml*) hnokter theh: *He ballsed up all my plans by being so late.*
balls-up /bɔ:ldʌp/ (US also **ball-up** /bɔ:ldʌp/) *n* (Δ *infml*) a hnok thehmi: *I made a proper balls-up of that exam.*
bally /bæli/ *adj, adv* (dated Brit sl) BLOODY² (1), zet (tawp) tuk tinak: *It's a bally nuisance!*
ballyhoo /bɔ:lihu:/ *US, bælihu:/n* [U] (*infml derog*) **1** awnau celcel. **2** a tʃul lomi awn-au.
balm /bɑ:m/ *n* [U, C] **1** (also **balsam**) phazuksi; thingkung phunkhat ihsin tuahmi hmahuh sii. **2** (fig) thinlung a daitertu thil: *The gentle music was (a) balm to his ears.*
▷ **balmy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (of air) a dai, a nuamter theimi. **2** a hmu, balm vek. **3** (esp US) = BARMY.
balmyly *adv*. **balminess** *n* [U].
baloney = BOLONEY.
balsa /bɔ:lsə/ *n* (a) [U] a khauh ih a zaang zetmi thing phunkhat (lawng tivek tuahnak ah an hmang). (b) [C] balsa kung.
balsam /bɔ:lsəm/ *n* **1** [C] hmuan pangpar kung phunkhat. **2** (a) [C] phazuksi kung. (b) [U, C] = BALM.
baluster /bæləstə(r)/ *n* kutkaih tlang dotu thuum.
balustrade /bæləstreɪd/ *n* kut kaih tlangih thuumte tlartluan.
bamboo /bæm'bu/ *n* [C, U] rua: *the bamboos growing by the river* ○ *a house of bamboo* ○ [attrib] *a bamboo chair.*
bamboozle /bæm'bu:zl/ *v* (*infml*) **1** [Tn] mangbangter: *You've completely bamboozled me.* **2** (phr *v*) **bamboozle sb into (doing) sth** bumphah in tuahter: *He bamboozled me into believing that he'd lost all his money.* **bamboozle sb out of sth** bum hlo.

ban /bæn/ *v* (-nn-) **1** [Tn] kham, sianglo (zung ihsin): *The play was banned (by the censor).* ○ *The government has banned the use of chemical weapons.* ○ *a ban-the-bomb demonstration*, ie one protesting against the use of nuclear weapons. **2** ~ **sb** (from sth/from doing sth) tuah kham, tuah siang lo (zung thu in): *He was banned from (attending) the meeting.* ○ *She's been banned from driving for six months.*
▷ **ban** *n* ~ (on sth/sb) khamnak; sianlonak thupek: *put a ban on the import of alcohol.*
banal /bə'næl/ *US 'beɪn/ adj* a menmen; tʃukʃak; duh um lemlomi: *banal remarks, thoughts, sentiments, etc.*
▷ **banality** /bə'næləti/ *n* **1** [U] menmen sinak. **2** [C] ruat lemlo ih tɔŋgmi: *a speech consisting mainly of banalities.*
banana /bə'nænə/ *US bə'nænə/ n* **1** (a) banhla. (b) banhla kung. **2** (idm) **go bananas** (sl) thinheng, aithok; atthlak zet ih tuah.
□ **banana republic** (*derog*) ram fate; thingthei thingrah zuar ih nung ram fate.
banana skin (*infml*) harsatnak ih hram: *The proposed tax changes are likely to prove a banana skin to the government.*
band /bænd/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thil tɛmnak hridai peer; puan peer; thirhri peer tivek pawl: *iron bands round a barrel* ○ *papers kept to gather with a rubber band* ○ *the waistband of a dress.* (b) riin tlep/peer: *a white plate with a blue band round the edge.* **2** [CGp] pawl; awnmawi tumtu pawl, rukfir pawl, laamtu pawl tivek: *a band of robbers, fugitives, revelers, etc.* **3** [CGp] (a) kaa thawn awnmawi thil tumtu ho: *a brass band* ○ *a military band.* (b) laamnak ih awnmawi tumtu ho: *a dance band* ○ *a jazz band.* Cf ORCHESTRA. **4** [C] (also **wave-band**) (radio) radio awlet pakhat le pakhat a hlatlam: *the 19-metre band.*
▷ **band** *v* **1** [Tn] thil peer thawn ngerh ih tɛmtawn. **2** [Ip] ~ **together** tɛngkhawm: *band together to protest* ○ *band together against a common enemy.*
□ **bandmaster** *n* khuang-daar le awnmawi tumtu pawl hotu.
band-saw taikap saupi nei cet-hluah.
bandsman /-mən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) awnmawi tum ho sungtel.
bandstand /bændstænd/ *n* awnmawi khuangdar pawl tumnak hmun.
bandwagon *n* (idm) **climb/jump on the bandwagon** (*infml*) thil tisuak thei ding mi pawl hnenah va tel ve.
bandage /bændɪdʒ/ *n* hma tuamnak puan.
▷ **bandage** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth/sb** (up) (with sth) hma tuam sak: *bandage (up) a wound* ○ *a bandaged hand.*
Band-aid /bændeid/ *n* [C, U] (US propr) a beekmi hmatuamnak.
bandanna /bændænə/ *n* hngawngngerh puan

tial.

B and B (also **b and b**) /ˌbi: ən ˈbi:/ *abbr* (*Brit infml*)
bed and breakfast.

bandbox /'bændbɒks/ *n* lukhuh pawl retnak
caku kuang.

bandeau /'bændəu; US bæn'dəu/ *n* (*pl* **-deaux** /-dəʊz; US -'dəʊz/) sam tawnnak puanhri peer.

bandit /'bændɪt/ *n* damiah (suamhmang); mi thil
longtu: *Buses driving through the mountains
have been attacked by bandits.*

▷ **banditry** *n* [U] damiah ih mi thilri lonnak.

bandoleer (also **bandolier**) /bændə'lɪə(r)/ *n* dip tete um ziandawng sannak liangbat zaal sau.

bandy¹ /bəndi/ *v* (pt, pp **bandied**) **1** (idm) **bandy words (with sb)** (dated) kam cuh aw; tɔŋ sawn-aw (tawh-awk ah): *Don't bandy words with me, young man!* **2** (phr *v*) **bandy sth about** (usu passive) thu lengvakter, thu vakvaiter: *The stories being bandied about are completely false.*
 ○ *Her name is being bandied about as the next chairperson.*

bandy² /bəndi/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*usu derog*) khuk tanglam ke kawimi.

□ **bandy-legged** *adj* (of people or animals) ngal kawi, ngal ngawi.

bane/beɪn/ *n* (idm) **the bane of sb's existence/life**
 siatsuahnak; harsatnak: *Those noisy neighbours are the bane of my life.* ○ *Drink was the bane of his existence.*

▷ **baneful** /-fʊl/ *adj* mi siatsuah thei: *a baneful influence*. **banefully** /-fʊli/ *adv*.

bang¹ [bæŋ¹ / v **1** (a) [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] nasa zet in khawng hrim, phom, cuum: *He was banging on the door with his fist.* ○ *I banged the door.* ○ *She banged her fist on the table.* ○ *I banged the box down on the floor.* (b) [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (**down, to etc**) nazet ih khar (sangka): *A door was banging somewhere, ie opening and closing noisily.* ○ *Don't bang the door!* ○ *He banged the lid down.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] khawng aw ciamco: *She tripped and banged her knee on the desk.* (b) [Ipr] ~ **into sb/sth** khawng: *He ran round the corner and banged straight into a lamp-post.* **3** [I, Ip] puak ciamco: *The fireworks banged impressively.* **4** (phr v) **bang about/around** aw thawm nei zet ih tawivak ciamco: *We could hear the children banging about upstairs.* **bang away** (a) (infml) (cacuk tivek) napi ih tuan. (b) (infml) (meithal) cat-banglo in kap: *We were banging away at the enemy.* ○ *The guns banged away all day.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Knock** means hitting something with a clear, sharp sound. One may knock to signal one's presence to others: *Can you go to the door? Someone's knocking.* *o He knocked at the window to be let in.* **Knock** can denote an accidental action which hurts or breaks something: *I knocked my hand against*

the table. ○ *I knocked the plate off the table with my elbow.* **2 Bump** means hitting something by accident and with a dull sound: *The bus bumped into the back of the car.* ○ *He ran round the corner and bumped into an old lady.* ○ *I bumped my head on the low beam.* **3 Bang** suggests a harder blow and a louder sound. Banging may be intentional hitting, expressing anger or urgency: *He banged his fist on the table to emphasize his argument.* ○ *He banged on the door until it was opened.* Banging may also be accidental and painful: *I banged my elbow on the corner of the table.* **4 Bash** is informal and means breaking or injuring something or somebody by hitting hard: *The thieves bashed the woman over the head.* ○ *The car bashed into the tree.*

bang² /bæŋ/ *n* **1** nasa zet ih khawn-awknak: *He fell and got a nasty bang on the head.* **2** lakhruak thawmring zet: *She always shuts the door with a bang.* *o The firework exploded with a loud bang.* **3** (sl) nu le pa pawl-awknak: *have a quick bang.* **4** (idm) **go (off) with a bang; US go over with a bang** (infml) tuah suak thei, hlensuak.

bang³/bæŋ/ *adv (infml)* **1** hmakhat ah, thawngvang nei zetin: *I tripped and fell bang on the floor.* **2** (a) a cekci: *bang in the middle of the performance* o Your guess was bang on target. (b) a kim te'n: *The film is bang up to date.* **3** (idm) **bang goes with** (infml) a cemnak a si: *Bang went his hopes of promotion.* **be bang on** (sl) a dik cekci: *Her criticisms were bang on every time.* o *Your budget figures were bang on this year.* **go bang** (infml) puak kuai.

▷ **bang** *interj* (used to imitate a loud noise):
'Bang! Bang! You're dead!' shouted the small boy.

banger /ˈbæŋə(r)/ *n* (Brit infml) **1** vok ril vek sa
satdip thunmi. **2** phangphang. **3** mawṭawka
hlunpi.

bangle /'bæŋgl/ *n* fau (baan le ke ih hruukmi).

banian (also **banyan**) /'bæniən/ (also **banyan-tree**)
n bung kung.

banish /bəˈniʃ/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] **1 ~ sb (from sth)** hlohter; (sual ruangah) ram ihsin dawi: *He was banished (from his homeland) for life.* **2 ~ sth (from sth)** ruat nawnlo: *banish fear* o *She banished all thoughts of a restful holiday (from her mind).*

▷ **banishment** *n* [U] suahkehnak ram ihsin dawihlonak.

banister /^bbænɪstə(r)/ *n* (esp *pl*) kailawn kut kaih:
children sliding down the banister(s).

banjo /bændʒəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~**s**) ʈɪŋtʌŋ hnawŋsəu;
benzu ʈɪŋtʌŋ.

bank¹ /bæŋk/ *n* **1** tiva, tlaang; tiva kam: *Can you jump over to the opposite bank?* ◦ *My house is on the south bank (of the river).* ⇒ Usage at COAST¹.
2 tiva kap a hrapnak: *low banks of earth between rice-fields* ◦ *flowers growing on the banks on*

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each side of the country lanes. **3** = SANDBANK (SAND). **4** khawdur sahpi (a rawnpi ih ummi): *The sun went behind a bank of clouds.*

bank² /bæŋk/ *v* **1** [I] a lei: *The plane banked steeply to the left, vanzám kehlaŋ ah a lei.* **2** (phr *v*) **bank up** a peng-aw: *The snow has banked up against the shed.* **bank sth up** (a) dawł (b) tiva dawł: *bank up a stream.* (c) tappi ah meihol peng (reipi kaŋg seh tiduh ah).

bank³ /bæŋk/ *n* **1** tangka le hlawnthil khawlnak hmun: *have money in the bank*, ie have savings
 ◦ [attrib] a bank manager ◦ a bank account ◦ a bank loan, ie money borrowed from a bank.
2 phekahnak ih tangka petu (daing) kut sungih tangka. **3** khawł ciamco: *build up a bank of useful addresses, references, information, etc* ◦ a blood bank ◦ a data bank. **4** (idm) **break the bank** (a) tangka tam sawn neh (phe daing neihmi hnaki tam) (b) (infml) pekthei zat hnakin tamsawn cem: *Come on! One evening at the theatre won't break the bank.*

□ **bank balance** bank ih tangmi/bank ih baakmi tangka zat.

bank-book (also **passbook**) *n* baan ih retnak le suahnak tangka cazin cabu te.

bank draft bank pakhat ihsin pakhat ah tangka kuatnak ca.

bank holiday **1** (Brit) Bank zungpit ni (Rinni le Cawłhni siar lo) Bank Zungpit Ni eg *Easter Monday, Christmas Day, etc.* **2** (US) ah Acozah ih pittermi baan zungpihni.

banknote = NOTE¹.

bank rate *n* bank puuṭṭhang (central bank ihsin khiahmi a punṭṭhang niam bik).

bank statement tangka lut le suak simfiangnak bank ihsin suahmi tangka cazin.

bank⁴ /bæŋk/ *v* **1** [Tn] bank zung ah tangka ret: *bank one's savings, takings, etc.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/sth) tangka re (cazin thawn): *Who do you bank with?* ◦ *Where do you bank?* **3** (phr *v*) **bank on sb/sth** ruahsan, rinsan: *I'm banking on your help/on you to help me.* ◦ *He was banking on the train being on time.*

▷ **banker** *n* **1** bank neitu, manager. **2** phekahnak ih paisa tamsawn kaitu. **banker's order** = STANDING ORDER (STANDING).

banking *n* [U] bank hnaṭuannak: *choose banking as a career* ◦ *She's in banking.*

bank⁵ /bæŋk/ *n* thil tlar (thir tlar, thingpum tlar etc): *a bank of lights, switches, etc* ◦ *a bank of cylinders in an engine* ◦ *a bank of oars.*

bankrupt /bæŋkrəpt/ *n* (law) leiba rul theilo ti ih thuṭṭen zung ih thusah a tuartu (leiba rul thei lotu); zungin a thilri an laksak ih leiba rulhnakah an hmansak.

▷ **bankrupt** *adj* **1** (a) (law) thuṭṭen zungih leiba rul thei lo ti ih thusah mi. (b) leiba rul thei lo: *go/be bankrupt.* **2** ~ (of sth) (derog) hlawsam; ṭṭatnak um lo rori: *bankrupt of ideas, moral*

scruples ◦ *a society that is morally bankrupt.*

bankrupt *v* [Tn] leiba neihter; sungter ṭṭeh.

bankruptcy /bæŋkrəps/ *n* (a) leiba rul thei lonak: [attrib] *in the bankruptcy court.* (b) [C] leiba rul thei lo ih cannak: *Ten bankruptcies were recorded in this town last year.*

banner /bænə(r)/ *n* **1** catar; a tlunih ca ngan um puanzar: *The marchers carried banners with the words 'No Nuclear Weapons' in large letters.* **2** (dated) thantar: *the banner of freedom.* **3** [attrib] (US) a ṭṭa bik: *a banner year for exports.* **4** (idm) **under the banner (of sth)** bomduhnak thawn: *She fought the election under the banner of equal rights.*

□ **banner headline** (also **streamer**) Thuthang Ca Thulu tumpi.

banns /bænz/ *n* [pl] ṭṭi-aw ding tiin biakinn sungih thuthannak: *read/publish the banns* ◦ *have one's banns called*, ie have one's forthcoming marriage announced.

banquet /bæŋkwit/ *n* rawldo puai: *a wedding banquet.*

▷ **banquet** *v* **1** [Tn] rawldo, puai tuah. **2** [I] rawldonak ah telve.

banshee /bæŋʃi:/ *US* /bæŋʃi:/ *n* (esp Irish) innsang mi pakhat a thi ding ti khiihmuhtu (a ṭṭa ṭṭeumi) nunau thlarau.

bantam /bæntəm/ *n* innzuat ar fate pawł: [attrib] *bantam cocks.*

bantamweight /bæntəmweɪt/ *n* **1** 51 le 53.5 kilograms karlak a ritmi boxing thongtu (flyweight tlun). **2** 52 le 57 kilograms karlak rit buanzuamtu.

banter /bæntə(r)/ *n* [U] capoh thiam: *players exchanging light-hearted banter with the crowd.*

▷ **banter** *v* [I] capo ih ṭong. **bantering** *adj* capo: *a bantering tone of voice.* **banteringly** *adv.*

Bantu /bæntu:/ *US* also /bæntu:/ *n* the Bantu (also the Bantus) thlanglam Africa um Negro miphun pakhat.

▷ **Bantu** *adj* Bantu ṭong.

banyan = BANIAN.

baobab /beɪəbæb/ *US* /baʊbæb/ *n* Africa ram um thingkung phunkhat.

baptism /bæptɪzəm/ *n* **1** (a) [U] Khristian Kawhhran sungtel luhnak dingih baptisma peknak; hnimpil asilole a thlerh in an hman. (b) [C] baptisma peknak: *There were six baptisms at this church last week.* **2** (idm) **a baptism of fire** (a) ralkap pakhat ih hmaisá bik a ral donak. (b) thil nuamlo hmaisá bik tonnak: *a young teacher facing her baptism of fire.*

▷ **baptismal** /bæptɪzəməl/ *adj* [attrib] tihnimnak thawn a pehawmi: *a baptismal name, font* ◦ *baptismal water.*

Baptist /bæptɪst/ *n* *adj* a sullam theihfiang hnu hnimpil a ṭul a si ti a zumtu Khristian kawhhran (sungtel).

baptize, -ise /bæptʰaɪz/ *v* [Tn, Cn-n esp passive]

1 tihnim, tipilh; Khristian hmin pek: *She was baptized by the pastor* ○ *She was baptized Mary.*
2 baptisma lak tahrat ih Kawhhran pakhat sungah tel ve: *I was baptized a Catholic.* Cf CHRISTEN.

bar¹ /ba(r)/ *n* **1** [C] a tluan, a tan: a long iron bar ○ a bar of chocolate, soap. **(b)** thing-tluan; thiirtluan tivek: *There's a strong bar on the door.* ○ *They fitted bars to their windows to stop burglars getting in.* **2** [C] riin per saupi: *At sunset, there was a bar of red across the western sky.* **3** [C] ralkap hminthatnak tacik pekmi ah a hleideuh in pekmi langternak thir ih tuah kingkalh. **4** [C] **(a)** Awnmawi ah a khing a bangrep ti langternak tungrin. **(b)** Hitivek rinsung um awnmawi awfang: *Hum the opening bars of your favourite tune.* **5** [C] **(a)** tiva khi tipi ih a va luhnak kaa ih um vunneel tluan: *The ship stuck fast on the bar.* **(b)** (fig) (usu sing) rak dawnkhamtu thil: *Poor health may be a bar to success in life.* **6** [sing] dannak, thuthen zung sungih thuthen, thuneitu pawl le thawngtla pawl, thungaitu mipi thawn a then dannak—a kulh: *the prisoner at the bar* ○ (fig) *She will be judged at the bar of public opinion.* **7** [sing] **(a)** (Brit) Hluatdaw sungah Hluatdaw sungtel lo pawl ih umnak hmun (thir tlang ih danmi hmun). **(b)** (US) Hluatdaw inn ih cuvek hmun. **8 the bar** [Gp, sing] **(a)** (Brit) Barrister sihni: *She's training for the bar.* ○ *be called to the bar*, ie be received into the profession of barrister. **(b)** (US) upadi lam ih thureltu sihni a tuantu hmuahmuah. **9** [C] **(a)** zu zuar hmun cabuaisang: *sitting on a stool by the bar.* **(b)** zu zuar hmun inn: *They walked into the bar.* **10** [C] **(a)** eiṭha, inṭha, thil pawl (zuu vek) zuar hmun cabuaisang; zuu le inṭha zuarhmun: *a sandwich bar* ○ *a coffee bar* ○ *a wine bar.* **(b)** kedan remnak hmun: *a heel bar*, ie where the heels, etc of shoes are repaired. **11** (idm) **behind bars** (infml) thawngto: *The murderer is now safely behind bars.*

□ **bar billiards** billiard vek lehnak.

bar chart (also **histogram**) a zat hmuhnak riinpeer tung.

bar code thilri parih ngan mi hminsinnak riintluan pawl.

barmaid *n* zu zuar hmun hnaṭuan nunau.

barman /-mən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) zu zuar hmun hnaṭuan mipa.

bartender *n* (esp US) = BARMAN.

bar² /ba(r)/ *v* (-rr-) **1** [Tn] sangka kilh. **2** [Tn] hmailam feh thei lo in rak kham: *Soldiers barred the road so we had to turn back. Poverty bars the way to progress.* **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb from sth/doing sth** thil pakhat khat tuah ding kham/siang lo: *She was barred from (entering) the competition because of her age.* **4** [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** ngan, rin: *a sky barred with clouds.* **5** (phr v) **bar sb in (sth)/out of (sth)** lut

thei lo, suak thei loih tuah (inn ah): *He barred himself in (the house).*

bar³ /ba(r)/ *prep* **1** siar lo; telchih loin: *The whole class is here bar two that are ill.* Cf BARRING. **2** (idm) **bar none** hlonmi um lo te'n; a zate'n, a khuate'n: *That's the best meal I've ever had, bar none.*

bar⁴ /ba(r)/ *n* thli sah dan tah tiki hmanmi unit.
barb /ba:b/ *n* **1** conkiang ki. **2** (fig) mi ningnattertu ṭong: *cruel barbs of ridicule.*

▷ **barbed** *adj* ki/hling nei: *a barbed hook* ○ (fig) *barbed comments.* **barbed wire** thiir hling: *The barbed wire fence round the perimeter discouraged intruders.*

barbarian /ba:'beəriən/ *n*, *adj* (often derog) sanman lo, khuahlan mi; mifim lo; mipuar: *barbarian tribes* ○ *football supporters acting like barbarians.*

barbaric /ba:'bærik/ *adj* (often derog) a fim hrih lomi; mi puarthau: *barbaric splendour, cruelty, taste.*

▷ **barbarically** /-kli/ *adv.*

barbarism /ba:'bærizəm/ *n* **1** [U] (derog) fimlonak; aatnak; puarthaunak. **2** [U, C] cohlan har ṭongfang: *teaching students to rid their writing of barbarisms.*

barbarity /ba:'bæriti/ *n* **(a)** [U] puarthaunak. **(b)** [C] lian sia, puarthau: *the barbarities of modern warfare.*

barbarize, **-ise** /'ba:bəraiz/ *v* [Tn] puarter, liansiater.

barbarous /'ba:bərəs/ *adj* (derog) **1** a aa mi; fimlo umzia siava; puarthau: *barbarous sounds.* **2** puar mi, liansia mi: *barbarous cruelty, treatment* ○ *barbarous soldiers.*

▷ **barbarously** *adv.* **barbarousness** *n* [U].

barbecue /'ba:bikju:/ *n* **1** [C] sa rawhnak thir tleep kua nei. **2** [C] mee, vok tivek a pum ih rawhmi sa. **3** [U] leeng lam ah meitik ih eiding em/ rawh ih eitu nuambur (party); cuti ih suanmi ei ṭha rawl.

▷ **barbecue** *v* [Tn] barbecue em/rawh: *barbecued chicken.*

barber /'ba:bə(r)/ *n* sammet: *I'm going to the barber's (shop) to get my hair cut.* Cf HAIRDRESSER (HAIR).

□ **barber-shop** *n* (US) sammet dawr.—*adj* [attrib] (US) mipa pali hlasak: *a barber-shop quartet.*

barber's pole sammet dawr ti theihthiamnak dingih phunmi ṭhuam.

barbiturate /ba:'bitjʊrət/ *n* thazetnak sii phunkhat: *He died from an overdose of barbiturates.* ○ [attrib] *barbiturate poisoning.*

barcarole /'ba:kə'rəʊl, -rəl/ *n* aw niam le aw sang tantuklo mi aw-thluk tawite phunkhat, a hleice in piano hrang.

bard /ba:d/ *n* **1** (esp Celtic) hla sak ih vak vivotu. **2** (arch) hlaphuah thiam, biazai thiam: *the Bard*

(of *Avon*), ie Shakespeare.

▷ **bardic** *adj.*

bare¹ /beə(r)/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** (a) taklawng; hnipuan huk lo: *bare legs* ○ *bare to the waist*, ie wearing no clothes above the waist. (b) a siin, a khuh, a phah um lo: *bare floors*, ie without carpets, rugs, etc ○ *a bare hillside*, ie one without shrubs or trees ○ *trees that are already bare*, ie that have already lost their leaves ○ *with his head bare*, ie not wearing a hat ○ *with one's bare hands*, ie without tools or weapons. **2** ~ (of sth) ziangkhal um lo: *a room bare of furniture* ○ *a larder bare of food* ○ *bare shelves*. **3** [attrib] malte, daih fangfang: *the bare necessities of life*, ie things needed merely to stay alive ○ *a bare majority*, ie a very small one ○ *the bare facts*, ie without any additional comment or detail. **4** (idm) **the bare bones** (of sth) thuhrampi. **lay sth bare** thuthup langter; larter: *lay bare the truth, sb's treachery, a plot*.

▷ **barely** *adv* **1** fangfang: *we barely had time to catch the train*. ○ *He can barely read or write*. **2** malte lawng: *The room was barely furnished*, ie had little furniture in it.

bareness *n* [U].

□ **bareback** *adj, adv* rang kung um lo: *a bareback rider* ○ *ride bareback*.

barefaced *adj* [attrib] ningzah nei lo: *a barefaced lie* ○ *It's barefaced robbery asking such a high price for that old bicycle!*

barefoot (also **barefooted**) *adj, adv* ke lawng in; kedan/mawca um loin: *children running barefoot in the sand*.

bareheaded *adj, adv* lukhuh lo in.

barelegged *adj, adv* ke lawng in.

bare² /beə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] phoi; langter; phuang: *bare one's chest* ○ *He bared his head* (ie took off his hat to show respect) *as the funeral procession passed*. ○ *bare the end of a wire*, ie strip off the covering of rubber, etc before making an electrical connection. **2** (idm) **bare its teeth** (of an animal) a haa a lih (thin heeng ruangah). **bare one's heart/soul (to sb)** (rhet or joc) mah ih thinlung um hmuah langter.

bargain¹ /ˈbɑːɡɪn/ *n* **1** khat le khat thil tuah sak veve aw ding lungkimnak: *If you promote our goods, we will give you a good discount as our part of the bargain*. ○ *The bargain they reached with their employers was to reduce their wage claim in return for a shorter working week*. ○ *A bargain's a bargain*, ie When an agreement has been reached, it should be kept. **2** man thum ih zuar/lei: *It's a bargain*, ie It is very good value for money. ○ [attrib] *a bargain price*, ie a low price. **3** (idm) **a bad bargain** (a) mah hnakin khatta lam a hlawk deuhmi lungkimnak. (b) a man zet hmanng tiih lei sual mi thilri. **drive a hard bargain** ⇒ **DRIVE**¹. **a good bargain** (a) mah lam a hlawkmi lungkimnak: *You've got a good*

bargain there. (b) man ol zet ih lei mi thilri. **into the bargain**; *US also in the bargain* (infml) cuihlei ah, cuihltun ah: *She was a distinguished scientist — and a gifted painter into the bargain*. **strike a bargain** ⇒ **STRIKE**².

□ **bargain counter** thil man thim ih zuarnak hmun.

bargain-hunter *n* man-ol zet thilri leiding hawltu (bawhtu).

bargain² /ˈbɑːɡɪn/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (about/over/for sth) thilri man neep, man thumter: *Never pay the advertised price for a car; always try to bargain*. ○ *Dealers bargain with growers over the price of coffee*. ○ *The unions bargained (with management) for a shorter working week*. **2** (phr v) **bargain sth away** mah lam sungih thil pe/zuar: *The leaders bargained away the freedom of their people*. **bargain for sth; bargain on sth** (infml) beisei, ruahsan, ringcia (a sia lam): *The exam was more difficult than I had bargained for*. ○ *Tom didn't bargain on his wife returning so soon*. ○ *When the politician agreed to answer questions on television, he got more than he had bargained for*, ie was unpleasantly surprised at the consequences.

bargaining /ˈbɑːɡɪnɪŋ/ *n* [U] thil man neep-awk: *After much hard bargaining we reached an agreement*.

□ **bargaining counter** khatlam milai nehnak ih hman theimi thu/thil: *Ownership of the land gives us a strong bargaining counter*.

bargaining position neep-awk rero dinhmun: *We're now in a rather poor bargaining position*.

barge¹ /ˈbɑːdʒ/ *n* **1** a taw a phengmi lawng (phawng). **2** puai tikih hmanmi lawng.

▷ **bargee** /ˈbɑːdʒi/ *n* (Brit) (US **bargemen**) (a) phawng hotu. (b) phawng hnaŋuan.

□ **barge-pole** *n* **1** phawng hlaunak fung saupi. **2** (idm) **not touch sb/sth with a barge-pole** ⇒ **TOUCH**².

barge² /ˈbɑːdʒ/ *v* (infml) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] mi burpi lak ih pahlut ciamco: *Stop barging (into people)!* ○ *He barged past me in the queue*. **2** (phr v) **barge about** tawivak hnuamhno. **barge in/into sth** hngal zet in (cuangcai lo zet in) luthruak: *I tried to stop him coming through the door but he just barged (his way) in*. ○ *Don't barge into the conversation*.

baritone /ˈbæritəʊn/ *n* (music) **1** tenor le bass karlak ih mipa aw. **2** cumi aw thawn hlasaktu: [attrib] *a baritone aria*.

barium /ˈbeəriəm/ *n* [U] (chemistry) ngun pianzia nei (thil tuahnak ih hmanmi thir vek pawl).

□ **barium meal** sung lam ril le pumpi X-ray zuk hlan te ih eimi sii rang (dolh asilole dawt).

bark¹ /bɑːk/ *n* [U, C] a hawng; thing hawng.

▷ **bark** *v* [Tn] **1** a hawng hawk. **2** vun hawk: *He barked his skins (by falling) against some stone steps*.

bark² /bɑ:k/ *n* **1** (a) ui/cinghnia bo. (b) (fig) uico bo vek aw, meithal aw, khuh khuh aw. **2** (idm) **sb's bark is worse than his bite** (infml) aithok vek asinan, cuti vekin a tuah lem lo.

▷ **bark v 1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ **sb/sth** bo: *Our dog always barks at strangers.* (b) [I] (fig) ring zet ih khuh ciamco; meithal puah. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (**at sb**); ~ **sth (out)** au san, raak hnawh, hauh: *When she's angry, she often barks at the children.* ○ *The sergeant barked (out) an order.* **3** (idm) **bark up the wrong tree** thu thei sual: *If you think that, you're barking up the wrong tree altogether.*

barker /bɑ:kə(r)/ *n* (infml) thil zuar hmun ih tlang-autu; thil man thantu.

barley /bɑ:li/ *n* [U] barli (sangvut vek).

□ **barleycorn** *n* [U] barli mu.

barley sugar cithlum (cini) thawn tuahmi mithai.

barley water (Brit) barli ti (cithlum rawimi): *lemon barley water.*

bar mitzvah /bɑ: 'mitsvə/ **1** an biaknak ah pitling dinhmun a thlengmi kum (13) kim Judah mipa nauhak. **2** kum (13) kimnak puai.

barmy /bɑ:mi/ (esp **US balmy**) *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit infml) mi aa; aataam.

barn /bɑ:n/ *n* **1** lo ih retmi faang-inn, cuam tumpi; rawlreek. **2** (fig derog) duhnung lemlomi inn tumpi: *They live in that great barn of a house.* **3** (US) (a) caw le rang pawl khumnak inn. (b) mawṭawka tam deuh retnak inn.

□ **barn dance 1** khawte sung laam. **2** khawte puai.

barn-owl *n* fang inn ih bu a saktu sumbuh.

barnyard *n* faang inn kimvel tualrawn.

barnacle /bɑ:nəkl/ *n* lungbok ngate: (fig) *He clung to his mother like a barnacle*, ie followed her closely everywhere.

barnstorm /bɑ'rɒmɪtə(r)/ *v* [I] (US) khawte sung feh ih (politic) uknak lam thu rel ciamco; thuanthu cawng ciamco.

▷ **barnstormer** *n*.

barometer /bɑ'rɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* **1** thli sah le pat tahnak: *The barometer is falling*, ie Wet weather is indicated. **2** (fig) thil thleng awk hmuhtu (thu le hla): *a reliable barometer of public feeling.*

▷ **barometric** /bæ'rə'metrik/ *adj*: *barometric pressure.*

baron /bæ'rən/ *n* **1** Mirang (British) lal nauta bik (Lord X, lole, British si lomi lal Baron Y an ti mi). **2** mi neinung le thu nei zet sumtuah lam hotu: *a press baron* ○ *oil barons.*

▷ **baroness** /bæ'rənɪs, US bə'rə'nes/ *n* **1** lalnu, bawinu. **2** baron ih nupi.

baronial /bə'rəʊniəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] baron ta, baron thawn a tlaakmi.

baronet /bæ'rənɪt/ *n* (abbrs **Bart, Bt**) Baron hnaki nauta deuh lal: *Sir John Williams, Bart.*

▷ **baronetcy** /bæ'rənɪtsɪ/ *n* baronet sinak.

baroque /bə'rɒk; US bə'rəʊk/ *adj*, *n* kum zabi 17,

18 hrawng Europe ah ceimawi tuk, saktuah lam le zuk suai lamah.

barque /bɑ:k/ *n* ṭhuam 3, 4, 5 nei puanzar tangphawlawng.

barrack /bærək/ *v* [I, Tn] (Brit or Austral infml) a lektu pawl rak ausan (lungkim lo ruangah): *The crowd started barracking (the slow rate of play).*

▷ **barracking** *n* [C, U] awn au ruri: *The crowd gave the visiting politician quite a barracking.*

barracks /bærəks/ *n* **1** [sing or pl *v*] ralkap inn saupi: *As punishment, the men were confined to barracks.* ○ *There used to be a barracks in this town.* **2** [sing *v*] (fig infml) inn siava nawn: *Their house was a great barracks of a place.*

▷ **barrack-** (in compounds) ral-thuang tuahnak hmun: *barrack-square*, ie ground near a barracks where soldiers are drilled.

barracuda /bærə'ku:də/ *n* nga phunkhat (Caribbean nga).

barrage /bæ'rɑ:ʒ; US bə'rɑ:ʒ/ *n* **1** tikhawk kham; tidai li seh ti ih dawlmī cang. **2** (a) catlo banglo ih kahmi meithal aw: *lay down a barrage.* (b) (fig) a pehpeh ih thusuhnak: *face a barrage of angry complaints.*

barrel /bærəl/ *n* **1** (a) pipa pung (thing thawn tuahmi pung) tumpi. (b) barrel khat (a zat). **2** meithal le fountain tivek ih hmanmi thirdawng. **3** (idm) **lock, stock and barrel** ⇒ **LOCK²**. (**get/ have sb**) **over a barrel** (infml) mi pakhat neh lawlaw, zaangfahza dinhmun. **scrape the barrel** ⇒ **SCRAPE¹**.

▷ **barrel v (-ll-; US -l-)** barrel sungah thun.

□ **barrel-organ** thlung phunkhat.

barren /bærən/ *adj* **1** (of land) a ṭhulmi (ram). **2** (of plants or trees) a rah thei lomi. **3** (dated or fml) (of women or female animals) facing; fa nei theilo. **4** [usu attrib] (fig) man nei lo, ṭhahnem lo: *a barren discussion.*

▷ **barrenness** /bærənɪs/ *n* [U].

barricade /bæ'rɪkeɪd/ *n* ralhruang: *The soldiers stormed the barricades erected by the rioting crowd.*

▷ **barricade v** (phr *v*) **barricade sb in (sth)/ out (of sth)** kharhkhum aw: *They barricaded themselves in (their rooms).* **barricade sth off** ralkap pawl in lamzin rak kham: *The police barricaded off the entrance to the square.*

barrier /bæ'rɪə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) dawnkhamtu: *The Sahara Desert is a natural barrier between North and Central Africa.* ○ *Show your ticket at the barrier.* (b) (fig) dawntu: *Poor health may be a barrier to success.* **2** ṭhenthektu: *barriers of race and religion* ○ *the language barrier.*

□ **barrier cream** taksa siat lo dingih culhmi hriak phunkhat.

barrier reef leilungpi thawn tihriat tivek ih ṭhenmi tipi kam ih koral rif tlaang.

barring /bæ'rɪŋ/ *prep* tel loin, telh loin, um hlah sehla: *Barring accidents, we should arrive on*

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time. Cf **BAR**³ 1.

barrister /'bærɪstə(r)/ *n* (in English law) *thuthennak zungsang ih thu suahpi theitu sihni*. Cf **ADVOCATE** *n* 2, **SOLICITOR** 1.

barrow¹ /'bærəʊ/ *n* 1 = **WHEELBARROW** (**WHEEL**). 2 ke hnih nei kuttul leeng.

□ **barrow boy** kuttul leeng thawn thil zuartu.

barrow² /'bærəʊ/ *n* khuahlan san ih mithi thlan khuh leivawr, leipuk. Cf **TUMULUS**.

Bart /bɑ:t/ *abbr* Baronet.

barter /'bɑ:tə(r)/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (for **sth**); ~ **sth** (away) *tangka hman loih thilri le thilri thleng-aw; thil le thil thleng-aw: barter wheat for machinery* ○ *He bartered his best possessions for a horse.* ○ (fig) *barter away one's rights, honour, freedom.* 2 [I, I-pr] ~ (with **sb**) (for **sth**) *thleng-aw: The prisoners tried to barter with the guards for their freedom.*

▷ **barter** *n* [U] *thilri le thilri thleng awknak: On these islands a system of barter is used.*

basalt /'bæsɔ:lt/; *US* 'beɪ-; *US* bə'sɔ:lt/ *n* [U] *meisatlang ihsin a cang suakmi lungto phun khat.*

base¹ /beɪs/ *n* 1 (a) a tawphah; tangdan, a hram: *the base of a pillar, column, etc.* (b) (geometry) a tawhram riin: *the base of a triangle, pyramid, etc.* (c) (fig) *thu hrampi: She used her family's history as a base for her novel.* ○ *His arguments had a sound economic base.* 2 (chemistry) acid thawn rawi tikih ci a suakter theimi thil. 3 thil cokrawi tuah tikih hmanmi thil thupi bik: *a drink with a rum base* ○ *Some paints have an oil base.* ○ *Put some moisturizer on as a base before applying your make-up.* 4 ralkap rawl le cerek, meithal pawl khawlkhawm hmun: *naval base* ○ *an air base* ○ [attrib] a base camp, eg for a mountaineering expedition ○ *establish, set up a base.* 5 (mathematics) a hram ih bunmi nambat. 6 (in baseball) a tlantu ih thlennak ding hmun pali. 7 (idm) **not get to first base** ⇒ **FIRST BASE** (**FIRST**¹). **off base** (*US infml*) (a) thei sual: *You're a bit off base there.* (b) ralringlo, tim-awlo: *Her reply caught him off base.*

▷ **baseless** *adj* hrihram neilo: *baseless fears, rumours, suspicions.*

□ **base hit** (also **single**) a hmaisabik dinhmun thlengtertut base ball thawitu.

baseline *n* (sport) tennis tual ih dunglam bik riin, lole, baseball ih rikhih riin.

base rate (finance) *tangka thang a thoknak.*

base² /beɪs/ *v* 1 [Tn-pr] ~ **sth on sth** hram toh; hrambun: *I base my hopes on the good news we had yesterday.* ○ *This novel is based on historical facts.* ○ *Direct taxation is usually based on income,* ie A person's income is used to calculate the amount of tax he has to pay. 2 [esp passive: Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sb in/at...** to, toh, umter: *Where are you based now?* ○ *Most of our staff are based in Cairo.*

base³ /beɪs/ *adj* (-r, -st) 1 (*fml derog*) upat tlak lo: *acting from base motives.* 2 a ciit lo: *base coin,* a ciit lo tangka fai. 3 man ol, man khung lo: *base metal.*

▷ **basely** *adv* a hrihram in. **baseness** *n* [U] a hrihram sinak.

baseball /'beɪsbɔ:l/ *n* [U] *USA* ah a lar zetmi lehnak; tang khat (one team) ah mi 9 tel, bawlung fate khi thingtan thawn vuak ih leh dan: [attrib] a *baseball pitch*. Cf **ROUNDERS**.

basement /'beɪsmənt/ *n* innkhan tangta bik; inn hnuai khan (leilung sung deuh).

bash /bæʃ/ *v* (*infml*) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] tal; thawi: *bash sb on the head with a club.* 2 [I-pr, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) **against/into sb/sth** napi in khawng: *He tripped and bashed his head against the railing.* 3 (phr v) **bash ahead/away/on** (with **sth**) ralring lo zet in thil pakhat khulrang le hiar zet ih tuah. **bash sth in/down** a sunglam ah kuarko in vuak: *bash in the lid of a box* ○ *They bashed the door down.* **bash sb up** (*Brit infml*) natuk ih thuat: *He was bashed up in the playground by some older boys.* ▷ **bash** *n* 1 (*infml*) thong (nasa zet in): *give sb a bash on the nose.* 2 (idm) **have a bash** (at **sth**) (*infml*) (tuah dah lomi) tuahhnik: *I've never tried water-skiing before, but I'd love to have a bash at it.*

bashing *n* [U, C] nasa zet ih thuat-awk: *union-bashing*, ie the practice of trying to discredit a trade union by fierce criticism, etc ○ *give sb a bashing.* ⇒ Usage at **BANG**¹.

bashful /'bæʃfl/ *adj* zakzum; hmaisong, phuhrung.

▷ **bashfully** /-fəli/ *adv*. **bashfulness** *n* [U].

basic /'beɪsɪk/ *adj* 1 ~ (to **sth**) a hrampi; a tawthoknak; a thuhram: *argue from basic principles* ○ *the basic vocabulary of a language*, ie those words that must be learnt ○ *These facts are basic to an understanding of the case.* 2 a ol le a niambik: *basic pay*, ie without extras such as overtime payments ○ *our basic requirements* ○ *My knowledge of physics is pretty basic*, ie is only at the elementary level.

▷ **basically** /-kli/ *adv* a hrampi in; a thuhram in: *Despite her criticisms, she is basically very fond of you.* ○ *Basically I agree with your proposals, although there are a few small points I'd like to discuss.*

basics *n* [pl] a tulsammi: *Let's stop chatting and get down to basics*, ie concentrate on important matters.

□ **basic slag** kahpathir tuah lai ih a suakmi phosphates tel dawm.

BASIC (also **Basic**) /'beɪsɪk/ *abbr* (computing) beginners' all-purpose symbolic instruction code, programming tuahtu pawlih thongfang.

basil /'bæzl/ *n* [U] a hmuimi hrampi (rawl ih rawimi).

basilica /bə'zɪlɪkə/ *n* (architecture) khuahlan Roman mi pawl inn sak dan ih sakmi biakinn

tumpi: *the Basilica of St Peter's in Rome.*

basilisk /bəzɪlɪsk/ *n* **1** America laiking phunkhat. **2** a mi zoh le a thaw in mi a that thei (mi a ham thei) timi thuanthu sung um bokvak rannung.

basin /beɪsn/ *n* **1** = WASH-BASIN (WASH) pakan kuum, kheng kuum. **2** tidai retnak, lole, rawl ei ding tuahnak khengkuum. **3** tidai litnak lei kuar. **4** lei kuar: *a yacht basin.* **5** tlang ih kulh mi leikuar kaupi: *The village lay in a peaceful basin surrounded by hills.* **6** tiva hna umnak ram: *the Thames basin.*

▷ **basinful** /-fʊl/ *n* kheengkhat: *two basinfuls of water.*

basis /beɪsɪs/ *n* (pl **bases** /beɪsɪz/) **1** thu le hla a thoknak a hrampi; a tawthoknak, hrihram: *the basis of morality, friendship, etc* ○ *arguments that have a firm basis*, ie that are founded on facts ○ *Rates of work are calculated on a weekly basis.* **2** thu rel ding a tawthoknak: *No basis for negotiations has been agreed upon.* ○ *This agenda will form the basis of our next meeting.*

bask /bɑːsk/; US *bæsk*/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) aai (meisa aai; nitlang aai): *basking in the sunshine, by the fire, on the beach* ○ (fig) *basking in sb's favour, approval, etc.*

basket /bɑːskɪt/; US *bæskɪt*/ *n* **1** (a) bawm, kho (rua le nuang thawih tahmi): *a shopping basket* ○ *a clothes basket* ○ *a waste-paper basket.* (b) thil tahnak, bawmkhat, bawmhni: *They picked three baskets of apples.* **2** (idm) **put all one's eggs in/into one basket** ⇒ EGG¹.

▷ **basketful** /-fʊl/ *n* = BASKET 1b.

□ **basketball** /bɑːskɪtbɔːl/; US *'bæs-/ n* [U] basketball lehnak, țang khat (one team) ah mi 5 tel - (tim 2) bawlung tumpi khi sang ih thlai mi bawm sungih thunluh-awz zua lehnak.

basketwork *n* [U] (a) bawm vekih tahmi. (b) arbawm/pher vekih tahmi thil.

bass-relief /bæs rɪliːf/; US *'ba: rɪliːf/ n* (a) [U] a pawng lial-li nawn in thing le lung ker tahrat ih zuk suahtermi. (b) [C] cuti vek zuk.

bass¹ /'bæs/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~es) nga phunkhat: *a shoal of bass* ○ *They caught three basses.*

bass² /beɪs/ *n* **1** (a) mipa aw niam bik: *Is he a bass or a baritone?* (b) mipa aw niambik thawn hla saktu: *He is a very fine bass.* **2** awthluk ah a niambik (milai aw lole thil tumring): *He sings bass.* **3** = DOUBLE-BASS (DOUBLE). **4** (also **bass guitar**) aw niam tum theih dingih tuahmi bass guitar.

▷ **bass** *adj* [attrib] aw niam: *a bass voice* ○ *a bass clarinet* ○ *the bass clef*, ie symbol in music showing that the notes following in it are low in pitch. Cf TREBLE².

basset /bæst/ (also **basset-hound**) *n* sa dawinakh ih hmanmi ui kawngniam.

bassinet /bæsrɪnet/ *n* nuang ih tahmi khuh nei kut-tul naute leng.

bassoon /bə'suːn/ *n* phirivau phir tumpi.

bast /bæst/ *n* hridai ih hmanmi khau-hri a sungta sawn.

bastard /bɑːstəd/; US *'bæs-/ n* **1** lak fa: [attrib] *a bastard child/daughter/son.* **2** (sl derog) (a) (usu male) mi sia, mi puar (mipa): *You rotten bastard!* ○ *He's a real bastard, leaving his wife in that way.* (b) harsatnak petu: *It's a bastard of a problem, this one.* ○ *My headache's a real bastard.* **3** (sl) (a) rual duh kawhnakh ih hmanmi: *Harry, you old bastard! Fancy meeting you here!* (b) zaangfahza: *The poor bastard! He's just lost his job.* **4** [usu attrib] a cit lo, cokmi, a rawimi: *a bastard style, language.*

▷ **bastardize, -ise** *v* [Tn] (esp as pp) rawicok: *a bastardized form of English.* **bastardization, -isation** *n* [U].

bastardy *n* [U] (law) rawicoknak; a hliir lonak.

baste¹ /beɪst/ *v* [Tn] alangte sung pat thawn țhit, țhit sung.

baste² /beɪst/ *v* [Tn] suan rero lai sa kha, neem seh ti ih hriak le thil ti burh.

bastinado /bəstɪ'nɑːdəʊ, -neɪd-/ *n* (pl ~s) (fung thawn) kedil vuak.

▷ **bastinado** *v* [Tn] kedil vuak cawhkuan pek.

bastion /bəstɪən/ *n* **1** ralhrang ih um ral bihnakh hmun. **2** ralram naih ih tuahmi ralhrang. **3** (fig) țihphannakh ihsin khamtu milai, lole, thil: *a bastion of democracy, freedom, etc* ○ *'The last bastions of privilege are crumbling,' announced the speaker.*

bat¹ /bæt/ *n* **1** palaap. **2** (idm) **blind as a bat** ⇒ BLIND¹. **have bats in the belfry** (infml) aat suak, ruahnakh lamdang. **like a bat out of hell** (infml) rang thei patawp in, khulrang zet in: *He dashed out of the door like a bat out of hell.*

bat² /bæt/ *n* **1** leh tiki hmanmi kutkai h nei thingpheng (cricket, baseball le tennis tivek). **2** = BATSMAN: *He's a useful bat.* **3** (idm) **off one's own bat** (infml) mi ih bom lo in, mah lawngte: *She made the suggestions off her own bat*, ie without being asked for them.

▷ **bat** *v* (-tt-) **1** [I] (a) thingpheng thawn thawi/beng: *He bats well.* (b) cricket fung thawn bawlung thawi: *Green batted for two hours.* **2** [Tn] thingpheng thawn beng, thawi: *batting a ball about.* **batter** *n* (US) (esp in baseball) bawlung bengtu.

□ **batsman** /-smən/ *n* (pl ~men) cricket leh tiki bawlung bengtu: *He's a good batsman but a poor bowler.*

batch /bætʃ/ *n* **1** țumkhat ih em tlangmi sang hlom zat: *baked in batches of twenty.* **2** țumkhat: *a new batch of recruits for the army* ○ *a batch of letters to be answered.* **3** (computing) bulpak țuannakh tel loin computer pakhat sungah hnațuan tlang: [attrib] *a batch run.*

□ **batch processing** (computing) program pawl hmunkhat ih cangvaihter dan.

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bated *adj* (idm) **with bated breath** thaw thawt cawl phah in: *We waited with bated breath for the winner to be announced.*

bath /bɑːθ/; US bæθ/ *n* (pl ~s /bɑːðz/; US bæðz/) **1** [C] tikholh, takkholh: *I shall have a hot bath and go to bed.* ○ *He takes a cold bath every morning.* **2** [C] (a) (also **bath-tub**, **tub**) tikholhnak tikuang: *Please run a bath for me.* ○ *Your bath is ready.* **3** [C] thil hnimmak/ciahnak kuang: *an oil bath*, eg for parts of machinery ○ *a bath of red dye.* **4** **baths** [pl] (a) (Brit) inn tumpi sungih tileuhnak tili: *heated swimming-baths.* (b) tikholh hmun inn tumpi: *Turkish baths.* **5** (idm) **throw the baby out with the bath water** ⇒ **BABY**.

▷ **bath** *v* (Brit) **1** [Tn] ti kholh sak: *bath the baby.* **2** [I] ti kholh: *I bath every night.*

□ **bath mat** tikholh theh hnu dinnak ih phahmi puan sah, ke phah.

bathrobe (also **robe**) *n* **1** tikholh tiki ruang hnawnak, ruanghnawt puan **2** (US) = **DRESSING-GOWN** (**DRESSING**).

bathroom *n* **1** (Brit sometimes euph) ti kholh hmun inndan; kholhnak khan (a cancan ah eek inn ummi): *Go and wash your hands in the bathroom.* **2** (US) eek inn a ummi innkhaan: *I need to go to the bathroom.* ⇒ Usage at **TOILET**.

bath-tub *n* = **BATH 2**.

bath chair /bɑːθˈtʃeə(r)/ taksa zeng pawl hmanmi leeng, zengleeng

bathe /beɪð/ *v* **1** [Tn] tidai thawn kholh; ti ah ciah: *The doctor told him to bathe his eyes twice a day.* ○ *The nurse bathed the wound.* **2** [I] (esp Brit) tidai leuh: *On hot days we often bathe/go bathing in the river.*

▷ **bathe** *n* (usu sing) (esp Brit) ti leuh: *It's a sunny day. Let's go for a bathe.*

bathed *adj* [pred] ~ **in/with sth** a ciar, a tleu: *Her face was bathed in tears.* ○ *After the match, I was bathed with sweat.* ○ *The countryside was bathed in brilliant sunshine.*

bather /beɪðə(r)/ *n*.

bathing /beɪðɪŋ/ *n* [U] (esp Brit) ti leuh, tiva ih ti kholh: *She's fond of bathing.* ○ *Bathing prohibited!* ie Swimming, etc is not allowed here, eg because it would be unsafe.

□ **bathing-cap** *n* ti leuhnak lukhuh, tileuh lukhuh.

bathing-costume (also **bathing-suit**) *n* (Brit becoming dated) = **SWIMMING COSTUME** (**SWIM**); ti leuhnak hnipuan (nunau hmanmi).

bathos /beɪθɒs/ *n* [U] (tong, lole, cangannak ah) thu thuk relnak ihsin capoh thu relnak ih a thleng-awh hruaknak.

bathysphere /bæθɪsfɪə(r)/ *n* tipi sungih thlak pil theih a sung ong thil hluumpi (tipi sung thil zohhhiahnak ih hmanmi).

batik /bə'ti:k, also 'bætɪk/ *n* **1** [U] pianzia phunphun nei dingih puanthan par ah mawi seh ti ih cumsut daan. **2** [C] cuvek ih tuahmi

puan than; thil: [attrib] *a batik dress.*

batiste /bə'tiːst, also bə't-/ *n* [U] puanthan patte.

batman /'bætmən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) (Brit) ralbawi ih a duhduh fial dingih retmi ralkap menmen (A cancan ah orderly ti tla in an ko), tirhfung.

baton /bætn, 'bætn; US bə'tɒn/ *n* **1** = **TRUNCHEON** palik tanfung; fungfek, palik ih mi an vuaknak fung tawi: [attrib] *a baton charge*, ie one made by police, etc armed with batons to drive a crowd back. **2** orchestra hruaitu conductor ih hmanmi fung tawite. **3** upa sinak fung: *A Field-Marshal's baton.* **4** tlan zuamnak ih pek awk sawngmi fung tawi. **5** awnmawi tum pawl hotu ih hmanmi fung tawi.

bats /bæts/ *adj* [pred] (infml) (milai) mi aa. Cf **BATTY**.

battalion /bə'tæliən/ *n* (abbr **Bn**) mi 1000 hrawng tel ralkap ho khat; battalion khat.

batten¹ /'bætn/ phar pahni karlak khuhtu ih khenmi thingtleep peer (bañan). **2** (on a ship) muka namcih tu thingtleep sau, lole thirtleep sau, cehfung.

▷ **batten** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (down)** (esp on a ship) thingtleep thawn khuh tuam ci; thing bañan khen: *batten down the hatches*, eg when a storm is expected.

batten² /'bætn/ *v* (phr *v*) **batten on sb/sth** (esp derog) ningnat ter tiang mi ih nung; mi ringih nung: *She avoided having to work by battenning on her rich relatives.*

batter¹ /'bætə(r)/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ **at/on sth** khawng (cum) ciamco: *He kept battering (away) at the door.* ○ *battered babies/wives*, ie ones that suffer repeated violence from parents/ husbands. **2** (phr *v*) **batter sth down** peer ko sut (so sut vekin): *Let's batter the door down.* **batter sth to sth** deeng, phom: *The huge waves battered the wrecked ship to pieces.* ○ *The victim's face was battered to a pulp.*

▷ **battered** *adj* (a hlun tuk ruangah) a pian a siatmi: *a battered old hat* ○ *Your car looks rather battered.*

□ **battering-ram** *n* ralruang pharson pawl sut cimnak a lu ih thir bol bunmi thingtum.

batter² /'bætə(r)/ *n* [U] sangvut, aarti, cawhnawi rawi ih phommi suan hrihlo sang: *fish fried in batter* ○ *pancake batter.*

battery /'bætəri/ *n* **1** [C] datmei dawng; battery: *a car battery* ○ *a torch battery* ○ *This pocket calculator needs two batteries.* **2** [C] (a) pukpi ralkap pawl. (b) pukpi ralkap bur. **3** [C] a burbur ih hmanmi thilri tla: *a battery of lights* ○ (fig) *She faced a battery of questions.* **4** [C] arpi pawl a pakpak ih retnak kuang pawl: [attrib] *a battery hen* ○ *battery eggs*. Cf **FREE-RANGE** (**FREE¹**). **5** [U] (law) dan lo pi in mi vuak, lole, mi tham, lole, a hnipuan dirh sak. **6** (idm) **recharge one's batteries** ⇒ **RECHARGE**.

□ **battery farm** a kuang a kuang ih ar tampi zuatnak, arhmuan: **battery farming**.

battle /bætl/ **n** 1 [C, U] do-awk, do (ral): *a fierce battle* ○ *the battle of Waterloo* ○ *go out to battle* ○ *die in battle* ○ *the noise of battle*. 2 [C] (fig) zuam-awknak: *a battle of words, wits* ○ *Their whole life was a constant battle against poverty*. 3 (idm) **do battle (with sb) (about sth)** tawng, thu eel. **fight a losing battle** ⇒ FIGHT¹. **give battle** (dated) do ding tawng dingih ring cia. **half the battle** a thupi bik lamkau tuahsuakmi: *When you're ill, wanting to get well again is often half the battle*. **join battle** ⇒ JOIN.

▷ **battle v** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (with/against sb/sth) (for sth); ~ (on) do; do aw: *battling against ill health* ○ *They battled with the wind and the waves*. ○ *I'm battling with my employers for a pay-rise*. ○ *Progress is slow but we keep battling on*.

□ **battleaxe** **n** (a) ral donak kutkaih saupi nei hreitlung. (b) (infml derog) lal duh eu-eu nunau (kum upa deuh pawl).

battle-cruiser **n** ral donak lawngpi (battleship hnakin a zaangih a khul a rang).

battle-cry **n** (a) raldo au aw. (b) (fig) thil pakhat khat hrangih aupi mi thuhla.

battledress **n** [U] ralkap thilthuam.

battlefield, battleground **ns** ral do awknak hmun.

battleship **n** pukpi le ral thuamhnaw tumpi pi nei ral donak lawngpi.

battlements /bætlmænts/ **n** [pl] ralhruang parih sakmi ralkahnak luanglurawn.

batty /bæti/ **adj** (-ier, -iest) (infml) (milai, ruahnak, tivek) aa hnuamhni, hmukhmak. Cf BATS.

bauble /bɔ:bl/ **n** (usu derog) man nei leemlo ih langsar mi hlawnthil le fau pawl.

baulk = BALK.

bauxite /bɔ:ksaɪt/ **n** [U] thir raang cang ding leilung.

bawdy /bɔ:di/ **adj** (-ier, -iest) mawi lo, a sia: *bawdy jokes, stories, etc*.

▷ **bawdily** **adv**. **bawdiness** **n** [U].

bawdy **n** [U] (dated) tong mawilo, thuhla sia.

bawl /bɔ:l/ **v** 1 [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (out) au ciamco; kiorak: *That baby has been bawling for hours*. ○ *He bawled at me across the street*. ○ *We bawled for help but no one heard us*. ○ *The sergeant bawled (out) a command (to his men)*. 2 (phr v) **bawl sb out** (esp US infml) nasa zet ih kaw.

bay¹ /bei/ (also **bay-tree**) **n** thingkung phun khat.

□ **bay leaf** **n** (pl -leaves) (bei) hnah ro (hmeh suannak hmuimer ih hman theih).

bay² /bei/ **n** tikel: *the Bay of Bengal* ○ *Hudson Bay*.

bay³ /bei/ **n** 1 (a) thilretnak, mawtawka retnak ih hmanmi innkhan: *a parking bay* ○ *Put the equipment in No 3 bay*. (b) vanzamleng sung ih bomb retnak hmun: *the bomb-bay*, ie the compartment in the fuselage of an aircraft

where bombs are carried ○ *the sick-bay*, ie part of a ship, building, school, etc set aside for the care of the sick or the injured. 2 phar lenglam ah pawt cuangih tuahmi innkhan fate.

□ **Bay window** lenglam ih pawt deuh ih tuahmi tukvirh.

bay⁴ /bei/ **n** 1 uico bo ruangro. 2 (idm) **at bay** (a bik in dawimi ramsa) khuihman feh thiam loih um (kulh theh ruangah). **bring sb/sth to bay** tlaansuak thei nawn lo dingih tuah. **hold/keep sb at bay** rak naih lo dingih tuah (ral, dawitu): *I'm trying to keep my creditors at bay*.

▷ **bay v** [I] ram-ui aai vekih aai: *the baying cry of a wolf*.

bay⁵ /bei/ **n**, **adj** sen-pawl a simi (rang): *riding a big bay (mare)*.

bayonet /beɪənɪt/ **n** meithal zim ih bunmi a hriam zetmi naam.

▷ **bayonet** /beɪənɪt, US beɪə'net/ **v** [Tn] benet naam thawn sun: *bayoneted to death*.

bayou /'baʊ:/ **n** (in the southern USA) tiva a kamdeuh ih um nuam tete ih hninmi hramrul.

bazaar /bə'zɑ:(r)/ **n** 1 bazaar; dawr tluan, thil zuarnak le leinak hmun. 2 kawhhran in mibomnak ding ih tuahmi biakinn ih thilri zuarnak: *a church bazaar*.

bazooka /bə'zʊ:kə/ **n** tɛng (tank) kahnak pukpi (thiar olmi).

BBC /bi: bi: 'si:/ **abbr** British Broadcasting Corporation, British Thuthannak Pawlkompi: *listen to the BBC* ○ *BBC English*, ie a form of English with a high standard of correctness. Cf IBA, ITV.

BBFC /bi: bi: ef 'si:/ **abbr** British Board of Film Censors.

BC /bi: 'si:/ **abbr** 1 Before Christ, Jesuh suahhlaan kum: *in (the year) 2000 BC*. Cf AD. 2 **British Council** nunphung le, Mirang tong karhzaiter duhnak thawn tuahmi pawlkom.

be¹ /bi; **strong form** bi:/ **v** ⇒ Usage at BE². 1 (used after *there* and before *an/an*, *no*, *some*, etc + *n*) (a) um, nung: *Is there a God?* ○ *For there to be life there must be air and water*. ○ *There are no easy answers*. ○ *There are many such people*. ○ *Once upon a time there was a princess*. ○ *There have been cows in that field since my grandfather's time*. (b) a um: *There's a bus-stop (Cf The bus-stop is) down the road. There were no books on the shelf*. ○ *There are some good photographs in this exhibition*. 2 (with an *adv* or a prepositional phrase, indicating position in space or time) (a) ah a um: *The lamp is on the table*. ○ *The stable is a mile away*. ○ *Mary's upstairs*. ○ *John's out in the garden*. ○ *They are on holiday in the Lake District*. (b) a si, a cang: *The party is after work*. ○ *The election was on Monday*. ○ *The conceert Thursdays in the main hall*. ○ *The meetings are on Tuesdays* **adj** *Thursdays in the main hall*. (c) um ringing: *She*

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has been in her room for hours. ○ They're here till Christmas. (d) um, kaai: Were you at church yesterday? ○ I'll be at the party. 3 thleng, feh suak: I'll be on my way very soon. ○ She's from Italy, ie Her native country is Italy. 4 (in the perfect tenses only) veh, leeng: I've never been to Spain. ○ She had been abroad many times. ○ Has the plumber been (ie called) yet? 5 [La, Ln] (indicating a quality or a state) a sinak hmuh; cu: Life is unfair. ○ The world is round. ○ He is ten years old. ○ I am of average height. ○ Be quick! ○ She's a great beauty. ○ 'How are you?' 'I'm quite well, thanks.' 6 [La, Ln] (in exclamations) mangbangnak langter: Were they surprised to see us! ○ Aren't you a great cook. ○ Wasn't that a good film! 7 [Ln] (indicating the name, profession, pastime, etc of the subject) a si tinak: Today is Monday. ○ You are the man I want. ○ 'Who is that?' 'It's the postman.' ○ Susan is a doctor. ○ Peter is a keen footballer in his spare time. ○ He wants to be (ie become) a fireman when he grows up. 8 [Ln] (indicating possession, actual or intended) a si tinak: the money's not yours, it's John's, ie It belongs to John and not to you. ○ This parcel is for you. 9 [Ln] (showing equivalence in value, number, etc) (a) hmuah a si: 'How much is that dress?' 'It's £50.' (b) zat a si: Twice two is four. ○ Three and three is six. ○ Four threes are twelve. (c) a si: (saying) Two is company; three is crowd. ○ London is not England, ie Don't think that all of England is like London. (d) siseh: Let x be the sum of a and b. (e) cu: It is nothing to me. ○ A thousand pounds is nothing to a rich man. 10 (idm) the be-all and end-all (of sth) (infml) a thupi bikmi: Her boyfriend is the be-all and end-all of her existence. (He, etc has) been and done sth (infml) a rak ra, um: Someone's been (and gone) and eaten my porridge! be oneself mah sinak keel: Don't try to act sophisticated—just be yourself. be that as it may a si khal le: I accept that he's old and frail; be that as it may, he's still a good politician. ... that was... a si laiah: Miss Brown that was, ie before her marriage. -to-be (in compound) a si dingmi: his bride-to-be, ie his future bride ○ mothers-to-be, ie pregnant women. (For other idioms containing be, see entries for ns, adjs, ect, eg be the death of sb ⇒ DEATH.)

be² /bi/; strong form bi:/ aux v ⇒ Usage. 1 (used with a past participle to form the passive) verb bawmtu ih hman mi a si 'cu' tican: He was killed in the war. ○ Where were they made? ○ The thief was caught. ○ The house is/was being built. ○ You will be severely punished if you do not obey. 2 (used with present participles to form continuous tenses) Continuous tense tikih hman cih a si — rero lai ti hmuh duh tikah: They are/were reading. ○ I am studying Chinese. ○ I shall be seeing him soon. ○ What have you been doing

this week? ○ I'm always being criticized. 3 (with to + infinitive) (a) (expressing duty, necessity, etc) ti tul, tuanvo nei ti hmuh tikah hman a si: I am to (ie I have been told to) inform you that... ○ You are to report (must, should report) to the police. (b) (expressing arrangement, intention or purpose) tawrlrel, khawkhannak langter tikah hman a si: They are to be married, ie will be married. ○ Each participant was to pay his own expenses. ○ The telegram was to say that she'd be late. (c) (expressing possibility) a si thei zia simnak: The book was not to be (ie could not be) found. (d) (expressing destiny) vaan le bawng langter tikah hman cih a si (nawn lo ding): He was never to see his wife again, ie Although he did not know it at the time, he did not see her again ○ The celebrations were not to be, ie They did not, in fact, take place. (e) (only in the form were, expressing supposition) seh-la, ningla ti sim duh tikah hman a si: If I were to tell you/ Were I to tell you that I killed him, would you believe me? ○ If it were to rain, we would have to cancel the match tomorrow....

NOTE ON USAGE: **Be** is used as a main verb (**be**¹) and as an auxiliary verb (**be**²). The various written and spoken forms are the same for both verbs: **am** (pres t with I) /əm, m/, strong form /æm/; written contraction **I'm** /aɪm/; negative question **aren't I?** /'ɑːntaɪ/; US 'ɑːrəntaɪ/. **is** (pres t with he, she, it) /s, z/, strong form /ɪz/; written contractions **it's** /ɪts/, **Jack's** /dʒæks/, **he's** /hɪz, hɪz/, **she's** /ʃiːz, ʃɪz/, **the cow's** /ðə kaʊz/; negative **isn't** /ɪznt/. **are** (pres t with you, we, they) /ə(r)/ strong form /wɪə(r)/; written contractions **we're** /wɪə(r)/, **you're** /juə(r), jɔː(r)/, **they're** /ðeə(r)/; negative **aren't** /ɑːnt/; US 'ɑːrənt/. **was** (pt with I, he, she, it) /wəz/, strong form /wɒz/; US wɔːz/; negative **wasn't** /wɒznt/. **were** (pt with you, we, they) /wə(r)/, strong form /wɜː(r)/; negative **weren't** /wɜːnt/; US 'wɜːrənt/. **being** (pres p) /biːɪŋ/. **been** (pp) /biːn/; also US bɪn/.

be- pref 1 (with vs and adjs ending in -ed) a pumpuluk in, a khuate'n: besmear ○ bedeck ○ bejeweled. 2 (with ns and adjs forming transitive vs) verb ih canter tikah hman bet a si: befriended, kom, rualpi that. ○ belittle. 3 (with intransitive vs forming transitive vs): bemoan ○ bewail.

beach /bi:tʃ/ n 1 tipi kap, lore, tili kap ih vunnel le vaarlung ummi hmunrawn saupi: holiday-makers sunbathing on the beach. 2 (idm) not the only pebble on the beach ⇒ PEBBLE. ⇒ Usage at COAST¹.

▷ **beach** v [Tn] tipi kap leilung parah lawng ret. □ **beach-ball** n tikap ih sitmi bawlung.

beach buggy tipi kap tlaan zuamnak ih hman mi mawṭawka fate.

beachcomber /-kəʊmə(r)/ n 1 tipi kap ih sarmi

thil zuarh nungtu. **2** tilet saupi.
beach-head *n* tipi kap ral ðanlaknak hmun. Cf BRIDGEHEAD (BRIDGE¹).
beachwear *n* [U] tipi kap ih hrukmi thilthuam.
beacon /'bi:kən/ *n* **1** tlang parih tih-mi mei (mi lam hruaitu ih vaanmi). **2** (a) lawng pawl ralrinternak ih vaanmi lungsuang parih mei inn. (b) van parih mei inn. **3** thirhri ca kuatnak hmun. **4** vanzamleng ðumnak hmunih vanmi mei inn pawl. **5** (Brit) = BELISHA BEACON.
bead /bi:d/ *n* **1** (a) [C] ði vek thil hluum kua nei: *a string of glass beads*. (b) **beads** [pl] ði (hngawng orh ði). **2** [C] dor (for): *beads of sweat on his forehead*. **3** (idm) **draw a bead** ⇒ DRAW².
 ▷ **beading** *n* [U, C] ði vekih tuahmi thing hluum.
beadle /'bi:dl/ *n* (Brit) **1** khuahlaan ih farah thil zemtu pastor bawmtu. **2** biakinn pastor hnañuan bawmtu.
beady /'bi:di/ *adj* (of eyes) ði vekin a hluum ih a tleumi: *Not much escapes our teacher's beady eye*, ie Our teacher sees almost everything.
beagle /'bi:gl/ *n* sabek dawinak ih hmanmi uico kawngniam (a fate mi).
 ▷ **beagling** /'bi:kt/ *n* [U] cuih uico thawn sabek dawi, duum.
beak¹ /bi:k/ *n* **1** vate, ar vek pawlih hmur. **2** vate hmur vek thil, a kawi mi thil (a pumi).
 ▷ **beaked** /bi:kt/ *adj* (usu in compounds) hmur kawi nei: *long-beaked*.
beak² /bi:k/ *n* (Brit sl) thuñhentu bawi: *brought up before the beak*.
beaker /'bi:kə(r)/ *n* **1** hmurzum nei thalang hai.
2 kutkaih neilo thalang bai zawl: *a beaker of coffee from the drinks machine*.
beam /bi:m/ *n* **1** kaan, rawlkap. **2** (a) lawng sir le sir kaitu thing pum/per. (b) a kauhnak bik ihsin tah tikih lawngih a kauhlam. **3** lawng a kauhnak bik hmun. **4** nike; khawtleu ke (tleu pawt): *the beam of the torch, searchlight, etc* ○ *The car's headlights were on full beam*, ie not dipped to avoid dazzling other drivers. **5** mithmai pan; hni suamso: *a beam of pleasure*. **6** radio, radar ih thlah mi thirhri ca. **7** (idm) **broad in the beam** ⇒ BROAD¹. **off (the) beam** (infml) dik lo, hman lo, ðelh: *Your calculation is way off beam*. **on the beam** (infml) a dik, a hman.
 ▷ **beam** *v* **1** (a) [I] khawtleu le khawsatnak a kap (ni in). (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (at sb) lungawi in hni suamso: *The winner beamed with satisfaction*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to...) (from...) thuthan; TV in zuk thlah: *The World Cup Final was beamed live from Britain to Japan*.
 □ **beam-ends** *n* [pl] (idm) **on her beam-ends** (of a ship) lawng a lei a peng (khatlam ah) a let zik. **one's beam-ends** (of person) tangka nei lo, hlawhsam.
bean /bi:n/ *n* **1** (a) be ci, be mu, (behli, belawi, bething pawl) be lawng; (behli lawng): *broad*

beans ○ *kidney beans* ○ *soya beans* ○ *haricot beans*. (b) be (pakhat khat). (c) a hawng nei be: *runner beans*. **2** be mu vek a simi a dang thing thei; khawfi tivek. **3** (idm) **full of beans/life** ⇒ FULL. **a hill of beans** ⇒ HILL. **know how many beans make five** ⇒ KNOW. **not have a bean** (infml) tangka nei lo. **spill the beans** ⇒ SPILL¹.
 □ **beanfeast** (also **beano**) *n* (dated Brit infml) nunnuam tuah; puai.
beanpole *n* (infml) mi ðawl diangdi.
bean sprouts *pepinpoh*; be kheupek (ei dingih kheuhermi).
beano /'bi:nəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (dated Brit infml) = BEANFEAST (BEAN).
bear¹ /beə(r)/ *n* **1** vom, savom: *polar bear* ○ *grizzly bear*. **2** mi puarthau, mi siava. **3** (finance) stock le share zuartu (man ol ih lei leh ding ruahnak thawn): [attrib] *a bear market*, ie a situation in which share prices are falling rapidly. Cf BULL¹ **3**. **4** (idm) **a bear garden** awn au ruri thawn a khat miñing. **like a bear with a sore head** (infml) thintawi; thinsia: *When he's just woken up he's like a bear with a sore head*, a lu ih hliammi savom vek.
 ▷ **bearish** /'beəriʃ/ *adj* **1** siava, thinsia. **2** (finance) stock a man ðummi: *a bearish market*. Cf BULLISH (BULL¹).
 □ **bear-hug** *n* napi in pom.
bearskin *n* **1** vomphaw, vomhmul: [attrib] *a bearskin rug*. **2** kilvengtu Mirang ralkap lukhuh dum zawlpi.
bear² /beə(r)/ *v* (pt **bore** /bɔ:(r)/, pp **borne** /bɔ:n/) **1** [Tn] thil pakhat khat hmuh, phur, keng: *The document bore his signature*. ○ *The ring bears an inscription*. ○ *The coach bears the royal coat of arms*. ○ *I saw a tombstone bearing the date 1602*. ○ *He was badly wounded in the war and still bears the scars*. ○ *She bears little resemblance to (ie is not much like) her mother*. ○ *The title of the essay bore little relation to the contents*, ie was not much connected with them. **2** [Tn] keng, nei: *a family that bore an ancient and honoured name* ○ *A married woman usually bears her husband's surname*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (dated or fml) thil phur phah ih fehpi: *bear a heavy load* ○ *three kings bearing gifts* ○ *They bore his body to the tomb*. ○ *The canoe was borne along by the current*. ⇒ Usage at CARRY. **4** [Tn] (a) rak dom; rak do, ðanpi: *The ice is too thin to bear your weight*. (b) liam: *Do the bride's parents have to bear the cost of the wedding?* ○ *The President has to bear the blame*. ○ *He's a carefree fellow who bears his responsibilities lightly*. **5** (a) [Tn, Tt, Tg, Tsg] (more informal, with can/could, in negative sentences or questions) tuar: *The pain was almost more than he could bear*. ○ *She bore her sorrow without complaint*. ○ *How can you bear to eat that stuff?* ○ *He can't bear to be laughed at/bear being laughed at*. (b) [Tn, Tg] (in

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negative sentences, esp with the direct objects shown) a tlaak, a phuu: *Modern paintings don't bear comparison with those of the old masters*, ie because they are greatly inferior. ○ *The plan won't bear close inspection*, ie It will be found to be unsatisfactory when carefully examined. ○ *Her joke doesn't bear repeating*, ie because it is not funny or may offend. ○ *His sufferings don't bear thinking about*, ie because they are or were so terrible. **6** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth (against/towards sb)** thinsung ah re ringring, thin cing ringring (huatnak): *bear a grudge against sb/bear sb a grudge* ○ *He bears no resentment towards them.* ○ *She bore him no ill will.* **7** [Tn-pr, Tn-pl] ~ **oneself well, etc** lamdang te ih nun: *He bears himself* (ie stands, walks, etc) *like a soldier.* ○ *He bore himself with dignity at a difficult time.* **8** [Tn, Dn-n] (fml) nau hring: *bear a child* ○ *She has borne him six sons.* ⇒ Usage. **9** [Tn] suah, suahter: *trees bearing pink blossom* ○ *land which bears no crops.* ○ (fig) *His efforts bore no result*, ie were unsuccessful. **10** [Ipr] ~ **(to the) north, left, etc** lamah feh, her, hoih: *The road bears (to the) west.* ○ *When you get to the fork in the road, bear (to the) right.* **11** (idm) **bear arms (arch)** ralkap lut. **bear the brunt of sth** a nasa bikmi tuar: *bear the full brunt of the attack* ○ *His secretary has to bear the brunt of his temper.* **bear/stand comparison with sb/sth** ⇒ COMPARISON. **bear fruit** duhmi suahpi, rah a rah: *His efforts finally bore fruit and permission was granted.* **bear hard, heavily, severely, etc on sb** thilrit ter, namnuai: *Taxation bears heavily on us all.* **bear/have some/no reference to sth** ⇒ REFERENCE. **bear/keep sb/sth in mind; bear in mind (that)** ... ciing ringring: *I'll bear your suggestion in mind.* ○ *Stay in the foyer if you wish, but bear in mind (that) the performance begins in two minutes.* **bear witness (to sth)** a si ti ih rak sim: *He/His evidence bore witness to my testimony.* ○ (fig) *The new housing bears witness to the energy of the Council.* **be borne in on sb** thei thiam: *This terrible truth was borne in on him*, ie He became fully aware of it. ○ *It was gradually borne in on us that defeat was inevitable.* **bring pressure to bear on sb** ⇒ PRESSURE. **bring sth to bear (on sb/sth)** hman: *We must bring all our energies to bear upon the task.* ○ *Pressure was brought to bear on us to finish the work on time.* **grin and bear it** ⇒ GRIN. **12** (phr v) **bear sth/sb away/off** (dated or fml) kai tahrat in thiarhlo: *they bore off several captives.* ○ *He bore away* (ie won) *the first prize.* **bear down sb/sth** neh, namneh: *bear down the enemy, all resistance.* **bear down on sb/sth** tuahmawh duh ah nam ciamco: *The angry farmer was bearing down on us.* **bear on sth** a pehpar aw: *These are matters that bear on the welfare of the community.* **bear sb/sth out**

bawm, hngetter: *The other witnesses will bear me out/bear out what I say.* **bear up (against/under sth)** ti thei teno, tuar thei teno: *He's bearing up well against all his misfortunes.* **bear with sb/sth** thinsau zet in tuar, zawi: *We must bear with her* (ie treat her with sympathy) *during this difficult period.* ○ *If you will bear with me* (ie listen patiently to me) *a little longer....*

NOTE ON USAGE: The verb **bear** (past participle **borne**) in the sense of 'give birth to' is formal: *bear a child* ○ *She's borne him six children.* Less formal is: *She's had six children.* The past participle **borne** is not used in the passive in this sense. There is another past participle **born**, which is used only in the passive voice: *She was born in 1954.* ○ *Ten children are born in the hospital every day.* ○ *He was born to/of wealthy parents.*

bearable /'beərəbl/ adj tuar theih: *The climate is bearable.*

beard¹ /biəd/ n (a) [U, C] khahmul: *a week's growth of beard* ○ *Who's that man with the beard?* ○ *He has (grown) a beard.* Cf MOUSTACHE 1, WHISKER 1. (b) [C] cutivek hmul, thil: *a goat's beard.*

▷ **bearded** adj khahmul nei.

beardless adj khahmul nei lo: *a beardless youth*, ie an immature young man.

beard² /biəd/ v **1** [Tn] eel (hmaisong loin). **2** (idm) **bear the lion in his den** tlon duh ah mi thupi va leeng, va pan.

bearer /'beərə(r)/ n **1** ca/thuphurtu: *I'm the bearer of good news.* **2** (a) thilphurtu, kuli: *A team of African bearers came with us on safari.* (b) mithi kuang zawntu, mi na zawnnak laang rak zawntu. **3** chek lethmat kengtu: *This cheque is payable to the bearer*, ie to the person who presents it at a bank.

bearing /'beəriŋ/ n **1** [sing] (a) feh daan; um daan: *a man of soldierly bearing.* (b) a hmuimel: *her dignified bearing throughout the trial.* **1** [U] ~ **on sth** pehpar-awknak: *What he said had not much bearing on the problem.* **3** **bearings** [pl] a kap, a kakip: *We must consider the question in all its bearings.* **4** [C] hmun khat ihsin khuilam bik ah a si ti tahmi (compass): *take a (compass) bearing on the lighthouse.* **5** [C] thir pakhat le pakhat rial awk tikih rak nalhtu thir hluum. **6** [C] tacik. **7** (idm) **get/take one's bearings** thing le lung zoh tahrat ih khui ka thleng ti ngaihtuah. **lose one's bearings** ⇒ LOST. **past (all) bearing** tuar (zawi) theih nawn lomi.

bearish ⇒ BEAR¹.

beast /bi:st/ n **1** (dated or fml) ramsa: *all the beasts of the earth* ○ *The lion is called the king of beasts.* **2** (a) mi hraang (ramsa vek): *When he's drunk he's a beast.* ○ *Drink brings out the beast in him*, ie emphasizes the brutal part of his nature. (b)

(*infml*) *huat-tlaai: Stop tickling me, you beast! Don't be such a beast!*

▷ **beastly** *adj* **1** ramsa vek. **2** (*infml esp Brit*) siava, thalo: *What beastly weather!* ○ *That's absolutely beastly of him.* —*adv* (*infml esp Brit*) nuamlo, siava: *It's beastly cold outside!*

□ **beast of burden** thilphurtu rang, laak, caw pawl.

beat¹ /bit/ *v* (*pt beat, pp beaten* /bitn/) **1** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] thawi, vuak, king, tal (*funghreu thawn*): *Somebody was beating at the door.* ○ *She was beating the carpet/beating the dust out of the carpet*, ie removing dust from the carpet by beating it. **2** [Cn-a] thawi: *They beat the prisoner unconscious.* ⇒ Usage at HIT¹. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-a] suk; suu; deeng (*sobul thawn*): *beaten silver* ○ *The gold was beaten (out) into fine strips.* ○ *beat metal flat.* **4** [I, Tn] sakhan hot. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ke thawn pal in hakter: *a well-beaten path*, ie one worn hard by much use ○ *The hunters beat a path through the undergrowth.* **6** [Ipr] ~ **against/on sth/sb** deeng, phom: *Hailstones beat against the window.* ○ *The waves were beating on the shore.* **7** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up)** darkeu thawn cok ciamco: *beat the eggs (up) (to a frothy consistency)* ○ *beat the flour and milk together.* **8** (a) [I] tur (*lung*): *He's alive — his heart is still beating.* (b) [I] khuang tum vekin awnter: *We heard the drums beating.* (c) [I, Tn] thla khawng: *The birds wings were beating frantically.* ○ *It was beating its wings.* **9** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (at sth)** neh: *Our team was easily beaten.* ○ *He beat me (at chess, squash, etc).* (b) [Tn] neh, thasawn: *Nothing beats home cooking.* ○ *You can't beat Italian clothes.* ○ *The government's main aim is to beat inflation.* ○ *beat the speed record*, ie go faster than anyone before. (c) [Tn] (*infml*) mangbangter, harsater: *a problem that beats even the experts* ○ *It beats me* (ie I don't know) *how/why he did it.* **10** (idm) **beat about the bush** ti duhmi sim lohli loih a heel ih tong ciamco, simkual: *Stop beating about the bush and tell us who won.* **beat sb at his own game** neh (khatlam in sung ding a zum lo nan). **beat one's breast** taang cum (mawh ti theih ruangah). **beat the clock** caan pakhat khiahmi hlanah ti suak theh. **beat/knock the daylight out of sb** ⇒ DAYLIGHTS. **beat the drum (for sb/sth)** mi pakhat tan nasa. **beat/knock hell out of sb/sth** ⇒ HELL. **beat sb hollow** neh neknek: *Our team was beaten hollow.* **beat it** (sl) feh aw! tlan aw!: *This is private land, so beat it!* **beat a (hasty) retreat** dung kir, siip tlanhlo: *The poacher beat a hasty retreat when he saw the police coming.* **beat, etc sense into sb** ⇒ SENSE. **beat the rap** (*US sl*) cawhkuan luat. **beat time (to sth)** tikcu vuak (hla thawi): *He beat time (to the music) with his fingers.* **can you beat it** (*expressing surprise of shocked amusement*). **if**

you can't beat them, join them (*catchphrase*) na neh lole thahnem hawl ah an mah thawn kom aw. **off the beaten track** mi feh tuk lonak: *They live miles off the beaten track.* **a rod/stick to beat sb with** mi cawhna ih hmanmi thuhla. **11** (phr v) **beat sth down** (a) bal-khuai theh ih luut: *The thieves had beaten the door down.* (b) leilung ah tluter theh: *The wheat had been beaten down by the rain.* **beat down (on sb/sth)** nisa in a em: *The sun beat down (on the desert sand).* **beat sb/sth down (to sth)** man thumter hramhram: *He wanted £800 for the car but I beat him down (to £600).* ○ **beat sb into/to sth** vuak neknek (*thu lung tiang*): *The children were beaten into submission.* ○ *The dog was beaten to death.* **beat sb/sth off** thawi/nam tahrat ih dawihlo: *The attacker/attack was beaten off.* **beat sth out** (a) hlavuak suah: *He beat out a tune on a tin can.* (b) mei hmit: *We beat the flames out.* (c) sobul etc thawn vua: *beat out the dent in the car's wing.* **beat sb to...** kheel: *I'll beat you to the top of the hill*, ie I'll race you and get there first. **beat sb to it** thlen khelh, tuah khelh: *Scott aimed to get to the South Pole first, but Amundsen beat him to it.* ○ *I was about to take the last cake, but he beat me to it.* **beat sb up** siit, thawi neknek: *He was badly beaten up by a gang of thugs.*

▷ **beat** *adj* [pred] bang neknek; cau: *I'm (dead) beat.*

beating *n* **1** thawi, vua (*fung thawn*): *give sb/get a good beating.* **2** (*infml*) a sung (*sunnak*): *Our team got a sound beating.* (idm) **take a lot of /some beating** hleih har, thasawn har: *She will take some beating*, ie It will be difficult to do better than her. ○ *His record will take a lot of beating.*

□ **beat-up** *adj* (*infml esp US*) a hlun, a tawt, a tet: *a beat-up old car.*

beat² /bit/ *n* **1** vuak (hla vuak), thawinak aw: *We heard the beat of a drum.* **2** hlavuak, tivek: *The song has a good beat.* **3** feh theunak: *a policeman out on the/his beat.* **4** (idm) **out of/off one's beat** (*infml*) mah sikel lonak, kel-awh lonak. **pound the beat** ⇒ POUND³.

beater /bi:tə(r)/ *n* **1** cokrawitu: *a carpet-beater* ○ *an egg-beater.* **2** sakhan hottu, sakhan namtu.

beatific /bi:tɪfɪk/ *adj* (*fml*) lungawi hngin: *a beatific smile.*

▷ **beatifically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

beatify /bi:tɪfaɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp -fied*) [Tn] mi pakhat khi a thih hnu ah vanram ah a um tiah sim ih upat pek (Pope ih simmi).

▷ **beatification** /bi:tɪfɪk'eɪʃn/ *n* (a) [C] vanram ah a um tiih upat peknak. (b) [U] cuti vekih simmi.

beatitude /br'ætɪtju:d/ *US -turd/ n* **1** [U] (*fml*) lungawinak, thlawsuah. **2 the Beatitudes** [pl] (*in the Bible*) Bawi Jesuh in lungawinak thu pariat a sangsang ih a simmi, eg 'Blessed are...'.

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beatnik /'bi:tnɪk/ *n* (dated) (in the 1950's and early 1960's) hlan dan hlon ih mi zawnglo zet ih a thuam-aw mi mino (lungsung thu langter duh). Cf HIPPIE.

beau /bəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ **x** /bəʊz/) **1** (US) caai mi tlangval. **2** (dated) ceimawi lam aatcihtu mipa.

□ **the beau monde** /bəʊ'mɔ:nd/ *n* sanman milai pawl.

Beaufort scale /bəʊfət 'skeɪl/ thli tha tah dan, 0 (a dai) ihsin 12 (thlisia) tiang: *registering 8 on the Beaufort scale*.

Beaujolais /bəʊʒələ; US, bəʊʒə'leɪ/ *n* (pl unchanged) [C, U] France ram Beaujolais hmun ih tuahmi sabitti (a sen).

beaut /bjut/ *n* (US and Austral sl) a mawimi thil/ milai.

▷ **beaut** *adj, interj* (sl esp Austral) a thahngin, tha bik.

beauteous /'bjutəs/ *adj* (arch) hmel mawi.

beautician /bjut'i:ʃn/ *n* mawi seh ti ih mi ceimawitu.

beautiful /'bjutɪfl/ *adj* **1** a mawi: *a beautiful face, baby, flower, view, voice, poem, smell, morning* ○ *beautiful weather, music, chocolate*. **2** lungkim um: *The organization was beautiful*. ○ *What beautiful timing!*

▷ **beautifully** /-flɪ/ *adv* **1** mawi zet in: *She sings beautifully*. **2** lungkim um zet in: *That will do beautifully*. ○ *The car is running beautifully*.

NOTE ON USAGE: When describing people, **beautiful** and **pretty** are generally used of women and children, and **handsome** of men. They all relate to the pleasing appearance of the face. **Beautiful** is a serious and approving description, suggesting elegance and perfection. **Pretty** may suggest a delicate feminine appearance and can be used disapprovingly of men. **Handsome** may be applied to women and suggest dignity and maturity. **Good-looking** and **attractive** are used of both men and women. **Fair** (meaning 'beautiful') is archaic. All these adjectives except **attractive** can be used of animals and all except **good-looking** with inanimate and abstract nouns: *a beautiful/ an attractive voice* ○ *a handsome/ good-looking horse* ○ *a beautiful/ pretty village* ○ *a handsome/ an attractive offer*.

beautify /bjutɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] mawiter; ceimawi. Cf PRETTIFY.

▷ **beautification** /bjutɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

beauty /'bjutɪ/ *n* **1** [U] mawinak: *the beauty of the sunset, of her singing, of poetry* ○ *She was a woman of great beauty*. ○ [attrib] *a beauty competition/contest*, ie one in which judges decide on the most beautiful competitor. **2** [C] (a) mi mawi, thil mawi: *She was a famous beauty in her youth*. ○ *That new car is an absolute*

beauty. (b) zohthimding tha bik: *Look at these moths: here's a beauty*. ○ *That last goal was a beauty*. (c) duhnung: *I'm always finding new beauties in Shakespeare's poetry*. ○ *The beauty of living in California is that the weather is so good*. ○ *The machine needs very little attention — that's the beauty of it*. **3** (idm) **beauty is only skin deep** (saying) leenglam in sunglam sinak a tluk lo.

□ **beauty queen** hmel-mawi zuamnak ih a mawibik ngahtu (nunau), hmeltha hril.

beauty salon (also **beauty parlour**) hmai, sam pawl mawiternak (ceinak) hmun.

beauty sleep (joc) zanṭim kim hlanih ih: *Good night, I must get my beauty sleep*.

beauty spot **1** mithmuh ih a mawi hleicenak zawn. **2** khuawang hminsin (mawinak bet ih ruahmi).

beaux pl of BEAU.

beaver /'bɪvə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] sahrem meiper. **2** [U] sahrem meiper hmul: [attrib] *a beaver hat*. **3** (idm) **an eager beaver** ⇒ EAGER.

▷ **beaver** *v* (phr v) **beaver away (at sth)** (infml esp Brit) teima, zuamzet ih tuah: *I've been beavering away at this job for hours*.

bebop /'bi:bɒp/ (also **bop**) *n* [U] jazz awnmawi.

becalmed /br'kɑ:md/ *adj* [usu pred] thli um lo ruangih a cang thei lomi, a thawn thei lomi (puanزار lawng).

became pt of BECOME.

because /br'kɔ:z; US also -kɔ:z/ *conj* ziang-ruangahtile; zianghrangahtile: *I did it because he told me to*. ○ *Just because I don't complain, people think I'm satisfied*.

▷ **because of** *prep* ruangah: *They are here because of us*. ○ *He walked slowly because of his bad leg*. ○ *Because of his wife(s) being there, I said nothing about it*.

beck¹ /bek/ *n* (Brit dialect) tlang par ihsin a luang sukmi tiva te, ti te.

beck² /bek/ *n* (idm) **at one's/sb's beck and call** fial vekih tuah lohliu: *The king has always had servants at his beck and call*. ○ *I'm not at your beck and call, you know*.

beckon /'bekən/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Dn-t, Dpr-t] ~ **to sb (to do sth)** kut le lu thawih hmuh (pakhat khat tuahter duh ah): *She beckoned (to) me (to follow)*. ○ (fig) *City life beckons* (ie attracts) *many a country boy*. **2** (phr v) **beckon sb in, on, over, etc** feh ding hmun hmuh (kut thawn): *The policeman beckoned us over*. ○ *A girl standing at the mouth of the cave beckoned him in*. ○ *They beckoned me into the room*.

become /br'kɒm/ *v* (pt **became** /br'keɪm/, pp **became**) **1** [La, Ln] (a) si, a cang: *They soon became angry*. ○ *He has become accustomed to his new duties*. ○ *That child was to become a great leader*. ○ *They became great friends*. ○ *She became a doctor*. ○ *It has become a rule that*

we sing during our tea-break. (b) a cangthok, a sithok: It's becoming dangerous to go out alone at night. ○ The noise of traffic is becoming a cause for concern. ○ Those boys are becoming a nuisance. ⇒ Usage. 2 [Tn] (fml) (a) a kaih aw; a tlak: Her new hat certainly becomes her. (b) a si thlang: Such language (eg vulgar or insulting words) does not become a lady like you. ○ It ill becomes you to complain. 3 (idm) **what becomes of sb/sth** pakhat hnenah ziang a cang: What will become of my child if I die? ○ I wonder what became of the people who lived next door? ○ What became of the dreams of our youth? ie What we hoped for did not actually happen.

▷ **becoming** *adj* (fml) 1 (approv) a hruktu thawn a kaih-aw mi: a becoming hat, hair-style, etc ○ Your outfit is most becoming. 2 kaih aw, tlaak aw: He behaved with a becoming modesty/with a modesty becoming his junior position. **becomingly** *adv*.

NOTE ON USAGE: When talking about a change in the state, appearance, etc of a person or thing, we often use **become**, **get**, **turn** and **go** followed by an adjective. In general, **become** and **turn** are more formal than **get** and **go**. 1 When referring to temporary changes in a person's emotional or physical state or to permanent natural changes, we used **become** or **get** (less formal): *become/get angry, famous, fat, ill, old, etc*. 2 **Become** and **get** are also used of changes in the weather and of social developments: *It's becoming/getting cold, dark, cloudy, etc* ○ *Divorce is becoming/getting more common*. 3 When indicating a worsening of someone's physical or mental powers, we use **go**: *go bald, deaf, insane, etc*. It is used similarly of things: *The meat's gone off/bad*. ○ *The radio's gone wrong*. 4 **Go** and **turn** are used when people or things change colour: *she went/turned blue with cold*. ○ *The rotten meat went/turned green*.

becquerel /^hbekərel/ *n* (physics) Radioactivity tahnak SI unit.

bed¹ /bed/ *n* 1 (a) [C, U] ihnak, ihhkun (ihphah thawn): *go to bed*. ○ *be in bed* ○ *get out of/into bed* ○ *sit on the bed* ○ *a room with two single beds/a double bed* ○ *The tramp's bed was a park bench*. ○ *Can you give me a bed for the night?* (b) [U] it: *I've put the children to bed*. ○ *He has a mug of cocoa before bed*. ○ *It's time for bed*. (c) [C] tangphah (ihkhun ta): *a feather bed* ○ *a spring bed*. (d) [U] (fig infml) nu le pa pawlawk: *They think of nothing but bed!* 2 [C] tipi, nikva, tili pawl ih tawphah: *explore the ocean bed*. 3 a tangphah (lungto, kongkrit tivek pawl): *a bed of clay, limestone, sand, etc*. 4 [C] (a) a tawphah: *The machine rests on a bed of concrete*. 5 thil

cinnak phunnak leivawr: *a seed-bed* ○ *flower-beds* ○ *a bed of herbs*. 6 (idm) **as one makes one's bed, so one must lie on it** (saying) mah tuahmi ih rah cohlang ding. **bed and board** rawl a telcihmi zan khat riahnak khual-inn. **bed and breakfast** (abbrs **B** and **B**, **b** and **b**) riahnak ah rawl (thawhhlam) a ngah cihmi: *Bed and breakfast costs £15 a night*. **a bed of roses** nunnomnak: *Life isn't a bed of roses*. **die in one's bed** ⇒ **DIE**². **early to bed and early to rise** ⇒ **EARLY**. **have got out of bed on the wrong side** sunnivui thintawi. **go to bed with sb** (infml) mah nupi pasal lo thawn it (pawl aw). **make the bed** ihnak tuah. **take to one's bed** nat ruangah ihhkun hluum. **wet the/one's bed** ⇒ **WET** *v*.

□ **bedbug** *n* hmaifa, hnahfa.

bedclothes *n* [pl] ihhkun tangphah.

bedfellow *n* (a) ihhkun pakhat ih it-tlangtu, ih-pi. (b) (fig) hawipi, rualpi: *The fortunes of war create strange bedfellows*, ie unexpected alliances.

bed-linen *n* [U] tangphah puan.

bedpan *n* ihhkun ih hmanmi zun-ek bel.

bedpost *n* ihhkun thuum (thopuan zaarnak).

bedridden *adj* ihhkun ihsin tho thei lo (nat ruangah); a ngormi.

bedrock *n* [U] (a) lungphah, lungdan (lei tha tangih um): *reach/get down to bedrock*. (b) (fig) thu hrampi: *the bedrock of one's beliefs*.

bedroll *n* (esp US and NZ) ihphah zual (duhnak ih thiar theihmi).

bedroom *n* ihnak khan.

bedside *n* [usu sing] 1 ihhkun kiangkap: [attrib] *a bedside table*. 2 (idm) **bedside manner** sibawi ih mina zohdan: *Dr Green has a good bedside manner*, ie He is tactful and pleasant.

bed-sitting-room (also infml **bed-sitter**, **bed-sit**) *n* (Brit) ihnak le tonak ih hman mi inn khan.

bedsore *n* nat ruangah ih ringring tiki ngah mi hma.

bedspread *n* ihhkun khuh (ih phah, puan le lukham pawl khuhtu).

bedstead *n* ihphah sahpi rak domtu zialtleep, le thirhri tivek.

bedtime *n* [U] ih-cu: *His bedtime is eight o'clock*. ○ *It's long past your bedtime*. ○ [attrib] *a bedtime story*, ie one read to a child at bedtime.

bed-wetting *n* [U] ihthat laiah ihhkun ih zun thlau.

bed² /bed/ *v* (-dd-) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) fek zet ih ben cih: *The bricks are bedded in concrete*. ○ *The bullet bedded itself in* (ie went deeply into) *the wall*. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] phun: *Bed the roots in the compost*. 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] ihnak rak pek: *The wounded were bedded in the farmhouse*. 4 [Tn] (infml) nunau ihpi: *He's bedded more girls than he can remember*. 5 (phr v) **bed down** zan caam: *The soldiers bedded down in a barn*. **bed sth down** zanriah hrang rawl (hrampi) pe. **bed sth**

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out a erhnaq hmun ihsin a phunnak hmunaq thingfa thawn: *bed out the seedlings, young cabbages, etc.*

▷ **-bedded** (forming compound adjs) ihkhun pahnih um innkhan: *a single-/double-/ twin-bedded room.*

bedding *n* [U] 1 puan le ihphah pawl. 2 tilva tangphah (hram car tivek). **bedding plant** hmuan sungih phun ding tha thingfa.

bedaub /br'dəʊb/ *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb (with sth)** a bal, a bekmi thuh (hmaiah): *faces bedaubed with grease-paint.*

bedeck /br'dɛk/ *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb (with sth)** ceimawi, mawiter: *streets bedecked with flags.*

bedevil /br'dɛvɪl/ *v* (-II-; US -I-) [Tn esp passive] tibuai; hnokter: *an industry bedeviled with strikes* ○ *a family bedeviled by misfortune* ○ *Bad weather bedeviled our plans.*

bedlam /'bedləm/ *n* [U] ti ruri mi; mi aa retnak inn: *What's happening in that room? It's (like) bedlam in there.*

bedouin (also **Bedouin**) /beduːn/ *n* (pl unchanged) khua ngai nei lo vakvai vivomi nelrawn ih nuam in a um vivomi Arab miphun: [attrib] *a Bedouin tribe.*

bedraggled /br'dræɡld/ (also **draggled**) *adj* a ciar thlekthlek; bal tuamti: *bedraggled appearance, clothes, hair* ○ *The tents looked very bedraggled after the storm.*

bee¹ /bi:/ *n* 1 khuai. 2 (idm) **the bee's knees** (infml) a tha zetmi thil: *She thinks she's the bee's knees*, ie has a very high opinion of herself. **the birds and the bees** ⇒ BIRD. **busy as a bee** ⇒ BUSY. **have a bee in one's bonnet (about sth)** (infml) ruahnak dang nei: *our teacher has a bee in his bonnet about punctuation.*

□ **beehive** *n* khuai inn.

bee-keeper khuai zuattu.

bee² /bi:/ *n* (US) pawlkom awk (rualpi le innhnen pawl): *a sewing bee* ○ *a spelling bee.*

Beeb /bi:b/ *n* **the Beeb** (infml) the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), ti can.

beech /bi:tʃ/ *n* (a) [C] (also **beech tree**) thingkung phunkhat, bich thingkung. (b) [U] bich zanthing.

beef /bi:f/ *n* 1 (a) [U] caw sa, sai sa tivek: [attrib] *beef cattle*, ie those bred and reared for their meat. (b) [C] (pl **beeves** /bi:vz/) sa ei ding hrang zuatmi caw cang, tivek. 2 [U] (infml) titsa khal (thazang): *He's got plenty of beef.* 3 [C] (pl **beefs**) (sl) tlোকciar.

▷ **beef** *v* (sl) 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth/sb) tlোকciar: *What are you beefing about now?* 2 (phr v) **beef sth up** (infml esp US) tamter/ritter siin: *The new evidence beefed up their case.*

beefy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) titsa nei zet: *He's big and beefy.* **beefiness** *n* [U].

□ **beefburger** /'bi:fbʊ:gə(r)/ *n* hamburger (sa

rawimi sang).

beefsteak *n* em dingmi caw-sa tan cia.

beef tea cawsa haang (dam lo hrangih tuahmi).

beefeater /'bi:fi:tə(r)/ *n* (Brit) hlanlai ih siangpahrang inn (Tower of London) kiltu.

bee-line /'bi:ləm/ *n* (idm) **make a bee-line for sth/sb** (infml) lampial loin dingte'n feh: *As soon as he arrived at the party he made a bee-line for the bar.*

been *pp* of BE.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Been** is used as the past participle of both 'be' and 'go': *I've never been seriously ill* (be). ○ *I've never been to London* (go). **Gone** is also a past participle of 'go'. *They've been to the cinema* means that they went and have returned. *They've gone to the cinema* means that they went and are not back yet.

beep /bi:p/ *n* electric thawn suahtermi awfem zet. ▷ **beep** *v* [I] 'pip' 'pip' ti ih awn: *The computer beeps regularly.*

beer /biə(r)/ *n* 1 (a) [U] fang, vainim thawih tuahmi zu phunkhat: *a barrel, bottle, glass of beer* ○ [attrib] *a beer glass.* (b) [C] beer zu: *Two beers, please.* 2 [U, C] (esp in compounds) thinghram, tawba thawih tuahmi beer zu: *ginger-beer.* 3 (idm) **beer and skittles** nomnak: *Marriage isn't all beer and skittles*, ie isn't always free of trouble. **small beer** ⇒ SMALL.

▷ **beery** /'biəri/ *adj* beer zu rimnam: *a beery taste, smell* ○ *beery men.*

□ **beer-mat** *n* beer zu khuathai tawdam puan, cahnah sah.

beeswax /'bi:zwæks/ *n* [U] khuailul.

beet /bi:t/ *n* [U, C] 1 mungla sen. 2 (US) = BEETROOT.

beetle¹ /'bi:tl/ *n* sia-ek ceep; cuvek ceep phunphun.

▷ **beetle** *v* (phr v) **beetle along, about, away, off, etc** (infml) khulrang te'n feh (ke, mawtawka tivek thawn): *The kids beetled off home.*

beetle² /'bi:tl/ *n* sobul phunkhat.

beetling /'bi:tlɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] a pawtmi, a fongmi: *beetling cliffs.*

beetroot /'bi:tru:t/ (US **beet**) *n* 1 [U, C] mungla sendup hram. 2 (idm) **red as a beetroot** ⇒ RED.

beeves *pl* of BEEF 2.

befall /br'fɔ:l/ *v* (pt **befell** /br'fel/, pp **befallen** /br'fɔ:lən/) [I, Tn] (used only in the 3rd person) (arch) rathleng, a cang; tlunhnawh: *We shall never leave you, whatever befalls.* ○ *A great misfortune befell him.*

befit /br'fɪt/ *v* (-tt-) [Tn] (used only in the 3rd person) (fml) a tlak-aw; a rem-aw; a mawi: *You should dress in a way that befits a woman of your position.* ○ *It ill befits a priest to act uncharitably.* ▷ **befitting** *adj* a tlakmi; a mawimi: *act with befitting modesty.* **befittingly** *adv.*

befog /bi'fɒg/ *v* (-gg-) [Tn] molter, hnokter, fiangfai lo ih tuah: *Old age had befogged his mind.*

before¹ /bɪfɔː(r)/ *adv* a hlanah; hlan deuh ah: You should have told me so before. ◦ It had been fine the day/week before, ie the previous day/week. ◦ That had happened long before, ie a long time earlier. ◦ I've seen that film before. ⇒ Usage at BEFORE², Cf AFTER¹, AFTERWARDS.

before² /bɪfɔː(r)/ *prep* **1** tuan deuh ah: before lunch ◦ the day before yesterday ◦ two days before Christmas ◦ The year before last he won a gold medal, and the year before that he won the silver. ◦ She's lived there since before the war. ◦ He arrived before me. ◦ He taught English as his father had before him. ◦ Something ought to have been done before now. ◦ We'll know before long, ie soon. ◦ Turn left just before (ie before you reach) the cinema. Cf AFTER² 1. **2** (a) (with reference to position) hmai ah: We knelt before the throne. ◦ (fig) The task before us is not an easy one. Cf BEHIND² 1. (b) (with reference to order or arrangement) hmai sawn, thupi sawn: B comes before C in the alphabet. ◦ Your name comes before mine on the list. ◦ ladies before gentlemen ◦ He puts his work before everything, ie regards it as more important than anything else. Cf AFTER² 3. **3** hmai ah, umhngan ah: He was brought before the judge. ◦ She said it before witnesses. ◦ He made a statement before the House of Commons. **4** (fml) hnakin, sawn, deuh: death before dishonour. **5** (fml) (mi/thil pakhatkhat ih namnak hnuaiah: rak namtu hmailam: Our troops recoiled before the attack. ◦ They retreated before the enemy. ◦ The ship sailed before the wind, ie with the wind blowing from behind.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 In front of** and **behind** are prepositions and opposite in meaning. They indicate the relative position of people or things: Johnny is in front of me in the photo. ◦ The garage is behind the house. ◦ The dog ran in front of the bus. ◦ The mouse ran behind the cupboard. **2 In front** and **behind** are also adverbs: I'd like to sit in front. ◦ The taxi followed on behind. **3 Before** and **after** relate to time and can be (a) adverbs: the day after/before ◦ I had met him before. ◦ I'll see you after. (Here **afterwards** is more common.) (b) prepositions: the day after/before my birthday ◦ I'll see you after the meeting. (c) conjunctions: We had dinner after/before they arrived. **4 Before** and **after** can suggest place, especially when this is closely associated with time or order in a sequence. I was before/after you in the queue. ◦ C comes before E in the alphabet.

before³ /bɪfɔː(r)/ *conj* **1** hlanah: Do it before you forget. ◦ It may be many years before we meet again. ◦ Before the week was out (ie had ended), they were dead. ◦ It will be a long time before we

finish this dictionary. Cf AFTER³. **2** deuh, sawn: I'd shoot myself before I apologized to him!

beforehand /bɪfɔːhænd/ *adv* **1** a hlanhan in; tuan deuh ih rak ti cia: I had made preparations beforehand. ◦ He warned me beforehand what to expect. ◦ We were aware of the problem beforehand. **2** ~ (with sth) tuan deuh in: She is always beforehand with the rent, ie is ready to pay it before it is due. Cf BEHINDHAND.

befriend /bɪfrend/ *v* [Tn] rualpi that: They befriended the young girl, providing her with food and shelter. ◦ We were befriended by a stray dog.

befuddled /bɪfʌdld/ *adj* thinlung buaimi, a mawngseengmi: his befuddled mind ◦ be befuddled by drink, old age.

beg /beg/ *v* (-gg-) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (from sb); ~ (for) sth (from/of sb) dil (rawl, tangka, hnipuan, tivek pawl): there are hundreds begging in the streets. ◦ a begging letter, ie one that asks for help, esp money ◦ He was so poor he had to beg (for) money from passers-by. **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tt, Cn-t] ~ sth (of sb)/~ (sb) for sth zaangfah dil, kun: Set him free, I beg (of) you! ◦ May I beg a favour (of you)? ◦ He begged mercy (of the king). ◦ He begged (her) for forgiveness. ◦ The boy begged that he might be allowed/begged to be allowed to come with us. ◦ I beg (of) you not to take any risks. ⇒ Usage at ASK. **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) (uico) hmailam ke hnih thlir in rawl dilih to: teach one's dog to beg (for its food). **4** (idm) **beg leave to do sth** (fml) tuah siang dingih dil: I beg leave to address the Council. **beg sb's pardon** ngaithiam dil. **beg the question** theih duhmi theih zo ruangah thate'n ti duh nawn lo: Your proposal begs the question whether a change is needed at all. **I beg to differ** (used to express disagreement with sb): 'He's clearly the best candidate.' 'I beg to differ.' **go begging** (of things) duh lomi: If that sandwich is going begging, I'll have it. **I beg your pardon** (a) i ngaithiam aw! (b) simsal aw (ka thei fianglo): I beg your pardon — I didn't hear what you said. (c) ziang ee? (thin heng phah nawn in): I beg your pardon but the woman you're insulting happens to be my wife. **5** (phr v) **beg off** tuah/ti lo dingih dil: He promised to attend but then begged off. **beg sb off** sual thlah dingih dil; cawhkuano dingih dil.

began pt of BEGIN.

beget /bɪ'get/ *v* (-tt-, pt **begot** /bɪ'gɒt/ or, in archaic use **begat** /bɪ'gæt/, pp **begotten** /bɪ'gɒtn/) [Tn] **1** (arch) a nei (faa); a cawi, a hring: Abraham begat Isaac. **2** (fml or dated) a suahter: War begets misery and ruin.

beggar /begə(r)/ *n* **1** kutdawh diltu; rawl diltu; mi farah. **2** (infml) milai, dungthlun: You lucky beggar! ◦ The cheeky beggar! **3** (idm) **beggars can't be choosers** (infml saying). hril cuang ding um lo ruangah mah ngahmite ah lungkim: I would have preferred a bed, but beggars can't

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be choosers so I slept on the sofa.

▷ **beggar** *v* **1** [Tn] farahter: a nation beggared by crippling taxes. **2** (idm) **beggar description** a hleice tuk ruangah ziang tvek a si ti sim a har: a sunset which beggared description. ◦ His conduct is so bad it beggars (all) description.

beggarly *adj* **1** farah zet. **2** fah-hnaat zet: a beggarly wage.

beggary *n* [U] farah tuknak: be reduced to beggary.

begin /bɪˈɡɪn/ *v* (-nn-, pt **began** /bɪˈɡæn/, pp **begun** /bɪˈɡʌn/) **1** (a) thok: begin work, a meeting. ◦ The building hasn't even been begun. ◦ I began school (ie attended it for the first time) when I was five. ◦ He has begun (ie started reading or writing) a new book. (b) [I] a thok: When does the concert begin? ◦ The meeting will begin at nine. ◦ Building began last year. **2** [Tt] (a) a thok: She began to feel dizzy. ◦ I'm beginning to understand. ◦ I was beginning to think you'd never come. (b) a thok (thilri thawn hman): The paper was beginning to peel off the walls. ◦ The barometer began to fall. ◦ The water is beginning to boil. **3** [I, Ipr] a thoktu si; thiltuah hramthok: Shall I begin? ie take the first step or be the first to speak? ◦ Let's begin at (ie start from) page 9. ◦ She's begun on (ie started writing or reading) a new novel. ◦ I have to begin with an apology. **4** [I, Ipr] a thawhnak, a hmaisa bik, ramri thok: Where does Asia begin and Europe end? ◦ The new fare will be £1, beginning (from) next month. ◦ The English alphabet begins with 'A' and ends with 'Z'. **5** [Tt] (infml) (a si lo lam ɬongkam hman in) thil pakhat khat tuah zuam hnuk, tuah bangin langter: The authorities couldn't even begin to assess the damage, ie because it was so great. ◦ I can't begin to thank you, ie don't know what to say to thank you properly. ◦ He didn't even begin to understand. ⇒ Usage.

6 (idm) **charity begins at home** ⇒ CHARITY. **to begin with** (a) a thoknak ah; hmaisa bik ah: I'm not going. To begin with I haven't a ticket, and secondly I don't like the play. (b) hmaisa ah: To begin with he had no money, but later he became quite rich. ⇒ Usage at HOPEFUL.

▷ **beginner** *n* **1** a zir/a ɬuan thoktu. **2** (idm) **beginner's luck** a thoktirtu ih bawngvan (a van ɬa).

beginning *n* **1** (a) a thoktir: I missed the beginning of the film. ◦ You've made a good beginning. (b) a thoknak: Recite the poem (right) from the (very) beginning. ◦ I've read the book from beginning to end. **2** (often pl) a thoknak hmun, a hram: Did democracy have its beginnings in Athens? ◦ Many big businesses start from small beginnings. **3** (idm) **the beginning of the end** a cem thoknak: Defeat in this important battle was the beginning of the end for us.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** Very often **begin** and **start** can be used in the same way, though **start** is more common in informal speech: What time do you begin/start work in the morning? ◦ The concert begins/starts at 7:30 pm. **2** After continuous tenses of **begin** and **start** we do not normally use the **-ing** form of a verb: He began/started crying/to cry but It's starting/beginning to rain (NOT raining). **3** In some senses only **start** can be used: If we want to get there tonight, we should start (ie set off) now. ◦ The car won't start/I can't start the car.

begone /bɪˈɡɒn/; US -ˈɡɔːn/ *interj* (arch) tlan zaang aw! feh zaang aw!

begonia /bɪˈɡəʊniə/ *n* pangpar phunkhat.

begorra /bɪɡɒrə/ *interj* (Irish) Aw Pathian! tinak.

begot, begotten *pt, pp* of BEGET.

begrudge /bɪˈɡrʌdʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tg, Tsg] lung kimlo; zaangraam: I begrudge every penny I pay in tax. **2** [Dn-n] nah-suah: Nobody begrudges you your success.

▷ **begrudgingly** *adv*.

beguile /bɪˈɡaɪl/ (dated or fml) **1** (a) [Tn] mit la, thinlung la; thinnuamter: The travelers were beguiled by the beauty of the landscape. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with sth) hip: He beguiled us with many a tale of adventure. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with/by sth) nuam zet in (tikcu) cemer: Our journey was beguiled with spirited talk. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into doing sth) bum: They were beguiled into giving him large sums of money.

▷ **beguilement** *n* [U]. **beguiling** *adj*; **beguilingly** *adv*.

begum /beɪˈɡəm/ *n* Muslim nunau bawi upa.

begun *pp* of BEGIN.

behalf /bɪˈhɑːf/; US -ˈhæf/ *n* (idm) **on behalf of sb/on sb's behalf**: US in behalf of sb/in sb's behalf ai ah; can-ai: On behalf of my colleagues and myself I thank you. ◦ Ken is not present, so I shall accept the prize on his behalf. ◦ The legal guardian must act on behalf of the child. ◦ Don't be uneasy on my behalf, ie about me.

behave /bɪˈheɪv/ *v* **1** [Ipr] ~ **well, badly, etc** (towards sb) nungcang: She behaves (towards me) more like a friend than a mother. ◦ He has behaved shamefully towards his wife. **2** [I, Tn] ~ (oneself) ɬa teih nungcang/um: Children, please behave (yourselves)! **3** [I] cawlcang, hnaɬuan (cet pawl): How's your new car behaving?

▷ **-behaved** (forming compound *adjs*) nungcang: well-/ill-/badly-behaved children.

behaviour (US **behavior**) /bɪˈheɪvjə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] midang parih nuncandan thawn pehpar in, a pehparmi: She was ashamed of her children's (bad) behaviour. ◦ Their behaviour towards me shows that they do not like me. **2** [U] um dan: study the behaviour of infants, apes, bees. **3** (idm)

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be on one's best behaviour ⇒ BEST¹.

▷ **behavioural** (US **-oral**) /-jə'rel/ *adj* nuncan.
behavioural science milai nuncan dan zirnak.

behaviourism (US **-orism**) /-jə'rɪzəm/ *n* [U]
 (psychology) theih le hmuhmi ruangah cangvaih
 a si ti ruahnak.

behaviourist (US **-orist**) /-jə'rɪst/ *n* a tlun ih
 thupom.

behead /br'hed/ *v* [Tn] hngawng tan (sual
 cawhkuan ah); ral thah tikih hngawngtan: *Anne
 Boleyn was beheaded in 1536.*

beheld *pt, pp* of BEHOLD.

behest /br'hest/ *n* (idm) **at sb's behest** (dated
 or *fml*) pakhat ih thupek bangin: *at the king's
 behest/at the behest of the king.*

behind¹ /br'hænd/ *prep* **1 (a)** dunglam: *Who's
 the girl standing behind Richard?* ○ *Stay close
 behind me in the crowd.* ○ *The golf course is
 behind our house.* ○ *a small street behind the
 station* ○ *She glanced behind her.* ○ *work behind
 the counter*, eg as a sales assistant in a shop ○
Don't forget to lock the door behind you, ie when
 you leave. ○ (*fig*) *The accident is behind you now*
 (ie in the past), so forget about it. (**b**) phen ah,
 dung ah: *hide behind a tree* ○ *Behind the curtain
 she found a door.* ○ *The sun disappeared behind
 the clouds.* Cf **IN FRONT OF** (FRONT), ⇒ Usage at
 BEFORE². **2** khulfung, mi man lo: *He's behind
 the rest of the class in reading.* ○ *Britain is
 behind Japan in developing modern technology.*
 ○ *be behind schedule*, ie late. **3** lungkimpi(za
 awi) bawm: *My family is right behind me in my
 ambition to become a doctor.* ○ *He's trying to win
 the election with only 30% of voters behind him.* **4**
 hramthoktu; ʔuanvo latu; dunglam in a ʔangtu:
the thought that was behind the suggestion ○ *the
 man behind the scheme to build a new hospital.*
5 (idm) **be behind sth** a ruang: *What's behind
 the smart suit and eager smile?*

behind² /br'hænd/ *adv part* **1** dunglam in/ah: *I
 cycled off down the road with the dog running
 behind.* ○ *The others are a long way behind.* ○
What have we left behind (ie after going away)?
 ○ *Don't look behind or you may fall.* ○ *He was
 shot from behind as he ran away.* ○ *We had fallen
 so far behind that it seemed pointless continuing.*
 ○ *I had to stay behind after school*, ie remain
 in school after lessons were over. Cf **IN FRONT**
 (FRONT), ⇒ Usage at BEFORE². **2** ~ (**in/with sth**) pe
 suak lo (tangka); nithiah vekih ʔheh lo (hnaʔuan)
 : *I'm terribly behind (with the rent) this month.* ○
He's behind in handing in homework.

behind³ /br'hænd/ *n* (*infml euph*) tawʔawk: *She
 fell and landed on her behind.* ○ *He kicked the
 boy's behind.*

behindhand /br'hændhænd/ *adj* [pred] ~ (**with/
 in sth**) hnu (leiba pek dingmi hnu; tuah
 dingmi hnu): *be behindhand with the rent* ○
get behindhand in one's work ○ *He is never*

behindhand in offering advice, ie is always eager
 to advise. Cf BEFOREHAND.

behold /br'həʊld/ *v* (*pt, pp behold* /br'held/) **1**
 [Tn] (*arch rhet*) hmu; zohhnik!: *The babe was a
 wonder to behold.* ○ *Behold the king!* **2** (idm) **lo
 and behold** ⇒ LO.

▷ **beholder** *n*.

beholden /br'həʊldən/ *adj* [pred] ~ **to sb (for sth)**
 (dated or *fml*) lungawithu sim ding nei; leiba,
 sam ding nei: *We were much beholden to him
 for his kindness.*

behave /br'hæv/ (US **behoove** /br'huv/) *v* (used
 with *it*; not in continuous tenses) (dated or *fml*)
 tuah ʔul; a ʔul: *It behoves you* (ie *You ought*) *to be
 courteous at all times.* ○ *It ill behoves Anne* (ie
She ought not) *to speak thus of her benefactor.*

beige /beiz/ *adj, n* [U] a aire nawn (rong): a beige
 carpet.

being /bi:ɪŋ/ *n* **1** [U] (**a**) um: *the richest company
 in being today* ○ *What is the purpose of our
 being?* (**b**) sinak; thinlung tak: *I detest violence
 with my whole being.* **2** [C] a nungmi: *human
 beings* ○ *a strange being from another planet.* **3**
 (idm) **bring sth into being** siter, umter, cangter
come into being a um thok: *When did the world
 come into being?*

bejewelled (US **bejeweled**) /br'dʒu:æld/ *adj*
 lungvar thawn ceimawimi.

belabour (US **belabor**) /br'leɪbə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~
sb/sth (with sth) (*arch*) vua (thawi) neknek: *He
 belaboured the donkey mercilessly.* ○ (*fig*) *They
 belaboured us with insults.*

belated /br'leɪtɪd/ *adj* hnu zet ah ra, hnu tuk zo:
 a belated apology, Christmas card.

▷ **belatedly** *adv*.

belay /br'leɪ/ *v* [Tn] (tlang kainak le lawng ih
 fehnak ah) lawngzum, khentʔhio ah hridai ʔem/
 khit.

▷ **belay** /br'leɪ/, also, in mountaineering, 'bi:leɪ/ *n*
 cutivek hri khit.

belch /beltʃ/ *v* **1** [I] irh irh. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p]
 ~ **sth (out/forth)** a zim ong ihsin a khu suak:
factory chimneys belching smoke (into the sky) ○
The volcano belched out smoke and ashes.

▷ **belch** *n* irh: *He gave a loud belch.*

beleaguer /br'li:gə(r)/ *v* [Tn usu passive] **1** kulh
 ʔheh (ral, etc): *a beleaguered garrison.* **2** harnak
 le thin hnaihnoknak pe: *beleaguered by naughty
 children.*

belfry /belfri/ *n* **1** darkhing tar hmun innsang;
 biakinn ih darkhing tarnak innsang. **2** (idm)
have bats in the belfry ⇒ BAT¹.

belie /br'laɪ/ *v* (*pres p belying, pp belied*) [Tn] **1**
 a dik lomi suahter/langter, bum: *His cheerful
 manner belied his real feelings.* **2** a lamdang
 pi ah a suahter; a si dingmi a suahter thei lo:
Practical experience belies this theory.

belief /br'li:f/ *n* **1** [U] ~ **in sth/sb** zumnak: *I haven't
 much belief in his honesty*, ie cannot feel sure

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that he is honest. ○ *He has great belief in his doctor*, ie is confident that his doctor can cure him. ○ *She has lost her belief in God*, ie no longer thinks that God exists. **2** [C] (a) a dik tak ti ih pommi, zummi: *It is my belief that...*, ie It is my firm opinion that.... ○ *He acted in accordance with his beliefs*. (b) biaknak zirhmi: *Christian beliefs*. **3** (idm) **beyond belief** zum dingah a hartuk, a maktuk, tihnung tuk: *I find his behaviour (irresponsible) beyond belief*. **in the belief that...** zumnak nei zet ih, zumnak thawn: *He came to me in the belief that I could help him*.

to the best of one's belief/knowledge ⇒ BEST³.

believe /br'li:v/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tw] zum; a si ti ih ruat: *I believe him/what he says*. ○ *I'm innocent, please believe me*. ○ *I'll believe it/that when I see it*, ie Until I have evidence, I remain skeptical. ○ *I'm told he's been in prison, and I can well believe it*, ie it doesn't surprise me. **2** [Tf, Tw, Tnt] ruat (a sual pi in) si sehla: *People used to believe (that) the world was flat*. ○ *Nobody will believe what difficulty we have had/believe how difficult it has been for us*. ○ *They believed him to be insane*. ○ *I believe it to have been a mistake*. ○ *Mr Smith, I believe*. ○ *'Is he coming?' 'I believe so/not.'* **3** [I] biaknak lam zumnak nei: *He thinks that everyone who believes will go to heaven*. **4** (phr *v*) **believe in sb/sth** ring, rinsan (thil/mi) a um tiuh zum: *I believe in God*. ○ *Do you believe in ghosts?* **believe in sth/sb; believe in doing sth** rinsan lawlaw, ring lawlaw: *I believe in his good character*. ○ *Do you believe in nuclear disarmament?* ○ *He believes in getting plenty of exercise*. **believe sth of sb** ti thei dingah zum: *If I hadn't seen him doing it I would never have believed it of him*. **5** (idm) **believe it or not** zum le zum lo khalle: *Believe it or not, we were left waiting in the rain for two hours*. **believe (you) me** ka lo kam ngam: *Believe me, the government won't meddle with the tax system*. **give sb to believe/understand** ⇒ GIVE¹. **lead sb to believe** ⇒ LEAD³. **make believe (that...)** siter aw; cawng: *The boys made believe (that) they were astronauts*. Cf MAKE-BELIEVE (MAKE). **not believe one's ears/eyes** a situk ruangah zum thei lo vekih um. **seeing is believing (saying)** a si ngai, a um ngai ti thei dingah mit ih hmuh a tūl. **would you believe (it)?** (expressing astonishment or dismay) zum ding a har nain: *Today, would you believe, she came to work in an evening dress!* ▷ **believable** *adj* zum tlak, zum tha. **believably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

believer *n* **1** zumtu (biaknak lam). **2** (idm) **be a (great/firm) believer in sth** fekzet, nasazet ih zumtu: *I'm not a great believer in (taking) regular physical exercise*.

Belisha beacon /bə'li:ʃə/ (also **beacon**) (Brit) lamhmuhu retmi meifar vannak thuum.

belittle /br'li:tl/ *v* [Tn] thupiter lo, man nei

lemlo ih ruat, nautat: *Don't belittle yourself*, ie Don't be too modest about your abilities or achievements.

▷ **belittlement** *n* [U].

belittling *adj* thupitter lonak, nautatnak: *I find it belittling to be criticized by someone so much younger than me*.

bell /bel/ *n* **1** darkhing, kiling: *Church bells* ○ *a bicycle bell*. **2** caan khiahnak ih awnmi kiling, darkhing: *There's the bell for the end of the lesson*. ○ *The boxer was saved by the bell*, ie He escaped further severe treatment when the bell sounded. **3** khawnglawng pian nei. **4** (idm) **clear as a bell** ⇒ CLEAR¹. **ring a bell** ⇒ RING². **sound as a bell** ⇒ SOUND¹.

□ **bell-bottoms** *n* [pl] a ke lam pawr zet ih thitmi bawngbi (tawhrolh) sau. **bell-bottomed** *adj* a ke lam a kau, a pawr, a arh.

bellboy *n* (US) (Brit) = PAGE-BOY (PAGE²), khual-inn (hotel) ih hnañuan, tirhialmi, a riak pawl thil phurh saktu mipa nauhak, tlangval.

bell-buoy *n* tidai tanglam ah khiti tipar ih phuantermi thil par ih an retmi, tisuar ih ontermi ralrin petu thil-awn.

bell captain (US) bellboy pawl hotu.

bellhop, bellman (pl -men) *ns* (US) = BELLBOY.

bell-pull *n* darkhing tumnak hridai.

bell-push *n* elektrik kiling hmehmi.

bell-ringer *n* [C], **bell-ringing** *n* [U] (milai) biakinn darkhing tumtu.

bell-tent *n* a lai ah thuum pakhat ih do mi khawnglawng pian puan buuk (thlam).

belle /bel/ *n* nunau mawi/a mawi bikmi: *the belle of the ball*, ie the most beautiful woman present at a dance ○ *the belle of New York*.

belles-lettres /bel'letrə/ *n* [sing or pl *v*] (French) calai le capi pawl zir.

bellicose /'belikəʊs/ *adj* (fml or rhet) mipuar; mi tawh hmang, raldo hiar: *a bellicose nation, nature*.

▷ **bellicosity** /'belɪkəsəti/ *n* [U].

-bellied ⇒ BELLY.

belligerent /br'lidʒərənt/ *adj* **1** ral rero, mi do rerotu (ram, miphun): *the belligerent powers*, ie raldo rero ram pawl. **2** ralduh, doduh: *a belligerent person, manner, speech*.

▷ **belligerence** /-ens/, **belligerency** /-ənsi/ *ns* [U].

belligerent *n* ral do rerotu milai, ram pawl.

bellow /'beləʊ/ *v* **1** [I] hrumraak; caw pawvekih raak kio: *The bull bellowed angrily*. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (at sb) raak hnawh: *The music was so loud we had to bellow at each other to be heard*. ○ *The sergeant bellowed orders at the platoon*.

▷ **bellow** *n*.

bellows /'bɛləʊz/ *n* [pl] sodawng: *a pair of bellows*, ie two-handled bellows for blowing air into a fire.

belly /'beli/ *n* **1** (a) taang ih tanglam taksa ruangpi

(pum le a sungih um pawl). **(b)** (*infml*) pumpi: *with an empty belly*, ie hungry. **2** pum vekih a puarnak hmun: *in the belly of a ship*.

▷ **-bellied** /belid/ (forming compound adjs) a pawh, pawng lualli: *big-bellied* ○ *pot-bellied*.

belly *v* (*pt, pp bellied*) (*phr v*) **belly** (*sth*) **out** a puar; a pawngter: *The sails bellied out*. ○ *The wind bellied out the sails*.

□ **bellyache** *n* (*infml*) pumpi nat. — *v* [I] (*infml*) tlok ciar ringring: *Do stop bellyaching all the time!*

belly-button *n* (*infml*) laai-hri.

belly-dance *n* (pum merh le hninter ciamco ih) laam phunkhat. **belly-dancer** *n* cuvek ih laamtu.

belly-flop *n* (*infml*) tisung daiven thut lut tiki h pum khawng hmaisa.

belly-laugh *n* (*infml*) pum na ko ih hnih; suup loih hnih.

bellyful /beliful/ *n* (*idm*) **have had a/one's bellyful of sb/sth** (*infml*) zawi thei tawp; tuar thei tawp: *I've had a/my bellyful of your complaints*.

belong /brɒŋ; US -ləŋ/ *v* **1** [Ipr] **(a) ~ to sb** ta a si: *These books belong to me*, ie are mine. ○ *Who(m) does this belong to?* **(b) ~ to sth** thawn a peh tlaumi: *I belong to Glasgow*. ○ *That lid belongs to this jar*. **2 ~ to sth** sungtel, hmun ta: *He has never belonged to a trade union*. ○ *The daffodil belongs to the genus 'Narcissus'*. **3 (a)** [Ipr, Ip] **~ (with sb/sth)** ta, ih ta: *Where does this belong?* ie *Where is it kept?* ○ *The hammer belongs (in the shed) with the rest of the tools*. ○ *The vase belongs on this shelf*. ○ *A child belongs with (ie should live with and be cared for by) its mother*. ○ *These items don't belong under this heading*, ie are wrongly classified. **(b)** [I] remti, ngam, caam: *He doesn't feel he belongs/has no sense of belonging here*, ie *He feels an outsider*.

▷ **belongings** *n* [pl] thiar theih, thilri neih mi (inn le ram tel lo): *After his death his sister sorted through his (personal) belongings*. ○ *The tourists lost all their belongings in the hotel fire*.

beloved *adj* **(a)** /brɪləvd/ [pred] **~ (by/of sb)** duhdaw zet: *This man was beloved by/of all who know him*. **(b)** /brɪləvd/ [attrib] duhdawt mi: *in memory of my beloved husband*.

▷ **beloved** /brɪləvd/ *n* duhdawt mi, milai: *He wrote a sonnet to his beloved*.

below /brɪləʊ/ *prep* a niamnak, a tang, hnuai ah, a tanglam; nauta: *Please do not write below this line*. ○ *Skirts must be below (ie long enough to cover) the knee*. ○ *The body was visible below the surface of the lake*. ○ *The temperature remained below freezing all day*. ○ *A sergeant in the police force is below an inspector*. ○ *The standard of his work is well below the average of his class*. ○ *You can cross the river a short distance below (ie downstream from) the waterfall*. Cf ABOVE².

▷ **below** *adv part 1* hnuai ah, tangah, a niam ah: *the sky above and the sea below* ○ *live on the*

floor below ○ *hear the music from below* ○ *See below* (eg at the foot of the page) *for references*.

○ *The passengers who felt seasick stayed below*. **2** (*idm*) **down below** ⇒ DOWN. **here below** ⇒ HERE. Cf ABOVE¹.

belt /belt/ *n* **1** taikap: *a coat with a belt attached* ○ *a sword-belt* ○ *You don't need braces if you're wearing a belt!* **2** cet hernak ih hman mi rubber hri peer: *a fan belt* ○ *a conveyor belt*. **3** hmunram hleice, bialkual: *a country's cotton, forest, industrial, etc belt* ○ *live in the commuter belt* ○ *a belt of rain moving across the country*. **4** (*sl*) napi ih thong, cum. **5** (*idm*) **(hit sb) below the belt** mawi lo ih tisual, thawi. **tighten one's belt** ⇒ TIGHTEN (TIGHT). **under one's belt** (*infml*) tisuk thei, tuah suak thei: *She already has good academic qualifications under her belt*.

▷ **belt v 1** **(a)** [Tn] taikap khap; tai ah khap: *Your macking tosh looks better belted*. **(b)** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] taikap ah paai (naam): *The officer belt his sword on*. **2** [Tn, Dn-n] (*sl*) taikap thawn thawi: *If you don't shut up, I'll belt you (one)*. **3** (*phr v*) **belt along, up, down, etc** (*sl*) khulrang zet in feh (duhnak ah): *A car came belting along (the road)*. ○ *He went belting up/down the motorway at 90 mph*. **belt sth out** (*sl*) na ngaipin sak (hla, thuanthu cawn): *a radio belting out pop music*. **belt up** **(a)** (*infml*) nan taikap khap (mawtawka, vanzuang tonak ih taikap, taiṭawn). **(b)** (*sl*) daite'n um aw: *Belt up, I can't hear what your mother is saying!*

belting *n* (*sl*) vuak: *give the boy a good belting*, ie thrash him soundly.

□ **beltline** (*US*) khua kimvel ih feh rero mi baska le tlangleng.

bemoan /brɪməʊn/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) phunzai, rehsia: *bemoan one's sad fate* ○ *bemoan the shortage of funds for research*.

bemused /brɪmjʊzd/ *adj* thinlung hnaihok: *a bemused tone of voice* ○ *He was totally bemused by the traffic system in the city*.

ben /ben/ *n* (*Scot*) (esp in names) tlangzim: *Ben Nevis*.

bench /bentʃ/ *n* **1** [C] **(a)** tokheng sau: *a park bench*. **(b)** (*Brit*) (in the House of Commons) tlangsuak upa tonkhawmnak sungih MP hrekhat pawl tonak hmun: *the back-/cross-/front-benches* ○ *There was cheering from the Labour benches*. **2 the bench** **(a)** thuthentu zung: *the Queen's Bench*, ie a division of the British High Court of Justice. **(b)** [*sing*] thuthennak zungih thuthentu tohmun. **(c)** [*Gp*] thuthentu pawl/buur khat. **(d)** [*Gp*] suahpi mi thu rak ngai rero thuthentu pawl. **3** [C] themthiam (letama) hnatuannak tokheng saupi. **4** (*idm*) **on the bench** thuthentu tuan.

□ **bench-mark** *n* **(a)** ram tahtu pawl in lungto parih an rinmi hminsinnak. **(b)** (*fig*) tahthimnak ih hmanmi ritek, rikhiah.

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bench seat (minung pahnih, pathum hrang) mawṭawka sung ih tonak sau.

bend¹ /bend/ *v* (pt, pp **bent** /bent/) **1** [Tn, Tn-p] kawiter, kulter: *It's hard to bend an iron bar.* ○ *The mast was bent during the storm.* ○ *The heat of the fire has bent these records.* ○ *Touch your toes without bending your knees.* ○ *Bend the wire up/down/forwards/back.* **2** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] a kawi (lampi): *The road bends to the right after a few yards.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] a kawi, a kul: *The branch bent but didn't break when the boy climbed along it.* (c) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] kuun: *She bent down and picked it up.* ○ *He bent forward to listen to the child.* ○ *The boy bent over to be caned.* ○ *They (were) bent double crouching under the table.* ○ *His head was bent over a book.* **3** [Tn-p, Tn-pr] hmun danglam hoihi, her: *We bent our steps towards home.* **4** (idm) **bend the rules** upadi thleng/lamdangter. **bend one's mind to sth** ruahnak hmunkhat lamah re: *He couldn't bend his mind to his studies.* **bend/lean over backwards** ⇒ BACKWARDS (BACKWARD). **on bended knee(s)** khukbil in, (thlacam ah) zangfah diil in. **5** (phr v) **bend (sb) to sth** a sung pek, thu thlun: *bend to sb's will* ○ *bend sb to one's will.* **be bent on sth/on doing sth** tuah tengteng tum: *be bent on pleasure, mischief, etc* ○ *He is bent on winning at all costs.*

▷ **bendy** *adj* (infml) (a) a kawi tammi: *a bendy road.* (b) kawiter theih, a kawi thei: *bendy material* ○ *a bendy twig.*

bend² /bend/ *n* **1** [C] thil kawi, (lamzin, ruun, tivek): *a slight, gentle, sharp, sudden, etc bend.* **2** [C] hri sihi. **3** (idm) **(drive sb/be/go) round the bend/twist** (infml) buaiter; aa ter (thinlung, ruahnak): *His behaviour is driving me round the bend, ie annoys me very much.*

bender /bendə(r)/ *n* (sl) duh tawk ih zu in caan: *go on a drunken bender for three days.*

bends /bendz/ *n* [pl] **the bends** (infml) thawhawt har nat (ti sung lut pawl leng an suah hnu ih an tuar ṭheumi).

beneath /br'ni:θ/ *prep* (fml) **1** tang, hnuai: *They found the body buried beneath a pile of leaves.* ○ *The boat sank beneath the waves.* **2** a tlaak lo: *He considers such jobs beneath him, ie not suited to his rank or status.* ○ *They thought she had married beneath her, ie married a man of lower social status.* Cf ABOVE².

▷ **beneath** *adv* (fml) tang deuh ah; niam deuh ah: *Her careful make-up hid the signs of age beneath.*

Benedictine *n* **1** /ben'diktɪn/ [C] St Benedict ih dinsuah mi pastor (Khristian phungki) pawlpi: [attrib] *the Benedictine order.* **2** /ben'diktɪn/ [C, U] (propr) Benedictine phungki.

benediction /ben'fɪkʃn/ *n* [C, U] thlawsuah; hmuifu, biakkhawmnak ih pek mi hmuifu: *pronounce/say the benediction* ○ *confer one's*

benediction on sb.

benefaction /ben'fæksɪn/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] thil ṭha tuahnak. **2** [C] laksawng, thilṭhen: *She made many charitable benefactions.*

benefactor /ben'ɪfæktə(r)/ *n* tlawng, sizung, ngakṭah pawl tangka bawmtu.

▷ **benefactress** /ben'ɪfæktɪs/ *n* cuvek bawmtu nu.

benefice /ben'ɪfɪs/ *n* a tangka ngahmi thawn pastor cawmtu, pastor bial uktu, Pastor hnaṭuan.

▷ **beneficed** /ben'ɪfɪs/ *adj* cawmnak, bomnak ngahtu: *a beneficed priest.*

beneficent /br'nefɪsnt/ *adj* (fml) mi bawm duh; zaangfah thiam: *a beneficent patron.*

▷ **beneficence** /br'nefɪsn/ *n* [U].

beneficial /ben'ɪfɪʃl/ *adj* ~ (to sth/sb) ṭhahnem, santlaai: *a beneficial result, influence, etc* ○ *Fresh air is beneficial to one's health.*

▷ **beneficially** /-fəli/ *adv.*

beneficiary /ben'ɪfɪʃe(r)i/; US -'fɪʃɪəri/ *n* thilri maw, tangka maw rak ngahtu.

benefit /ben'ɪfɪt/ *n* **1** (a) ṭhathnemnak; hlawknak: *Because of illness she didn't get much benefit from her stay abroad.* ○ *I've had the benefit of a good education.* ○ *It was achieved with the benefit (ie help, aid) of modern technology.* ○ *The new regulations will be of great benefit to us all.* ○ *A change in the law would be to everyone's benefit.* (b) [C] miatnak, hlawknak: *the benefits of modern medicine, science, higher education.* **2** [U, C] acozah, life insurance ihsin ngahmi sumpai: *medical, unemployment, sickness, etc benefit(s).* **3** [C, esp attrib] tangka hawlnak ih tuahmi zapi zohnuam puai, etc: *a benefit match, performance, concert, etc.* **4** (idm) **for sb's benefit** kaihi hruainak, lamhmuhtu ṭhatnak: *The warning sign was put there for the benefit of the public.* ○ *Although she didn't mention me by name, I know her remarks were intended for my benefit.* **give sb the benefit of the doubt** a sual ti a fiangtuklo ruangih ṭhathnem coter: *By allowing her to go free the judge gave the accused the benefit of the doubt.*

▷ **benefit** *v* (pt, pp **-fited**; US also **-fitted**) **1** [Tn] ṭhathnemter: *These facilities have benefited the whole town.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (from/by sth) a miat ngah: *Who stands to (ie is likely to) benefit most by the new tax laws?* ○ *He hasn't benefited from (ie become wiser with) the experience.*

benevolent /br'nevələnt/ *adj* ~ (to/towards sb) **1** mi zangfah thiam, mi bom duh; amiat hawl lo ih bawm duh: *a benevolent air, attitude, manner, etc* ○ *a benevolent dictator* ○ *benevolent despotism.* **2** farah zonzai bomnak ih tuahmi: *a benevolent institution/society/fund.*

▷ **benevolence** /br'nevələns/ *n* [U] thil ṭha tuahduhnak; zangfah thiamnak, tirhsiangnak. **benevolently** *adv.*

B Eng /bi:'endʒ/ *abbr* Bachelor of Engineering (kawlrāmih BE): *have/be a B Eng* ○ *Greg James B Eng.*

benighted /br'naitɪd/ *adj* (*dated*) a fim hrih lo mi: *benighted savages.*

benign /br'nain/ *adj* **1** zangfahnak telmi; nun nemmi. **2** a nuammi (nikhua). **3** taksa bol (a karhzai lo dingmi, v tih a nung lomi).

▷ **benignly** *adv.* Cf MALIGNANT.

bent¹ /bent/ *n* **1** (*usu sing*) ~ (**for sth/doing sth**) ti duhnak; paihzawng: *She has a (natural) bent for music.* ○ *He is of a studious bent.* **2** (*idm*) **follow one's bent** ⇒ FOLLOW.

bent² /bent/ *adj* (*sl esp Brit*) **1** mi dinglo: a *bent copper*, ie a policeman who can be bribed. **2** [*usu pred*] (*derog*) zahmawh bangrep thawn pawl hiartu (nu le nu, pa le pa); homosexual.

bent³ /bent/ *pt, pp* of BEND¹.

benumbed /br'nʌmd/ *adj* (*fml*) a hit; hit t̃heh: *fingers benumbed with cold.*

Benzedrine /'benzədri:n/ *n* [U] (*propr*) amphetamine vek sii phunkhat.

benzene /benzi:n/ *n* [U] daatsi le lung meihol ihsin ngahmi pianzia nei lo daat-ti phunkhat (plastic tuahnak ih hmanmi sii phunkhat).

benzine /benzi:n/ *n* [U] benzine daat.

benzol /benzɔl/ *US -zɔl/ n* [U] (*esp unrefined*) benzene.

bequeath /br'kwɪ:ð/ *v* (*fml*) [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (**to sth**) **1** ro cah: *He bequeathed £1000 (to charity).* ○ *She has bequeathed me her jewellery.* **2** (*fig*) santhar teih hnenah simsin, roh: *discoveries bequeathed to us by scientists of the last century.*

bequest /br'kwɛst/ *n* (*fml*) **1** ro; ro thil: *the bequest of one's paintings to a gallery.* **2** thuchah: *leave a bequest of £2000 each to one's grandchildren.*

berate /br'reɪt/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) kawk ciamco, hro.

bereave /br'rɪ:v/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**of sb**) (*fml*) lakhlo sak; duhdawtmi ih thihsan: *an accident which bereaved him of his wife and child* ○ *the bereaved husband*, ie the man whose wife had died.

▷ **the bereaved** *n* [*sing or pl v*] (*fml*) duhdawt mi ih thihsanmi, tantakmi: *The bereaved is/are still in mourning.*

bereavement *n* **1** [U] thih-hloh tuarnak: *We all sympathize with you in your bereavement.* **2** [C] thih-hlohnak: *She was absent because of a recent bereavement.*

bereft /br'reft/ *adj* [*pred*] (*fml*) ~ (**of sth**) lon sak, laksakmi: *be bereft of speech*, ie be unable to speak ○ *bereft of hope*, ie without hope ○ *bereft of reason*, ie mad.

beret /br'reft/ *n* lukhuh peer (sahmul puan thawih tuahmi).

beriberi /berɪ'beri/ *n* [U] vitamin B um lo nat; taksa thling nat.

berk /bɜ:k/ *n* (*Brit sl derog*) mi aa (mi pa).

berry /beri/ *n* **1** a sungmu nei lo a ti tam thingrah: *blackberry* ○ *raspberry* ○ *holly berries.* **2** (*botany*) thohmui, bok-khek, pokpawr vek pawl. **3** nga, kaikuang ih a ti. **4** (*idm*) **brown as a berry** ⇒ BROWN.

berserk /bɜ'sɜ:k/ *adj* [*usu pred*] (*idm*) **send sb/go/ be berserk** thinheng aithokter.

berth /bɜ:θ/ *n* **1** tlangleng, lawng sungih ihnak. **2** lawng cawlhnak ih lawng hrenhmun: *find a safe berth*, eg one protected from bad weather. **3** (*infml*) hnaʔuan: *a snug/cosy berth.* **4** (*idm*) **give sb/sth a wide berth** ⇒ WIDE.

▷ **berth** *v* **1** ihnak pe: *Six passengers can be berthed on the lower deck.* **2** (a) [Tn] lawng hridai thawn hreng/khit. (b) [I] lawng hren hmun ah: *The liner berthed at midday.*

beryl /berəl/ *n* lung mankhung (a hring mi).

beryllium /bɛrɪlɪəm/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) thir hakternak ih hmanmi a siat, a tlap theilomi thil phunkhat.

beseech /br'si:tʃ/ *v* (*pt, pp besought* /br'sɔ:t/ or **beseached**) (*fml*) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ **sb** (**for sth**) zaangfah dil: *Spare him, I beseech you.* ○ *The prisoner besought the judge for mercy/to be merciful.* **2** [Tn] ngeen: *She besought his forgiveness.* ⇒ Usage at ASK.

▷ **beseeking** *adj* [*attrib*] zaangfah dingih um (awkam, mitmen, tivekin). **beseekingly** *adv.*

beset /br'set/ *v* (-tt-, *pt, pp beset*) [Tn esp passive] (*fml*) kiangkap ihsin kulh t̃heh (a khat t̃heh): *beset by doubts* ○ *The voyage was beset with dangers.* ○ *the difficulties, pressures, temptations, etc that beset us all.*

▷ **besetting** *adj* [*attrib*] harsatnak tam: *a besetting difficulty/fear/sin.*

beside /br'saɪd/ *prep* **1** kiangah, sir ah: *Sit beside your sister.* ○ *I keep a dictionary beside me when I'm doing crosswords.* **2** tah t̃him in: *Beside your earlier work this piece seems rather disappointing.* **3** (*idm*) **beside oneself (with sth)** mah le mah uk aw thei lo thinheng tuk; mawlh: *He was beside himself with rage when I told him what I had done.*

besides /br'saɪdz/ *prep* **1** hlei ah; tlun ah; cubet-ah: *There will be five of us for dinner, besides John.* ○ *The play was badly acted, besides being far too long.* **2** siar loin: *She has no relations besides an aged aunt.* ○ *No one writes to me besides you.* ▷ **besides** *adv* bet lai hrih: *I haven't time to see the film — besides, it's had dreadful reviews.* ○ *Peter is our youngest child, and we have three others besides.*

besiege /br'saɪdz/ *v* **1** [Tn] kulh t̃heh (ralkap in): *Troy was besieged by the Greeks.* **2** (*fig*) (a) [Tn] (milai) kiangkap ah um t̃heh; kulh vualvi: *The Prime Minister was besieged by reporters.* (b) [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb with sth** suut ciamco: *The teacher was besieged with questions from his pupils.*

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besmear /br'smɛə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth/sb** (with **sth**) (fml) thil baal hnih, neh, thuh sak; thil baal neek (hnipuan ah): *hands besmeared with oil.*

besmirch /br'smɜ:tʃ/ (also **smirch**) *v* [Tn] (fml) mithmai siater; balter; thangsiat, mualphoh: *besmirch sb's reputation, name, honour, etc.*

besom /bi:zəm/ *n* kutkaih saupi nei hmunphiah (fung zim ah a phiatnak um mi).

besotted /br'sɒtɪd/ *adj* [pred] ~ (by/with **sb/sth**) aatpi (caai ruangih aa): *He is totally besotted with the girl*, ie deeply in love with her.

besought *pt, pp* of BESEECH.

bespangled /br'spæŋɡld/ *adj* [pred] ~ (with **sth**) thil tleu thawn ceimawi mi: *a sky bespangled with stars.*

bespattered /br'spætəd/ *adj* [pred] ~ (with **sth**) thawn a khat (ciarbek, thil bal thawn): *Her clothes were bespattered with mud.*

bespeak /br'spi:k/ *v* (pt **bespoke** /br'spəʊk/, pp **bespoke** or **bespoken** /br'spəʊkən/) [Tn] (dated or fml) a langter; a tarlang, a khihhmuh: *His polite manners bespoke the gentleman.*

bespectacled /br'spektəklɪd/ *adj* mitkharh kharhmi.

bespoke /br'spəʊk/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (of clothes) a leitu fial vekih ʔhitmi thilthuam: *a bespoke suit.*

2 cutivek thilthuam ʔhitu: *a bespoke tailor.* **3** (computing) (of software) bulpak hrang a ʔulmi pawl tuah theinak dingah a hleiceih nganmi.

best¹ /best/ *adj* (superlative of GOOD¹) **1** a ʔha bik; duh-um bik: *my best friend* ○ *the best dinner I've ever had* ○ *The best thing to do would be to apologize.* ○ *The best thing about the party was the food.* ○ *He's the best man for the job.* ○ *What is the best* (ie the shortest, easiest, etc) *way to get there?* ○ *It's best to go by bus.* Cf GOOD, BETTER.

2 (idm) **be on one's best behaviour** ʔha bik ih um. **one's best bet** (infml) hlawhtling dingmi: *Your best bet would be to call again tomorrow.* **one's best bib and tucker** (dated joc) caan hleice ih hrukmi maih thilthuam ʔhabik. **one's best/strongest card** ⇒ CARD¹. **the best/better part of sth** ⇒ PART¹. **make the best use of sth** a ʔha thei tawp ih hmang: *She's certainly made the best use of her opportunities.* **put one's best foot forward** zamrang thei tawkih feh. **with the best will in the world** a mawi a ding thei patawp ih zuam hmanah.

□ **best man** ʔhit-um tiki h moneipa dinpitu (rual). Cf BRIDESMAID.

best² /best/ *adv* (superlative of WELL²) **1** (often in compounds) (a) a ʔha bik in: *the best-dressed politician* ○ *the best kept garden in the street* ○ *He works best in the mornings.* ○ *These insects are best seen through a microscope.* ○ *She's the person best able to cope.* ○ *Do as you think best*, ie as you think should be done. ○ *You know best*, ie You know better than anyone else what should be done, what is correct, etc (b) bik (mi):

the best-known/best-loved politician ○ *I enjoyed his first novel best* (of all). ○ *He did it for reasons best known to himself.* **2** (idm) **as best one can** ti/ tuah thei patawp in: *The facilities were not ideal but we managed as best we could.* **for reasons/ some reason best known to oneself** ⇒ REASON. **had better/best** = BETTER². **know best** ⇒ KNOW. □ **best seller** khawng tam bik (cabu le thil dang): [attrib] *the best-seller list.* **best-selling** *adj* khawng tam bikmi: *a best-selling novel, author, series.*

best³ /best/ *n* [sing] **1** ʔha bik: *She wants the best of everything*, ie wants her life, possessions, etc to be perfect. ○ *When you pay that much for a meal you expect the best.* ○ *He was acting from the best of motives.* ○ *She's the best of the lot/bunch.* ○ *He is among the best of our workers.* ○ *We're the best of friends*, ie very close friends. **2** a hlawk bik: *That's the best of having a car.* ○ *The best we can hope for is that nobody gets killed.* **3** (idm) **all the best** (infml) sultluang lamtluangte'n, tluangte'n (cibai bukna ih hman a si): *Goodbye, and all the best!* ○ *Here's wishing you all the best in the coming year.* **at best** zumnak bikah: *We can't arrive before Friday at best.* **at its/one's best** a sinak ʔha bik: *modern architecture at its best* ○ *Chaplin was at his best playing the little tramp.* ○ *I wasn't feeling at my best at the party so I didn't enjoy it.* (even) **at the best of times** thil umtudan a ʔhabik lai hmanah: *He's difficult at the best of times — usually he's impossible.*

be (all) for the best a netnak ah a ʔha bik. **the best of both worlds** a hlawk veve mi pakhat ih ʔuanmi hnaʔuan pahnih: *She's a career woman and a mother, so she has the best of both worlds.* **the best of British (luck) (to sb)** (often ironic) tisuak thei lemlo dingih ruahmi thil titu ʔhapeknak ih hmanmi ʔong. (play) **the best of three**, voithum tivek zuam awk: *We were playing the best of five but we stopped after three because John won them all.* ie. voinga zuamawk dingah voithum a neh zo ruangah a nehtu a fiang zo. **bring out the best/worst in sb** sinak ʔhabik/ siabik langter: *The family crisis really brought out the best in her.* **do, try, etc one's (level/very) best; do the best one can** mah thei patawp ih tuah: *I did my best to stop her.* ○ *It doesn't matter if you don't win — just do your best.* **get/have the best of it, the deal, etc** a ʔha bik, a hlawk bik: *The garden looks its best in the spring.* **make the best of it/things/a bad deal/a bad job** ti thei tawp tuah ih lungkim. **make the best of oneself** mi duh dingin mah le mah ʔha bik ah tuah. **one's Sunday best** ⇒ SUNDAY. **to the best of one's ability** mah ti thei tawp. **to the best of one's belief/knowledge** mah thei tawp ahcun: *To the best of my knowledge she is still living there.* **to the best of one's memory** cing thei tawp: *To the best of my memory he always had a beard.* **with**

the best (of them) mi vekin: *At sixty he still plays tennis with the best of them.* **with the best of intentions** a that ding duhsaknak thawn: *It was done with the best of intentions.*

best⁴ /best/ v [Tn sep passive] neh, fim neh.

bestial /bestiəl; US best,fi-/ adj (derog) ramsa vek, huatsuak; siava: *a bestial person, act* ○ *bestial violence, lust, fury.*

▷ **bestiality** /bestiæləti; US ,best,fi-/ n 1 [U] (a) ramsa thinlung; puar, heeng that lonak tuah: *an act of horrifying bestiality.* (b) ramsa le milai pawl-aw. 2 [C] thil besia tuah, a bik in hur luarkai-nak tuah.

bestially adv.

bestiary /bestiəri; US -tieri/ n ramsa thuanthu (sabek le cumkheng thuanthu tivek pawl).

bestir /brɪstɜː(r)/ v (-rr-) [Tn] ~ **oneself** (fml or joc) cangvai tam, man lo: *He was too lazy to bestir himself even to answer the telephone.*

bestow /brɪstəʊ/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (on sb)** (fml) hlan; pek (upatnak, thlawsuah tivek): *an honour bestowed on her by the king.*

▷ **bestowal** /brɪstəʊəl/ n [U].

bestride /brɪstraɪd/ v (pt **bestrode** /brɪstrəʊd/, pp **bestridden** /brɪstrɪdn/) [Tn] (fml) kalceh, karceh ih to (rangto vek): *bestride a horse, chair, ditch, fence.*

bet /bet/ v (-tt-, pl, pp **bet** or **betted**) 1 [I, Ipr, Tn-pr, Tr, Dn-n, Dn-f] ~ **(sth) (on sth)** kam, liam dingih tiamkam awk: *I don't enjoy betting.* ○ *He spends all his money betting on horses.* ○ *She bet me £20 that I wouldn't be able to give up smoking.* 2 (idm) **bet one's bottom dollar (on sth/that...)** (infml) si rori ding zum: *You can bet your bottom dollar he won't have waited for us.* 1 **bet (that)** ... (infml) a si rori ka kam ngam: *'Are you going to the match?' 'You bet (I am)!'*

▷ **bet n 1** (a) rinhhmainak thawn taap: *make a bet* ○ *have a bet one the Derby* ○ *win/lose a bet.* (b) hitivekih thaapmi paisa: *place/put a bet on a horse.* 2 (infml) ruahnak, simsungnak: *I bet he arrives late-he always does.* **you bet** (infml) a si rori, zum mai aw: *My bet is they've got held up in the traffic.* 3 (idm) **one's best bet** ⇒ **BEST**¹.

hedge one's bets ⇒ **HEDGE**.

beta /bɪtə; US 'betə/ n Greek cafang a pahnihnak (B, β).

betel /bi:təl/ n [U] kuam hnah.

□ **betel-nut** n [U, C] = ARECA NUT (ARECA), kuam rah.

bête noire /,beɪt 'nwa:(r)/ (pl **bêtes noires** /,beɪt'nwa:z/) (French) huatmi milai, thil.

betide /brɪtaɪd/ v (idm) **woe betide sb** ⇒ **WOE**.

betoken /brɪtəʊkən/ v [Tn] (fml) a langter: *milder weather betokening the arrival of spring.*

betray /brɪtreɪ/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (to sb)** zuar, zuarthlai: *betraying state secrets* ○ *Judas betrayed Jesus (to the authorities).* 2 [Tn] phuang (sia seh ti duh ah): *betray one's country, one's*

principles ○ *In failing to return the money he betrayed our trust.* 3 [Tn] (a) langter; hmuh (ruahlo pi in): *She said she was sorry, but her eyes betrayed her secret delight.* ○ *His accent betrayed the fact that he was foreign.* (b) ~ **oneself** mah sinak ngaingai langter; hmuh: *He had a good disguise, but as soon as he spoke he betrayed himself, ie he was recognized by his voice.*

▷ **betrayal** /brɪtreɪəl/ n (a) [U] zuarthlainak: *an act of betrayal.* (b) [C] cuvek zuarthlainak: *a betrayal of trust.*

betrayor n.

betroth /bɪ'trəʊð/ v [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (to sb)** (arch or fml) ham (thit dingah): *She was betrothed (to the duke).* ○ *The pair were later betrothed.*

▷ **betrothal** /brɪ'trəʊð/ n [C, U] (fml) ham-awknak (biak-aw-nak).

betrothed n [sing], adj (fml) (milai) ham cia, thawlthan cia, biak cia: *his betrothed* ○ *the betrothed couple.*

better¹ /'betə(r)/ adj (comparative of **GOOD**¹) 1 (a) tha deuh; tha sawn: *a better worker, job, car* ○ *You're a better man than I (am).* ○ *The weather couldn't have been better.* ○ *Life was difficult then but things have got better and better over the years.* ○ *Better luck next time.* ○ *He resolved to lead a better life (ie be more virtuous) in future.* (b) remcang sawn, a si deuh: *Having talked to the witnesses I now have a better idea (of) what happened.* ○ *Can't you think of a better word than 'nice' to describe your holiday?* Cf **BEST**¹. 2 dam deuh (natnak in): *The patient is much better today.* ○ *His ankle is getting better.* Cf **WELL**² 1, **WORSE**. 3 (idm) **against one's better judgement** a tha lo ding ti thei cingin: *He agreed, but very much against his better judgement.* **be better than one's word** kammi hnakin siang deuh. **be no better than she should be** (dated euph) mipa dangdang (tonhruakmi) pawl theutu (nunau). **the best/better part of sth** ⇒ **PART**¹. **one's better feelings/nature** upat tlak deuh. **one's better half** (infml joc) maih pasal/nupi. **better luck next time** (saying) vansiat tongtu tha peknak tong (lehhnu ahcun na van a tha leh ding). **discretion is the better part of valour** ⇒ **DISCRETION**. **half a loaf is better than none/ than no bread** ⇒ **HALF**. **have seen/known better days** tuihhlan hnakin san a sia deuh, santha deuh a rak hmu ngah: *That coat has seen better days.* (be) **little/no better than** a taktak ahcun; an bangaw ko, a dang tuk cuang lo: *He's no better than a common thief.* **prevention is better than cure** ⇒ **PREVENTION**. **two heads are better than one** ⇒ **TWO**.

better² /'betə(r)/ adv (comparative of **WELL**²) 1 tha deuh in; duh um sawn in: *You would write better if you had a good pen.* ○ *She sings better than I (do).* 2 deuh/sawn: *I like him better than her.* ○

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You'll like it better when you understand it more.

○ *The better I know her, the more I admire her.* **3** *thahnem sawn: His advice is better ignored, ie It should be ignored.* ○ *If the roads are icy, you'd be better advised (ie it would be more prudent) to delay your departure.* **4** (idm) **be better off (doing sth)** *tuah le a tha sawn: He'd be better off going to the police about it.* **be better off without sb/sth** *nuam deuh, lungawi deuh: We'd be better off without them as neighbours.* **better the devil you know (than the devil you don't)** (saying) *na thleng a si le a siat sinsin ding hnakin a sia ti ih the nacing tuah a hlawk sawn.* **better late than never** (saying) (a) *ti (tuah) lo hnakin a hnu khalle a tha sawn.* (b) *thil tifuhmi fate cu tuahsuak lo hnakin a tha sawn.* **better safe than sorry** (saying) *dawngdah le manhlap zet ih thil tuah ruangah sir-awh leh hnakin ralring zet ih tuah a tha sawn.* **better/worse still** ⇒ STILL². **do better to do sth** *pakhat khat tuah le a hlawk sawn: Don't buy now—you'd do better to wait for the sales.* **go one better (than sb/sth)** *ti tha sawn, tuah tha deuh: I bought a small boat, then he went one better and bought a yacht.* **had better/best** *a tha sawn: You'd better not say that.* ○ *Hadn't we better take an umbrella?* ○ *I had better (ie I think I should) begin by introducing myself.* **know better** ⇒ KNOW. **not know any better** ⇒ KNOW. **old enough to know better** ⇒ OLD. **think better of sth** ⇒ THINK¹.

better³ /betə(r)/ *n* **1** *tha sawnmi: We had hoped for better.* ○ *I expected better of him, ie I thought he would have behaved better.* **2** (idm) **one's (elders and) betters** *mah hnakh upa le fimsawn: You should show greater respect for your elders and betters.* **a change for the better/worse** ⇒ CHANGE². **(feel) (all) the better for sth** *tisa le thinlung lam ah hlawk: You'll feel all the better for (having had) a holiday.* **for better (or) for worse** *vansiat thawn, vanthat thawn.* **for better or worse** *a sia khalle a tha khalle, a siat a that ah: It's been done, and, for better or worse, we can't change it now.* **get the better of sb/sth** *neh: You always get the better of me at chess.* ○ *His shyness got the better of him, ie He was overcome by shyness.* **get the better of sth** *eel neh, tong neh: She always gets the better of our quarrels.* **the less/least said (about sb/sth) the better** (saying) *a thuhla rem tum lole a tha sawn.* **so much the better/worse (for sb/sth)** *a tha sinsin/a sia sinsin: The result is not very important to us, but if we do win, (then) so much the better.* **the sooner the better** ⇒ SOON. **think (all) the better of sb** ⇒ THINK¹.

better⁴ /betə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** (a) *tuah tha deuh: This achievement cannot be bettered.* (b) *thangsoter, tha deuhter: The government hopes to better the conditions of the workers.* **2** ~ **oneself** *dinhmun tha deuh ngah.*

▷ **betterment** *n* [U] (fml) *thansonak, that deuhnak.*

better⁵ /betə(r)/ *n* *tangka thawn kam awtu, thaptu (rang tlanzuamnak le a dangdang pawlah).*

betting /betə(r)/ *n* [U] *sumpai thap ih lehnak.*

betting-shop /betɪŋ/ *n* *rangtlan zuamnak ih tangka kamnak/thapnak zung (bookmaker's shop).*

between /brɪtwi:n/ *prep* **1** (a) *karlak ah; lak: Q comes between P and R in the English alphabet.*

○ *I lost my keys somewhere between the car and the house.* ○ *Peter sat between Mary and Jane.*

○ *Switzerland lies between France, Germany, Austria and Italy.* ○ *The baby crawled between her father's legs.* ○ (fig) *My job is somewhere between a typist and a personal assistant.* (b)

caan karlak: It's cheaper between 6 pm and 8 am. ○ *I'm usually free between Tuesday and Thursday.* ○ *Children must attend school between 5 and 16.* ○ *Many changes took place between the two world wars.* **2** *lai hrawng: cost between one and two pounds* ○ *weigh between nine and ten stones* ○ *London is between fifty and sixty miles from Oxford.* ○ *The temperature remained between 25°C and 30°C all week.* **3** *hmun pakhat le pakhat then aw in/kar lakah: build a wall between my garden and my neighbour's* ○ *draw a line between sections A and B* ○ *the boundary between Sweden and Norway.* **4** *hmunkhat in hmunkhat ah: fly between London and Paris twice daily* ○ *sail between Dover and Calais* ○ *a good road between London and Brighton.* **5** *khat le khat lakih pehpar-awknak/bangawk lonak: an obvious link between unemployment and the crime rate* ○ *the bond between a boy and his dog* ○ *They have settled the dispute between them.* ○ *the affection, friendship, love, etc between people.* **6** (a) *mi pahnih jawm aw in: We drank a bottle of wine between us.* ○ *This is just between you and me/between ourselves, ie It is a secret.* ○ *They carried only one rucksack between them.* (b) (mi) *pahnih hnatuannak in: They wrote the book between them.* ○ *Between them they raised £500.* ○ *We can afford to buy a house between us.* ⇒ Usage at AMONG.

▷ **between** (also **in between**) *adv* (a) *thil pahnih karlak ah: One town ends where the next begins and there's a road that runs between.* ○ *You'd have a good view of the sea from here except for the block of flats in between.* (b) *tikcu kar lakah: We have two lessons this morning, but there's some free time in between.*

betwixt /brɪtwɪkst/ *adv, prep* (idm) **betwixt and between** *a laklawhmi; minung (tolsam): It's difficult buying clothes for ten-year-olds — at that age they're betwixt and between.*

bevel /bevl/ *n* **1** (zuk tarnak thingtlang tivek) *a zim lam paat deuh ih themmi; a theumi.* **2** *cuvek themnak thilri.*

▷ **bevel** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) [Tn] cuti vekih them: *beveled edges*.
 □ **bevel gear** a zim lam ah a theumi gear ha.
beverage /ˈbevərɪdʒ/ *n* (fml or joc) in tha, in theih (cawhnavi, laphak, khawfi, wain pawl—tidai siar lo).
bevy /ˈbevi/ *n* **1** ruun, rual: *a bevy of beautiful girls*. **2** vate rual.
bewail /bɪˈweɪl/ *v* [Tn] (fml) təh; mithi ngai: *bewailing one's lost youth, innocence, etc.*
beware /bɪˈweə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr] (used only in the infinitive and imperative) ~ (of sb/sth) ralring; fimkhur: *He told us to beware (of pickpockets, the dog, icy roads)*. ○ *Beware — wet paint!*
bewilder /bɪˈwɪldə(r)/ *v* [Tn] ziangti ding theilo, thin hnaihnokter, mangbang: *The child was bewildered by the noise and the crowds*. ○ *I am totally bewildered by the clues to this crossword puzzle*.
 ▷ **bewildering** /bɪˈwɪldərɪŋ/ *adj* khawruahharza, mangbangza: *bewildering speed, complexity*.
bewilderment *n* [U] thin hnaihnoknak, mangbangnak: *watch, listen, gape in bewilderment*.
bewitch /bɪˈwɪtʃ/ *v* [Tn] **1** daw: *The wicked fairy bewitched the prince and turned him into a frog*.
2 hiip, lungmuiter: *He was bewitched by her beauty*.
 ▷ **bewitching** *adj* mi hiip thei: *a bewitching smile*. **bewitchingly** *adv*.
beyond /bɪˈjɒnd/ *prep* **1** kaan ah, kaan in, lan in: *The new housing estate stretches beyond the playing-fields*. ○ *The road continues beyond the village up into the hills*. **2** luan in (tikcu): *It won't go on beyond midnight*. ○ *I know what I shall be doing for the next three weeks but I haven't thought beyond that*. ○ *She carried on teaching well beyond retirement age, ie when she was older than 60*. **3** ti ban/theih nawn lo: *The bicycle is beyond (all) recognition*. ○ *They're paying £75000 for a small flat—it's beyond belief!* ○ *She's living beyond her means, ie. spending more than she earns; ngahmi hnakin tamsawn a hman*. ○ *Her skill as a musician is beyond praise, ie of extremely high quality*. **4** siarlo: *He's got nothing beyond his state pension*. ○ *I didn't notice anything beyond his rather strange accent*. **5** (idm) **be beyond sb** (infml) ruahban a si lo: *It's beyond me why she wants to marry Geoff*. ○ *How people design computer games is beyond me*.
 ▷ **beyond** *adv* khatlam ah; cuihlei ah: *Snowdon and the mountains beyond were covered in snow*. ○ *We must look beyond for signs of change*. ○ *The immediate future is clear, but it's hard to tell what lies beyond*.
bezuque /bɪˈzi:k/ *n* [U] tlap 64 hmanhng mi pahnih phelehnak.
BFPO /ˈbi: ef pi: ˈəʊ/ *abbr* British Forces Post Office:

Capt. John Jones, HMS Amazon, BFPO (ships), eg on a letter.
bi- *pref* pahnih, veihnih: *biannual* ○ *bicentenary*. Cf DI-, TRI-.

NOTE ON USAGE: Note that **bi-** is used with certain expressions of time (eg *bimonthly*) to mean both 'every two' (months) and 'twice a' (month). There is a distinction between *biennial* (every two years) and *biannual* (twice a year).

biannual /bɪˈænjʊəl/ *adj* kumkhat ah vei hnih: *a biannual meeting*.

▷ **biannually** *adv*.

bias /ˈbaɪəs/ *n* **1** mithmai pek deuh-nak, tan deuhnak: *The university has a bias towards/in favour of/against the sciences*. ○ *The committee is of a/has a conservative bias*. ○ *He is without bias, ie is impartial*. **2** a kil deengih tan/aat; sir pelengih tan/aat: *The skirt is cut on the bias, ie cut with the threads running diagonally across the weave*. **3** (in bowls) (a) hrilhmi bawlung a merh zawngih fehternak. (b) cuti ih a merh tertu ih rihtnak.

▷ **bias** *v* (-s-, -ss-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (towards/ in favour of/against sb/sth) mithmai pe/zoh; thleidang, tan deuh: *a bias(s)ed account/jury, ie one which is not impartial* ○ *The newspaper/He is clearly bias(s)ed (in the government's favour)*.
 □ **bias binding** puanthanzim kulhnak ah a paisat ih tanmi puanthan.

bib /bɪb/ *n* **1** naute khadom, khadan (cil khamtu). **2** (hmailam taitlun) angki thuah (apron). **3** (idm) **one's best bib and tucker** ⇒ BEST¹.

bible /ˈbaɪbl/ *n* (a) (also **the Bible**) Ca Thianghlim (Khristian pawl taa) Thukam Hlun le Thukam Thar tel Ca Thianghlim. (b) cumi cabu: *three bibles*. (c) (fig) thupipa khummi cabu: *the stamp-collector's bible*.

▷ **biblical** /ˈbɪblɪkl/ *adj* Baibal sung vek, Baibal ih: *a biblical theme, expression* ○ *biblical themes, language*.

□ **bible-bashing, bible-punching** *adjs* (infml derog) rundamnak thusim/thuthang tha sim.

biblio- *comb form* (forming *ns* and *adjs*) cabu ih/ta: *bibliophile* ○ *bibliographical*.

bibliography /ˌbɪblɪˈɒɡrəfi/ *n* **1** [C] thuhla ngan tik ih ronmi le siarmi cabu hmin pawl: *There is a useful bibliography at the end of each chapter*. **2** [U] cabu le a suahnak thuhla zir.

▷ **bibliographer** /ˌbɪblɪˈɒɡrəfə(r)/ *n*.

bibliographical /ˌbɪblɪˈɒɡrəfɪkl/ *adj*.

bibliophile /ˌbɪblɪəˈfaɪl/ *n* cabu duhtu le a khawm paihtu.

bibulous /ˈbɪbjʊləs/ *adj* (joc) zu cuai; zu loih um thei lo.

bicameral /ˌbɪkæməərəl/ *adj* tlangsuak (hlutdaw) pahnih: *a bicameral system of government*.

bicarb *n* [U] (infml) = SODIUM BICARBO-NATE.

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bicarbonate /ˈbaɪˈkɑːnət/ *n* [U] (chemistry) carbon dioxide daat let hnih a tel mi cite.

□ **bicarbonate of soda** = SODIUM BICARBONATE.

bicentenary /ˈbaɪsənˈtɪnəri/ *US* -ˈsentənəri/ *n* kum zahnih kimnak: 1949 was the bicentenary of Goethe's birth. ○ [attrib] bicentenary celebrations.

bicentennial /ˈbaɪsənˈtenɪəl/ *adj* kum zahnih ah veikhat; kum 200 kimnak: a bicentennial anniversary/celebration.

▷ **bicentennial** *n* = BICENTENARY.

biceps /ˈbaɪseps/ *n* (pl unchanged) baantiit (a hmailam ta = a sunglam ta): His biceps is/are impressive. Cf TRICEPS.

bicker /ˈbɪkə(r)/ *v* [I] ~ (with sb) (over/about sth) thupi lo ih to aw; to aw: The children are always bickering (with each other) (over their toys).

bicycle /ˈbaɪsɪkl(ə)/ *n* kehnih nei thirleeng; saikal. Cf BIKE, CYCLE.

▷ **bicycle** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] baisakal to, thirleng to.

bicyclist *n*.

□ **bicycle-clip** *n* saikal to tikih bawngbi sau zim lam fintu klip.

bid¹ /bɪd/ *v* (-dd-, pt, pp **bid**; in sense 3, pt usu **bade** /bæd/, pp **bidden** /ˈbɪdn/) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (for sth); esp *US* ~ (sth) (on sth) (a) lilaam (thil zuar) ah pek ngam zat sim: What am I bid (for this painting)? She bid £ 500 (for the painting). ○ We had hoped to get the house but another couple was bidding against us, ie repeatedly offering a higher price than us. (b) hnatan laak, khontrek laak: Several firms have bid for the contract to build the new concert hall. **2** [I, Tn] thap (pheleknak ah): bid two hearts. **3** (arch or fml) (a) [Dn-t] fial, ter: Do as you are bidden. ○ She bade me (to) come in. (b) [Dn-pr, Dn-t] sawm, ko: guests bidden to (attend) the feast. (c) [no passive: Dn-n, Dn-pr] biak, cibai buk: bid sb good morning ○ He bade farewell (ie said goodbye) to his sweetheart. **4** (idm) **bid fair to do sth** ding a bang: (arch or rhet) The plan for a new hospital bids fair to succeed.

▷ **biddable** *adj* thuthlun duh; mi thungai.

bidder *n* lilaam thil zuarnak ih man pek ngamzat a autu: The house went to the highest bidder, ie the person who offered the most money.

bidding *n* [U] **1** (fml) thupek; fialmi: do sb's bidding, ie obey sb ○ At his father's bidding he wrote to his lawyer. **2** man au zat: Bidding was brisk, ie Many offers were made one after the other. **3** (in card-games) phelektu ih simmi a ne dingzat: Can you remind me of the bidding? ie who bid what.

bid² /bɪd/ *n* **1** pek ngam zat a man (lilaam ah): make a bid of £50 for a painting ○ Any higher/further bids? **2** (esp *US*) = TENDER³. **3** zuamnak; teimaknak: He failed in his bid to reach the summit. ○ He made a bid for power/popular

support. **4** phekah tikah zuam ngam zat simnak: 'It's your bid next.' 'No bid'.

bide /baɪd/ *v* **1** (arch lit) = ABIDE. **2** (idm) **bide one's time** caan tha rak bawh.

bidet /ˈbɪdeɪ/ *US* biˈdeɪ/ *n* taw kholhnak kheng/pakan kum.

biennial /ˈbiːniəl/ *adj* **1** kum hnih veikhat. **2** kum hnih daih.

▷ **biennial** *n* kum hnih daih pangpar kung.

biennially *adv*.

bier /bɪə(r)/ *n* ruak-kuang khannak/suannak theng; mithi leng.

biff /bɪf/ *n* (infml) thong, cum (kuttum thawn).

▷ **biff** *v* [Tn] (infml) thong: biff sb on the nose.

bifocal /ˈbaɪfəʊkl/ *adj* (mitkharh thlalang) a nai le a hla zohnak (phunhnhie ceemmi).

▷ **bifocals** *n* [pl] a nai le a hla zohnak mitkharh (thlalang phunhnhie a um: a tlun le tang ti in): (a pair of) bifocals.

bifurcate /ˈbaɪfəkert/ *v* [I] (fml) pahnih ah teek (zanthing, lampi, tiva pawl).

▷ **bifurcation** /ˈbaɪfəˈkeɪʃn/ *n*.

big /bɪɡ/ *adj* (-gger, -ggest) **1** tum: a big garden/man/majority/defeat/explosion/argument ○ the big toe, ie the largest ○ a big 'g' ie a capital G ○ (infml) big money, ie a lot of money ○ The bigger (ie worse) the crime, the longer the gaol sentence. ○ He's the biggest liar (ie He tells more lies than anyone else) I know. ○ She's a big eater/spender, ie She eats/spends a lot. Cf SMALL. **2** upa deuh: my big sister, ie my elder sister ○ He's big enough to go out without his parents. **3** [attrib] thupi: the big match ○ a big decision ○ the biggest moment of my life. **4** (infml) tumtah saang: have big ideas/plans. **5** (infml esp *US*) mi hmuh/theih tam: Video games are big this year. ⇒ Usage. **6** ~ on sth (infml) (esp *US*) tuah hiar nasa: The firm is big on extravagant promotion drives. **7** (idm) **be/get too big for one's boots** (infml) mah le mah thupi zetih ruat aw. **a big cheese** (sl derog) thunei le thupi zet milai. **big deal** ~ (infml ironic) ka poisa lo tinak: We're getting a wage increases of £40 a year, before tax. Big deal! **a big fish (in a little pond)** (khua le ram fate) ih ummi mi thupi le hminthang. **a big stick** thazaang hmangih mi tlerhtu, mo hrotu. **the big three/four, etc** mi thupi pathum/pali pawl: a meeting of the big five. **the big time** (infml) thil tinak ih a thupitnak bik tikcu/caan. **sb's eyes are bigger than his belly/stomach** ⇒ EYE¹. **give sb/get a big hand** kutbeng ih lawm le thangthat ciamco: Let's all give her a big hand. **have bigger/other fish to fry** ⇒ FISH¹. **in a big/small way** ⇒ WAY¹.

▷ **big** *adv* (sl) thupi zet in: Let's think big, ie plan ambitiously. ○ He likes to talk big, ie is very boastful. **2** hlawhtling zetin: a band which comes/goes over big with pop fans worldwide.

□ **the Big Apple** *n* [sing] (*US sl*) New York

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khuapi: *I've worked in the Big Apple for 20 years.*
 □ **big bang** puakkuainak; thilri (science) thiam pawlin boruak ah puakkuainak (big bang) a um ih cuih ri in lei le van ih um thil pawl an um thok ti ruahnak (big bang theory).

Big Brother ram duhdaw awter tahrat in mah lawngih mi uktu, thuneitu.

big business tangka tampi thawn hnañuan.

big dipper (Brit) suk le so ih a tlanmi tlangleng fate (nomnak ih tomi).

Big Dipper (US) = PLOUGH².

big end (in an engine) crankshaft tuamtu thirpum tluanih a zim.

big game tah dingih daw mi, hramlak ramsa pawl, sapi.

big-head *n* (infml) mi hngal, mi porh-aw. **big-headed** *adj*.

big-hearted *adj* zaangfah thiam, tirh siang.

big top sarkas ih puanttham tum bik.

big wheel nomnak ih an tomi lengke tumpi (a sungah tonak a um cih).

bigwig *n* (infml) mi thupi.

NOTE ON USAGE: **1 Big** and **large** are used when talking about physical size, extent, capacity or number. **Big** is more informal. **Large** is not normally used to describe people: *They live in a big/large house in the country.* ○ *Which is the biggest/largest desert in the world?* ○ *Her husband is a very big man.* ○ *There was a big/large crowd at the football match.* **2 Great** is mostly used when talking (usually approvingly) about importance, quality, ability or extent. **Great** can be used with uncountable nouns: *He's a great painter, footballer, man, etc.* ○ *Peter the Great was a Russian ruler.* ○ *She lived to a great age.* **3 Large** and **great** are very similar in meaning when used with amount, quantity and number: *They spent a large/great amount of money on their holidays.* Note also the phrase: *to a large/great extent.*

bigamy /'bigəmi/ *n* [U] nupi pahniñ neih (ih sualnak); pasal pahniñ neih (ih salnak).

▷ **bigamist** *n* nupi/pasal pahniñ rettu.

bigamous /'bigəməs/ *adj* nupi pahniñ, pasal pahniñ neih thawn a pehparmi: *a bigamous marriage.* **bigamously** *adv*.

bight /baɪt/ *n* **1** tipi tlaang kual/kawn, tikawn, (saili kual vek): *the Great Australian Bight.* **2** hridai sihnak zawn, a mit.

bigot /'bigət/ *n* biaknak le politik thu ah mah thu lawng duhtu: *religious bigots.*

▷ **bigoted** *adj* khawruah fiakmi: *bigoted views* ○ *He is so bigoted that it is impossible to argue with him.*

bigotry *n* [U] mai zummi lawng dikternak.

bijou /'bi:zu:/ *n* (pl **bijoux** /'bi:zu:/) (French) hlawnthil sui le ngun etc.

▷ **bijou** *adj* [attrib] a fate ih a ða a mawi: *a bijou residence.*

bike /baɪk/ *n* (infml) **1** baisikal; thirleng. **2** mawñaw baisikal. Cf CYCLE.

▷ **bike** *v* [I] (infml) saikal to: *Let's go biking.*

bikini /br'ki:ni/ *n* zahmawh pawl khuh fangfang tileuhnak le nitlang emnak nunau thuum: [attrib] *a bikini top*, ie top half of a bikini.

bilabial /bar'leɪbiəl/ *n* (phonetics) hmur (tang le tlun) hmangih suahter mi ðong aw: *In English, b, p, m and w are bilabials.*

▷ **bilabial** *adj*.

bilateral /bar'lætərəl/ *adj* kap hnih thu; kap hnih thawn a pehparmi: *a bilateral agreement/treaty.* Cf MULTILATERAL, UNILATERAL.

▷ **bilateralism** *n* [U] ram pahniñ karlak ih lungkimnak thuhrampi.

bilaterally *adv*.

bilberry /'bɪlbəri/ *US* -beri/ (also **blaeberry**, **whortleberry**) *n* (a) Europe ram saklam um beri kung phunkhat. (b) berry rah. Cf BLUEBERRY.

bile /baɪl/ *n* [U] **1** hnitkha. **2** (fig) mi thinsia.

□ **bile-duct** *n* (anatomy) rilpi sungih hnitkha fehternak taksa dawng.

bilge /bɪldʒ/ *n* **1** [C] lawng zial. **2** (also **bilge-water**) [U] lawng zial ih um tidai baal. **3** [U] (sl) thulolak; santlailo: *Don't give me that bilge!*

bilharzia /bɪl'hɑ:tsiə/ *n* [U] (medical) thisen le zun-inn ah khukrul um ruangih suak mi nat.

bilingual /bar'liŋgwəl/ *adj* **1** (a) ðong phunhniñ thiam/hmang: *He is bilingual (in French and Spanish).* (b) ðong phun hnih hmang: *a bilingual community.* **2** ðong phunhniñ ih nganmi: *a bilingual dictionary.* Cf MONOLINGUAL, MULTILINGUAL.

▷ **bilingual** *n* ðong hnih hmang.

bilingually *adv*.

bilious /'bɪliəs/ *adj* **1** hnitkha tamtuk suak nat: *a bilious attack/headache* ○ *I feel a little bilious after last night's dinner.* **2** thintawi; thinheng ol. **3** hnit rong vek: *a bilious (shade of) green.*

▷ **biliousness** *n* [U].

bilk /bɪlk/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb** (out) of sth leiba sam duh lo; tangka bum hlo: *He bilked us of all our money.*

bill /bɪl/ *n* **1** (esp Brit) (US **check**) thil man pek ding zat cazin: *telephone, gas, heating bills* ○ *a bill for £5* ○ *Have you paid the bill?* **2** thu thannak cahnah hlaipi: *Stick no bills!* ie Sticking posters, etc here is forbidden. **3** nunnom tuah program, thil a sangsang ih ti daan ding thuthannak: *a horror double bill* (ie programme consisting of two horror films) on TV. **4** upadi daan tuah dingih suahter mi thuhla (ca nganmi): *propose/pass/throw out a bill* ○ *The Industrial Relations Bill.* **5** (US) = NOTE¹ paisa ca: *a ten-dollar bill.* **6** (idm) **a clean bill of health** ⇨ CLEAN¹. **fill/fit the bill** a daih, a remcang: *If you're very hungry a double helping of spaghetti should*

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fit the bill! **foot the bill** ⇒ FOOT³. **head/top the bill** a tlunta bik/a thupi bikah an tarlang: *She topped the bill at the Palace Theatre.*

▷ **bill** *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** tangka dil (ca thawn): *I can't pay for the books now. Will you bill me (for them) later?* 2 [Tnt esp passive] thuthan: *He is billed to* (ie It is announced that he will) *appear as Othello.*

□ **billboard** *n* (US) thuthannak calungpi, zian phengpi.

billfold *n* (US) = WALLET.

bill of exchange cui ni cui thla, cu pa ih hnenah paisa pek a tul ti ih canganmi thupek.

bill of fare hotel sungih cah theihmi rawl hmin cazin, ti-rawl cazin.

bill of lading tangphawlawng phurhmi thilri cazin.

bill of rights ca ih suahmi milai ih neih ding covu, thil titheinak: *the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution.*

bill of sale bulpak thil zuar sakmi thilri cazin.

billposter (also **billsticker**) *n* thuthannak ca tartu.

bill² /bil/ *n* 1 vate hmur. 2 (esp in geographical names) tipi lamih a zummi leilung: *Portland Bill.*

▷ **bill** *v* [I] 1 cuk aw (hmur thawn). 2 (idm) **bill and coo** (infml) (of lovers) hnam aw rero ih dimtete in thu sim aw.

billabong /biləbɒŋ/ *n* (Austral) tiva teek.

billet¹ /bɪlɪt/ *n* 1 ralkap tlun-inn (bul inn): *The troops are all in billets*, ie not in camp or barracks. 2 (dated infml) hnatuan: *a cushy billet*, ie an undemanding one.

▷ **billet** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (on/with sb)** tlun-inn ah riakter (ralkap): *The soldiers were billeted on an old lady.*

billet² /bɪlɪt/ *n* tih-thing; tih-thing tun.

billet-doux /bɪleɪ 'duː/ *n* (pl **billets-doux** /, bɪleɪ'duːz/) (joc) fala tlangval duhawknak.

bill hook /bɪlhʊk/ *n* tok kuai, kuai zaang; kutkaih saupi nei naamkawi.

billiards /bɪlɪədz/ *n* [sing *v*] biliat lehnak: *have a game of billiards* ○ *Billiards is played by women as well as men.*

▷ **billiard** /bɪlɪəd-/ (in compound) biliat ih (hmanmi): *billiard-cue/room/table.*

billion /bɪljən/ *pron, det* 1 (Brit) a zat siar 1 000 000 000 000; million million khat. 2 (esp US) a zat siar 1 000 000 000; million thawng khat. Cf MILLIARD.

For the uses of *billion* see the examples at *hundred.*

millionaire /bɪljə'neə(r)/ *n* billion ih paisa neitu, milian zet.

billow /bɪləʊ/ *n* 1 (arch) tilet tumpi. 2 thil zual tumpi (meikhu, mero vek).

▷ **billow** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] tilet vekih feh dutdo (sang le niam um in): *sails billowing (out) in the wind* ○ *Smoke billowed from the burning houses.*

billowy *adj* a zualzual, a tomtom ih um.

billy /bɪli/ (also **billy can**) *n* ramlak riahnak ih rawl suannak hmanmi kutkaih sau nei thir-bel/ʃin.

billy-goat /bɪli gəʊt/ *n* mecang. Cf NANNY-GOAT.

billy-oh (also **billy-o**) /bɪli əʊ/ *n* (idm) **like billy-oh** (dated infml) nasa zetin, zamrang in: *go/work/run like billy-oh.*

biltong /bɪltɒŋ/ *n* [U] (in S Africa) (ni ih pho caar mi) sapherh sau.

bimetalism /bɪ'metəlɪzəm/ *n* [sing] sui le ngun tla a man buaktlak ih re tahrat in tangka ih hmandan.

▷ **bimetallic** /bɪ'mɪtælɪk/ *adj* 1 sui le ngun tivek pahnihi rawi ih tuahmi. 2 bimetalism ti dan hmangin.

bimonthly /bɪ'mʌnθli/ *adj* thla khat veihhnh: *a bimonthly journal/event.*

bin /bɪn/ *n* 1 sang retnak sin nei kuang; sang kuang: *a bread bin.* 2 (esp Brit) = DUSTBIN (DUST).

binary /bɪ'nəri/ *adj* a khuah a simi; pahnihi a simi.

□ **binary digit** binary nambat ah lolak (silole) pakhat.

binary notation, system (0) le (1) lawng hmangih nambat tuat dan.

binary star a lai pakhat heel tlangmi arsi khuah.

bind /baɪnd/ *v* (pt, pp **bound** /baʊnd/) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **A (to B)**; ~ **A and B (together)** (a) tem, tawn (hridai thawn): *The hostages were bound (with ropes) and gagged.* ○ *They bound his legs (together) so he couldn't escape.* ○ *He was bound to a chair and left.* (b) (fig) finkhawm, kopter: *the feelings that bind him to her.* 2 [Tn, Tn-p] hmunkhat ah thit/tawn khawm (cahna, sam vek pawl): *bind (up)* (ie bandage) *a wound* ○ *hair bound up with ribbon.* 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in sth)** thit khawm, cabu ah: *bind a book* ○ *a well-bound book* ○ *two volumes bound in leather.*

4 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** a phaw tuah (khoh seh tiah): *bind the cuffs of a jacket with leather* ○ *bind the edge of a carpet*, ie to prevent fraying.

5 [I, Tn, Tn-p] ben/erh/seeng: *Add an egg-yolk to the flour and fat to make it bind/to bind the mixture.* ○ *Frost binds the soil.* ○ *The earth is frost-bound*, ie frozen hard. ○ *Some foods bind the bowels/are binding*, ie cause constipation.

6 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/oneself (to sth)** hnek, tuah hrimehrim dingin temtawnnak tuah: *bind sb to secrecy*, ie make him promise to keep sth secret ○ *bind sb to pay a debt.* 7 (idm) **bind/tie sb hand and foot** ⇒ HAND¹. 8 (phr *v*) **bind sb over (to keep the peace)** (law) sual nawn lo dingah tiamkamter — a sual le upadi zungah ra suahsal lala a tul ding ti ah ralrinnak pe: *The magistrate bound him over (to keep the peace) for a year.*

▷ **bind** *n* [sing] (infml) mi hnaihok: *It's a hell of a bind.*

binder *n* 1 cabu thittu. 2 faang/vainim kuang tomtu. 3 cabu phaw tuamtu. 4 thil erhtu (Mirang leilung le a dang pawl).

bindery *n* cabu thitnak hmun.
binding *n* 1 [C] cabu phaw. 2 [U] thil tuamnak puan-pate. — *adj* ~ (on/upon sb) hngetter, awkter (thu ah): *The agreement is binding on both parties.*
bindweed /ˈbaɪndwiːd/ *n* [U, C] tawtawrawt vekih par thei t̃ulhri zaam.
bine /baɪn/ *n* a ngerh-aw mi t̃ulhri.
binge /bɪndʒ/ *n* (infml) 1 ei le in luar zet ih a tuahmi nunnomnak: *He went on/had a three-day binge.* 2 a luar ih thil tinak: *a shopping binge.*
binge *v* (prep **bingeing**) tam tukih ei le in.
bingo /ˈbɪŋɡəʊ/ *n* [U] phe lehdan phunkhat: [attrib] *a bingo hall.*
binnacle /ˈbɪnəkl/ *n* (nautical) tangphawlawng khampas (zin hmuhtu) retnak kuang.
binoculars /ˈbɪnɒkjʊləz/ *n* [pl] lamhla zohnak durbing (a khuah ih ummi): *watch from a distance through (a pair of) binoculars.*
binomial /ˈbɪnəʊmiəl/ *n* (mathematics) nambat pahni (siarnak pahni) thawih a suakmi (+ or -). > **binomial** *adj.*
bi(o)- *comb form* a dang thawn kom ih hman a si 'nunnak nei' tican: *biology* ○ *biodegradable* ○ *biography*.
biochemistry /ˈbaɪəʊˈkɛmɪstri/ *n* [U] nunnak ih daat (chemistry) thu zirnak.
> **biochemical** /ˈbaɪəʊˈkɛmɪkl/ *adj.*
biochemist /ˈbaɪəʊˈkɛmɪst/ *n* biochemistry lam thiamsangtu.
biodegradable /ˈbaɪəʊdɪˈɡreɪdəbl/ *adj* bacteria pangang ih a tawihther theimi.
biography /ˈbaɪɒɡrəfi/ *n* (a) [C] midang pakhat ih nganmi milai pakhat ih thuanthu; milai thuanthu: *Boswell's biography of Johnson.* (b) [U] cuvek nganmi calai: *I prefer biography to fiction.*
> **biographer** /ˈbaɪɒɡrəfə(r)/ *n* mi thuanthu ngantu.
biographic, -ical /ˈbaɪəˈɡræfɪk, -ɪkl/ *adjs.*
biological /ˈbaɪəˈlɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* nunnak a nei mi thuhla lam: *a biological experiment/reaction* ○ *biological soap-powders*, ie ones that clean by destroying the living organisms contained in dirt.
> **biologically** *adv.*
□ **biological control** lorawl siatsuahtu zuva le cucik kharbaw pawl phun khat le phun khat thatter aw ih hloterdan.
biological warfare (also **germ warfare**) natnak hrik hmangih raldo awk.
biology /baɪˈɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] thingkung, hramkung le rannung pawlih an nunnak thuhla zirnak (thilri) (Kawl zewabedah).
> **biologist** /-dʒɪst/ *n* biology lam thiamsangtu. Cf BOTANY, ZOOLOGY.
bionic /baɪˈɒnɪk/ *adj* (in science fiction) milai hnaki thazaang neitu cet milai (thuanthu sungta).

biopsy /baɪˈɒnɪk/ *n* (medical) taksa sung um tidai, lole, titsa laksak ih nat zohfelnak. Cf AUTOPSY.
biorhythm /baɪəʊrɪðm/ *n* milai ziaza a suahtertu/a t̃umkai tertu cangvaihnak (thinlung, taksa cangvaihnak).
bioscope /ˈbaɪəskəʊp/ *n* (S African) baiskup, (Kawl yokshin).
biotechnology /ˈbaɪəʊtɛkˈnɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] a nungmi (cell) le bacteria hrik hmang ih hnaʔuannak.
bipartisan /ˌbaɪpɑːtɪˈæːn; US ˌbaɪpɑːrtɪzn/ *adj* ramhruiainak (politics) pahni tel mi: *a bipartisan policy* ○ *bipartisan talks.*
bipartite /ˈbaɪpɑːtɪt/ *adj* 1 then hnih a telmi. 2 pahni tawm; pawl hnih tel veve: *a bipartite agreement, treaty, etc.*
biped /ˈbaɪpɛd/ *n* ke hnih nei ramsa.
biplane /ˈbaɪpleɪn/ *n* thla thuahhnh nei vanzamleng (hlanlai hmanmi). Cf MONOPLANE.
birch /bɜːtʃ/ *n* 1 [U, C] a kung a rangih a nalmi England ram um thingkung phunkhat. 2 [C] nauhak soal pawl le cuvek fung pawl thawinak fung, lole, tlawngta tom: *Should we bring back the birch as a punishment?*
> **birch** *v* [Tn] cumi funghreu thawn thawi/vuak.
bird /bɜːd/ *n* 1 vate. 2 (sl esp Brit) fala no: *Terry's got a new bird*, ie girlfriend. 3 (infml) milai: *a queer bird* ○ *a wise old bird* ○ *a home bird*, ie sb who likes to stay at home ○ *The professional footballer who also plays cricket is a rare bird nowadays*, ie There are very few of them. 4 (idm) **the bird has flown** (catchphrase) kaih duhmi pa a luat zo. **a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush** (saying) duhham tukih malte ngah hnakin neih ciami thawn lungkim a t̃ha sawn (neih hrih lomi tampi hnakin neihmi malte a t̃hahnem deuh). **the birds and the bees** (euph) nunau mipa sinak bulhram: *tell a child about the birds and the bees.* **a bird's eye view (of sth)** (a) a sannak ihsin cuan ih hmuhtu: *From the plane we had a bird's eye view of London.* (b) thu tlangpi, a tawinak in. **birds of a feather (flock together)** (saying) a bang-aw mi milai an kom aw. **an early bird** ⇒ EARLY. **give sb/get the bird** (sl) duh-lonak thawn au hnawh: *The comedian got the bird*, ie was jeered at by the audience. **a home bird** ⇒ HOME¹. **kill two birds with one stone** ⇒ KILL. **like a bird** (infml) tluangte'n, harlote'n: *My new car goes like a bird.* **a little bird told me** ⇒ LITTLE¹. (strictly) **for the birds** (infml defrog) thupi lo.
□ **bird-bath** *n* vate ti kholhnak kheng.
birdbrained (infml derog) mi aa, mi fim lo.
birdcage thirhri thawn sakmi vate inn.
birdlime (also **lime**) *n* [U] hmawng thliing (vate awknak ih hmanmi).
bird of paradise New Guinea ih um mei parh t̃ial vate phunkhat.
bird of passage 1 vaihhmang vate. 2 (fig) hmunkhat ih caam rei lo mikhual.

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bird of prey mi deh hman̄ vate (sumbuh vek).
bird sanctuary vate kah an khamnak hmun; vate ti titnak hmun.
birdseed *n* [U] zuatmi vate rawl mu.
bird-song *n* [U] vate hlasak awn, vate zai.
bird-table *n* vate rawl peknak thingpheng, vate rawl kheng.
bird-watcher *n* [C], **bird-watching** *n* [U] vate thuhla rak thlingthlatu.
birdie /bɜːdi/ *n* **1** (*infml*) vate fate. **2** (golf) thawi ding zat hnakin veikhat mal sawn thawi. Cf EAGLE 2, PAR 3.
biretta /bɪˈrɛtə/ *n* killi nei lukhuh (RC siangbawi hmanmi).
biro /baɪəˈrəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s) (*propr*) ball-pen phunkhat.
birth /bɜːθ/ *n* **1** (a) [U] nausuak; fahrin: *The father was present at the (moment of) birth.* o *The baby weighed seven pounds at birth.* o *He has been blind from birth, ie all his life.* (b) [C] nausuak, fa nei: *There were three births at the hospital yesterday.* **2** [C] (*fig*) a thawhnak; suahkehnak: *the birth of capitalism, socialism, a political party, an idea.* **3** [U] pupa suahkehnak: *of noble birth, ie from an aristocratic family* o *She is English by birth but French by marriage.* **4** (idm) **give birth (to sb/sth)** faa hring: *She gave birth (to a healthy baby) last night.* o (*fig*) *Marx's ideas gave birth to communism.*
 □ **birth certificate** naute suah nithla caken, nausuak caken.
birth-control *n* [U] nau nei kham (sii ei, (*rubber condom*) hmangin): *The pill is one method of birth-control.*
birthmark *n* suahpi mi taksa par um a lamdang mi hminsinnak, khuavang hminsinnak.
birthplace *n* sul phumhmun: *Mozart's birthplace is (in) Salzburg.*
birth rate buaktlaak ih naute suak zat; kumkhat ah, lole, mi 1000 ah paziat tivek in.
birthright *n* suah ni (upa, nauta) vekih co dingmi ro (co vo): *The estate is the birthright of the eldest son.* o (*fig*) *Freedom is our natural birthright.*
birthday /bɜːθdeɪ/ *n* **1** suahcam; suah ni, pian ni: *Happy birthday!* o [attrib] *a birthday card, party, present.* **2** (idm) **in one's birthday suit** (*infml joc*) lawng fangkheh.
biscuit /ˈbɪskɪt/ *n* **1** [C] biskit sang-per patte; rawh ciami bel. **2** [C] (US) biskit saknem. **3** [U] sennawn pianzia. **4** [U] rawhcia leibel. **5** (idm) **take the biscuit/cake** (*Brit infml*) thinhnaihok, mangbangza a si: *He's done stupid things before, but this really takes the biscuit, ie is the most stupid thing.*
bisect /baɪˈsekt/ *v* [Tn] a hrek ah then (a tiarep in). ▷ **bisection** /baɪˈseksən/ *n* [U, C].
bisexual /ˌbaɪˈseksjuəl/ *adj* **1** nunau le mipa thinlung a kop ih nei. Cf HETEROSEXUAL, HOMOSEXUAL. **2** zahmawh a pahnih ih nei.
 ▷ **bisexual** *n* zahmawh a pahnih ih nei milai.

bisexuality /ˌbaɪˈseksjuːləti/ *n* [U].

bishop /ˈbɪʃəp/ *n* **1** kawhhran pastor pawl lakih hotu upa (a bikin Catholic le Anglican ih kawh dan; Baptist daan ah GS vek); kawhhran bial hotu: *the Bishop of Durham.* **2** kei cangnak ih bishop.

▷ **bishopric** /ˈbɪʃəprɪk/ *n* **1** bishop hnaʔuan. **2** bishop bial.

bismuth /ˈbɪzməθ/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) bismat datsi.

bison /ˈbaɪsn/ *n* (*pl* unchanged) America ram um fung, sele; ram caw.

bistro /ˈbɪːstrəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s) rawl dawr fate.

bit /bɪt/ *n* **1** (a) a ʔiak; a fate: *bits of bread, cheese, paper, etc* o *a bit of advice, help, luck, news, etc* o *I've got a bit of (ie some) shopping to do.* (b) **a ~ (of sth)** (*infml ironic*) tampi: *'How much money has he got in the bank?'* 'A fair bit.' o *It takes quite a bit of time to get from London to Glasgow.* o *This novel will take a bit of reading, ie a long time to read.* **2** (a) (Brit) tangka nawi (pya pawl): *a threepenny bit.* (b) (US) 12 1/2 cents: *two bits or a quarter (of a dollar).* **3** (sl) mi pawlkhat ih thil ti daan, lungput: *She couldn't accept the whole drug-culture bit.* **4** (idm) **a bit** (a) deuh, malte: 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I am a bit (tired).' o *This book costs a bit (too) much.* o *These trousers are a bit tight.* (b) malte sung: *Wait a bit!* o *Move up a bit.* **bit by bit** pakhat hnu pakhat, nuam ngai te'n: *He assembled the model aircraft bit by bit.* o *He saved money bit by bit until he had enough to buy a car.* **a bit much** (*infml*) duh umlo, hleihluat: *The noise from that party is getting a bit much.* o *It's a bit much ringing me up at three o'clock in the morning.* **a bit of a** (*infml*) a si deuh: *He's a bit of a bully, coward, fool, bore, etc.* o *This rail strike is a bit of a nuisance, ie is rather inconvenient.* **a bit of all right** (Brit sl) duhnung zet milai/thil: *Dave's girlfriend is a bit of all right.* **a bit of crumpet/fluff/skirt/stuff** (Brit sexist) fala, nunau mawi, mi hur. **a bit thick** (*infml*) a mawi (a dik) deuh lo; zawi har deuh: *It's a bit thick expecting us to work on Sundays.* **bits and bobs; bits and pieces** (*infml*) thil ʔiak le nawi, thil fate te: *I always have a lot of bits and pieces in my coat pocket.* **do one's bit** (*infml*) mah ʔuanvo ʔuan: *We can finish this job on time if everyone does his bit.* **every bit as good, bad, etc (as sb/sth)** bangrep in: *Rome is every bit as beautiful as Paris.* o *He's as clever as she is: every bit as.* **not a bit; not one (little) bit** malte hman, -hlah, -lo: 'Are you cold?' 'Not a bit.' o *It's not a bit of use (ie There's no point in) complaining.* o *I don't like that idea one little bit.* **not a bit of it!** (*infml*) hrimhrim lo: *You'd think she'd be tired after such a long journey, but not a bit of it!* **thrilled to bits** ⇒ THRILL. **to bits** ʔiak tete ah: *pull/tear sth to bits* o *The parchment came/fell to bits (ie disintegrated) in my hands.*
 ▷ **bitty** *adj* (*usu derog*) rem aw lo; mah ciar ih

um: a *bitty* conversation, interview, film ○ *The play is rather bitty.*

□ **bit part** *thuanthu cawn le lemnung ih cawnmi hrekhat.*

bit² /bit/ *n* **1** thir rang-kakharh. **2** luanbu haa, thil vihnak, vokzang. Cf DRILL¹, BRACE¹ **1**. **3** (idm) **champ at the bit** ⇒ CHAMP¹. **get/take the bit between one's/the teeth** nasa zet in harsatnak buainak thatter suak zuam.

bit³ /bit/ *n* (computing) a cangtheimi pahnih sungih sin hrilmi thuhla unit, (binary digit 0 or 1).

bit⁴ *pt* of BITE¹.

bitch /bitʃ/ *n* **1** ui-pi; uico nu: a greyhound bitch. Cf DOG **1**, VIXEN. **2** (a) (sl derog) huattlai nunau, “uico nu!” tihi kawhnak: *Don't talk to me like that, you bitch!* (b) (sl) thu harsa; thil umtudan tha lo. **3** (idm) **son of a bitch** ⇒ SON.

▷ **bitch** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (about sb/sth) (infml) camriam, tongsia hmangih kaw: *She's always bitching about the people at work.*

bitchy *adj* a sia, thalo: a *bitchy* remark.

bitchiness *n* [U].

bite¹ /baɪt/ *v* (pt **bit** /bit/, pp **bitten** /'bitn/) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (into sth) *keu: Does your dog bite?* ie Is it in the habit of biting people? ○ *She bit into the apple.* ○ *That dog just bit me in the leg.* ○ *Stop biting your nails!* **2** [Tn] *cuk, ruul in cuk: badly bitten by mosquitoes* ○ (joc) *We were bitten to death (ie bitten a great deal) by flies while camping.* **3** [I] *sio ei (nga in a dawh): The fish won't bite today.* ○ (fig) *I hired to sell him my old car, but he wouldn't bite,* ie he didn't accept the offer. **4** [I, Tn] *ei; hen: Her fingers were bitten by the frost/were frost-bitten.* **5** [I] *pom; fekte'n tang: Wheels won't bite on a slippery surface.* **6** [I] *hmual nei (a tha lo lam ah): The miners' strike is really starting to bite.* **7** (idm) **be bitten by sth** ritcih; buai: *John's taken up stamp-collecting; he seems really bitten by it.* **the biter bit** mi bum le siatsuah duh ah mah riangri bum tuartu.

bite the bullet a nuam lo, a tha lomi cohlang.

bite the dust (infml) (a) thi, tluthat. (b) sung; cohlan sak lo, hnong: *Another of my great ideas bites the dust!* **bite the hand that feeds one** mah bawmtu/zaangfahtu ningnatter, siatsuah.

bite sb's head off (infml) a mawi lopi ih soisel—heng zet in: *I was only five minutes late but she really bit my head off.* **bite off more than one can chew** (infml) neh lo ding tamtuk tuahtum.

bite one's lip suup duh ah hmuur *keu; tɔng cia mi sir-aw.* **bite one's tongue** duhmi sim lo ih suup. (have) **sth to bite on** *tuah ding, zoh ding pakhat khat nei.* **once bitten, twice shy** ⇒ ONCE.

what's biting you? (infml) ziangin khawruah a lo harter. **8** (phr v) **bite at sth** *keu: dogs biting at each other's tails.* **bite sth off** *catko keu: bite off a large chunk of apple.*

bite² /baɪt/ *n* **1** [C] *keu/hennak hma: eat sth in one bite* ○ *The dog gave me a playful bite.* (b)

keu khat, keutanmi: A bite had been taken out of my sandwich. **2** [sing] (infml) *rawl: I haven't had a bite (to eat) all morning.* **3** [C] *keu, hen, cuk: insect, mosquito, snake bites.* **4** [C] *nga sio-awk: anglers waiting for a bite.* **5** [sing, U] *a na suarso, khuai henvek: There's a bite in the air,* ie It's cold. ○ *His words had no bite,* ie were harmless or ineffective. ○ *This cheese has a real bite,* ie strong flavour. **6** [U] *hriam lo, ei lo: this drill has no bite.* **7** (idm) **have/get two bites at the cherry** *tuah thei salnak caan; ti sal theinak tikcu: sb's bark is worse than his bite* ⇒ BARK².

bitten *pt* of BITE¹.

bitter /'bitə(r)/ *adj* **1** a kha: *Black coffee leaves a bitter taste in the mouth.* **2** cohlan har, tuarhar, a siakha: *learn from bitter experience* ○ *Failing the exam was a bitter disappointment to him.* **3** nasazet: *bitter quarrels, enemies, words* ○ *shed bitter tears* ○ *She feels/is bitter about her divorce.* **4** a kiktuk ah mi a hlen mi: *bitter wind.* **5** (idm) **a bitter pill (for sb) (to swallow)** *tuar a har, a nuam lomi thuhla/thil: Defeat in the election was a bitter pill for him to swallow.* **to the bitter end** *ti thei patawp ih ti theh tiang: fight/struggle to the bitter end.*

▷ **bitter** *n* [U] (Brit) beer zu khoh: *A pint of bitter please.*

bitterly *adv* nasa zetin: *be bitterly disappointed* ○ *She wept bitterly.* ○ *He is bitterly (ie very deeply) opposed to nuclear weapons.*

bitterness *n* [U].

bitters *n* [pl] thil kha cawhrawimi zu: *gin and bitters* ○ *a dash of bitters.*

□ **bitter-sweet** *adj* **1** a thlum nain a kha thawn a netmi. **2** (fig) a nuam nain rehshiatza a telmi: *bitter-sweet experiences/memories.*

bittern /'bitən/ *n* cirhdawt phun vate.

bitumen /'bitjʊmən; US bæ'tu:mən/ *n* [U] lamzin tuahnak ih hmanmi kat-ta-ya.

▷ **bituminous** /'bitjʊ:mi:nəs/ *adj* kat-ta-ya tel: *bituminous coal,* ie coal that burns with smoky yellow flames.

bivalve /'baɪvælv/ *n* (zoology) tidai sung um hawng nei nga vek pawl: [attrib] *a bivalve mollus.*

bivouac /'brɪvʊæk/ *n* riahbuk saam lo ih alangte cawlh hmun (ralkap le tlangkai pawl ih hman).

▷ **bivouac** *v* [I] (-ck-) alangte cawla lawk: *We bivouacked on the open plain.*

bizarre /'bɪzɑ:(r)/ *adj* zoh rem lo; a lamdang.

bk *abbr* (pl **bks**) book: *Streamline Bk 2.*

blab /blæb/ *v* (-bb-) [I] (infml) **1** phuang (thuthup): *It'll remain a secret unless someone blabs.* **2** = BLABBER.

blabber /'blæbə(r)/ (also **blab**) *v* [I] (infml) ruat ta loih tɔng hluahhlo; tɔngtam: *What's he blabbering (on) about?*

▷ **blabber** *n* [U] (infml) aat tɔng.

□ **blabbermouth** *n* (infml) aat thu tɔngtu; tɔng tam, ka tam.

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black¹ /blæk/ *adj* **1** (a) *dum: black shoes* ○ *a black suit* ○ *black coffee*, ie without cream or milk, cawhnaw rawi lo khawfi hlir. Cf **WHITE**¹. (b) *tleu lo, thim: a black starless night*. (c) *thim; dur (tidai, mero, tivek): a deep, black pool* ○ *The sky looks black and threatening*, ie stormy. **2** (a) *mi dum phun: Many black people emigrated to Britain in the 1950's*. ○ *Britain's black minority/population*. (b) *midum pawl ih: black culture*. **3** *bal, riim zet: hands black with grime*. **4** (fig) *ṭha lo, vansang: The future looks black*. ○ *black news* ○ *black* (ie very great) *despair* ○ *a black day, week, etc*, ie one full of sad or unwelcome events. **5** [usu attrib] *thinheng mithmai: a black look/mood*. **6** *thil sia; ṭha lomi: a black deed/lie*. **7** *a ṭha a bang nain, a se ziarmi: black humour* ○ *a black joke*. **8** *khammi thil zuar: The strikers declared the cargo black*. **9** (idm) (**beat sb**) **black and blue** *thawi neknēk (taksa a vual, a dum ṭheh hlanlo)*. (as) **black as ink/pitch** *dum curci, dum tawp*. **not as black as it is painted** *simmi vekin a sia lo*. **of the blackest/deepest dye** ⇒ **DYE**². **the pot calling the kettle black** ⇒ **POT**¹.

▷ **blacken** /blækən/ *v* [Tn] **1** *dumter*. **2** [Tn] *hmai belmang hnih sak; hmin siatter: blacken a person's character/name*.

blackness *n* [U].

black-beetle *n* *cukcu phunkhat*.

blackberry /blækbrɪ, -beri/ *n* **1** *theihmungpa*. **2** *theihmungpa a rah*. — *v* [I] (*pt, pp -ried*) *theihmung rah lawh, lak: go blackberrying*.

blackbird *n* *vate phunkhat*.

blackboard *n* (US **chalkboard**) *tlawng calungpi*.

black box *vanzamleng a zuan lai ih cangvaih dan hmuahhmuah amahte'n rak ngankhumtu cet*.

black comedy *riahsiatnak thawih a cemmi thuanthucawn*.

the Black Country *West Midlands of England ih cetzung tamzet umnak hmunram*.

black currant *n* **1** *theihmung vek thingkung*. **2** *cumi thingkung rah (a dum tete)*.

the Black Death *kum zabi 14 nak ah Mirang ram ih a suak dahmi pulhpi*.

black economy *kumpi dan loih sumtuah le hnaṭuantu: The growing black economy is beginning to worry the government*.

black eye *mit hrawng dup ṭheh (thong ruang ah): give sb a black eye*, ie hit sb in the eye causing a bruise.

Black Friar *Dominican monk*.

blackhead *n* *arsik dum; cuva dum*.

black hole *van ih um thil hmuahhmuah a hiipitu/a dolhtu a thim zetmi kuapi (hi kuapi ihsin thil ziangkhal a luat thei lo)*.

black ice *lampi parih tikhal patte: The lorry skidded on a stretch of black ice*.

blackjack *n* **1** [C] (esp US) *mi thawinak ih hmanmi fung, talhtum*. **2** [U] = **PONTOON**.

blacklead *n* [U] *kheedan ih hmanmi suan-dum*. — *v* [Tn] *cumi thawn hnawt*.

black magic *khawsia khuavang kawh thiamnak; pol, hnam le mitkher thiamnak*.

Black Maria /mə'raɪə/ (infml) *thawngtla phurhnak palik mawṭawka*.

black mark *a ṭha lo tiih (mi pakhat hmin kiangih nganmi) hminsinnak: (fig) The public scandal left a black mark on his career*.

black market *khammi thil lei le zuar (hmawng-khu): buy/sell sth on the black market* ○ [attrib] *black market goods*. **black marketeer** *khammi thil leitu, zuartu (hmawngkhu tama)*.

black mass *Pathian bia loin Satan sawn biaknak mass*.

Black Muslim *America ram ih raalpuar Muslim midum pawl*.

black-out *n* **1** (a) *meisa hmit ṭheh ih um (ral thu ah): Curtains must be drawn during the black-out*. (b) *ilektrik siat ruangih khua thim ṭheh caan*. (c) (theatre) *thuanthu cawn ṭheh hnu ah mei mit ṭheh*. **2** *malte sung lungmit*. **3** *thuhla suah lo dingih kham: The government imposed a news black-out (ie stopped the broadcasting and printing of news) during the crisis*.

black pepper *nga-zuk-kawng vut (makphek rial vut)*.

Black Power *America ram midum pawl in an ngah dingmi ngah thei dingih an taal an cangvaihna*.

black pudding *vok ril thithun mi*.

Black Sash *phun thleidannak dotu South Africa nunau pawlkom*.

black sheep *innsungsang le pawlkom sungtel mi hawizawng lo; mualphotertu: My brother is the black sheep of the family*.

blackshirt *n* *fascist sungtel*.

black spot *khawn-awk le tuahmawhnak a um ṭheu hmun; hmunsia: a notorious (accident) black spot*.

blackthorn *n* *mirang sunhlu vek thing phunkhat*.

black tie (a) *zanriah ei tiki orh ṭheumi hngawng sih puan dum*. (b) [esp attrib] *rawl zawh tiki hmanmi sinfen: a black tie dinner/affair* ○ *It's black tie*, ie Dinner-jackets should be worn.

black-water fever *zun tiang thi a suakmi malaria nat*.

black widow *tur nei America maimom (a nu in amah pawltu a pa ih sa a ei ṭheu)*.

black² /blæk/ *n* **1** [U] *a dum (pianzia): Black is not my favourite colour*. **2** [U] *hnipuan dum: The mourners were dressed in black*. **3** (usu **Black**) (formerly derog, now the preferred word) [C] *midum phun (taksa dum pawl): Discrimination against Blacks is still common*. **4** (idm) **be in the black** (bank) *ah tangka nei*. Cf **BE IN THE RED** (RED² 4). **black and white** *zuk, TV pianzia a dum le*

a rang: *I changed my black and white television for a colour set.* ○ *Most old films were made in black and white.* **in black and white** cangan in, ca nam in: *I want the contract in black and white.* **(in) black and white** thil/milai khi a soal thluh/a dik thluh asilole, a tha thluh a sia thluh ti in a luan tuk ih thil hmuhnak: *see/view the issue in black and white.* **work like a black/Trojan** nasazet ih tuan.

black³ /blæk/ v **1** [Tn] si dum thuh; kedan le thil dangah; dumter. **2** thilri dai duh loih ngol san: *The lorry had been blacked by strikers and could not be unloaded.* **3** (phr v) **black out** ziang thei lo (lungmit): *The plane dived suddenly, causing the pilot to black out.* **black sth out (a)** meitleu hmuah hmit theh, khuh theh: *houses blacked out during an air raid.* **(b)** ca ngancia siar thei lo dingin cati dum thuh theh.

blackamoor /'blækəmo:(r)/ n (*dated derog offensive*) Negro, lole, vundum phun.

blackball /'blækbɔ:l/ v [Tn] sungtel silo dingih mee pek: *blackball a candidate.*

blackguard /'blæga:d/ n (fml) mi fello.

▷ **blackguardedly** adj fello, tluangtlamlo: *a blackguardly trick.*

blackleg /'blækleg/ n (*derog*) midang ngol lai ih hna a rak tuantu. Cf STRIKE-BREAKER (STRIKE¹).

▷ **blackleg** v [I] (-gg-) (*derog*) mi ngol lai hna rak tuan.

blacklist /'blæklist/ n tihnung le cawh dingmi pawl hmin cazin: *The police drew up a blacklist of wanted terrorists.*

▷ **blacklist** v [Tn] cuvek milai hmin cazin ah khum: *He was blacklisted because of his extremist views.*

blackmail /'blækmeil/ n [U] **1** tangka pek lole, thusia phuang dingih mi thihnak: *be found guilty of blackmail.* **2** mi thihnak: *'Increase productivity or lose your jobs.'* *'That's blackmail!'*

▷ **blackmail** v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (into doing sth)** mi thih (cuti ih na ti lole, cuti in na cang ding): *He was blackmailed by an enemy agent (into passing on state secrets).* ○ *The strikers refused to be blackmailed into returning to work.*

blackmailer n mi thihtu.

blacksmith /'blæksmiθ/ (also **smith**) n sodeng, sosu (thir lam pang).

bladder /'blæksmiθ/ n **1** phu, zun inn. **2** pawt theimi cutivek sialriat (bawlung sungih sialriat phu).

blade /bleid/ n **1** (a) nam-ha; hrei-ha etc: *a penknife with five blades.* (b) khahmul, hmuahmul mehnak naam paate = RAZOR-BLADE (RAZOR). **2** (*dated*) thunkawng naam. **3** lawng zapnak fung a peer lam. **4** (a) a paa ih a hriammi hnah pawl (vainim hnah tivek): *a blade of grass/corn.* (b) thinghnah (a ngiang tel lo pawl).

blueberry /'blebri; US -beri/ n = BILBERRY.

blah /bla:/ n [U] (infml) thupi zet vekih simmi a si

nain ziang a si cuca lomi tong: *That's just a lot of blah.* ○ *There he goes, blah blah blah, talking nonsense as usual.*

blame /bleim/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** / ~ **sth on sb** mawthluk, mawhsiat: *I don't blame you, ie I think your action was justified.* ○ (*saying*) *A bad workman blames his tools,* ie refuses to accept the responsibility for his own mistakes. ○ *If you fail the exam you'll only have yourself to blame,* ie it will be your own fault. ○ *She blamed him of the failure of their marriage/* *blamed the failure of their marriage on him.* **2** (idm) **be to blame (for sth)** tuanvo nei, a mawh: *Which driver was to blame for the accident?* ○ *She was in no way to blame.*

▷ **blame** n [U] ~ (**for sth**) **1** tuanvo; mawhphurh: *bear/take/accept the blame (for sth)* ○ *Where does the blame for our failure lie?* ie Who or what is responsible? **2** mawhnak, mawthluknak: *He incurred much blame for his stubborn attitude.* **3** (idm) **lay/put the blame (for sth) on sb** mi mawthluk. **blameless** adj mawh nei lo: *a blameless life* ○ *None of us is blameless in this matter.* **blamelessly** adv.

blameworthy adj mawthluk phu.

blanch /blɑ:ntʃ; US blæntʃ/ v **1** [Tn] ti so ah malte sung hniim (hanghnah pawl): *You blanch almonds to remove their skins.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) (**at sth**) mithmai rau—tih tuk ruangah: *Be blanched (with fear) at the sight of the snake.*

blancmange /blə'mɒnz/ n [C, U] cawhnaui le sangphut cokrawi hnu ah kuangte thawng rawhmi sang.

bland /blænd/ adj (-er, -est) **1** um dan thiammi; mi dai. **2** (*sometimes derog*) a thaw lemlomi, a hmuah lomi (rawl): *He eats only bland food because of his ulcer.* ○ *This cheese is rather bland.* **3** zohnuam lemlo, piang lemlo: *He has a bland appearance.*

▷ **blandly** adv. **blandness** n [U].

blandishment /blə'mɒnz/ n [usu pl] (fml) leemnak; porhnak: *She resisted his blandishments.*

blank /blænd/ adj (-er, -est) **1** (a) nganlo mi; riin hrih lomi, a lawng: *a blank sheet of paper* ○ *a blank page* ○ *Write on one side of the page and leave the other side blank.* (b) hmin le a dang ngannak ding hmunlawng: *a blank form.* (c) a lawngmi, ziangkhal um lomi: *blank wall,* ie without doors, windows, pictures, etc. **2** theithiam lo; poisa lo, thinlung pe lo: *a blank expression/face/gaze* ○ *He looked blank.* ○ *Her questions drew blank looks all round,* ie no one seemed to know how to answer them. ○ *Suddenly my mind went blank,* ie I was unable to remember anything or think properly. **3** [attrib] pumpuluk in: *a blank denial/refusal.*

▷ **blank** n **1** (a) ca sungih lawngnak hmun — thu ngannak dingih lawngtermi hmun: *fill in the blanks on the question, leave a blank.* (b) ngan hrih lo cahnah: *I've filled in this form incorrectly.*

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Can I have another blank? **2** ziangkhal um lo; hmun lawng: *My mind/memory was a (complete) blank — I couldn't think of a single answer.* **3** = BLAND CARTRIDGE. **4** (idm) **draw a blank** ⇒ DRAW². **blank** *v* (phr *v*) **blank sth out** phiat (thil pakhat khat).

blankly *adv* aa mualmi in; ziang ruat lemlo in: *look blankly at sb/sth.*

□ **blank cartridge** zilandawng lawng (cereke um lo).

blank cheque (a) mah duh zat ngan theimi chek lethmat (paise suah theinak). (b) (fig) mah duhduh ih thil titheinak: *The architect was given/presented with a blank cheque to design a new city centre.*

blank verse *syllable* awsuah pahra pahra ih nganmi (rhyme tel lo) 'bezai': *Many Elizabethan plays are written in blank verse.*

blanket /blæŋkɪt/ *n* **1** puan, sin puan: *It's cold — I need another blanket.* **2** (fig) a sah mi: *a blanket of fog/cloud/smoke/snow.* **3** [attrib] a zate huap: *a blanket agreement/term/rule.* (idm) **be born on the wrong side of the blanket** ⇒ BORN. **a wet blanket** ⇒ WET.

▷ **blanket** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in/with sth)** khuh ðeh: *The countryside was blanketed with snow/fog.*

blare /bleə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ip] ~ (out) tawtawrawt aw vek awring le sia suah/awn: *Car horns blared.*

○ *The trumpets blared out.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (out)** aw suah: *The radio blared out pop music.*

▷ **blare** *n* [U] thil phawtmi awthang: *the blare of police sirens/a brass band.*

blarney /'blɑːni/ *n* [U] (infml) porhmi ðong; mi bumnak ðong, ðong naal.

blasé /'blɑːzeɪ/ *US* /blɑː'zeɪ/ *adj* ~ (about sth) ning, khop: *a blasé attitude/manner* ○ *She's very blasé about parties.*

blaspheme /'blæs'fiːm/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (against sb/sth) Pathian nautat, thangsiat, Pathian hmin hmangih siatserh: *blaspheme (against) the name of God* ○ *He always swears and blasphemes when he's drunk.*

▷ **blasphemer** *n* Pathian nautattu.

blasphemous /'blæs'fəməs/ *adj* Pathian nautat hman; *blasphemous curses/language.*

blasphemously *adv.*

blasphemy /'blæs'fəmi/ *n* **1** [U] Pathian nautannak; Pathian zomtaih ruangih sualnak: *the sin of blasphemy.* **2** [C] Pathian zomtaihnak: *the blasphemies of the heretic.*

blast¹ /blɑːst/ *US* /blæst/ *n* **1** [C, U] puak kuainak: *a bomb blast* ○ *Several passers-by were killed by (the) blast.* **2** [C] so dennak ih meisa thawm so thaw; thli sia: *the wind's icy blasts* ○ *a blast of hot air from the furnace.* **3** [C] tawtawrawt/mawṭawka hawn (horn) aw: *blow a blast on a bugle, trumpet, whistle, etc.* **4** [C] mei vaam seh ti ih hmanmi thli-saa. **5** (idm) **full blast** ⇒ FULL.

□ **blast-furnace** *n* thir eernak ih hmanmi meilipi.

blast² /blɑːst/ *US* /blæst/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] puak kuaiteh ðeh (siat suah ðeh): *Danger! Blasting in progress!* ○ *The village was blasted by enemy bombs.* **2** [Tn] siatsuah: *buds/crops blasted by frost/wind.* **3** [I] awring zet suah (tawtawrawt aw vek). **4** [Tn] (infml) nasa zet ih soi: *The film was blasted by the critics.* **5** (phr *v*) **blast sth away/down/in, etc** khuai pet: *The explosion blasted the door open/down/in.* **blast off** (of spacecraft) rocket kap ih fehter: *The rocket blasted off at noon.*

▷ **blast** *interj* (expressing annoyance) ai-zaw! ai-ze!: *Blast! I've burnt the toast.*

blasted *adj* [attrib] (infml) thin hnaihnokza: *What a blasted nuisance!*

blasting *n* (infml) soiselnak: *give his work a terrific blasting.*

□ **blast-off** *n* (pukpi thawm kap ih) van lenglam ah thlah (caan): *Blast-off is in 30 seconds.*

blatant /'bleɪtnt/ *adj* ningzah nei loih a ti hluahhlo mi; a hngalmi: *a blatant lie* ○ *blatant disobedience/disrespect/insolence.*

▷ **blatancy** /'bleɪtnsɪ/ *n* [U] midang hmaisong loih thil tinak: *the sheer blatancy of the crime.*

blatantly *adv.*

blather /'blæðə(r)/ (also **blether** /'bleðə(r)/) *v* (esp Scot) aa zet ih ðong.

▷ **blather** (also **blether**) *n* [U] aatthlak ih ðongmi.

blaze¹ /bleɪz/ *n* **1** [C] (a) mei alh tleu; mei hlio: *Dry wood makes a good blaze.* (b) meikang: *Five people died in the blaze.* **2** [sing] **a ~ of sth** (a) a tleu hngin: *the garden is a blaze of colour, ie full of colourful flowers.* ○ *The high street is a blaze of lights in the evening.* (b) (fig) a fiangtuk mi: *a blaze of glory/publicity*, hmakhatte ih a suakmi thinhennak: *a blaze of anger/passion/temper.*

blaze² /bleɪz/ *v* **1** [I] a kaang; a hlio: *A good fire was blazing in the grate.* ○ *When the firemen arrived the whole building was blazing.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] a vaang huamhi: *Bright lights blazed all along the street.* ○ *The sun blazed down on the desert.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (fig) thin hlio; thinteu: *She was blazing with indignation, ie was extremely angry.* ○ *a blazing row* ○ *His eyes blazed (with anger).* **4** (phr *v*) **blaze away** catlo banglo in kap (meithal): *Our gunners/guns kept blazing away at the enemy.* **blaze up** (a) a alh ciamco: *The fire blazed up when he added paraffin.* (b) (fig) thin aithok lohli: *He blazed up without warning.*

blaze³ /bleɪz/ *n* **1** cal de (caw cal ih hmul raang). **2** khuilam feh ding ti hmuhtu thinghawng themmi.

▷ **blaze** *v* **1** [Tn] thinghawng them (ziin hmuhtu ah); **2** (idm) **blaze a trail** mi hrui, mi hmuhtu, mi zirh dingah thil tuah hmaisai bik: *blazing a trail in the field of laser surgery.* Cf TRAIL-BLAZER (TRAIL).

blaze⁴ /bleɪz/ (also **blazon**) *v* [Tn] than; mi theihter: *The news was blazed all over the daily papers.*

blazer /bleɪzə(r)/ *n* bleiza korleng angki (jacket).

blazes /bleɪzɪz/ *n* [pl] (sl) **1** (esp in expressions of anger or surprise) thinhen le mangbang lang ternak ðong eg hell: *Who/What the blazes is that?*
 ◦ *What the blazes are you doing?* ◦ *Go to blazes!*
2 (idm) **like blazes** khulrang in, meikang vekin: *run/work like blazes.*

blazon /ˈbleɪzn/ *n* coat of arms; tacik vekih hmanmi ralphaw.

▷ **blazon** *v* [Tn] **1** = EMBLAZON. **2** = BLAZE⁴.

bldg abbr inn, building: *engineering bldg*, eg on a university campus.

bleach /bleɪtʃ/ *v* [I, Tn] varter: *bones of animal bleaching in the desert* ◦ *bleach cotton, linen, etc* ◦ *hair bleached by the sun.*

▷ **bleach** *n* [U, C] vartertu sii: *soak shirts in bleach to remove the stains.*

□ **bleaching-powder** *n* pianzia khoknak sii; rong phiatnak, eg chloride of lime.

bleachers /ˈbli:tʃəz/ *n* [pl] (US) lehpannak tualpi ih tlunkhuh um lo tonak (zoh man olmi).

bleak /blik/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) phentu um lo ram le tlang, thli ih hranmi leilung: *bleak hills, mountains, moors, etc.* (b) a sik a dai zetmi (nikhua): *a bleak winter day.* **2** (fig) zum um lemlo, a ða lemlo: *a bleak outlook/prospect* ◦ *The future looks bleak.*

▷ **bleakly** *adv.* **bleakness** *n* [U].

bleary /ˈbliəri/ *adj* mit mal (bangtuk ruangah).

▷ **blearily** *adv* mitmal phah in: *look blearily at sb.*

□ **bleary-eyed** *adj* mitmal: *He's always bleary-eyed early in the morning.*

bleat /bli:t/ *n* tuu, me, cawfa ai; cute pawl ai mi aw.

▷ **bleat** *v* **1** [I] cuti vekin aai. **2** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn.p] ~ (sth) (out) (fig) dimte in ðong, na phah in ðong: *What are you bleating about?* ◦ *He bleated out a feeble excuse.*

bleed /bli:d/ *v* (pt, pp **bled** /bled/) **1** (a) [I] thii, thii suak: *bleed to death.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) (fig) ram hrangah tuar/thi: *those who bled for the revolution.* **2** [Tn] thii suah sak: *Doctors used to bleed people when they were ill.* **3** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ sb (for sth) (infml) tangka pekter (thih phah in): *The blackmailers bled him for every penny he had.* **4** [I] a hnai, thliing (thingkung). **5** (idm) **bleed sb white** neihmi tangka laksak thluh. **one's heart bleeds for sb** ⇒ HEART.

bleeder /ˈbli:də(r)/ *n* (Brit sl usu derog) milai: *You stupid bleeder!*

bleeding /ˈbli:dn/ *adj* [atrib] (Brit sl) = BLOODY.

bleep /blep/ *n* 'blip, blip' ti ih awn mi aw (elektrik dat ih awnter mi): *The computer gave a regular bleep.*

▷ **bleep** *v* **1** [I] 'blip' aw suah. **2** [Tn] blip (cet) thawn sibawi ko: *Please bleep the doctor on duty*

immediately. **bleeper** *n* blip-cet.

blemish /ˈblemɪʃ/ *n* **1** meihma; hmel siattertu (thil rang par ah) sii thlorh ngah: *a blemish on a pear, carpet, table-cloth* ◦ *She has a blemish above her right eye.* **2** (fig) mawilonak; ðatlonak; sosel co: *His character/reputation is without (a) blemish.*

▷ **blemish** *v* [Tn] sinak tumter a ðatnak siatter, hma nei: *a blemished peach* ◦ *The pianist's performance was blemished by several wrong notes.*

blench /ˈblentʃ/ *v* [I] ðhia (ðihphan ruangah), thir dukdi.

blend /blend/ *v* **1** [Tn] cokrawi (thil phun dangdang): *blended whisky/tea/coffee/tobacco.*

2 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ with sth/~ (together) rawi aw: *Oil does not blend with water.* ◦ *Oil and water do not blend.* (b) [Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ A with B/~

A and B (together) thil pahnih cokrawi: *Blend the eggs with the milk.* ◦ *Blend the eggs and milk (together).*

3 (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ with sth/~ (together) remcangter: *Those cottages blend perfectly with the landscape.* ◦ *Their voices blend (together) well.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (into sth) (esp of colour) a pianzia, a rong ðen theih lo dingin an rawi aw:

The sea and the sky seemed to blend into each other. **4** (phr v) **blend in** (with sth) remcang zet ih cokrawi: *The new office block doesn't blend in with its surroundings.*

blend sth in beet, rawi, phulh: *Heat the butter gently and then blend in a little flour.*

▷ **blend** *n* **1** phun dangdang rawi mi: *Which blend of coffee would you like?* ◦ (fig) *His manner is a blend of charm and politeness.*

2 = PORTMANTEAU WORD (PORTMANTEAU).

blender *n* = LIQUIDIZER (LIQUIDIZE), a ti ih suahtertu.

bless /bles/ *v* (pt, pp **blessed** /blest/; in sense 5, pp **blest** /blest/) [Tn] **1** thlawsuah hmuifu pe: *They brought the children to Jesus and he blessed them.* ◦ *The Pope blessed the crowd.* ◦ *The priest blessed the harvest.*

2 (esp in Christian ritual) thianghlimter; hlaan, ap: *The priest blessed the bread and wine*, ie before the celebration of the Eucharist. **3** (esp in Christian Church services) sunlawih, thangthat: *'We bless Thy Holy Name.'*

4 (esp imperative in prayers) (fml) lungawinak, suul tluannak pe: *Bless* (ie We ask God to bless) *all those who are hungry, lonely or sick.*

5 (pp **blest**) (dated infml) (esp in exclamations expressing surprise): *Bless me!* ◦ *Bless my soul!* ◦ *Well, I'm blest!* ◦ *I'm blest if I know!*

ie I don't know at all. **6** (idm) **be blessed with** malsawmnak/thlawsuah bawngmal ngah: *He is blessed with excellent health.* ◦ (joc or ironic)

Mrs Murphy is blessed with twelve children.

bless you (used as an interj to express thanks or affection, or said to sb who has sneezed): *You've bought me a present? Bless you!* ka lung

a awi zet, tinak.

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blessed /ˈblesɪd/ *adj* **1** thianghlím: *the Blessed Virgin*, ie the mother Of Jesus, the Virgin Mary. **2** (biaknak lam òng ah) mi hmuifu, mi lungawi, mi bawngtha: *Blessed are the meek*. **3** [attrib] a nuam: *a moment of blessed calm*. **4** (in the Roman Catholic Church) Pope in vanram ah a feh zo a timi mithi thlarau. **5** (*euph infml*) (used to express mild anger, surprise, etc) malte thinhennak langternak òng (a khaih! a khavék!): *I can't see a blessed thing without my glasses*.

▷ **the Blessed** *n* [pl] vanram ah Pathian thawn umtu pawl.

blessedly *adv*: *It's so blessedly quiet here*.

blessedness /ˈblesɪdnɪs/ *n* [U].

□ **the Blessed Sacrament** = SACRAMENT **2**.

blessing /ˈblesɪŋ/ *n* **1** (*usu sing*) (**a**) Pathian thlawsuah; hmuifu; bawngmal: *ask for God's blessing*. (**b**) thlawsuah dil tiki thlacamnak. (**c**) rawl-ei hlan/hnu ih thlacamnak tawite: *Say a blessing*. **2** (*usu sing*) lungkimnak: *I cannot give my blessing to such a proposal*. **3** lungawinak: *What a blessing you weren't hurt in the accident!* **4** (*idm*) **a blessing in disguise** vansiát lam vanthát: *Not getting into university may be a blessing in disguise; I don't think you'd have been happy there*. **count one's blessings** ⇒ COUNT¹.

blether = BLATHER.

blew *pt* of BLOW.

blight /blaɪt/ *n* **1** [U] (**a**) thingkung rotértu natnak hrik. (**b**) [*sing*] thingkung thitértu nat. **2** ~ (**on/upon sb/sth**) (*fig*) siatsuahtu: *cast/put a blight on sb/sth* ○ *Unemployment is a blight on our community*. **3** [U] zoh sia le ziangsiar lomi hmun: *the blight of inner-city slums*.

▷ **blight** *v* [Tn] **1** roter, caarter, vuaiter: *The apple trees were blighted by frost*. **2** siatsuah: *a career blighted by ill-health*.

blighter /ˈblaɪtə(r)/ *n* (*dated Brit infml*) **1** milai; hawipi: *You lucky blighter!* **2** mi huattlai; mi hnaihnoktu: *The blighter stole my purse!*

Blighty /ˈblaɪti/ *n* (*dated Brit army sl*) (ramdang ih ònami Mirang ralkap pawlih an ram kawhnak) Britain.

blimey /ˈblaɪmi/ *interj* (*Brit sl*) mangbang tiki thòng suakmi: *Blimey, that's a funny hat!*

blimp /blɪmp/ *n* duhnak ih zam thei datkhu thunmi pawpawlang (vanzam fate).

Blimp /blɪmp/ *n* (also **Colonel Blimp**) (*Brit infml derog*) ruahnak thar nei thei lo ralkap bawipatar.

▷ **blimpish** *adj*.

blind /blaɪnd/ *adj* **1** mitcaw; mit khua hmu lo: *a blind person* ○ *be blind from birth, in one eye*. **2** [attrib] mitcaw hrang, mitcaw ta: *a blind school*. **3** [pred] ~ (**to sth**) theithiam lo: *I must have been blind not to realize the danger we were in*. ○ *He is completely blind to her faults*. **4** [*usu attrib*] (*fig*) (**a**) a thu, a hram um loin: *blind hatred/*

obedience/prejudice ○ *love/faith that is blind*.

(**b**) khawruah nei lo, hmukhmak: *the blind forces of nature/destiny* ○ *be in a blind fury/panic/rage* ○ *blind haste/speed*. **5** [*usu attrib*] lang lomi, thuhmi: *a blind driveway/entrance* ○ *a blind bend/corner/turning*, ie one which prevents the driver from seeing the road ahead. **6** khua hmu loin; cet thilri lawng hmang: *blind flying* ○ *a blind landing*. **7** (*idm*) (**as**) **blind as a bat** hmu tha thei loin; midang in fiang zet ih hmuh theimi hmu thei lo: *He's as blind as a bat without his glasses*. **turn a blind eye (to sth)** thei lo vekih umter, mit rak sing: *The manager turned a blind eye when his staff were late*.

▷ **the blind** *n* [pl *v*] mitcaw: *a school for the blind*.

2 (*idm*) **the blind leading the blind** (*saying*) hmuhton nei lotu ih mi hruai (hruaitu le hruaimi bangrep).

blind *adv* **1** khua hmuthei lo, thilri bomnak lawng ih hmuthei: *drive/fly blind*. **2** (*idm*)

blind drunk (*infml*) zu ri neknek: **swear blind** ⇒ SWEAR.

blindly *adv*.

blindness *n* [U].

□ **blind alley** **1** khatlam a pit mi ziin. **2** (*fig*) hlawhtling sal lomi thil tuah.

blind date (*infml*) hmu aw dah lomi, mi pahnih nunau le mipa tongaw dingih tawlrelnak (nomkhawmnak ih tuahmi).

blind-man's buff lehnak phunkhat—mi pakhat a mit an hup ih midang pakhat kai ngah a zuam.

blind spot **1** khawtleu a hmu thei lomi mitmu vun ih hmun pakhat. **2** mawtawka mawngtu ih hmuh thei lomi hmun: *I didn't see the car that was overtaking me—it was in my blind spot*. **3** mi pakhat ih a theih lomi le a theih dah lemlomi: *History is one of his blind spots*.

blind² /blaɪnd/ *v* **1** [Tn] mit cawter, mit cerh: *a blinding flash/light* ○ *He was blinded* (ie dazzled) *by the sunlight*. ○ *The soldier was blinded in the explosion*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (to sth)** (*fig*) khawruah aater: *Her love for him blinded her (to his faults)*. **3** (*idm*) **blind sb with science** thilri theihnak thu lamah thinlung hnokter.

blind³ /blaɪnd/ *n* **1** (*US (window-shade)*) thalang-ong, sangkate puanzar (*kalaka*): *draw/lower/raise the blinds*. **2** bumnak ih hmanmi milai, thilri: *His job as a diplomat was a blind for his spying*. **3** (*US*) = HIDE *n* **1**.

blinder /ˈblaɪndə(r)/ *n* (*Brit sl*) **1** zurit besiat caan: *be/go on a blinder*. **2** a cuangih ti thei (lehnak ah): *play a blinder (of a shot, game, etc)* ○ *The last goal was a blinder*.

blinkers /ˈblaɪndəz/ *n* [pl] (*US*) = BLINKERS.

blindfold /ˈblaɪndfəʊld/ *v* [Tn] mit hup sak: *blindfold a hostage/prisoner*.

▷ **blindfold** *n* mit huhsaknak puan.

blindfold *adj, adv* mit huh sakmi, mit-hup sak in: *I could do that blindfold*, ie easily, regardless

of obstacles.

blink /blɪŋk/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] rang zet ih mit thep: *He blinked in the bright sunlight.* ◦ *How long can you stare without blinking (your eyes)?* **2** [I] mit thep vekih vang duapdo, arsi vangvek: *harbour lights blinking on the horizon.* **3** (idm) **blink the fact (that...)** ziangsiar lo: *You can't blink the fact that the country's economy is suffering.* **4** (phr *v*) **blind sth away/back** thup, suup: *Though clearly upset, she bravely blinked back her tears.*

▷ **blink** *n* **1** mit thep rang. **2** khawtleu dukdi (nimthla kau vek). **3** (idm) **on the blink** (infml) a siat, hnaŋuan thei lo: *The washing machine's on the blink.*

blinkered /'blɪŋkəd/ *adj* **1** mit huh mi (rang, laak, pawl). **2** (fig) thei thei lo; *khawruah tawi: a blinkered attitude.*

blinkers /'blɪŋkəz/ *n* [pl] (US **blinders**) rang in a siriam hmu hlah seh ti ih a mit zawn ih thlah sakmi savun hri pawl, rang mit huh.

blinking /'blɪŋkɪŋ/ *adj, adv* (infml euph) = BLOODY: *It's a blinking nuisance.*

blip /blɪp/ *n* **1** reida (radar) hmai ih langmi a botete. **2** 'blip, blip' ti ih awnmi aw.

bliss /blɪs/ *n* [U] lungawinak maksak: *a life of bliss* ◦ *living in married/wedded bliss*, ie very happily married ◦ *What bliss!—I don't have to go to work today.*

▷ **blissful** /-fl/ *adj* lungawi hngin; lungawinak a khat: (ironic) *blissful ignorance*, ie being unaware of sth unpleasant. **blissfully** /-fəli/ *adv*.

blister /'blɪstə(r)/ *n* **1** taksa durh: *These tight shoes have given me blisters on my ankles.* **2** cuvek in thing le thir parih a durh vek; a pawng a phaw mi.

▷ **blister** *v* [I, Tn] a durh: *My feet blister easily.* ◦ *The hot sun blistered the paint.*

blistering /'blɪstərɪŋ/ *adj* **1** a saa zet; a nasa zet: *The runners set off at a blistering pace.* **2** (soiselnak) a nasa mi, mi thinlung a hlenmi: *blistering sarcasm, scorn, etc.* **blisteringly** *adv*.

□ **blister pack** a pawng lialli nawn ih ummi thil.

blithe /blaɪð/ *adj* lungawi, nuam hluahhlo; ziang poisa lo: *a blithe lack of concern* ◦ *a blithe spirit*, ie a happy person.

▷ **blithely** *adv* poisa lemlo in: *He was blithely unaware of the trouble he had caused.*

blithering /'blɪðərɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] (infml) nautat tlak; santlailo: *You blithering idiot!*

B Litt /bi: 'lɪt/ *abbr* Bachelor of Letters: *have/be a B Litt in English* ◦ *Sue Hill B Litt.*

blitz /blɪts/ *n* **1** [C] van lam ihsin ral ih kah ciamconak, rinlopi ral ih namnak: *carry out a blitz on enemy targets* ◦ [attrib] *blitz bombing.* **2** the Blitz [sing] the Blitz 1940 kum ih German pawl in England khi vanzamleng thawih an kah ciamconak. **3** [C] (fig infml) ~ (on sth) beiseizet ih tuahnak, tuannak: *I had a blitz on the kitchen today, and now it's really clean.*

▷ **blitz** *v* [Tn] kap, siat theh: *Many towns were badly blitzed during the war.*

blizzard /'blɪzəd/ *n* vur-le-thisia; vur-thisia.

bloated /'bləʊtɪd/ *adj* a phawmi, thausia: *a bloated face* ◦ *I've had so much to eat I feel absolutely bloated.* ◦ (fig) *bloated with pride.*

bloater /'bləʊtə(r)/ *n* cite thawn ciahmi ngasa pherh.

blob /blɒb/ *n* zuk suainak sii dor (dor khatte tivek): *a blob of paint, wax, cream.*

bloc /blɒk/ *n* tumtah a bangaw mi ram, paaŋi, pawlkom, ŋangkawmmi: *the Eastern/Western bloc.*

block¹ /blɒk/ *n* **1** (a) [C] thingtum sahpi, lungtlep sahpi, thir tan sah pawl (a hmai a phengmi): *a block of concrete, granite, marble, etc.* (b) [C] sa cannak thing tan; siah kham: *a chopping-block* ◦ *a butcher's block.* (c) the block [sing] (formerly) misual hngawng tannak ih dammi thingtan: *go/be sent to the block.* **2** [C] nauhak lehnak thing/plastic tan pawl: *a set of (building) blocks.* **3** [C] zungkhan tampi ih then aw mi inn tumpi: *blocks of flats* ◦ *an office block* ◦ *a tower block*, ie a skyscraper. **4** [C] (a) a kimvel ih lampi ummi inn tumpi bur khat: *go for a walk round the block.* (b) (esp US) lamzin karlak tarkhat tivek: *He lives three blocks away from here.* **5** [C] unit pakhat ih ruahmi thil tampi: *a block of theatre seats* ◦ *a block of shares*, ie in a business ◦ [attrib] *a block booking*, ie the booking at one time of a large number of seats. **6** [C] cangannak cahnah thuah. **7** [C] nam dingmi ca, zuk an khuarmi thingtan, thir tlep. **8** [C] usu sing] rak khamtu, rak dawntu: *a block in the pipe, gutter, drain, etc* ◦ (fig) *The government's stubborn attitude was a block to further talks.* **9** (idm) **a chip off the old block** ⇒ CHIP¹. **have a block (about sth)** aan cing thei lo: *He has a mental block about maths.* **knock sb's block/head off** ⇒ KNOCK².

□ **block and tackle** hri le leng thawn thil caihnak; thil thlirnak.

block diagram hmufiang thei dingih thil suaumi.

block letter (also **block capital**) khepiŋal cafang; cafang tuum: *fill in a form in block letters.*

block vote (also **card vote**) mi pakhat in mi tampi ai ih mee pek dan.

block² /blɒk/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) rak kham, rak dawn: *a drain blocked (up) by mud, dead leaves, etc* ◦ *Heavy snow is blocking all roads into Scotland.* ◦ *A large crowd blocked the corridors and exits.* ◦ *My nose is blocked (up), eg because of a heavy cold.* (b) [Tn] caang theilo ih tuah, rak kham: *block an opponent's move*, eg in a game of chess ◦ *The accident blocked traffic in the town centre.* ◦ *Progress in the talks was blocked by the government's intransigence.* **2** [Tn] hman ding zat khiah: *blocked sterling.* **3** [Tn] bawlung thawinak fung thawn cricket bawlung rak kham. **4** (phr *v*) **block sth in/out**

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khawkhannak atlangpi tuah: **block sth in the plan of a house**. **block sth off** kulh pit theh, phit theh: *Police blocked off the street after the explosion.*

▷ **blockage** /'blɒkɪdʒ/ *n* (a) dawntu; khamtu: *a blockage in an artery, drain-pipe, etc.* (b) rakkhamnak.

blockade /blɒ'keɪd/ *n* **1** lut/suak thei lo ih kulh pitnak (ral donak lawng pawl in). **2** (idm) **break/run a blockade** (*esp of a ship*) phihmi pah tlang. **lift/raise a blockade** phihnak cemter; baang.

▷ **blockade** *v* [Tn] kulhpit: *The harbour was blockaded by enemy vessels.*

block-buster /'blɒkbʌste(r)/ *n* (infml) **1** inn tumpipi khuai theitu bomb. **2** tamzet zuar dingih tha an pekmi zuknung, cabu pawl. **3** thil man a tum ding ti in, thil man olte le zamrangte ih thil zuar forhtu.

▷ **block-busting** *n* [U] thil man ol ih zuar.

blockhead /'blɒkhed/ *n* (infml) mi fim lo.

blockhouse /'blɒkhaʊs/ *n* **1** cerek le bomb kham dingih mirang leilung thawn tuahmi ral bawhnak hmun. **2** (US) (*formerly*) ralhruang phar ih meithal bihnak a ummi inn.

bloke /blɒk/ *n* (Brit infml) milai, minung.

blond (also of a woman usu **blonde**) /blɒnd/ *n, adj* (milai) sui pianzia vek, lole, a rau deuhmi sam neitu nunau: *Who was that blonde I saw you with last night?* Cf BRUNETTE.

blood¹ /blʌd/ *n* **1** [U] thi, taksa sung ih luangmi thi: *give blood*, eg so that it can be used in a blood transfusion ○ *He lost a lot of blood in the accident.* ○ *Much blood was shed* (ie Many people were killed) *in the war.* **2** [U] (fml) ci le hnam: *of noble Scottish blood* ○ *They are of the same blood.* **3** [C] (*dated Brit*) tlangval milian le thuam mawi. **4** (idm) **bad blood (between A and B)** khat le khat hua-aw: *There's a lot of bad blood between those two families.* **be after/out for sb's blood** (infml) ningnatter tum, mualphoter tum (phuhlamnak ah): (*joc*) *I was late for work again this morning — my boss is after my blood.* **be/run in one's/the blood** mah thisa in keng: *Most of my family are musicians; it runs in the blood.* **blood and thunder** (infml) tihnungza thuanthu cawn: [attrib] *a blood-and-thunder story.* **blood is thicker than water** (*saying*) sungkhat pawlkomnak cu a khoh bik. **sb's blood is up** mi a sual, a to duh: *After being insulted like that, my blood is really up!* (*like getting/trying to get*) **blood out of/from a stone** ngahhar, cang thei lo tluk a si: *Getting a pay rise in this firm is like getting blood from a stone.* (*have sb's*) **blood on one's hands** mi pakhat a thih ruangah mawhpurh nei: *a dictator with much blood on his hands.* **draw blood** ⇒ DRAW². **flesh and blood** ⇒ FLESH. **one's flesh and blood** ⇒ FLESH. **freeze one's blood; make one's blood freeze** ⇒ FREEZE. **in cold blood** ⇒ COLD¹. **make**

sb's blood boil thinheng: *The way he treats his children makes my blood boil.* **make sb's blood run cold** tih phangter: *The sight of the dead body made his blood run cold.* **new/fresh blood** ruahnak thar, thiamnak thar nei kum a nomi sungtel thar: *This company is badly in need of new blood.* **of the blood (royal)** siangpahrang hrin; phun-u: *a prince of the blood (royal).* **spill blood** ⇒ SPILL¹. **stir the/one's blood** ⇒ STIR. **sweat blood** ⇒ SWEAT.

□ **blood bank** sizung (zato) hman ding thi khawh hmun.

blood-bath *n* ton le hmuhmi hmuah thahnak: *The battle was a blood-bath.*

blood-brother *n* unau ih tuahmi (thi le thi rawi aw ih siatcamnak tuah hnu ah).

blood count thisen le thirang zat siar.

blood-curdling *adj* tihnungza: *a blood-curdling cry, scream, story, etc.*

blood-donor *n* thi hlutu.

blood feud sungkhat le sungkhat, pawl le pawl tawhawk le thahawk ringringnak.

blood group (also **blood type**) thi phun: *His blood group is AO.*

blood-heat *n* [U] milai ih thi a satnak (*about 37°C, 98.4°F*).

blood-letting *n* [U] **1** mina ih thi suah sak. **2** (infml) (a) thi suah. (b) to-aw, thi-hnai suah awk: *This blood-letting is damaging the reputation of the party.*

blood-lust *n* [U] mi that hiar.

blood-money *n* [U] **1** mi-thah fialmi hnenih pekmi tangka. **2** an thahmi milai sungkhat hnenih liammi tangka.

blood orange a sung senmi dawhhlei.

blood-poisoning (also **toxaemia**) *n* [U] thi ih tur lut (hma le a pemmi ihsin).

blood pressure thi tlang le thi tum: *have high/low blood pressure* ○ (*fig*) *Politicians always raise his blood pressure*, ie make him extremely angry (a thi a so, a thin a heng).

blood-red *adj* thi vekih sen: *Her finger-nails were blood-red.* ○ *blood-red nails.*

blood-relation *n* suahkehnak ih unau, thi le sa ih unau.

bloodshed *n* [U] milai thah-awk.

bloodshot *adj* thihri siat ruangih mit sen riariai: *His eyes were bloodshot from lack of sleep.*

blood sports ramsa dawinak hramlak (nomnak ih ramsa peel le kap).

blood-stained *adj* **1** thi a hnihmi; thi a kopmi: *a blood-stained shirt.* **2** (*fig*) thihnai suah, mi that.: *a blood-stained reputation, regime, tyrant.*

bloodstock *n* [U] rang phuntha, thi rawi lo.

bloodstream *n* [sing] taksa sung thi luang (thifeh): *inject drugs into the bloodstream.*

bloodsucker *n* **1** mi thi zuktu ramsa, cangvat vekpawl. **2** (*fig infml*) mi tangka ngah theh zuamtu; tangka eitu; mi a dawktu.

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blood test thi zoh (natnak um le umlo).

blood transfusion thi thun sak.

blood-vessel *n* thihri: *burst a blood-vessel.*

blood² /blʌd/ *v* [Tn] **1** (sa dawinak ah) uico khi a hmaisai bik ramsa thi tepter. **2** (fig) a hmaisai bik titer, tuahter: *This will be her first match for her country; she hasn't yet been blooded.*

bloodhound /blʌdhaʊnd/ *n* uico tumpi phunkhat.

bloodless /blʌdlɪs/ *adj* **1** thi-hnai suak lo, thah-awm um lo: *a bloodless coup/revolution/victory.* **2** a rau, a daangmi: *He has bloodless cheeks.* **3** (fig) (a) zuam lo; tha tho lo. (b) ziang poi lo; poisa lemlo.

bloodthirsty /blʌdθɜːstɪ/ *adj* **1** (a) ralhrang, mi thah hiar: *a bloodthirsty killer, tribe, warrior.* (b) mi thah nuam titu: *bloodthirsty spectators.* **2** thihnai suah le mi thah thu tel (cabu, thuanthu).

▷ **bloodthirstily** *adv.* **bloodthirstiness** *n* [U].

bloody¹ /ˈblʌdi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** thi thawn a khatmi; thahawk a tammi: *His clothes were torn and bloody.* ○ *give sb a bloody nose*, ie hit sb's nose so that it bleeds. **2** thihnai a suak tammi: *a bloody battle.* **3** a siakha, a hrangmi: *a bloody deed, murder, tyrant.*

▷ **bloodily** *adv.*

bloody *v* (pt, pp **bloodied**) [Tn] thi a nehter, thi a hnih.

bloody² /ˈblʌdi/ *adj* [attrib] *adv* (Δ *Brit infml*) **1** (used to emphasize a judgement or comment) a nasa zet langternak ʔongfang a si: *bloody nonsense, rubbish, etc* ○ *This rail strike is a bloody nuisance.* ○ *What a bloody waste of time!* ○ *That was a bloody good meal!* **2** thinheng langternak: *What the bloody hell are you doing?* ○ *I don't bloody care.* **3** (idm) **bloody well** (*Brit infml*) rori, ngaingai (thinheng tiki ʔongmi): *'I'm not coming with you.'* 'Yes you bloody well are!'

□ **bloody-minded** *adj* (*Brit infml*) bawm duh lo hrim: *Everybody else accepts the decision. Why must you be so bloody-minded?*

bloody-mindedness *n* [U].

bloom /blu:m/ *n* **1** [C] pangpar par lai: *These roses have beautiful blooms.* Cf **BLOSSOM.** **2** [U] (fig) ʔatlaifang; mawi laifang, vanglai: *be in/have lost the bloom of youth.* **3** [U] thingrah hmin cia tivek parih colh (thilnu) phulh. **4** (idm) **in (full) bloom** paar ciamco: *The garden looks lovely when the roses are in bloom.* ○ (fig) *Her genius was in full bloom*, ie at its best or highest point. **take the bloom off sth** thil a tharnak le a ʔhatnak hloter: *Their frequent rows took the bloom off their marriage.*

▷ **bloom** *v* **1** [I] (a) paar: *Daffodils and crocuses bloom in the spring.* (b) (fig) ʔhangso: *Our friendship is blooming.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (a) pangpar kung thawn a khat: *The garden is blooming with spring flowers.* (b) (fig) damcak: *They were blooming with health and happiness.*

bloomer /ˈblu:mə(r)/ *n* (*Brit infml*) thil ti thelh/ palhnak tumpi: *He made a tremendous bloomer.*

bloomers /ˈblu:məz/ *n* [pl] bawngbi khuk tiang tawi (leh tiki ʔunau hmanmi bawngbi tawi): *a pair of bloomers.*

blooming /ˈblu:mɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib], *adv* (*Brit infml euph*) = **BLOODY**².

blooper /ˈblʊpə(r)/ *n* (esp *US infml*) palhnak tumpi; thilti thelhna k tumpi.

blossom /ˈblɒsəm/ *n* **1** [C] pangpar rah nei thingkung, lole burbuk par. Cf **BLOOM**, apple par, cherry par vek pawl: *apple, cherry, etc blossom.* **2** [U] cuti ʔa par liailiai mi pangpar **3** (idm) **in (full) blossom** (esp of trees and shrubs) paar laifang: *The apple trees are in blossom.*

▷ **blossom** *v* **1** [I] a par: *The cherry trees blossomed early this year.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (out) (into sth) (fig) (a) a ʔhangso: *a blossoming friendship, partnership, etc* ○ *Mozart blossomed (as a composer) very early in life.* ○ *She has blossomed (out) into a beautiful young woman.* (b) thintho caangvai deuh: *He used to be painfully shy, but now he's started to blossom (out).*

blot¹ /blɒt/ *n* **1** cati neh, cati kop: *a page covered in (ink) blots.* **1 ~ on sth** (fig *derog*) hmin siat tertu thil: *His involvement in the scandal was a blot on his reputation.* **3** (idm) **a blot on sb's/ the escutcheon** (joc) sungkhat, lole, pawlkom mualphotertu thil tuah, thilcang. **a blot on the landscape** mithmuh nuam siattertu (a bik in inn siava pawl): *That new factory is a blot on the landscape.*

blot² /blɒt/ *v* (-tt-) **1** [Tn] cahnah ah cati hnih; cati tlakter: *an exercise book blotted with ink.* **2** [Tn] thil hawpnak thawn hawpter: *blot spilt ink, one's writing paper.* **3** (idm) **blot one's copy-book** (*infml*) hlan ih hmin ʔhatnak siatter: *She blotted her copy-book by being an hour late for work.* **4** (phr *v*) **blot sth out** (a) canganmi phiat, thup, phen: *Several words in the letter had been blotted out.* (b) (esp of mist, fog, etc) phen ʔheh, khuh ʔheh: *Thick cloud blotted out the view.* (c) (fig) (ruahmi le theihmi) siatter, malhter (tihlo) ʔheh.

▷ **blotter** *n* cati namnak.

□ **blotting-paper** *n* [U] cati ciar hawptu cahnah sah.

blotch /blɒtʃ/ *n* a neh; a bo, a bol: *His face was covered in ugly red blotches.*

▷ **blotched, blotchy** *adjs* a bol thawn a khat.

blotto /ˈblɒtəʊ/ *adj* [pred] (*infml*) zuri roh; zuri thlekthlek: *You were completely blotto last night.*

blouse /blaʊz; US blaus/ *n* **1** nunau kor: *She was wearing a skirt and blouse.* **2** ralkap kor (jacket vek).

blow¹ /bləʊ/ *v* (pt **blew** /bluː/, pp **blown** /bləʊn/ or, in sense 12, **blowed** /bləʊd/) **1** [I, Ipr] hraang (thli): *It was blowing hard/blowing a gale*, ie There was a strong wind. ○ *A cold wind blew*

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across the river. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn-pr, Tn-p] seem, kaa in seem: *You're not blowing hard enough!* ○ *blow on one's food*, ie to cool it ○ *blow on one's fingers*, ie to warm them ○ *The policeman asked me to blow into a plastic bag*, ie in order to breathalyse me. ○ *He drew on his cigarette and blew out a stream of smoke.* **3** [I, Ip] thli in hran: *hair blowing (about) in the wind.* **4** [Tn] kaa thawn seem ih tuah (pakhat khat): *blow smoke rings* ○ *blow bubbles*, eg by blowing onto a film of soapy water ○ *blow glass*, ie send a current of air into molten glass. **5** [Tn] sodawng zaap: *blow bellows.* **6** (a) [Ipr, Tn] tum: *blow (on) a horn* ○ *The referee blew his whistle.* (b) [I] thli seem in tum, tum-aw suak: *the noise of trumpets blowing.* **7** [I, Tn] a ti ðeh: *A fuse has blown.* ○ *I've blown a fuse.* **8** [Tn] bomgzian thawn khuai: *The safe had been blown by the thieves.* **9** [Tn] (sl) puanglang, phuang: *The spy's cover was blown.* **10** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ *sth (on sth)* (infml) tangka hman luar: *blow £50 on a meal.* **11** [Tn] pelhsolh: *He blew it/blew his chances by arriving late for the interview.* **12** (pp) **blowed** /bləʊd/ [Tn] (infml) thinheng tikiñ tɔngmi a si 'maw ka thin' ti can: *Blow it! We've missed the bus.* ○ *Well, blow me/I'm blowed! I never thought I'd see you again.* ○ *I'm blowed if I'm going to* (ie I certainly will not) *let him treat you like that.* **13** [Tn] (US sl) fehruak, suakruak. **14** (idm) **blow the gaff** (sl) thuthup phuang. **blow hot and cold (about sth)** (infml) khawruah thleng aw: *He blows hot and cold about getting married.* **blow (sb) a kiss** a hlatpi ihsin (kut thawn) hnam hmuh; kut thawn. **blow off/let off steam** ⇒ STEAM. **blow one's/sb's brains out** meithal thawn lu ah kap that. **blow one's/sb's mind** (sl) thinhiatnak, lolle, nomnak suahter. **blow one's nose** hnap hnit. **blow one's own trumpet** (infml) mah le mah porh aw. **blow one's top**; **US blow one's stack** (infml) thinheng. **blow the whistle on sb/sth** (infml) mi pakhat thil tuah baangter hruak. **puff and blow** ⇒ PUFF². **see which way the wind is blowing** ⇒ WAY¹. **15** (phr v) **blow (sb/sth) down, off, over, etc** sem hlo; fen hlo, thiar hlo: *My hat blew off.* ○ *The door blew open.* ○ *Several chimneys blew down during the storm.* ○ *I was almost blown over by the wind.* ○ *The ship was blown onto the rocks.* ○ *The bomb blast blew two passers-by across the street.* ○ *He blew the dust off the book*, ie removed the dust by blowing. **blow in/blow into sth** (infml) rin lo ah thleng dukdi; lut dukdi: *Look who's just blown in!* **blow out** (a) mit (mei a mit): *Somebody opened the door and the candle blew out.* (b) zinan khur tivek sung datkhu suah hlurhlo. **blow itself out** thlisia tivek a daaita, a kiam. **blow sth out** kaa thawn semmit. **blow over** ziang cang loin thli a hrangih a cem: *The storm blew over in the night.* ○ *The scandal*

will soon blow over.

blow up (a) puak, puak kuaite ih siatsuah: *The bomb blew up.* ○ *A policeman was killed when his booby-trapped car blew up.* (b) a thokhrak: *A storm is blowing up.* ○ (fig) *A political crisis has blown up over the President's latest speech.* (c) (infml) thinheng: *I'm sorry I blew up at you.* **blow sb up** (infml) kaw k nasa: *She got blown up by her boss for being late.* **blow sth up** (a) bomb thawn khuai: *The police station was blown up by terrorists.* (b) thli phawt: *This tyre's a bit flat; it needs blowing up.* (c) tumter (zuk): *What a lovely photo! Why don't you have it blown up?* (d) (infml) peh; a simi hnakin tam deuh ih sim: *His abilities as an actor have been greatly blown up by the popular press.* ○ *The whole affair was blown up out of all proportion.*

▷ **blowy** adj thli tam: *a blowy day.*

□ **blow-dry** v (pt, pp -dried) [Tn] sam roter (cet thawn sem in). — n sam roter: *ask the hairdresser for a wash and blow-dry.*

blow-hole n **1** thli luhnak ong. **2** tikhal lakih thli luhnak ong. **3** a luruh dunglam ih ummi (whale) ngapi hnarkua.

blowing-up n kaw k, hring: *get a terrible blowing-up for sth.*

blowlamp (US torch, blowtorch) n meisa hlio thawn kahnak (si hnihmi phiat dingah).

blow-out mawtaw ke puak: *have a blow-out on the motorway.* **2** electric fuse (hri femte) a kang. **3** datkhu puak. **4** (sl) hrifemte rawl thupi.

blow-up n zuk tumter: *Do a blow-up of this corner of the negative.*

blow² /bləʊ/ n **1** hnaphnit: *give one's nose a good blow*, ie clear it thoroughly. **2** (idm) **go for/have a blow** lamleng (malte sung).

blow³ /bləʊ/ n **1** thong, cum: *He received a severe blow on/to the head.* **2** ~ (to sb/sth) ningnatnak; sunnak: *a blow to one's pride* ○ *His wife's death was a great blow (to him).* **3** (idm) **at one blow; at a (single) blow** veikhat vuak/thawi ah: *He felled his three attackers at a single blow.* **a blow-by-blow account, description, etc (of sth)** a kim te'n, a terek in: *He gave us a blow-by-blow account of the evening's events.* **come to blows (over sth)** to-aw thok: *We almost came to blows over what colour our new carpet should be.* **deal sb/sth a blow** ⇒ DEAL³. **get a blow/punch in** thong ngah, thawi ngah. **strike a blow for against sth** ⇒ STRIKE².

blower /ˈbləʊə(r)/ n **1** thil semnak, mei semnak. **2** (Brit infml) telephone: *You can always get me on the blower.*

blowfly /ˈbləʊflaɪ/ n thothe, thopaw (sa par ih ti tittu thothe), pawmong.

blown pp of BLOW¹.

blowzy /ˈbləʊzi/ adj (derog) a ti hnuaihni mi (nunau).

blubber¹ /ˈblʌbə(r)/ n [U] tipi ngathau, huil nga

hlap.
blubber² /ˈblʌbə(r)/ *v* [I] (*usu derog*) tap raak ciamco: *Stop blubbering, you big baby!*
bludgeon /ˈblʌdʒən/ *n* hriamnam ih hmanmi talhtum.
 ▷ **bludgeon** *v* 1 [Tn] talhtum thawn tal: *He had been bludgeoned to death.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into doing sth) (fig) hramhram in tuahter: *They tried to bludgeon me into playing football again, but I refused.*
blue¹ /blu:/ *adj* 1 vandum, lole, tipi pianhmang (mepian) kawlt̚ɪŋ: *blue eyes* ○ *a blue dress, shirt, etc* ○ *He was blue in the face*, ie His face was a purplish colour because of cold or exertion. ○ *Her hands were blue with cold.* 2 [pred] (*infml*) riahsia, ninghang: *Don't look so blue — smile!* 3 a mawi lomi/a siami: *a blue film/movie/joke.* 4 (idm) **black and blue** ⇒ BLACK¹. **sb's blue-eyed boy** (*esp Brit infml usu derog*) duatmi, duh cuangmi: *He's the manager's blue-eyed boy.* **once in a blue moon** ⇒ once. **scream, etc blue murder** (*infml*) duhmi langter, sandah piah: *The Union yelled blue murder when one of its members was sacked.* **(do sth) till one is blue in the face** (*infml*) tha neih zatih tuah (asinain a hlensuah thei lo): *He can write me letters till he's blue in the face, I'm not going to reply.* ▷ **blueness** *n* [U].
 □ **blue baby** taksa hmuah a dup thehmi naute suak pek.
blue blood miphun sang; phun uu.
blue-blooded *adj*: bawi phun: *a blue-blooded family.*
blue book (*Brit*) tlangsuakho thuthannak.
blue cheese a mawrmi hnawikhal.
blue-chip *n, adj* (*commerce*) a hngetkhoh mi/rin ummi sum khawlnak.
blue-collar *adj* [attrib] thazang suah ih hnaʔuan nak lam: *blue-collar workers, jobs* ○ *a blue-collar union.* Cf WHITE-COLLAR (WHITE¹).
blue ensign (*Brit*) kumpi sungthen (*departure*) thantar, alaam.
bluejacket *n* lawng ralkap.
blue-pencil *v* zohfel ih rem sak (cabu, zuk-nung, tivek)
Blue Peter lawng a feh thlang ding ti thannak mepian (kawlt̚ɪŋ) thantar.
blue ribbon zuam-awknak ih pekmi laksawng.
blue tit a lenglam thla a mepian ih a sunglam aihre-mi vate phunkhat.
blue whale a mepian mi (*whale*) nga tumpi phun (ramsa tumbik ih ruahmi).
blue² /blu:/ *n* 1 (a) [C, U] mepian (kawlt̚ɪŋ) rong: *light/dark blue* ○ *material with a lot of blue in it.* (b) mepian hnipuan: *dressed in blue.* 2 [C] (a) (*Brit*) Oxford le Cambridge University leh zuamnak ih a nehtu pekmi laksawng: *get a/one's blue for cricket, football, etc.* (b) cuilh laksawng ngahtu: *an Oxford/Cambridge (hockey) blue.* 3

the blue [sing] (*dated infml*) van, tipi: *The boat sailed off into the blue.* 4 [sing or pl *v*] (a) **the blues** USA thlanglam ih um Midum pawlih phuahmi fungtein le lunglenza ih sakmi hla jazz music: [attrib] *a blues singer, melody.* (b) **blues** cuvek hla pawl. 5 **the blues** [pl] (*infml*) riahsiat luarnak, lungzur: *have (an attack of) the blues.* 6 (idm) **a bolt from the blue** ⇒ BOLT¹. **the boys in blue** ⇒ BOY¹. **out of the blue** rinlopiin; theihter cianak um loin: *She arrived out of the blue.* ○ *His resignation came (right) out of the blue.*
blue³ /blu:/ *v* [Tn] (*infml*) (tangka) duhtawkin hman: *He won £500 and then blued the lot in three days.*
bluebell /ˈblu:bel/ *n* (a) (*in S England*) darkling pianih a parmi kung (a rang, a mepian). (b) (*in Scotland and N England*) ah harelbell an ti.
blueberry /ˈblu:beri/ *n* (a) blu-beri kung. (b) blu-beri rah. Cf BILBERRY.
bluebottle /ˈblu:bɒt/ *n* thothe, tho pawmong; sa parih titit hmang thothe mepian.
blueprint /ˈblu:print/ *n* 1 cahnah mepian parih suai mi pungsan (inn, tivek). 2 (fig) famkim zet ih khawkhannak: *a blueprint for success* ○ [attrib] *Plans have reached the blueprint stage.*
bluestocking /ˈbu:stɒkɪŋ/ *n* (*sometimes derog*) calai lam thiam-awter nunau.
bluff¹ /blʌf/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] bum (a cak bik, a ralʔha deuh, thiam deuh vekih umter): *I don't believe he'd really do what he threatens — he's only bluffing (us).* 2 (phr *v*) **bluff sb into doing sth** tuah dingah buum: *They were bluffed into believing we were not ready for the attack.* **bluff it out** mi bumngah ih mah luat. **bluff one's way out (of sth)** mi bum neh tahrat in thil harsa ihsin suak thei.
 ▷ **bluff** *n* 1 [U, C] bumnak; hlensuah lomi ʔhihphaihnak: *The company's threat to sack anyone who went on strike was just (a) bluff.* 2 (idm) **call sb's bluff** ⇒ CALL².
bluff² /blʌf/ *n* kaak-hrap; khaam.
bluff³ /blʌf/ *adj* 1 (*esp of cliffs*) a hrap zetmi. 2 (of a person, his manner, etc) hmaisong lo ih ʔong thei milai, a sinain a thinlung a ʔha: *He is kind and friendly despite his rather bluff manner.*
 ▷ **bluffness** *n* [U].
bluish /ˈblu:ɪʃ/ *adj* a mepian deuh (pianzia): *eyes of bluish green.*
blunder /ˈblʌndə(r)/ *n* aat ruangih thil tisualnak: *I've made an awful blunder.* ⇒ Usage at MISTAKE.
 ▷ **blunder** *v* 1 [I] tisual; tiʔhelh: *The police blundered badly by arresting the wrong man.* 2 (phr *v*) **blunder about, around, etc** mitcaw vekih vak: *He blundered about the room, feeling for the light switch.* **blunder into sth** hmuh thei lo ruangih pah: *In the darkness, he blundered into the hall table.*
blunderer /ˈblʌndərə(r)/ *n* thil tisualtu.
blunderbuss /ˈblʌndəbʌs/ *n* cerek tampi tlem

meithal kua-kau.

blunt /blʌnt/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a bul, a bil, hriam lo: a *blunt knife*, *razor-blade*, *saw*, *pencil*, etc. **2** (fig) hmaisong um loih tong hluahhlo mi; mah duhdudh ih sim/tong hmang: a *blunt refusal* ○ *Let me be quite blunt (with you) — your work is appalling.*

▷ **blunt** *v* [Tn] bulter: a *knife blunted by years of use* ○ a *fine mind blunted by boredom.*

bluntly *adv* hmaisong lo takin: *To put it bluntly, you're fired!*

bluntness *n* [U].

blur /blɜː(r)/ *n* fiangfai lomi thil; a thiang lomi, a ruarumi thil: *The town was just a blur on the horizon.* ○ *Everything is a blur when I take my glasses off.* ○ (fig) *My memories of childhood are only a blur.*

▷ **blur** *v* (-rr-) [I, Tn] a fiang lo, a mal: *Her eyes blurred with tears.* ○ a *blurred photograph* ○ *blurred writing* ○ *Mist blurred the view.* ○ (fig) *His memory is blurred by his illness.*

blurb /blɜːb/ *n* cabu phaw parih cabu suahtu ih nganmi thu tawite.

blurt /blɜːt/ *v* (phr v) **blurt sth out** sim hruak (ruat ta loin): *He blurted out the bad news before I could stop him.*

blush /blʌʃ/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (at sth) hmai sen (thil pakhat ruangah): *blush with shame*, *embarrassment*, etc ○ *the blushing bride* ○ *She blushed at (the thought of) her stupid mistake.* **2** [It] (fig) ningzak: *I blush to admit/confess that....*

▷ **blush** *n* **1** hmaisen (ningzah ruangah): *She turned away to hide her blushes.* **2** (idm) **spare sb's blushes** ⇒ SPARE².

blusher *n* [C, U] hmaithuh (rose par pianzia).

bluster /'blʌstə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] hraang nasa (thli): *The gale blustered all night.* **2** [I] hraang zet in tong; mi thihphah ih tong. **3** (phr v) **bluster one's way out of sth** mi hro ih mah luat tum: *He always tries to bluster his way out of difficult situations.* ▷ **bluster** *n* [U] **1** thlisia. **2** (fig) tong hraang: *I wasn't frightened by what he said — it was just bluster.*

blustery /'blʌstri/ *adj* thlihran a nasa mi: a *blustery day.*

BMA /'bi: em 'eɪ/ *abbr* British Medical Association: a *member of the BMA.*

B Mus /'bi: 'mʌs/ *abbr* Bachelor of Music: *have a B Mus* ○ *John Scott B Mus.*

Bn *abbr* battalion: *1st Bn Coldstream Guards*, *ralkap burkhat.*

bn *abbr* billion.

BO (also **bo**) /'bi: 'əʊ/ (*infml*) *esp* Brit taksa rim: *Have BO.*

boa /'bəʊ/ *n* **1** (also **boa constrictor**) S. America ih um ngerh that theitu tur nei lo saphai rulpi phunkhat. **2** sahmul thawn tuahmi nunau hngawng-ngerh: a *feather boa.*

boar /bɔː(r)/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~s) **1** ngal cang.

2 tilper lo vok. Cf HOG 1, sow¹.

board¹ /bɔːd/ *n* **1** [C] thingtlep, zialpheng. **2** [U] a tlep a pheng ih tuahmi thil, eg cahnah sah tlep: *chipboard*, *hardboard.* **3** [C usu pl] cahnah sah khoh zet: a *book bound in cloth boards.* **4** [C] thingtlep, thingpheng: a *notice-board* ○ *an ironing-board* ○ a *diving-board* ○ a *breadboard*, ie for cutting bread on. **5** [C] lehnak ih hmanmi riin um thingtlep; thingpheng: [attrib] *Chess, draughts and ludo are board games.* **6 the boards** [pl] (*dated or joc*) thuanthucawn innpi; cuih hmun ih hnaʔuantu: *Are you still treading the boards?* **7** [CGp] pawlkom, asilole, kampani hohatu pawl: *the coal/gas/electricity/water board* ○ *the board of governors (of a school)* ○ *She has a seat on/is on the board (of directors) of a large company.* ○ *The board is/are unhappy about falling sales.* ○ [attrib] a *board meeting.* **8** [U] ei le in, rawl: *He pays £40 a week (for) board and lodging.* **9** (idm) (**be**) **above board** (esp of a business transaction) tluangtlam, fel: *The deal was completely above board.* ○ [attrib] an *above-board deal.* **across the board** (**a**) sungtel hmuah tel in: *This firm needs radical changes across the board.* ○ [attrib] an *a cross-the-board wage increase.* (**b**) (US) rang tlan zuam-awknak tivek ih rak thaap. **bed and board** ⇒ BED¹. **free on board/rail** ⇒ FREE¹. **go by the board** hnong; duh nawn lo, hlon: *I'm afraid the new car will have to go by the board — we can't afford it.* **on board** lawng, vanzam parah: *Have the passengers gone on board yet?* **sweep the board** ⇒ SWEEP¹. **take sth on board** (*infml*) ʔuanvo lak: *I'm too busy to take this new job on board at the moment.*

▷ **boarding** *n* [U] thingtlep phar; zialtlep.

□ **boardroom** *n* board upa pawl thurel khawm hmun innkhan.

board² /bɔːd/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (up/over) thingtlep thawn khuh: a *boarded floor* ○ *All the windows were boarded up.* **2** (**a**) [I, Ipr] ~ (**at.../with sb**) mi inn ah um ih rawl ei cih: *He boarded at my house/with me until he found a flat.* (**b**) [Tn] tangphawlawng, tlangleng, vanzamleng par kai (khualtlawng dingah): *Please board the plane immediately.* ○ *Flight BA193 for Paris is now boarding*, ie is ready for passengers to board. **4** (phr v) **board out** a leengah rawl ei (mah um lonak ah). **board sb out** inn sangcop ih um: *Many students have to be boarded out in the town.* ▷ **boarder** *n* **1** mi inn ih umtu. **2** boarding school ih riak tlawngta: *This school has 300 boarders and 150 day pupils.* **3** tangphawlawng par ih kaitu.

□ **boarding card** tangphawlawng, vanzam par kainak ticket.

boarding-house umnak le rawl ngah thei nak inn.

boarding-school *n* tlawngkai sung hmuah tlawngih umcih theinak tlawng; bawda tlawng:

Our son's at boarding-school — we only see him during the holidays. Cf DAY-SCHOOL (DAY).

boast /bəʊst/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Tf] ~ (about/of sth) mah le mah porh-aw: He's always boasting about his children's success at school. o That's nothing to boast about. o He boasted of being/boasted that he was the best player in the team. 2 [Tn] tluangkawn ding nei: The town boasts a world-famous art gallery.

▷ **boast** *n* 1 ~ (that...) (derog) porhnak: His boast that he could drink ten pints of beer impressed nobody. 2 tluangkawnnak: It was his proud boast that he had never missed work because of illness.

boaster *n* mi porh-aw; mi tluangkawnng.

boastful /-fʊl/ *adj* (a) a tluangkawnng mi. (b) porhawknak thawn a khatmi.

boastfully /-eəli/ *adv*.

boat /bəʊt/ *n* 1 lawng, tidai par fehmi lawng: a rowing-/sailing-boat o motor/fishing boats o We crossed the river in a boat/by boat. o Boats for hire — £5 an hour. o a ship's boats, ie lifeboats carried on board a ship. 2 lawng pakhat khat: 'How are you going to France?' 'I'm going by/taking the boat (eg the ferry).' 3 lawng pian nei khengzawl. 4 (idm) **be in the same boat** ⇒ SAME¹. **burn one's boats/bridges** ⇒ BURN². **miss the boat/bus** ⇒ MISS³. **push the boat out** ⇒ PUSH². **rock the boat** ⇒ ROCK².

▷ **boat** *v* [I] (usu go boating) lawng thawn feh: We go boating on the lake every weekend.

□ **boat-hook** *n* lawng koihnak, leilung sawhnak fung sau.

boat-house *n* lawng inn.

boatman /-mən/ *n* (pl -men) lawng thawn mi phurtu — a man pek in.

boat people lawng to ih raltlan pawl.

boat race lawng hlau zuam awk. (**the Boat Race**) a hleice in Oxford le Cambridge phunsang tlawng (university) pawl kumtin lawng hlau zuamawknak.

boat-train lawng to pawl hmuaktu tlangleng.

boater /bəʊtə(r)/ *n* lawng hnaʔuantu hmanmi lukhuh phunkhat.

boatswain (also **bo'sn**, **bos'n**, **bo'sun**) /bəʊsn/ *n* lawng hnaʔuan pawl khawngtu — lawng thilthuam tawltreitu.

bob¹ /bɒb/ *v* (-bb-) 1 [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (up and down) ti sungah pilpah lang phah: toy boats bobbing (up and down) on the waves. 2 (idm) **bob a curtsy** (to sb) upatnak pek (khukbil in): The ballerina bobbed a curtsy (to the audience) before leaving the stage. 3 (phr v) **bob up** hung lang: she dived below the surface, then babbled up like a cork again a few seconds later. o (fig) He keeps bobbing up in the most unlikely places.

▷ **bob** *n* 1 zamrang ih pil le phuan: a bob of the head. 2 khukbil ih upatpek.

bob² /bɒb/ *v* (-bb-) [Tn] nunau sam liang dailo

ih tan-tawi, nunau samtawi: have/wear one's hair bobbed.

▷ **bob** *n* samtawi: She wears her hair in a bob.

bob³ /bɒb/ *n* (pl unchanged) (infml) khuahlan Mirang (British) pawl ih tangka fai.

bob⁴ /bɒb/ *n* (idm) **bob's your uncle** (infml) thil pakhat ol-ai te ih ti theinak sim duhnak: To switch the oven on, turn the knob, and bob's your uncle!

bobbin /ˈbɒbɪn/ *n* pathmuhi fung.

bobble /ˈbɒbl/ *n* (lukhuh ih ton mi) tuhmul pathlum.

bobby /ˈbɒbi/ *n* (Brit infml) palik.

bobby pin /ˈbɒbi pɪn/ (US) sam cehnak, bakkilh (nunau hmanmi).

bob-sleigh /ˈbɒbsleɪ/ (also **bob-sled** /-sled/) *n* milai pahnih maw cu hnakihi tam tomi ke nei lo leeng — vur khal parih naltermi: a two-/four-man bob-sleigh.

▷ **bob-sleigh** *v* [I] cuhi leng to, cit.

bobtail /ˈbɒbteɪl/ *n* 1 (rang, uico) meibul. 2 (idm) **ragtag and bobtail** ⇒ RAGTAG.

bod /bɒd/ *n* (Brit infml) milai, (a bik in mipa): He's an odd bod.

bode /bəʊd/ *v* 1 [Dn-n no passive] (fml or dated) pol cia; hmuh cia: This bodes us no good. 2 (idm)

bode well/ill (for sb/sth) siat hmuh/siat that hmuh: The bad trading figures do not bode well for the company's future.

bodice /ˈbɒdɪs/ *n* 1 nunau sunghruk kor. 2 nunau/naute sunghruk kortet (banian).

-bodied /-ˈbɒdɪd/ (forming compound adjs) compound adjs canter tikihi hmanmi; ruh-ruang lamdang nei: big-bodied o able-bodied o full-bodied.

bodily /ˈbɒdɪli/ *adj* [attrib] taksa lam: bodily needs, eg food, warmth o bodily organs, eg the heart, the liver o bodily harm, ie physical injury.

▷ **bodily** *adv* 1 a zate'n; a pumpi in: The audience rose bodily to cheer the speaker. o The monument was moved bodily to a new site. 2 ruangpum in; hramhram in: The prisoners were thrown bodily into the police van.

bodkin /ˈbɒdkɪn/ *n* khumdiip ʔhitnak ʔhim bul tumpi, ʔhimpi.

body /ˈbɒdi/ *n* 1 [C] taksa ruang pumpi: Children's bodies grow steadily. 2 [C] ruak, luang: The police found a body at the bottom of the lake. o His body was brought back to England for burial. 3 [C] ruang pum (lu tel lo): He has a strong body, but rather thin legs. o She was badly burned on the face and body. 4 [sing] **the ~ of sth** a ruangpi (vanzam leeng, mawʔawka pawl): the body of plane, ship, car, etc o the body of a theatre, concert hall, etc, ie the central part where the seats are o The main body of the book deals with the author's political career. 5 [CGp] burkhat: a body of troops, supporters, people, etc o a legislative, an elected body o A government body

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is investigating the problem. ○ *The Governing Body of the school is/are concerned about discipline.* **6** [C] ~ **of sth** tampi, tam hngin: a body of evidence, information, etc ○ *large bodies of water, eg lakes or seas* ○ *There is a large body of support for nuclear disarmament.* **7** [C] thil, a laar mi thil: heavenly bodies, ie stars, planets, etc ○ *I've got a foreign body (eg an insect or a speck of dirt) in my eye.* **8** [U] (zu) cang, cak: a wine with plenty of body. **9** [C] (dated Brit infml) milai: a cheerful old body. **10** (idm) **body and soul** tithei patawp tiang, pumpi le thinlung in: love sb body and soul ○ *He fought body and soul for his country.* **in a body** zate'n: The protesters marched in a body to the town hall. **keep body and soul together** nungcang: He scarcely has enough money to keep body and soul together. **over my dead body** ⇒ DEAD.

□ **body-blow** **n** **1** (boxing ah) ruangpum ah thong. **2** (fig) lungsiatnak, thinsiatnak: The death of its leader was a body-blow to the party. **body-building** **n** [U] tisa tumter, khohter dingih lehnak.

body clock taksa amahte cangvai dingih rak khawngtu, eg ihhmut caan tivek ah: *I only arrived in London yesterday and my body clock is still on New York time.*

body language taksa ruangpum cangvai tahrat ih lungsunghu midang theihter/sim (ding, to, cang).

bodyline **n** [U] (in cricket) a fung bat loin a ruangpum bat sawn bawlung den.

body odour (abbr **BO**) (a nam mi) taksa rim.

the body politic ram pakhat um milai zate kha rampi pakhat ti ih ruahmi.

body-snatcher **n** (formerly) thlan ihsin ruak fir tahrat ih zuartu.

body stocking ruang le ke a funmi nunau mawca.

bodyguard /ˈbɒdɪɡɑːd/ **n** [C, CGp] bawi le mi upa kilvengtu: *The President's bodyguard is/are armed.*

bodywork /ˈbɒdɪwɜːk/ **n** [U] mawɬawka ruangpi: paint, repair, damage the bodywork of a car.

Boer /bɔː(r)/ **n** (formerly) Africa um Dutch cithlah pawl: [attrib] *The Boer War*, ie the war between the Boers and the British (1899-1902).

boffin /ˈbɒfɪn/ **n** (Brit infml) scientist, thilri lam thiamtu; thilthar hawltu.

bog /bɒɡ/ **n** **1** [C, U] cirh-duup; ciarbeek kaupi: a peat bog ○ *Keep to the path — parts of the moor are bog.* **2** [C] (Brit sl) zin-pawng thawh hmun.

▷ **bog** **v** (-gg-) (phr **v**) **bog (sth) down** (usu passive) (a) ciarbeek ah pil, awk, taang (taar): *The tank (got) bogged down in the mud.* (b) (fig) hmailam nor thei lo; a taar; a tang: *Our discussions got bogged down in irrelevant detail.*

boggy /ˈbɒɡi/ **adj** a ciar a beek, bekthlawk: boggy ground, moorland, etc.

bogey¹ = BOGY.

bogey² /ˈbɒɡeɪ/ **n** **1** (esp Brit) (in golf) golf lek thiam pakhat in kua sung thun dingih a thawi zat. **2** (in golf) thiamzaran hnakih ti thei deuh.

boggle /ˈbɒɡl/ **v** **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) (infml) awlok-song: *He boggled at the thought of swimming in winter.* **2** (idm) **the mind/imagination boggles (at sth)** (infml) ruat thei lo; ruat ban lo: *My neighbour wears his dressing-gown to work. The mind boggles!* **boggle sb's/the mind** (US infml) mangbangter, lauter: *It boggles my mind!* Cf MIND-BOGGLING (MIND¹).

bogie /ˈbɒɡeɪ/ **n** tlangleng lamzin kel-ol dingih bunmi lengte.

bogus /ˈbɒɡəs/ **adj** a ngaingai lo; deu: a bogus passport, doctor, claim.

bogy (also **bogey**) /ˈbɒɡeɪ/ **n** **1** (a) (also **bogyman** /-mæn/) thlarau sia (nauhak thihtu ti ih ruahmi). (b) mi tihphang tertu: *Inflation is the bogy of many governments.* **2** (children's sl) hnaphker.

bohemian /bəʊˈhiːmiən/ **n**, **adj** (person, esp an artist) daan fekk ih nunglo; daan mumal neilo; um hluahhlo men, ti huahho.

boil¹ /bɔɪl/ khuaiahli hma.

boil² /bɔɪl/ **v** **1** (a) [I] so (ti a so): *When water boils it turns into steam.* ○ *The kettle (ie The water in the kettle) is boiling.* ○ *Have the potatoes (ie Has the water in which the potatoes are being cooked) boiled yet?* ⇒ Usage at WATER¹. (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (away) a so rero: *There's a saucepan boiling away on the stove.* **2** [Tn] tidai soter: *boil some water for the rice.* **3** [I, Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (for sb) ti thawn suang; but (arti): *boiled cabbage, carrots, potatoes, etc* ○ *Please boil an egg for me/me an egg.* ⇒ Usage at COOK. **4** [I, Ip] thinso, thinheng: *He was boiling (over) with rage.* **5** (idm) **boil dry** tidai kang ko ih suang: *Don't let the pan boil dry. keep the pot boiling* ⇒ POT¹. **make sb's blood boil** ⇒ BLOOD¹. **6** (phr **v**) **boil (sth) away** tidai kang theh ko suang: *The water in the kettle had all boiled away.* **boil (sth) down** tikang deuh tiang soter. **boil sth down (to sth)** (infml) malter, tawiter: *Could you boil that article down to 400 words?* **boil down to sth** a bul le hram ah re: *The issue really boils down to a clash between left and right.* **boil over** (a) a so liam, a phul: *The milk is boiling over.* (b) (infml) thinheng zet. (c) puakkuai (thu le hla ah): *The crisis is in danger of boiling over into civil war.* ▷ **boil n 1** soh, soter. **2** (idm) **be on the boil** so rero. **bring sth to the boil** a so tiang sat: *Bring the mixture to the boil, then let it simmer for ten minutes.* **come to the boil** so a thok. **off the boil** so a cawl: (fig infml) *He began by playing brilliantly but he's rather gone off the boil (ie has begun playing less well) in the last few minutes.* **boiling** **adj** = BOILING HOT: *You must be boiling in that big sweater.*

□ **boiled sweet** cithlum, miṭhai.

- boiling hot** (*infml*) thaw a saa tuk: a *boiling hot day*.
- boiling-point** *n* **1** ti a so nak ri; so-nak ri. **2** (*infml*) thinlung mi a hninternak zawn: *The match has reached boiling-point*.
- boiler** /'bɔɪlə(r)/ *n* **1** ti soh-nak ih hmanmi pung tumpi. **2** tiso khawlnak kuang tumpi. **3** hnipuan baal soh-nak pungpi. Cf COPPER¹ **3**.
- **boiler suit** hnaṭuannak hnipuan (kor le bawngbi). Cf OVERALL.
- boisterous** /'bɔɪstərəs/ *adj* **1** (of people or behaviour) nuam aw ih awn tam ruri mi: a *boisterous party* ○ *The children are very boisterous today*. **2** (of the wind or sea) (thlisia tilet) a tho.
- ▷ **boisterously** *adv*. **boisterousness** *n* [U].
- bold** /bɔld/ *adj* **1** ralṭha; ngam zet: a *bold warrior* ○ *bold plans, tactics, etc* ○ a *bold scheme to rebuild the city centre*. **2** (*dated*) zah nei lo: *She waited for him to invite her to dance, not wishing to seem bold*. **3** a fiang zetmi: *the bold outline of a mountain against the sky* ○ *bold, legible handwriting* ○ *She paints with bold strokes of the brush*. **4** a sah ih a lang zet mi: *The headwords in this dictionary are in bold type*. **5** (*idm*) (**as**) **bold as brass** mi ziang siarlo: *He walked in, bold as brass, and asked me to lend him £50!* **be/make so bold (as to do sth)** (*fml*) ngam, ti ngam, tuah ngam, hmaisong um loin: *One student made so bold as to argue with the professor*. **put on, show, etc a bold front** (thinlung tak thup a duh ruangah) ngamter aw zet, lungawiter aw zet.
- ▷ **boldly** *adv*. **boldness** *n* [U].
- bole** /bɔl/ *n* thing ih a kungpi.
- bolero** (*pl* ~s) /bɔləro/ Spain miphun pawlih laamnak hla phunkhat. **2** /bɔləro/ nunau ṭangthen kor (jacket tawi).
- bolle** /bɔl/ *n* patpar tuamtu a hawng.
- **boll-weevil** *n* patpar nget (patpar mu ei ṭheutu).
- bollard** /'bɔləd/ *n* **1** lawng zial parih phunmi ṭhuam bul (hridai khihnak), leilung ih phunmi lawng hridai khihnak ṭhuam. **2** lawng khihnak ṭhuam tawite.
- bollocks** = BALLOCKS, tilmu; thulolak.
- boloney** (also **baloney**) /bɔləni/ *n* [U] (*infml*) thulolak: *Don't talk boloney!*
- Bolshevik** /'bɔlʃəvɪk/; US 'bɔl-/ *n* **1** 1917 kum ih Russia dodalnak tha petu Socialist sungtel. **2** (*infml derog*) socialist luarkai.
- ▷ **Bolshevism** /'bɔlʃəvɪzəm/ *n* [U]. **Bolshevist** /'bɔlʃəvɪst/ *n*.
- bolshie** (also **bolshy**) /'bɔlʃɪ/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*Brit infml derog*) dodal duh; thu ngai duh lo; lungruh: *be in a bolshie mood* ○ *be bolshie about sth*.
- bolster** /'bɔlstə(r)/ *n* lukham zawl saupi; cingksam zawl saupi.
- ▷ **bolster** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth (up)** rak bawm;

thazaang rak pe, thazaang cakter, khohter: *bolster sb's morale/courage* ○ *It bolstered my belief that...* ○ *The government borrowed money to bolster up the economy*.

bolt¹ /bɔlt/ *n* **1** inn kalh; hren; sangka kalh-nak, sangka hren (thir hren). **2** muli, cavui. **3** thal. **4** nimthla kau. **5** puan zual sawl. **6** (*idm*) a **bolt from the blue** rinlopi ih cangmi: *The news of his death was (like) a bolt from the blue*. **the nuts and bolts** ⇒ NUT. **shoot one's bolt** ⇒ SHOOT¹.

▷ **bolt** *v* **1** [I, Tn] kalh, hren: *The gate bolts on the inside*. ○ *Remember to bolt all the doors and windows*. **2** (*phr v*) **bolt sb in/out** lut/suak theilo ih hren/tuah. **bolt A to B; bolt A and B (together)** muli, cavui thawn hrengkhawm: *The vice is bolted to the work-bench*. ○ *The various parts of the car are bolted together*.

bolt² /bɔlt/ *v* **1** [I] (**a**) rinlopi ih tlanduak: *The horse bolted in terror at the sound of the gun*. (**b**) (milai) tlanhlo: *When the police arrived the burglars bolted*. **2** [Tn Tn-p] ~ **sth (down)** zamrang zetin dolh (rawl): *Don't bolt your food — you'll get indigestion!* **3** [I] (rawl kungpawl) ṭhan a reh. **4** (*idm*) **lock, etc the stable door after the horse has bolted** ⇒ STABLE².

▷ **bolt** *n* **1** [sing] tlanhruak. **2** (*idm*) **make a bolt/dash/run for it** luatsuk tum, thlenghruak tum: *When the police arrived they made a bolt for it/for the door*.

□ **bolt-hole** *n* luat suahnak kua/ong.

bolt³ /bɔlt/ *adv* (*idm*) **bolt upright** a tungzawng, dingzet in: *sit bolt upright*.

bomb /bɒm/ *n* **1** [C] (a puak kuai theimi) bomb: *Enemy aircraft dropped bombs on the city*. ○ *Terrorists placed a 50-pound bomb in the railway station*. **2** [C] thil pakhat khat ih benmi puak thei bomb: a *letter-bomb* ○ a *parcel/car bomb*. **3** **the bomb** [sing] atom, lole, hydrogen bomb: *Anti-nuclear organizations want to ban the bomb*. **4** a **bomb** [sing] (*infml*) tangka tampi: *That dress must have cost (her) a bomb!* ○ *Some company directors make (ie earn) an absolute bomb*. **5** (*idm*) **go like a bomb** (*infml*) zamrang zet in feh: *My new car goes like a bomb*. (**b**) hlawhtling zet: *Last night's party went like a bomb*. ○ *My new novel is going like a bomb*.

▷ **bomb** *v* **1** [Tn] bomb thlaak; bomb thawn kap: *London was heavily bombed during the last war*. ○ *Terrorists bombed several police stations*. **2** (*phr v*) **bomb along, down, up, etc** (*Brit infml*) khulrang zet in feh: *bombing down the motorway at ninety miles per hour*. **bomb sb out** (*esp passive*) bomb thlaak ruangah inn loih um: *Our parents were bombed out twice during the war*.

□ **bomb-bay** *n* vanzamleng parih bomb retnak hmun.

bomb-disposal *n* [U] a puak hrih lomi bomb ziandawng lak ih hlön.

bomb-proof *adj* bomb ih hlen thei lo; bomb

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beunak hmun: *a bomb-proof shelter.*

bomb-sight *n* bomb thlak tiki bihnak thil.

bomb-site *n* bomb tlaknak hmunhma pawl.

bombard /bɒmˈbɑːd/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] bomb thlak; bomb thawn kap: *Enemy positions were bombarded before our infantry attacked.* (b) (fig) thu sut ciamco: *Reporters bombarded the President with questions about his economic policy.* 2 (physics) khulvai cak zet ih fehther.

▷ **bombardment** *n* [C, U].

bombardier /bɒmbəˈdiə(r)/ *n* 1 (Brit) senthum tang pukpi ralkap. 2 (US) vanzamleng sung ihsin bomb rak thlatu ralkap.

bombast /ˈbɒmbæst/ *n* [U] tican nei lem lo ʔongfang: *His speech was full of bombast.*

▷ **bombastic** /bɒmˈbæstɪk/ *adj* tican/sullam nei lomi (ʔong). **bombastically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

bomber /ˈbɒmə(r)/ *n* 1 bomb thlatu vanzamleng. 2 bomb kamtu/bomb ih mi dengtu.

bombshell /bɒmˈʃel/ *n* (infml) thinlaunak; rinlopi ih cangmi thil: *The news of his death was a bombshell.*

bona fide /bəʊnə ˈfaɪdi/ *adj* [esp attrib], *adv* a dikmi; bum um lo upadi daan vekin: *a bona fide agreement/contract/deal.*

▷ **bona fides** /-dɪz/ *n* (law) tumtahnak dik: *establish one's bona fides.*

bonanza /bəˈnænzə/ *n* 1 bawngmal; rinlopi ngah mi vanʔhatnak; a hlawk tam ngahnak: [attrib] *It's been a bonanza (ie very profitable) year for the tourist trade.* 2 (US) sui, ngun, le zinan pawl suak luailo nak.

bon-bon /ˈbɒnbɒn/ *n* miʔhai, cini hlum.

bond /bɒnd/ *n* 1 [C] (a) thutiam (ca thawn tuahmi): *We entered into a solemn bond.* (b) hmin nganmi cuvek cakhen. 2 [C] kumpi in, lole, kampani in tangka kan cawi ih a ʔhang thawn kan rulsal ding ti cakhen: *National Savings bonds* ○ *Government bonds.* 3 [C] milai le milai awk-kaitu: *the bonds of friendship/affection* ○ *The trade agreement helped to strengthen the bonds between the two countries.* 4 [sing] awkkaihnak, koptu, kop-awknak: *This glue makes a good firm bond.* 5 bonds [pl] thawngto hrennak, khihnak cikcin/thirhri: (fig) *the bonds of oppression, tyranny, injustice, etc.* 6 (idm) **in/out of bond** (commerce) siah (ngun khuai) pek hlan sung thil retnak (godown) ihsin thilri suah/suah lo: *place goods in/take goods out of bond.* **sb's word is as good as his bond** ⇒ WORD.

▷ **bond** *v* 1 [Tn] siah (ngunkhuai) pek hlan sung thil retnak (godown) ah re: *bonded whisky, cigarettes, etc.* 2 [Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ **A and B** (together); ~ **A to B** kopter; ben-aw ter: *You need a strong adhesive to bond wood to metal.*

□ **bonded warehouse** siah (akhun) pek hlan sung thilri retnak inn (dustom godown).

bondage /ˈbɒndɪdʒ/ *n* [U] (dated or fml) sal tannak; sal sinak: *keep sb in bondage.*

bone /bəʊn/ *n* 1 [C] ruh (milai, ramsa ruh): *This fish has a lot of bones in it.* ○ *I've broken a bone in my arm.* ○ *Her bones were laid to rest, ie Her body was buried.* 2 [U] ruh thawn tuahmi: *Buttons are sometimes made of bone.* 3 [C] kor hngawng khauhter duh ruangih hrollhmi thil khauh. 4 (idm) **a bag of bones** ⇒ BAG¹. **the bare bones** ⇒ BARE¹. **a bone of contention** lungkim lonak thu: *The border has always been a bone of contention between these two countries.* **chill sb to the bone/marrow** ⇒ CHILL. **close to/near the bone** (infml) (a) langhngan tuk ih thil dik sim: *Some of his comments about her appearance were a bit close to the bone.* (b) mi thinlung tong thei: *Some scenes in the play are rather near the bone.* **cut, pare, etc sth to the bone** thum nasa, malter: *Train services have been cut to the bone.* ○ *Our budget has been pared to the bone.* **dry as a bone** ⇒ DRY¹. **feel in one's bones** ⇒ FEEL¹. **have a bone to pick with sb** tawh-awk ding nei, haut-awk ding nei: *I've got a bone to pick with you. Where's the money I lent you last week?* **make no bones about (doing) sth** sup lo, lungsung um hmuah sim: *He made no bones about his extreme left-wing views.* ○ *She made no bones about telling her husband she wanted a divorce.* **skin and bone** ⇒ SKIN. **work one's fingers to the bone** ⇒ FINGER.

▷ **bone** *v* 1 [Tn] a ruh laak ʔheh: *bone a fish, a chicken, a piece of beef, etc.* 2 (phr v) **bone up on (sth)** (infml) zir nasa (tumtahmi pakhat nei in): *I must bone up on my French before we go to Paris.*

-boned (adj thawn hmantlang a si), eg ruh-fate nei, ruh-tumpi nei: *small-boned* ○ *large-boned.*

□ **bone china** (ruhvut thawn) cok ih tuahmi kheeng.

bone-dry *adj* [usu pred] caar remrem (ruh vekin).

bone idle (derog) zaangzel tawp.

bone-meal *n* [U] dawm dingih rialdip mi sa ruhphut.

bone-shaker *n* (infml joc) a fek lomi le to nuam lo (saikal, lole, mawʔawka hlunpi).

bonehead /bəʊnhed/ *n* (infml derog) mi aa; mi fim lo.

boner /bəʊnə(r)/ *n* (US infml) aat-thil-ʔhelh; aat-thil-sual; aat ruangih tuah sual/ti sual mi.

bonfire /ˈbɒnfaiə(r)/ *n* meipual (a lenglam ih tihmi meipi): *We made a bonfire of dead leaves in the garden.*

□ **Bonfire Night** (in Britain) Gunpowder Plot (zian thawn puahkuai phiarnak) tuahsuak loih um zan hminsinnak ih tuahmi November ni 5 zan puai.

bongo /ˈbɒŋɡəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s, or ~es) khuang fate phunkhat.

bonhomie /ˈbɒnəmiː/ *n* [U] (French) lungawi soparnak.

bonkers /ˈbɒŋkəz/ *adj* [pred] (Brit sl) aa, hruut:

You're stark raving bonkers!
bon mot /ˈbɒn ˈməʊ/ *n* (pl **bons mots**) /ˈbɒn ˈməʊz/ (French) zer tɔŋg, depde tɔŋg.
bonnet /ˈbɒnɪt/ *n* **1** hridai thawŋ khəa ih tɛmcih mi nunau lukhuh. **2** (in Scotland) thlazap nei lo mipa lukhuh. **3** (US hood) inzin tlun khuh (mawtawka bawnet). **4** (idm) **have a bee in one's bonnet** ⇒ **BEE**¹.
bonny /ˈbɒni/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (approve esp Scot) a mawi, a piang, duh nung: *a bonny lass/baby*.
 ▷ **bonnily** *adv*.
bonus /ˈbəʊnəs/ *n* (pl ~es) **1** ngah dingmi zat hnaki hlei pekmi tangka; zuam-man laksawng: *a productivity bonus*, ie money added to wages when workers produce more goods, etc
 ○ *Company employees received a £25 Christmas bonus*. **2** zum hnək ih a tam sawn/ṭha sawn mi thil: *The warm weather in winter has been a real bonus*.
bony /ˈbəʊni/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ruh vek. **2** ruh tam: *This fish is very bony*. **3** ṭawɪ tukah ruh lawng lang: *bony fingers* ○ *a tall bony man*. ⇒ Usage at **THIN**.
boo /bu:/ *interj*, *n* **1** lungkim lo theihternak awn-au, “buu” timi aw: *The Prime Minister's speech was greeted with boos and jeers*. **2** mangbang le mi ṭhih tiki hmanmi tɔŋg. **3** (idm) **not say boo to a goose** ⇒ **SAY**.
 ▷ **boo** *v* **1** [I, Tn] au-hnawh: *You can hear the crowd booing*. **2** (phr v) **boo sb off (sth)** ‘buu’ ti ih au-hnawh ih mi daw: *The actors were booed off the stage*.
boob¹ /bu:b/ (also **booboo** /bu:bu:/) *n* (infml) aat palh ih palhmi.
 ▷ **boob** *v* [I] ‘buu’ ti ih au: *Oh dear, I've boobed again*.
boob² /bu:b/ *n* (Δ sl) (usu pl) nunau hnawi.
booby /ˈbu:bi/ *n* (dated derog) mi aa: *He is a great booby!*
 □ **booby prize** (also **wooden spoon**) leh zuamnak ah netabik ngahtu (capo ih) pekmi laksawng (thing hai, thing keu).
booby trap **1** mi lauter dingah a thupte ih ret mi thang (sangka ong hmaisā biktu lu parah ṭhil tla seh ti ih rak ret sak tivec). **2** mine bomb kam mi: *The police did not go near the abandoned car, fearing it was a booby trap*. ○ [attrib] a booby-trap bomb. **booby-trap** *v* (-pp-) [Tn] bomb thang kam: *The car had been booby-trapped by terrorists*.
boodle /ˈbu:dl/ *n* [U] (sl esp US) tangka, firmi, eithup mi tangka.
boogie /ˈbu:gi/ US ˈbʊgi/ (also **boogie-woogie** /ˈwu:gi/ US ˈwʊgi/) *n* [U] piano thawŋ tummi blues hla phunkhat: *play boogie* ○ [attrib] a boogie beat.
book¹ /buk/ *n* **1** [C] (a) cabu: *a leather-bound book*. (b) thuhla nganmi cabu: *writing/reading a book about/on Shakespeare*. **2** [C] ziangkhal ngan

hrihlo mi cahnah ṭhitkhawm mi: *Write the essay in your (exercise-) book, not on rough paper*. **3** **books** [pl] tangka cazin: *do the books*, ie check the accounts ○ *The company's books are audited every year*. **4** [C] cabu vekih ṭhitmi a bangaw mi thil: *a book of stamps/tickets/matches*. **5** [C] cabu sahpi bu-ṭhen: *the books of the Bible*. **6** [sing] opara, hlasaknak ih hmanmi tɔŋg. **7** [C] rang tlanzuamnak ih tangka thapnak: *keep/make/open a book (on sth)*, ie take bets (on a match, race, etc). **8** **the book** [sing] telephone nambat cabu: *Are you in the book?* **9** (idm) **be in sb's good/bad books** (infml) mi ih mithmai ṭha ngah/ ngah lo: *You'll be in the boss's bad books if you don't work harder*. **bring sb to book (for sth)** amah ih nuncan simfianter: *bring a criminal to book*. **by the book** (infml) daan vek rori: *He's always careful to do things by the book*. **a closed book** ⇒ **CLOSE**¹. **cook the books** ⇒ **COOK**. **every/any trick in the book** ⇒ **TRICK**. **(be) on the books of sth** bawlung pawlkom (club) in lek dingah hlaang: *He's on Everton's books*. **an open book** ⇒ **OPEN**¹. **read sb like a book** ⇒ **READ**. **suit one's/sb's books** ⇒ **SUIT**². **take a leaf out of sb's book** ⇒ **LEAF**. **throw the book at sb** (infml) tuah daan vekih ṭhil tuah dingah hrang zet in sim.
 □ **bookbinder** [C], cabu ṭhitu.
bookbinding [U] ns cabu ṭhit.
bookcase *n* cabu retnak kuang fate.
book club cabu pawlkom — cabu man olte teih zorh awknak pawlkom.
book-end *n* (usu pl) cabu domnak thil.
bookkeeper [C], **bookkeeping** [U] ns dawr tuahnak cazin tuahtu.
bookmaker (also **bookie**) [C], **bookmaking** [U] ns rang tlanzuamnak ih tangka kam awk tawltreitu.
bookmobile /-məʊbi:l/ *n* (esp US) ca siarnak khaan um khaw khat hnu khaw khat a feh vivomi mawtawka tivec.
book-plate *n* cabu neitu hmin telmi cahnah fate — cabu parih ben dingmi.
bookseller *n* cabu zuartu.
bookshop (US also **bookstore**) *n* cabu dawr.
bookstall *n* (US **news-stand**) cabu, thuthang ca pawl zuar hmun, cabu ṭheng (donhle).
book token cabu thawŋ thleng theih cangan mi cahnah fate: *a £10 book token*.
bookworm *n* **1** cahnah eitu nget. **2** (fig) ca siar paih zettu: *She's a bit of a bookworm*.
book² /buk/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (up) umnak hamcia; tiket leicia: *Book early if you want to be sure of a seat*. ○ *book a hotel room, a seat on a plane* ○ *I'd like to book three seats for tonight's concert*. ○ *The hotel/performance is fully booked (up)*, ie There are no more rooms/tickets available. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb on sth** vanzam tiket tivec rak ham/lei sak cia: *We're booked on the next flight*. (c) [Tn] pakhat khat tuahter

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dingah rak fial/ham cia: *We've booked a conjuror for our Christmas party.* **2** [Tn] (infml) thilsual tuah ruangih hminkhum: *The police booked me for speeding.* ○ *He was booked by the referee for foul play.* **3** (phr v) **book in** ham cia. **book sb in** hmun/riahnak rak ham sak cia: *We've booked you in at the Plaza for two nights.*

▷ **bookable** adj rak ham cia theih: *All seats are bookable in advance.*

booking n [C, U] (esp Brit) tonak/umnak hamcia, tiket rak lei cia: *a block booking* ○ *We can't accept any more bookings.* ○ *She's in charge of booking(s).* **booking-clerk** n (esp Brit) tiket zartu (tlangleng vanzam tiket). **booking-office** n (esp Brit) tiket zuarnak zung.

bookie /'bʊki/ n (infml) = BOOKMAKER (BOOK¹).

bookish /'bʊkɪʃ/ adj **1** ca siar zuam ringring: *She was always a bookish child.* **2** thuhla thei zet (ca siar tam ruangah).

▷ **bookishness** n [U].

booklet /'bʊklɪt/ n cabu pa te (a phaw sah lo).

boom¹ /bu:m/ v **1** [I, Ip] thang ruangro (aw): *waves booming on the seashore* ○ *We could hear the enemy guns booming (away) in the distance.* ○ *The headmaster's voice boomed (out) across the playground.* **2** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (out) ring zet in tong: *'Get out of my sight!' he boomed.*

▷ **boom** n (usu sing) aw thawng, aw khawk: *the boom of the guns, the surf.*

boom² /bu:m/ n karhzai thangsoh ciamconak (milai, sumdawng, etc): *The oil market is enjoying a boom.* ○ [attrib] *a boom year (for trade, exports, etc).*

▷ **boom** v [I] a hlawk, a thangso: *Business is booming.*

□ **boom town** sum le saw a thangso mi khua.

boom³ /bu:m/ n **1** lawngzial khaptu thingtluan sau. **2** (also **derrick boom**) thil suahnak le sannak ih hmanmi crane ih retmi thing pum saupi. **3** (a) ral lawng pawl khamnak thir cikcin. (b) thingtum pawl rak khamtu thingih tuahmi tikhawkkham. **4** maikrofon retnak ban: [attrib] *a boom microphone.*

boomerang /'bu:məɾæŋ/ n **1** Australia ram hlumtu pawlih hmanmi sa kahnak thingkawn (a bahmi a ngah lole a kaptu hnenah a kirsal thei). **2** (fig) mah tuahmi, tongmi, ruangah rinlopi in mah lala siatnak: [attrib] *a boomerang effect.*

▷ **boomerang** v [I, Ipr] boomerang vekih kir: *The candidate's attempt to discredit his opponent boomeranged (on him) when he was charged with libel.*

boon¹ /bu:n/ n **1** (dated) dilmi; hmuifu: *ask a boon of sb* ○ *grant a boon.* **2** a thahnem mi thil: *Parks are a great boon to people in big cities.* ○ *A warm coat is a real boon in cold weather.*

boon² /bu:n/ adj (idm) **a boon companion** komnuam rualpi: *Bill and Bob are boon companions.*

boor /buə(r), bɔ:(r)/ n (derog) khawruah nei lo, fim lo, mi taw-lol; mi awhro sia: *Don't be such a boor!*

▷ **boorish** /'buəriʃ, 'bɔ:riʃ/ adj cuvek a simi, fimlo: *boorish youths, behaviour, remarks.* **boorishly** adv. **boorishness** n [U].

boost /bu:st/ v [Tn] thazaang bet, tha pek bet; cawisang: *boost an electric current* ○ *boost imports, share prices, the dollar, etc* ○ *boost production* ○ *The unexpected win boosted the team's morale.*

▷ **boost** n thapek; cawisannak: *a boost in sales, exports, etc* ○ *give sb's confidence a boost.*

booster n **1** thapetu, cawisangtu. **2** electric tha bettu. **3** (also **booster rocket**) vanleeng zam pawl khul a rangtertu rocket. **4** hmaisa ih sunmi sii hmual neitertu a dang sii.

boot¹ /bu:t/ n **1** but kedan (ke a tuam thehmi): *a pair of football boots* ○ *tough boots for walking.* Cf SANDAL, SHOE **1**. **2** (usu sing) (infml) sit: *He gave the ball a tremendous boot.* **3** (Brit) (US trunk) mawtawka dunglam thil retnak: *Put the luggage in the boot.* **4** (idm) **be/get too big for one's boots** ⇒ BIG. **the boot is on the other foot** thil umdaan a linglet. **die with one's boots on** ⇒ DIE². **give sb/get the boot** (infml) hnaŋuan ihsin dawi: *If you're late once more you're getting the boot.* **have one's heart in one's boots** ⇒ HEART. **lick sb's boots** ⇒ LICK. **put the boot in** (infml esp Brit) nasazet in siit; zaangfah nei lomi. **tough as old boots** ⇒ TOUGH.

▷ **boot** v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] sit (ke thawi' sit): *boot a ball (about)* ○ *boot sb in the face.* **2** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) (computing) kompeuta thluak sungah program than sak. **3** (phr v) **boot sb out (of sth)** (infml) (a) hramhram in lenglam ah suah: *His father booted him out of the house.* (b) hnaŋuan dawi.

□ **bootlace** n kedan hri.

bootstrap n (idm) **pull oneself up by one's bootstraps** ⇒ PULL².

boot² /bu:t/ n (idm) **to boot** (arch or joc) hlei ah; tlun ah: *She's an attractive woman, and wealthy to boot.*

bootee /bu:'ti:/ n **1** naute sahmul kedan. **2** nunau sahmul kedan tawi.

booth /bu:ð/ n **1** bazaar ih a laangte thilri zuarnak thingkhandaang (cabuai). **2** inn fate: *a telephone booth*, ie for a public telephone ○ *a polling booth*, ie for voting at elections.

bootleg /'bu:tlæg/ v (-gg-) [Tn] **1** zureu thup te'n zuar. **2** khammi lei le zuar. ⇒ Usage at SMUGGLE.

▷ **bootleg** adj [attrib] (a hleice in zu) a thup ih zuarmi: *bootleg liquor.* ○ *a bootleg record*, eg one recorded illegally at a concert.

bootlegger /-legə(r)/ n.

booty /'bu:ti/ n [U] ruk thil; ral hnen ihsin lonmi thil pawl.

booze /bu:z/ v (infml) **1** zu tampi dawk ciamco: *He likes to go out boozing with his mates.*

▷ **booze** *n* [U] **1** zureu. **2** (idm) **go/be on the booze** (infml) zu in ciamco ih um: *Her husband's been on the booze again.*

boozier *n* (infml) **1** zupham: *He's always been a bit of a boozier.* **2** (Brit) zudawr.

boozy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) zuri, zupham: *a boozy old man* ○ *a boozy party.*

□ **booze-up** *n* (Brit infml) zurit caan: *The party was a real booze-up.*

bop /bɒp/ *n* **1** [U] = BEBOP. **2** [C, U] (infml) laam, disco laam: *Let's have a bop.*

▷ **bop** *v* (-pp-) [I] (infml) laam: *go bopping.*

bopper *n* (infml) **1** disco laamtū. **2** = TEENY-BOPPER (TEENY).

boracic /bə'reɪsɪk/ *adj* = BORIC.

borage /'bɒrɪdʒ/; US 'bɔːrɪdʒ/ *n* [U] pangpar phunkhat, a par mepian (a par le a hnah ei tha).

borax /'bɔːræks/ *n* [U] letcha (Kawl); borax vut (thil kholh/sawpnak le thlalang le khokheng hnihi hol tuahnak ah an hmang).

Bordeaux /bɔː'dəʊ/ *n* (pl unchanged) [U, C] SW France ram Bordeaux pengih tuahmi a sen, lole, a rang vuaing zu. Cf CLARET.

border /'bɔːdə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [C] ramri kiang um ram: *The terrorists escaped across/over the border.* ○ [attrib] *a border town, guard, patrol* ○ *border incidents*, ie small fights between soldiers of two neighbouring countries. (b) **the Border** [sing] England le Scotland ramri kiang um ram (area); USA le Mexico ramri kiang um ram (area). **2** [C] a tlang; zuk retnak thlalang tlang: *the border of a picture/photograph* ○ *a handkerchief, tablecloth, etc with an embroidered border.* **3** [C] pangpar le thingkung niamte cinnak hmuang: *a herbaceous border* ○ *a border of tulips.*

▷ **border** *v* **1** [Tn] a rii-aw: *our garden is bordered on one side by a stream.* ○ *How many countries border Switzerland?* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (with sth) a tlaang telh: *a handkerchief bordered with lace.* **3** [Ipr] ~ **on sth** (a) peh aw, zawn aw: *The new housing estate borders on the motorway.* (b) (fig) vek/tluk a si, a bang aw ko: *The boy's reply to his teacher was bordering on rudeness.* ○ *Our task borders on the impossible.*

borderer *n* ramri kiang ih umtu, ramhnen.

□ **borderland** /-lənd/ *n* **1** [C] ram pahnihi ramri khat lam veve ih um hmun ram. **2** [sing] (fig) sidok, sidok lo; a laai: *the borderland between sleeping and waking.*

borderline *n* ram thentu ri, ramri: (fig) *The borderline between informal language and slang is hard to define.* — *adj* thu/thil pahnihi karlak um thil: *a borderline case* ○ *a borderline candidate*, ie sb who may or may not pass an examination, be suitable for a job, etc ○ *a borderline pass/failure (in an examination).*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Border** and **frontier** refer to the dividing line between two countries or

states or the land near that line. **Border** is more often used when there is a natural division such as a river: *the border/frontier between Spain and Portugal* ○ *the Italian border/frontier* ○ *The Rio Grande marks the border between Mexico and the USA.* ○ *border/frontier villages.* **Frontier** is used of an inhabited region close to wild, unsettled territory, especially in North America in the early days of white settlement. **Frontier** is used figuratively, whereas **border** is not: *the frontiers of knowledge, science, etc.* **A boundary** is a precise line marking the outer limits of an area: *The lane is the boundary of our land.* **Boundary** is used with administrative areas smaller than a state or country: *the country, parish, etc boundary.*

bore¹ /bɔː(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] vit, kua vit: *This drill can bore through rock.* ○ *bore a hole in wood* ○ *bore a tunnel through a mountain.* **2** [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] kua vihmi leivawr hlōn (vit phah in): *The mole bored (its way) underground.* ▷ **bore** *n* **1** (also **borehole**) khurkua. **2** a kua kauhlam (meithal kua): *a twelve-bore shotgun* ○ *small-bore guns.*

bore² /bɔː(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] ningter; khopter: *I've heard all his stories before; they bore me/he bores me.* ○ *I'm bored: let's go to the cinema.* ○ *I hope you're not getting bored (by my conversation).* **2** (idm) **bore sb to death/tears** ningtuk: *Long novels bore me to tears.* **a crashing bore** ⇒ CRASH².

▷ **bore** *n* mi ningkhōp, nin-um: *Don't be such a bore!* ○ *We've run out of petrol. What a bore!*

boredom /-dəm/ *n* [U] ninnak.

boring /'bɔːrɪŋ/ *adj* mi a ningmi; nin-umza, paih um lo: *a boring conversation, job, book, party.*

bore³ /bɔː(r)/ *n* tikel fiak sungih ra lutmi tipi thang. **bore⁴** pt of BEAR².

boric /bɔːrɪk/ *adj* boron (sii) tel.

□ **boric acid** (also **boracic acid**, /bə'reɪsɪk/) hma khawlnak borax thawn tuah mi sii.

born /bɔːn/ *v* (used only in the passive without by) **1** **be born** suak (nu ih pum sungin): *She was born in 1950.* ○ (fig) *The Trades Union movement was born* (ie founded) *in the early years of the century.* ○ *He was born* (ie destined from birth) *to be a great writer.* ⇒ Usage at BEAR². **2** (idm) (not) **be born yesterday** aa, ziang thei lo: *You can't fool me; I wasn't born yesterday, you know.* **be/be born/be made that way** ⇒ WAY¹. **born and bred** suak, thanglian le fimzir: *He's London born and bred.* ○ *She was born and bred a Catholic.* **born in the purple** bawi phun ah suak. **born of sb/sth** sung ih sin suak: *He was born of German parents.* ○ *Her socialist beliefs were born of a hatred of injustice.* **born on the wrong side of the blanket** (euph) lakfa, fasawn. **born with a silver spoon in one's mouth** (saying) milian fa; nu le pa milian. **in all one's born days** (infml)

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nun sung hmuah: *I've never heard such nonsense in all my born days!* **there's one born every minute** (saying) bum-ol tampi an um. **to the manner born** ⇒ MANNER.

▷ **born** *adj* [attrib] suahpi mi, suahkehpi mi thil ti theinak: *be a born leader, loser, writer, athlete, etc.*

-born (forming compound *ns* and *ads*) compound *ns* le *ads* suahter tiki hman a si, suak tican tho tho a si, eg New York suak: *New York-born* ○ *first-born* ○ *nobly-born* ○ *French-born*.

□ **born-again** *adj* [usu attrib] suak sal; piangthar mi; a thlengaw mi: *a born-again Christian*.

borne *pp* of BEAR². ⇒ Usage at BEAR².

boron /ˈbɔːrɒn/ *n* [U] (chemistry) bawron dat.

borough /ˈbɒrə/ *n* 1 (Brit) (a) mahte thu tawrel thei, khua, lole, distrik (Britain ram ah).

(b) London khua uknak vengthen. Cf PARISH².

2 (US) (a) New York khua uknak vengthen (5) lakih pakhat khat. (b) *sipintayaye* khua.

borrow /bɒrəʊ/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sb/sth) 1 thil hlang, cawi, a lang ih hman sak: *borrow (money) from the bank, a friend* ○ *I've forgotten my pen. Could I borrow yours?* ○ *borrow a book from the library*. Cf LEND. 2 (a) la tahrat in mah ih ta vekih hman: *borrow freely from other writers* ○ *borrow sb's ideas, methods* ○ *Handel borrowed music from other composers*. (b) mi tongfang maih tongah canter: *The expression 'nouveau riche' is borrowed from French*. 3 (idm) (be living on) borrowed time thih zikte hnu ih nun sal caan sung.

▷ **borrower** *n* hlangtu, cawitu. Cf LENDER (LEND).

borrowing *n* cawi, hlancop thil: *The company will soon be able to repay its borrowings from the bank.* ○ *English has many borrowings from French*.

Borstal /ˈbɔːstl/ *n* [C, U] nauhak sual nuncan remnak tlawng, hmun: *be sent to Borstal*. Cf APPROVED SCHOOL (APPROVE), REFORMATORY.

bortsch (also **borsch**) /bɔːʃ/ *n* [U] mungla le kawpi cokrawi ih suanmi Russia tihaang.

borzoi /ˈbɔːzɔɪ/ *n* sadawi thiam hmul sau nei Russia uico.

bosh /bɒʃ/ *n* [U], *interj* (infml) thulolak: *You're talking bosh!*

bo'sn, bos'n = BOATSWAIN.

bosom /ˈbʊzəm/ *n* 1 [C] milai ih taang, a bik in nunau pawhte: *hold sb to one's bosom* ○ *She has a large bosom*. 2 [C] taang huptu hnipuan, taanghup. 3 [sing] the ~ of sth duhdawtnak le humhinnak sungah: *live in the bosom of one's family* ○ *welcomed into the bosom of the Church*.

▷ **bosomy** *adj* (infml) pawhte tumpi a neimi.

□ **bosom friend** rual duh zet.

boss¹ /bɒs/ *n* (infml) hotu, uktu: *ask one's boss for a pay rise* ○ *Who's (the) boss in this house?* ie Is the wife or the husband in control?

▷ **boss** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (about/around) (infml)

derog) fial, thu pek, khawng: *He's always bossing his wife about*.

bossy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (derog) mi tirhial duh, thunei duh. **bossily** *adv*. **bossiness** *n* [U].

boss² /bɒs/ *ralphaw* le ziangmaw thil a laifang ih thil a pawngmi, a zummi.

boss-eyed /ˈbɒsfɪd/ *adj* (infml) (a) mit khat caw. (b) mitkai—hnar lamah.

boss-shot /ˈbɒsaɪd/ *n* ti-hnik, ruahnak ih tuah.

bo'sun = BOATSWAIN.

botany /ˈbɒtəni/ *n* [U] thingkung-hramkung thuhla zirnak. Cf BIOLOGY, ZOOLOGY.

▷ **botanical** /bɒˈtæniəl/ *adj* thingkung-hramkung lam a simi. **botanical gardens** zir dingih phunmi thingkung le hramkung hman.

botanist /ˈbɒtənɪst/ *n* thingkung-hramkung thuhla zirtu, a thiamtu.

botanize, -ise /ˈbɒtənaɪz/ *v* [I] hramlak thinkung pawl lakhawm.

botch /bɒtʃ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) daithlang zet in tuah ih siatter: *a botched job*, ie a piece of work that is done badly ○ *The actor botched* (ie forgot or stumbled over) *his lines* ○ *The mechanic tried to repair my car, but he really botched it up*. ▷ **botch** (also **botch-up**) *n* daithlannak in siatter: *make a botch of sth*.

botcher *n* hnaŋuan siatsuahtu.

both¹ /bəʊθ/ *adj* 1 (with *pl ns*; the *n* may be preceded by a *def art*, a *demons det* or a *possess det*) a pahnih; an phnih in: *hold sth in both hands* ○ *Both books/Both the books/Both these books are expensive*. ○ *He is blind in both eyes*. ○ *There are shops on both sides of the street*. ○ *Both (her) children are at university*. 2 (idm) **have/want it/things both ways** a tuah ih tuah/ngah duh: *You can't have it both ways*, ie You must decide on one thing or the other. ⇒ Usage at ALL¹.

both² /bəʊθ/ *pron* (a) ~ (of sb/sth) (referring back to a *pl n* or *pron*) an pahnih: *He has two brothers: both live in London* ○ *His parents are both dead*. ○ *We both want to go to the party*. ○ *I like these shirts. I'll take both of them*. (b) ~ of sb/sth (referring forward to a *pl n* or *pron*) an pahnih in: *Both of us want to go* (Cf *We both want to go*) *to the party*. ○ *Both of her children have* (Cf *Her children both have*) *blue eyes*. ⇒ Usage at ALL¹.

both³ /bəʊθ/ *adv* ~ ...and... not only ... but also ... lawng siloin ... khal: *be both tired and hungry* ○ *She spoke both French and English*. ○ *Both his brother and sister are married*. ○ *She was a success both as a pianist and as a conductor*.

bother /ˈbɒðə(r)/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ sb (about/with sth) hnaihnokter; harsater: *I'm sorry to bother you, but could you tell me the way to the station?* ○ *Does my smoking bother you?* ○ *Don't bother your father (about it) now; he's very tired*. ○ *He's always bothering me to lend him money*. (b) [Tn] ti hnaihnok, hnaihnok pe: *What's bothering you?* ○ *Don't let his criticisms*

bother you. ○ The problem has been bothering me for weeks. ○ It bothers me that he can be so insensitive. **2** (a) [I, Tt] (thil pakhat) buai; zonzai rero, hnaihok: 'Shall I help you with the washing up?' 'don't bother — I'll do it later.' ○ He didn't even bother to say thank you. (b) [Ipr] ~ **about sb/sth** buai; Don't bother about us — we'll join you later. **3** [Tn] ngaituah, ruat: Bother this car! It's always breaking down. **4** (idm) **bother oneself/one's head about sth** helhkam, ruatzet. **can't be bothered (to do sth)** thupiter lem lo: The grass needs cutting but I can't be bothered to do it today. ○ He could produce excellent work but usually he can't be bothered. **hot and bothered** ⇒ HOT.

▷ **bother** *n* **1** [U] zonzaihok; siaremlonak: a spot of bother ○ Did you have much bother finding the house? ○ 'Thanks for your help!' 'It was no bother.' ○ I'm sorry to have put you to all this bother, ie to have caused you so much inconvenience. **2 a bother** [sing] hnaihok: What a bother! We've missed the bus.

bother *interj* thin hnaihok langternak ðong: Oh bother! I've left my money at home.

botheration /ˈbɒðəˈreɪʃn/ *interj* (infml) = BOTHER *interj*.

bothersome /-səm/ *adj* hnaihokza, buaithlak.

bottle /ˈbɒtl/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thawl; palang, rialti thawl (thlalat, plastik, kafiak thawl pawl): wine bottle ○ a milk bottle ○ Come to my party on Saturday — and remember to bring a bottle, ie of alcoholic drink. (b) thawlkhak, langkhak: We drank a (whole) bottle of wine between us. **2 the bottle** [sing] (euph) zu: She's a bit too fond of the bottle. **3** [C] (usu sing) naute palang hnawi: brought up on the bottle ○ give a baby its bottle. **4** [U] (Brit sl) ralthatnak: He's got (a lot of) bottle! **5** (idm) **be on the bottle** (infml) zu cuai: He was on the bottle for five years. **hit the bottle** ⇒ HIT¹.

▷ **bottle** *v* **1** [Tn] (a) thawl/palang sungah re: bottled beer. (b) palang thawl ah re (siat lo dingin): Do you bottle your fruit or freeze it? **2** (phr v) **bottle sth up** thu phuango ih um: Instead of discussing their problems, they bottle up all their anger and resentment.

□ **bottle bank** palang thawl khawl-khawmnak kuang.

bottle-feed *v* [Tn] palang thawn hnawi fawh: Were you bottle-fed or breast-fed as a child?

bottle-green *adj* hring-dum (pianzia).

bottle-neck *n* (a) ziin fiaknak hmun. (b) thilri suah tik ih khul a fungtertu thil.

bottle-opener *n* thawl hru onnak.

bottle-party *n* sabitti, zu tivek thawl khat ciar kengih tuahmi puai.

bottom /ˈbɒtəm/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] tawnet; a tangta bik; tanglam bik: the bottom of a hill, mountain, slope, valley, etc ○ The telephone is at the bottom of the stairs. ○ There are tea leaves in the bottom

of my cup. ○ The book I want is (right) at the bottom of the pile. ○ Sign your name at the bottom of the page, please. **2** [C usu sing] a tawphah: The manufacturer's name is on the bottom of the plate.

3 [C] taw-ṭawk: fall on one's bottom ○ smack a child's bottom. **4** [sing] a netnak: There's a pub at the bottom of the road. ○ The tool shed is at the bottom of the garden, ie at the end farthest from the house. **5** [sing] neta bik (milai ah): He was always bottom of the class in maths. ○ Our team came/was bottom of the league last season.

○ She started at the bottom and worked her way up to become manager of the company. **6** [sing] a tawnet (tipi thuanthum, tiva tivek): The water is very deep here, I can't tough (the) bottom. ○ The 'Titanic' went to the bottom, ie sank. **7** [C] lawng (tinbaw) ih a ruangpi. **8** [C usu pl] hnipuan peh a tanglam: pyjama bottoms ○ track suit bottoms.

9 [U] a tangta bik mawṭawka gear (a tha khoh bik): drive up a steep hill in bottom. **10** (idm) **at bottom** a ngaingai ahcun: He seems aggressive but at bottom he is kind and good-natured. **be at the bottom of sth** a thoknak, a hram: Who is at the bottom of these rumours? **the bottom (of sth) falls out** tluk-ril: The bottom has fallen out of the market, ie Trade has dropped to a very low level.

○ The bottom fell out of his world (ie His life lost its meaning) when his wife died. **bottoms up!** (infml) zuhai le zuhai khawng awter in, "nan zu ṭeh uh!" tinak. **from the bottom of one's heart** thinlung tak in: love sb, congratulate sb, regret sth, from the bottom of one's heart. **from top to bottom** ⇒ TOP¹. **get to the bottom of sth** thu dik hawl, a ruang hawl suak: We must get to the bottom of this mystery. **knock the bottom out of sth** ⇒ KNOCK². **smooth as a baby's bottom** ⇒ SMOOTH¹. **touch bottom** ⇒ TOUGH².

▷ **bottom** *adj* [attrib] **1** a tangta bik: the bottom line (on a page) ○ the bottom rung (of a ladder) ○ the bottom step (of a flight of stairs) ○ Put your books on the bottom shelf. ○ go up a hill in bottom gear. **2** (idm) **bet one's bottom dollar** ⇒ BET.

bottomless *adj* **1** a thuk tukmi: a bottomless pit, gorge, etc. **2** (fig) tawp neilo: bottomless reserves of energy.

bottommost /ˈbɒtəmməʊst/ *adj* [attrib] tawtabik: the bottommost depths of the sea.

□ **bottom drawer** (US hope chest) pasal neiding timtuahnak ih khawlmi nunau thil le ri pawl.

bottom line (infml) thu a ṭhentertu; a thu pi bik: If you don't make a profit you go out of business: that's the bottom line.

botulism /ˈbɒtjʊlɪzəm/ *n* [U] reipi daih seh ti ih retmi rawl ah a mawrmi (bacteria) ih a suahtermi tur phunkhat.

boudoir /ˈbuːdwaː(r)/ *n* (esp formerly) nunau ih-nak khaan.

bouffant /ˈbuːfɑːn/ *adj* (of a hair-style) dunglam ah let ko ih sam hriat: a bouffant hair-do.

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bougainvillaea /bu:ɡən'vɪlə/ *n* a hri so zaam mi pangpar phunkhat.

bough /bau/ *n* thingtek.

bought *pt, pp* of **BUY**.

bouillon /bu:ʃjən/ *n* [U] tihaang ti.

boulder /'bəʊldə(r)/ *n* thli, ni, le ruah ih a rawt zomi lungpi.

boulevard /'bu:ləvɑ:d; US 'bʊl-/ *n* **1** lamzin khatlam khatlam ah a tlar in thingkung phun theumi khawlipi zinkau. **2** (US) zalamzin kaupi.

bounce /baʊns/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] a khir: A rubber ball bounces well. ◦ The ball bounced over the wall. ◦ The goalkeeper bounced the ball twice before kicking it. ◦ She bounced the ball against the wall. **2** [I, Ip, Tn] khirter: The child bounced (up and down) on the bed. ◦ He bounced his baby on his knee. ⇒ Usage at **JUMP**². **3** [I] (*infml*) tangka a tan nawn lo ruangah (tangka khawlimi um nawn lo) bank ihsin khirh salmi check lethmat: I hope this cheque doesn't bounce. Cf **DISHONOUR** *v* **2**. **4** (phr *v*) **bounce along, down, into, etc** suk/so/phei ah feh: He came bouncing into the room. ◦ The car bounced along the bumpy mountain road. **bounce back** (*infml*) damsai/phasal: Share prices bounced back this morning. ◦ She's had many misfortunes in her life but she always bounces back.

▷ **bounce** *n* **1** [C] khirlai: catch a ball on the bounce/first bounce, ie after it has bounced once. **2** [U] (a) khir theinak dingih thil ti theinak. (b) hlauptlonak, thathawhnak, thazaang: She's got a lot of bounce.

bouncer (also **bumper**) *n* **1** (in cricket) hlat zet a khirmi cricket bawlung: bowl sb a fast bouncer. **2** (*infml*) rawl dawr le club pawl ih an hlaan mi, mi huatsuak hremtu/dawisuaktu.

bouncing *adj* ~ (with sth) a hardam a cakmi: a bouncing baby ◦ He was bouncing with energy.

bouncy *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a khir thei (bawlung). **2** mi cak cangvai tam.

bound¹ /baʊnd/ *v* [Tn usu passive] ritek; ri-aw; kulh: Germany is bounded on the west by France and on the south by Switzerland. ◦ The airfield is bounded by woods on all sides.

bound² /baʊnd/ *v* [Ip, Ipr] dawp phah ih feh, pet phah ih feh: The dog came bounding up to its master. ◦ He bounded into the room and announced that he was getting married.

▷ **bound** *n* **1** pet, khir: The dog cleared (ie jumped over) the gate in one bound. **2** (idm) **by/in leaps and bounds** ⇒ **LEAP**.

bound³ /baʊnd/ *adj* [pred] ~ (for...) fehnak ding lam: Where are you bound (for)? ◦ We are bound for home. ◦ This ship is outward bound/homeward bound, ie sailing away from/towards its home port.

▷ **-bound** (forming compound *adjs*) lamah feh; hmasuan: We're London-bound. ◦ Northbound traffic may be delayed because of an accident on

the motorway.

bound⁴ *pt, pp* of **BIND**.

bound⁵ /baʊnd/ *adj* [pred] ~ to do sth **1** tuah/a cang hrimehrim dingmi: The weather is bound to get better tomorrow. ◦ You've done so much work that you're bound to pass the exam. **2** a tul rori: I feel bound to tell you that you're drinking too much. ◦ I am bound to say I disagree with you on this point. **3** (idm) **bound up in sth** thil pakhat buai pi tuk, man lo tuk: He seems very bound up in his work. **bound up with sth** fek zet in a pehtlai aw: The welfare of the individual is bound up with the welfare of the community. **honour bound** ⇒ **HONOUR BOUND**. **I'll be bound** (*dated infml*) a si hrimehrim ka ti thei: The children are up to some mischief, I'll be bound!

▷ **-bound** (forming compound *adjs*) compound *adj* canternak ih hman cih a si. **1** hmunto; um ringring: I don't like being desk-bound (eg in an office) all day. ◦ His illness has left him completely house-bound. **2** rak khuh, rak dawn: fogbound/snowbound airports ◦ Strikebound travelers face long delays this weekend.

boundary /'baʊndrɪ/ *n* **1** (ram, hmun) rii: The fence marks the boundary between my land and hers. ◦ The ball was caught by a fielder standing just inside the boundary. ◦ (fig) Scientists continue to push back the boundaries of knowledge. ⇒ Usage at **BORDER**. **2** cricket leh ah, rin kan ko ih bawlung a thawi: He scored 26 runs, all in boundaries.

bounden /'baʊndən/ *adj* (idm) **one's bounden duty** (*fml*) mahte tuah rori dingmi hnaʔuan; ʔaʔaʔul mi hnaʔuan.

bounder /'baʊndə(r)/ *n* (*dated Brit infml derog*) ziaza cohlan tlaklo mipa.

boundless /'baʊndlɪs/ *adj* riteek um lo, neet ti um lo: boundless generosity, enthusiasm. ▷ **boundlessly** *adv*.

bounds /baʊndz/ *n* [pl] **1** ritek: keep within/go beyond the bounds of reason, sanity, decency, propriety, etc ◦ It is not beyond the bounds of possibility (that...) ◦ Are there no bounds to his ambition? ◦ Public spending must be kept within reasonable bounds. **2** (idm) **know no bounds** ⇒ **KNOW**. **out of bounds (to sb)** (US **off limits**) feh kham mi, lut sian lonak hmun: The town's pubs and bars are out of bounds to troops.

bounteous /'baʊntɪəs/ *adj* (*dated or rhet*) **1** siangzet. **2** man lo ih pekmi; tamzet: God's bounteous blessings.

▷ **bounteously** *adv*. **bounteousness** *n* [U].

bountiful /'baʊntɪfl/ *adj* (*dated*) **1** a siangzet mi. **2** tampi, tamzet: a bountiful supply of food.

▷ **bountifully** /'baʊntɪfəli/ *adv*.

bounty /'baʊntɪ/ *n* **1** [U] (*dated*) a siangzet mi: a monarch famous for his bounty. **2** [C] (*dated*) thenmi thilthen; laksawng. **3** [C] thilri tam suah seh ti duhnak thawn zuam dingih pekmi

laksawang (cozah hnen ih).

bouquet /buˈkeɪ/ *n* **1** (mo) pek ding pangpar tom: a bride's bouquet ○ *The soloist received a huge bouquet of roses.* **2** (fig) thangthatnak; lomnak. **3** a thawt dan rim (zu rim; sabitti rim): *This brandy has a fine bouquet.*

□ **bouquet garni** /buˈkeɪ ˈɡɑːni/ tihang sungih thlakmi rimhmui kuung.

bourbon /ˈbɜːbən/ *n* **(a)** [U] USA ram ah vainim thawn tuahmi *whisky* zu. **(b)** [C] cuih zu haikhat.

bourgeois /ˈbɜːʒwɑː/ *US* /buˈərʒwɑː/ *adj* **1** sumsaw tawkfang nei pawl (buzua). **2** (derog) **(a)** neinung; thilri neih tam a thupitter mi, a ruat mi: *They've become very bourgeois since they got married.* **(b)** mi ih upat tlaak a simi: *bourgeois tastes, attitudes, ideas, etc.* **(c)** khawruah nei lo; ziang ruat lemlo. **3** (Marx ih ruahnak) milian tangka neitam; milian ci.

▷ **bourgeois** *n* [C] (*pl* unchanged) (*usu derog*) mi neinung duh, milian duh.

bourgeoisie /ˈbɜːʒwɑːzi/ *n* [Gp] (*usu derog*) **1** thilri nei, mi tawkfang: *the rise of the bourgeoisie in the 19th century.* **2** (Marx ih ruahnak) hnaʔuan pawl thazang eitu, mizuktu milian pawl. Cf PROLETARIAT.

bourse /buːs/ *n* Europe ih stock thleng awk (a bik in France ram ih the Bourse).

bout /baʊt/ *n* **1** ~ (of sth/doing sth) **(a)** thil ti caan malte: a drinking-bout ○ *She has bouts of hard work followed by long periods of inactivity.* **(b)** nat tlun: a bout of flu, bronchitis, rheumatism, etc ○ *He suffers from frequent bouts of depression.* **2** buan/thong zuam-awk.

boutique /buˈtiːk/ *n* netabik suak thilthuam dawr.

bovine /bəʊvaɪn/ *adj* **1** (fml) caw le sia lam pehpar mi. **2** (derog) fim lo; aa-hmunghmi: a bovine expression, character, mentality ○ *bovine stupidity.*

bow¹ /bəʊ/ *n* **1** li, saili: *hunt with bows and arrows.* **2** tingriset (tayaw) tumnak hri (saili vek nawn, thing ih sihmi). **3** hri sih (sih pilh): *tie shoelaces in a bow* ○ *a dress decorated with bows.* **4** (idm) **have two strings/a second etc string to one's bow** a ʔulnak vekih ʔuan thei dingah thil ti theinak phunhniha a neimi: *As both a novelist and a university lecturer, she has two strings to her bow.*

▷ **bow** *v* [I, Tn] tazaw tumnak hri thawn tayaw rawt. **bowing** *n* [U] tayaw tum dan: *The cellist's bowing was very sensitive.*

□ **bow-legs** *n* [pl] ngal kawi (a lenglam ah) saili vek. **bow-legged** *adj*: a bow-legged gait.

bowman /-mən/ *n* (*pl* -men /-mən/) li le thal kaptu.

bow-tie *n* mipa hngawng orh puan.

bow-window *n* thlalang kawi bunmi sangka te.

bow² /baʊ/ *v* **1** **(a)** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (down) (to/before sb/sth) lukun (upatnak in): *The cast bowed as*

the audience applauded. ○ *We all bowed to the Queen.* ○ *The priest bowed down before the altar.* **(b)** [Tn] lu, lolle, ruangpi kun, upatnak thawn: *The congregation bowed their heads in prayer.* **2** [*usu passive*: Tn, Tn-p] a kun: *His back was bowed with age.* ○ *branches bowed down by the snow on them.* **3** (idm) **bow and scrape** (*usu derog*) mi thu ngai zet ih um: *The waiter showed us to our table with much bowing and scraping.* **4** (phr v) **bow sb in/out** suah zawng le luh zawng ah lukun ta. **bow out (of sth)** **(a)** dungsip sal: *I'm bowing out of this scheme — I don't approve of it.* **(b)** upa hnaʔuan in baang: *After thirty years in politics, he is finally bowing out.* **bow to sth** a sung pek, lut, cohlang: *bow to the inevitable* ○ *bow to sb's opinion, wishes, greater experience* ○ *We're tired of having to bow to authority.*

▷ **bow** *n* **1** lu kun (upat pek): *acknowledge sb with a bow* ○ *He made a bow and left the room.* **2** (idm) **take a/one's bow** mi ih lomnak theihthiamnak tuah, lu kuun in.

bow³ /baʊ/ *n* **1** lawng ih lulam: *The yacht hit a rock and damaged her bows.* **2** (in rowing) lawng lulam naihtu bik lawng zaptu. Cf STROKE¹ **3**.

bowdlerize, -ise /ˈbaʊdləraɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*sometimes derog*) a sia ti ih ruahmi thu, (cabu, baisakup ihsin) zuk pawl hlun sak, censor tuah sak.

▷ **bowdlerization, -isation** /ˈbaʊdləraɪzeɪʃn; US -rɪz-/ *n* [C, U].

bowel /ˈbəʊəl/ *n* (*usu pl*, except in medical use and when used attributively) **1** rilpi: [attrib] a bowel complaint/disorder ○ *cancer of the bowel* ○ *move one's bowels*, ie defecate. **2** a thuk bik, a sungta bik (hmun): *in the bowels of the earth*, ie deep underground.

□ **bowel movement** **(a)** thiar-aw (ek thawh). **(b)** zun-ek.

bower /ˈbaʊə(r)/ *n* **1** **(a)** nihliap, hnem dai (thing hnuai). **(b)** ʔhal sung umnak inn. **2** (dated) nunau ihnak khaan; *boudoir*.

□ **bower-bird** *n* Australian vate phunkhat.

bowl¹ /bəʊl/ *n* **1** **(a)** (*esp in compounds*) kheng kum; pakan kum: a sugar bowl ○ a fruit bowl ○ a washing-up bowl. **(b)** kheeng khat: a bowl of soup, cereal, porridge, etc. **2** a kuarnak: *the bowl of a spoon* ○ a lavatory bowl ○ *He filled the bowl of his pipe with tobacco.* **3** (*esp US*) tonak um tualrawnpi: *the Hollywood Bowl.*

bowl² /bəʊl/ *n* **1** [C] lehnak, a hrilh ih hrilhmi thing bawlung; thinghlum. **2** [C] thing bawlung. **3** bowls [*sing v*] thing bawlung hril: *play bowls.*

bowl³ /bəʊl/ *v* **1** [I] thinghlum hril lehnak, leh. **2** [Tn] thing bawlung. **3** [I, Tn] kriket bawlung deng: *bowl fast/slow* ○ *Well bowled!* ○ *bowl a full toss* ○ *Who is going to bowl the first over?* **4** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb (out)** cricket lehnak ah a bawhtu suakter (a dungih sonmi thing an denthluk ruangah): *He was bowled for 120*, ie dismissed in this way after scoring 120 runs. **5** (phr v) **bowl**

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along, down, etc mawṭawka tluangte'n a feh: *We were bowling along (the motorway) at seventy miles per hour.* **bowl sb over** (a) khawngtlu. (b) mangbangter: *We were bowled over by the news of her marriage.*

bowler¹ /bəʊlə(r)/ *n* **1** kriket bawlung dengtu: *a fast, slow, etc bowler* ○ *a left-arm spin bowler.* **2** bowls thinghlum lektu.

bowler² /bəʊlə(r)/ *n* (also **bowler hat**, *US derby*) sahmul sahpi thawn tuahmi lukhuh dum: *Many London businessmen wear bowlers.*

bowline /bəʊlɪn/ *n* (also **bowline knot**) hri sih dan phunkhat.

bowling /bəʊlɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** bowling lehnak (thingtan sonmi pawl khawngtlu dingah thinghlum hrilh zuamawknak): *a bowling match.* **2** bowls lehnak. **3** (cricket) a thawitu hnen ah bawlung deng: *a good piece of bowling.*

□ **bowling-alley** *n* (a) thinghlum hrilhnak zin. (b) himi vek um inn.

bowling-green *n* bowling lehnak hmun hramhringrawn.

bowls ⇒ BOWL² **3**.

bowsprit /bəʊsprɪt/ *n* lawngpuan temnak hridai ngerh hmun lawng hmailam ih ṭhuam saang.

bow-wow /bəʊ 'wau/ *interj* uico bo cawn aw.

▷ **bow-wow** *n* nauhak pawl ih uico tinak.

box¹ /bɒks/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (esp in compounds) thingkuang, caku kuang, thirkuang pawl: *a toolbox* ○ *a money-box* ○ *a shoe box* ○ *a cigar box* ○ *She packed her books in cardboard boxes.* (b) kuangkhat: *a box of chocolates, matches, cigars.* **2** [C] (a) thuanthu cawnnak inn ih a hleice tuahmi innkhaan; hmun pakhat: *reserve a box at the theatre* ○ *the witness box* ○ *a horse-box.* (b) deu/thlaam fate: *a sentry-box* ○ *a signal-box* ○ *a telephone-box.* **3** [C] cricket bawlung bawhtu le rak thawitu ih hrukmi zah-mawh khamnak phaw hak. **4 the box** [sing] (*Brit infml*) television: *What's on the box tonight?* **5** [C] = BOX NUMBER.

▷ **box v** **1** [Tn] kuang sungah thun: *a boxed set of records.* **2** (phr v) **box sb/sth in** suak thei lo ih khum (rang, uico tivek): *One of the runners got boxed in on the final bend.* **box sb/sth in/up** zalen zet ih vak thei lo dingin kham (milai, rang tivek): *He feels boxed in, living in that tiny flat.* ○ *She hates being boxed up in an office all day.* **boxful** *n* kuangkhat: *a boxful of books, clothes, toys.*

□ **boxcar** *n* (US) thilri phurhnak tlangleng khan.

box junction (*Brit*) lamzin pahnih tan-awak nak hmun.

box-kite *n* thingkuang pian nei caku vanzuang.

box lunch (US) suncau kuang thawn funmi, sangtlep thingrah le a dang rawl.

box number ca khirhnak ding umhmun thanmi.

box-office *n* baisakup tiket zuarnak hmun: [attrib] *The film was a box-office success*, ie It

was financially successful because many people went to see it.

box² /bɒks/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (with/against sb) thong (kut tum in): *Did you box at school?* **2** (idm) **box sb's ears** a hna-khaang ah thong/beeng: *He boxed the boy's ears for being cheeky.*

▷ **box** *n* (usu sing) kut thawn thongnak/beng.

boxer *n* **1** (zuam-awak ih) thongtu; mi thongtu: *a heavyweight boxer.* **2** uico phunkhat. **boxer shorts** mipa bawngbi tawi.

boxing *n* [U] thong zuam-awak (lehnak).

boxing-glove *n* thong-awak tikih hmanmi kut-hrolh. **boxing-match** *n* thong zuam-awak.

box³ /bɒks/ *n* **1** [C, U] hruangih hmanmi a kung phunkhat. **2** (also **boxwood**) [U] hawi kulhnak burbuk kung pawl.

Boxing Day /'bɒksɪŋ deɪ/ Christmas Ni hnu a hmaisabik ni (tlawngkai ni), Sunday tel loin (*Britain* ram ahcun cozah zungpit ni a si).

boy¹ /bɔɪ/ *n* **1** [C] mipa nauhak: *The Joneses have two boys and a girl.* ○ *His eldest boy is at university.* **2** [C] tlangval: *He lived in Edinburgh as a boy.* ○ *A group of boys were playing football in the street.* ○ *How many boys are there in your class at school?* **3** [C] hna pakhat ṭuantu mipa hnen-um, kuli: *the paper-boy.* **4 the boys** [pl] (*infml*) a kom awmi le a vaksuak tlangmi mipa pawlkhat: *a night out with the boys*, eg at a public house ○ *He plays football with the boys on Saturday afternoons.* ○ *He likes to feel that he's one of the boys.* **5** [C] (*derog offensive*) mipa hnen-um. **6** (idm) **back-room boys** ⇒ BACK-ROOM (BACK²). **sb's blue-eyed boy** ⇒ BLUE¹. **the boys in blue** (*Brit infml*) palik pawl, lole, palik bawi pawl. **boys will be boys** (*saying*) mino pawl nauhak vekih um (cucu ngaithiam an si ṭheu). **jobs for the boys** ⇒ JOB¹. **man and boy** ⇒ MAN. **sort out the men from the boys** ⇒ SORT².

▷ **boyhood** *n* [U, C usu sing] nauhak lai: *a happy, unhappy, lonely, etc boyhood* ○ [attrib] *boyhood friends.*

boyish *adj* (*often approv*) (mipa) nauhak hmel, nauhak pian: *boyish ambitions, hopes, enthusiasm* ○ *He/She has boyish good looks.*

□ **boy-friend** *n* duhmi/caimi mipa: *She had lots of boy-friends before she got married.*

Boy Scout = SCOUT **2**.

boy² /bɔɪ/ *interj* (*infml esp US*) mangbang, lungawi tikih ṭong mi: *Boy, am I glad to see you!*

boycott /bɔɪkɒt/ *v* [Tn] (a) ngol; tel duhlo. (b) thilri tham duh lo: *boycotting foreign imports* ○ *Athletes from several countries boycotted the Olympic Games.*

▷ **boycott** *n* ngolnak: *place/put sth under a boycott.*

BP /bi: 'pi/ *abbr* British Petroleum: *work for BP.*

BPC /bi: pi: 'si/ *abbr* (esp on labels of chemical products) British Pharmaceutical Codex.

B Phil /bi: 'fil/ *abbr* Bachelor of Philosophy: *have/*

be a B Phil. ◦ Jill Green B Phil.
BR /ˈbiː/abbr British Rail: BR's Southern Region Services.
Br abbr **1** British. **2** (religion) Brother: Br Peter.
bra /brɑː/ n = BRASSIÈRE.
brace¹ /breɪs/ n **1** [C] cangkam; daai aw seh ti ih thil finkhawmtu; reektu thil. Cf BIT². **2** [C] kaa sungih tuahmi haa dingtertu thir: *My daughter has to wear a brace on her teeth.* **3** braces [pl] (US suspenders) bawngbi tangah tolh hlah seh ti ih rak kaitu liang ih bahmi puan hri: *a pair of braces.* **4** [C] ca ngan tiki hmanmi kulh (bracket tumpi pawl). Cf BRACKET.
 □ **brace and bit** luanbu le vokzang, thing vihnak (thir) le a kutkaih.
brace² /breɪs/ n (pl unchanged) khuah khat: *two brace of partridge(s), kharhkhak khuah khat (nupa).*
brace³ /breɪs/ v **1** [Tn] (a) cangkam thawn reek ci: *The struts are firmly braced.* (b) cangkam thawn reek ci; khohter deuh. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] kut le ke tangtha: *He braced his foot against the wall and jumped.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ oneself (for sth) thil tha lo, thil sia tong dingah rak ring cia: *We braced ourselves for bumpy landing.* **4** (phr v) **brace up** (esp US) thinlung pacan cuh.
 ▷ **bracing** adj (esp of weather conditions) tha umter, tha cakter.
bracelet /ˈbreɪslɪt/ n fau, ngeel le baan ih hrukmi thil.
bracken /ˈbrækən/ n [U] (a) khangca kung tumpi pawl. **2** cuvek kho mi ram.
bracket /ˈbrækt/ n **1** (a) bilmi kiu vekih tuahmi thingtlep, thirtle (thil khohtertu ih bencihmi). (b) phar ih mei-inn thlainak thir kual. **2** (usu pl) cangan tik ih kulhnak, eg () (round brackets or parentheses), [] (square brackets), < > (angle brackets), { } (braces): *Put your name in brackets at the top of each page.* **3** pawlkhat, thuahkhat: *be in the lower/higher income bracket* ◦ *the 20-30 age bracket*, ie those people between the ages of 20 and 30.
 ▷ **bracket** v **1** [Tn] cangkam thawn hreeng. **2** [Tn] rin thawn kulh. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **A and B** (together); ~ **A with B** (thil) pawl khat ah telh ve/ret ve: *It's wrong to bracket him with the extremists in his party — his views are very moderate.*
brackish /ˈbrækɪʃ/ adj a al nawn mi (tidai).
bract /brækt/ n hnah-par (a hnah si na-in a par a si-cihmi).
brad /bræd/ lu fate nei tlawngkhen per.
bradawl /ˈbrædɔːl/ n kua vihnak thir zum.
brae /breɪ/ n (Scot) tlanghrap.
brag /bræg/ v (-gg-) [I, Ipr, Tf] ~ (about/of sth) tluangkhang; porh aw: *Stop bragging!* ◦ *He's been bragging about his new car.* ◦ *She bragged that she could run faster than me.*
 ▷ **brag** n [U, C] tluangkhang; porhawknak.

braggart /ˈbrægət/ n mi tluangkhang, mi porhaw.
brahmin /ˈbrɑːmɪn/ (also **brahman** /-ən/) n Hindu (Kala) phunhnem sang bik, puithiam sang.
braid /breɪd/ n **1** [U] a phiar (sam phiar tivek): *The general's uniform was trimmed with gold braid.* **2** [C] (US) = PLAIT: *She wears her hair in braids.*
 ▷ **braid** v [Tn] **1** phiar: *She braided the neckline, hem and cuffs of the dress.* **2** (US) = PLAIT: *She braids her hair every morning.*
Braille /breɪl/ n [U] Mitcau ca (cahnaah ah a bo tete in ca an tuah ih cuihmi cu kuttham in an siar).
brain /breɪn/ n **1** [C] thluak (ruahnak, cinnak, le thinlung uktu thluak): *a disease of the brain* ◦ *The brain is the centre of the nervous system.* ◦ [attrib] *brain surgery.* **2** [U, C often pl] ruahnak fim, mifim: *He has very little brain.* ◦ *She has an excellent brain.* ◦ *You need brains to become a university professor.* ◦ *He has one of the best brains in the university.* **3** (a) [C] (infml) mithiam, cathiam: *He is one of the leading brains in the country.* (b) **the brains** [sing v] (infml) a thiam bik pa/nu: *He's the brains of the family.* ◦ *She was the brains behind the whole scheme.* **4** (idm) **blow one's brains out** ⇒ BLOW¹. **cudgel one's brains** ⇒ CUDGEL. **have sth on the brain** ruat rero: *I've had this tune on the brain all day but I can't remember what it's called.* **pick sb's brains** ⇒ PICK³. **rack one's brain(s)** ⇒ RACK². **tax one's/sb's brains** ⇒ TAX.
 ▷ **brain** v [Tn] thi ko tal, lu ah khawng: (fig infml) *I nearly brained myself on that low beam.*
brainless adj thluak nei lo, mi-aa: *That was a pretty brainless thing to do.*
brainy adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) thiam; fim: *Her children are very brainy.*
 □ **brain-child** n [sing] mi pakhat ih thok mi; tuah tlakmi: *The new arts centre is the brain-child of a wealthy local businessman.*
brain-drain n (usu sing) (infml) rampi sunnak; ram sungih mithiam le mifim pawl ramdang ih vaih thehnak.
brain fever thluak nat.
brain-teaser n thu harsa; mangbangnak.
brains trust (US **brain trust**) thusuhnak phunphun sawntu thuthei, thuthiam pawl (radio sung vekah).
brainstorm /ˈbreɪnstɔːm/ n **1** a ra duakmi thin hnaihknok. **2** (Brit infml) lung hlohknak: *I must have had a brainstorm — I couldn't remember my own telephone number for a moment.* **3** (US infml) = BRAINWAVE.
brainstorming /ˈbreɪnstɔːmɪŋ/ n [U] (esp US) thuhla relkhawm le ruahnak suakhawm in thubuai fianter dan: [attrib] *a brainstorming session.*
brainwash /ˈbreɪnwɒʃ/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (into doing sth) thluak kholh; zumciami hlontar ih a thar zumter hramhram: (fig) *I refuse to*

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be brainwashed by advertisers into buying something I don't need.

▷ **brainwashing** *n* [U].

brainwave /breɪnwɛv/ (US **brainstorm**) *n* (infml) a suak thutthi mi ruahnak tha: Unless someone has a brainwave we'll never solve this problem.

braise /breɪz/ *v* [Tn] tidai mal ngaite thawn suang (sinpit mi beel thawn) huut: braised beef and onions ○ *braising* steak, ie steak to be braised.

brake¹ /breɪk/ *n* (a) (her rang hlah seh ti ih) rak dawntu, cawlttertu, *brake*, saikal *brake*, mawṭawka *brake* tivek pawl: put on/apply the *brake(s)* ○ His *brakes* failed on a steep hill. ○ (fig) The government is determined to put a *brake* on public spending. ○ Ignorance acts as a *brake* to progress. (b) *brake* kepal: The *brake* (pedal) is between the clutch and the accelerator.

▷ **brake** *v* [I, Tn] *brake* pal, khulfungter, cawltter: The driver *braked* hard as the child ran onto the road in front of him.

□ **brake fluid** *brake* tii.

brake light (US **stoplight**) *brake* pal tiki h mawṭawka dunglam ih a rak vangmi mei sen.

brake-horsepower *n* [U] engine cet hermi cawltter theinak thazang.

brake-shoe *n* leengke namtu thir (*brake* thir).

brake² /breɪk/ hrampur.

bramble /bræmbəl/ *n* beri kung, theihmung phunkhat.

bran /bræn/ *n* [U] fanghi; vainimhi. Cf **HUSK** 1.

□ **bran-tub** *n* (Brit) fanghi a khat ih retmi laksawng thuhnak kuang fate (lucky dip).

branch /brɑːntʃ/; US brænts/ *n* 1 thing tek; a tek: He climbed up the tree and hid among the branches. 2 tiva tek, lam tek: a branch of the Rhine ○ [attrib] a branch line, ie division of a main railway line, serving county areas. 3 hnam le hrin tek: His uncle's branch of the family emigrated to Australia. ○ Gynaecology is a branch of medicine. 4 zungpi tek, dawrpi tek; hrin-hnam tek: The bank has branches in all parts of the country. [attrib] a branch post office. 5 (idm) **root and branch** ⇒ **ROOT**¹.

▷ **branch** *v* [I] 1 a tek (thingkung). 2 a tek lampi: The road branches after the level-crossing. 3 (phr v) **branch off** ziinpi ihsin ziin fate ah a tek: The car in front of us suddenly branched off to the left. ○ The road to the village branches off on the right. **branch out (into sth)** a dangdang (ah) tek in tuah: The company began by specializing in radios but has now decided to branch out into computers. ○ She's leaving the company to branch out on her own.

brand /brænd/ *n* 1 (a) thil tuahmi hminsinnak tacik: Which brand of toothpaste do you prefer? ○ [attrib] a brand name ○ brand loyalty, ie tendency of customers to continue buying the same brand. (b) phundang ce, a ce: a strange brand of humour. 2 meiling. 3 (a) thirling thawn

khenmi caw-naa ruang parih tacik. (b) (also **branding-iron**) khennak thir tacik.

▷ **brand** *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (on sth) hminsinnak tacik ben: On big farms cattle are usually branded. ○ (fig) The experiences of his unhappy childhood are branded on his memory.

2 [Tn, Cn-n, Cn-n/a] ~ sb (as sth) hminsiat pek: The scandal branded him for life. ○ He was branded (as) a trouble-maker for taking part in the demonstration.

□ **brand-new** *adj* a thar te; suah pekmi.

branding-iron *n* = **BRAND** 3b.

brandish /brændɪʃ/ *v* [Tn] fei le naam vek hawi ciamco (mi thihnak ah): brandish a gun, knife, axe, etc ○ The demonstrators brandished banners and shouted slogans.

brandy /brændi/ *n* 1 [U] thingthei ti thawn tuahmi zureu. 2 [C] brandy phunkhat: Cognac and Armagnac are fine brandies. 3 [C] brandy hai khat: Two brandies and soda, please.

□ **brandy-snap** *n* thiing le cawhnawi makhan thunmi biskit sang zual.

brash /bræʃ/ *adj* mi ziangsiarlo: His brash answers annoyed the interviewers. 2 a tleu tuk: He was wearing a rather brash tie.

▷ **brashly** *adv.* **brashness** *n* [U].

brass /brɑːs/; US bræs/ *n* 1 [U] daar (daar khuang tuahnak daar): [attrib] brass doorknobs, buttons ○ a brass foundry. 2 (a) [U] daar thawn tuahmi, hrukmi thil: do/clean/polish the brass. (b) [C] daar thawn tuahmi rang thilri. 3 the brass [Gp] daar tawtawrawt le thil dang tumtu: The brass is/are too loud. 4 [C] (esp Brit) biakinn phar ih benmi hngilhlonak daarpheng. 5 [U] (Brit sl) tangka, paissa: He's got plenty of brass. 6 [U] (infml) hmaisong lo, khawruah nei lo: He had the brass to ask his boss for 20% pay rise. 7 (idm) **bold as brass** ⇒ **BOLD**. **get down to brass tacks** (infml) thil pakhat ih a thu hrampi ruat thok, hawl thok. **top brass** ⇒ **TOP**¹.

▷ **brassy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 daar vek pianhmgang nei. 2 daar thlung aw vek, hnaset zet. 3 hmaisong nei lo thu ur ii (nunau) thawmvang nei celcelmi. **brassily** *adv.* **brassiness** *n* [U].

□ **brass band** daar thawn tuahmi thil tumtha tumtu pawlkhat.

brass hat (esp Brit infml) ralbawi upa; mi upa.

brass knuckles (US) = **KNUCKLEDUSTER**.

brass plate inn hmailam phar ih tarmi daar tlep/pheng (hmin le hnaṭuan nganmi).

brass-rubbing *n* 1 [U] daar tlep parih zuk (ca) kha cahnah in namih, khedan/miphiu in rawt ih ku. 2 [C] cuti vekih kutmi zuk/ca.

brasserie /bræsəri/ *n* beer zu zuarnak rawl dawr.

brassière /bræsɪə(r)/; US brə'ziər/ (also **bra** /brɑː/) *n* nunau hnawi-hup (sunghruk korte).

brat /bræt/ *n* (derog) nauhak (suaksual deuh).

bravado /brə'vɑːdə/ *n* [U] aat ralthat: Take no notice of his threats — they're sheer bravado.

brave /breɪv/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** a ngammi, ral̥θa: *brave men and women* ○ *Be brave!* ○ *It was brave of her to go into the burning building.* ○ *He was very brave about his operation.* **2** ral̥θat: *a brave act, deed, speech* ○ *a brave fight against disease.* **3** (idm) **(a) brave new world** (catchphrase often ironic) khua le ram ih san thlengnak, tuah̥θatnak.

▷ **brave** *n* **1** [C] North America ram um Indian pa ral̥θa. **2 the brave** [pl *v*] mi ral̥θa; ral ih thimi pawl: *the brave who died in battle.*

brave *v* **1** [Tn] tuarsuak (ral̥θa zet in): *brave dangers* ○ *brave one's critics* ○ *We decided to brave (ie go out in spite of) the bad weather.* **2** (phr *v*) **brave it out** hmaiton ngam (harsatnak, thuhla, mawthluknak tivek): *He tried to brave it out when the police questioned him.*

bravely *adv.*

bravery /ˈbreɪvəri/ *n* [U] ral̥θatnak, ral̥θa: *a medal for bravery in battle.*

bravo /ˈbrɑːvəʊ/ *interj*, *n* (pl ~s) lom tikih aumi aw: *Bravo! Well played!*

bravura /brəˈvʊərə/ *n* [U] (in musical performance) thil ti dan θ̥azet, dangzet: [attrib] *a bravura performance.*

brawl /brɔːl/ *n* tawh-awknak (tong ruri in): *a drunken brawl in a bar.*

▷ **brawl** *v* [I] to-aw: *gangs of youths brawling in the street.* **brawler** *n.*

brawn /brɔːn/ *n* [I] **1** tit (taksa ta), tisa khal; thazaang: *a job needing brains (ie intelligence) rather than brawn.* **2** (Brit) (US **headcheese**) vok lu-sa, caw note lu-sa suangih thingrah nem (jelly) thawn uammi.

▷ **brawny** *adj* (-ier, -iest) titsa khal ur-ii mi: *brawny arms.*

bray /breɪ/ *n* **(a)** lak/rang ai. **(b)** cuvek aw.

▷ **bray** *v* [I] ai (laak vekin): *a braying laugh.*

brazen /breɪzn/ *adj* **1** (derog) hmaisong nei lo; ningzah nei lo: *brazen insolence, rudeness, etc* ○ *a brazen hussy.* **2** **(a)** daar thawn tuahmi. **(b)** daar aw vekih ring zetmi: *the brazen notes of a trumpet.*

▷ **brazen** *v* (phr *v*) **brazen it out** thil θ̥a lo tuah hnu-ah θ̥ate ih um sal.

brazenly *adv* ningzak loin, hmaisong loin.

brazier /ˈbreɪziə(r)/ *n* meipung ih meihol rak daartu thir.

breach /bri:tʃ/ *n* **1** [C, U] (lungkimnak, upadi, tuanvo) thlun lonak, thlun pelhnak: *a breach of loyalty, trust, protocol, etc* ○ *a breach of confidence, ie giving away a secret* ○ *sue sb for breach of contract* ○ *a breach of security, ie failure to protect official secrets.* **2** [C] khat le khat, ramkhat le ramkhat pawlkom siatbalnak: *a breach of diplomatic relations between two countries.* **3** [C] a ong; pah-tlangmi: *The huge waves made a breach in the sea wall.* **4** (idm) **step into the breach** ⇒ STEP¹.

▷ **breach** *v* [Tn] ongter; pahsuak: *Our tanks have breached the enemy defences.*

□ **breach of promise** (law) (formerly) θ̥it dingih tiammi tulsal.

breach of the peace (law) zapi daihnak siatsuah.

bread /bred/ *n* [U] **1** sang, pawnghmuk (sangvut thawih tuahmi): *a loaf/slice/piece of bread* ○ *brown/white bread.* **2** (sl) paisa, tangka: *I'm only doing it for the bread.* **3** (idm) **bread and water** rawl man ol bik: *I had to live on bread and water when I was a student.* **cast one's bread upon the water(s)** ⇒ castl. **one's daily bread** ⇒ DAILY. **half a loaf is better than none/than no bread** ⇒ HALF. **know which side one's bread is buttered** ⇒ KNOW. **take the bread out of sb's mouth** mi pumcawmnak laak hlo/siatsak.

▷ **breaded** *adj* suanding ih sangtiak phulhmi (sa, nga).

□ **bread and butter** /ˈbred n ˈbʌtə(r)/ **1** thawpat thuhmi sang (pawnghmuk) tleep. **2** (infml) pumcawmnak: *Acting is his bread and butter.*

○ *How does he earn his bread and butter?* ○ [attrib] *Jobs, pensions and housing are the bread-and-butter issues of politics, ie the basic ones.* **3** (idm) **a bread-and-butter letter** rawl do ruangih lungawi thusimnak cakuat.

bread-bin *n* sang (hmuk) kuang.

breadboard *n* sang (hmuk) tannak ih danmi thingtlep.

breadcrumbs *n* [pl] sang (pawnghmuk) tiak: *fish covered with breadcrumbs and then fried.*

bread-fruit /ˈbredfru:t/ *n* [C, U] thingthei phunkhat (a rah a hlum ih a sung a rang a sengmi) eiθa thingrah.

breadline /ˈbredlaɪn/ *n* **1** rawl hlu mi dong ih artlang ih dingtu pawl. **2** (idm) **on the breadline** farah zet: *We've been living on the breadline for weeks.*

breadth /bretθ/ *n* **1** [U, C] a kauh-lam: *a garden, room, river ten metres in breadth* ○ *pieces of material of different breadths.* **2** [U] a kauh dan (theihnak lam ah): *Her breadth of experience makes her ideal for the job.* **3** [U] kau deuh ih khawruahnak: *show breadth of mind, outlook, opinions, etc.* **4** (idm) **by a hair/a hair's breadth** ⇒ HAIR. **the length and breadth of sth** ⇒ LENGTH.

bread-winner /ˈbredwɪnə(r)/ *n* innsungsang cawmtu: *Mum's the bread-winner in our family.*

break¹ /breɪk/ *v* (pt **broke** /brəʊk/, pp **broken** /ˈbrəʊkən/) **1** **(a)** [I, Ipr] ~ **(in/into sth)** kiak, kuai, phel, cat: *The string broke.* ○ *Glass breaks easily.* ○ *The bag broke under the weight of the shopping inside it.* ○ *She dropped the plate and it broke into pieces.* **(b)** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in/into sth)** kiak, phel, kuai; cat: *break a cup, vase, window, etc* ○ *She fell off a ladder and broke her arm.* ○ *If you pull too hard you will break the rope.* ○ *He broke the bar of chocolate into two pieces.* **2**

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[I, Tn] a siat: *My watch is broken.* **3** [Tn] pem (vun): *The dog bit me but didn't break the skin.* **4** [Tn] thlun lo, pelh: *break the law, the rules, the conditions, etc* ○ *break an agreement, a contract, a promise, one's word, etc* ○ *break an appointment, ie fail to come to it* ○ *He was breaking the speed limit, ie traveling faster than the law allows.* **5** [I, Ip] ~ (off) cawl lawk; baang: *Let's break for tea.* **6** [Tn] (a) cemter, catter, dawnkham: *break sb's concentration* ○ *We broke our journey (to London) at Oxford, ie stopped in Oxford on the way to London.* ○ *a broken night's sleep, ie a night during which the sleeper keeps waking* ○ *He failed to break (his opponent's) service, ie to win a game (at tennis, etc) when his opponent was serving.* (b) electric tha cawltter. (c) kim loter: *break a set of books, china, etc, eg by giving away a part or parts of it.* (d) cemter: *She broke the silence by coughing.* (e) thazaang thawn cemter: *break a blockade/siege* ○ *The employers have not broken the dockers' strike.* **7** [I] thleng lohli: *The fine weather/The heatwave broke at last.* **8** [I] karlak a ong; a kiang: *The clouds broke and the sun came out.* **9** [I] (a) ra thleng: *Dawn/The day was breaking, ie Daylight was beginning.* Cf DAYBREAK (DAY). (b) thok hruak: *The storm broke.* (c) zapi theih a si: *There was a public outcry when the scandal broke.* **10** (a) [Tn] tha nauter, siatter: *break sb's morale, resistance, resolve, spirit, etc* ○ *The government is determined to break the power of the trade unions.* ○ *The scandal broke him, ie ruined his reputation and destroyed his self-confidence.* (b) [I] thakiam, thinnau: *Throughout the ordeal his spirit never broke.* ○ *He broke under questioning (ie was no longer able to endure it) and confessed to everything.* (c) [Tn] thinlung ciah neh: *The death of his wife broke him completely.* **11** [I] (a) aw a dim/aw a thleng: *Her voice broke as she told the dreadful news.* (b) aw pawr: *His voice broke when he was thirteen.* **12** [Tn] a neh, a lan: *break the Commonwealth/World/Olympic 100 metres record.* **13** [I] cricket bawlung a pet, leilung a khawng hnu ah. **14** [I] tisuar le ti let tho: *the sound of waves breaking on the beach* ○ *the sea was breaking over the wrecked ship.* **15** [Tn] a tican suahter thei: *break a code.* **16** (For idioms containing break, see entries for ns, adjs, etc, eg **break even** ⇒ EVEN¹; **break sb's heart** ⇒ HEART. **17** (phr v) **break away (from sb/sth)** (a) luat suak: *The prisoner broke away from his guards.* (b) pañi dangah tlan; suak: *Several Labour MPs broke away to join the Social Democrats.* ○ *A province has broken away to form a new state.* **break down** (a) cawl, cang nawn lo; a siat: *The telephone system has broken down.* ○ *We (ie Our car) broke down on the motorway.* (b) baang (tuahtsuak loin): *Negotiations between the two*

sides have broken down, remrelnak tuahtsuak loin an baang. ○ *If law and order break down, anarchy will result.* (c) besiat, tlaksiat: *Her health broke down under the pressure of work.* (d) thinsup thei nawn lo: *He broke down and wept when he heard the news.* **break (sth) down** (a) sutkhuai, sukuai: *Firemen had to break the door down to reach the people trapped inside.* (b) neh, siatsuah: *break down resistance, opposition, etc* ○ *break down sb's reserve, shyness, etc* ○ *How can we break down the barriers of fear and hostility which divide the two communities?* (c) rial dip; daat thleng aw: *Sugar and starch are broken down in the stomach.*

break sth from sth phel, hep: *He broke a piece of bread from the loaf.* **break in** thazang hman in innsung lut, boh: *Burglars had broken in while we were away on holiday.* **break sb/sth in** thu thlunter, zirh: *break in new recruits, a young horse.* **break in (on sth)** rak hnaihnik: *Please don't break in on our conversation.*

break into sth (a) thazaang maw ziang maw hman in, inn boh ih lut: *His house was broken into (eg by burglars) last week.* (b) phutphi (au, hni, hla sak): *As the President's car arrived, the crowd broke into loud applause.* (c) tirang deuh, kal rangter: *break into a trot/canter/gallop* ○ *The man broke into a run when he saw the police.* (d) tikcu cemter, hmanthelh: *All this extra work I'm doing is breaking into my leisure time.* (e) paisa nawi thleng nakah thil man olte lei: *I can't pay the 50p I owe you without breaking into a £5 note.* (f) (uimi, bukkhum) suah in hman: *break into emergency supplies of food.* **break off** tong baang hruak: *He broke off in the middle of a sentence.*

break (sth) off then; phel (hmun hnih thum ah): *The door handle has broken off.* ○ *She broke off a piece of chocolate and gave it to me.* **break sth off** cemter, netter: *break off diplomatic relations (with a country)* ○ *They've broken off their engagement/broken it off.*

break out thil a cang, a suak: *Fire broke out during the night.* ○ *Rioting broke out between rival groups of fans.* ○ *War broke out in 1939.* Cf OUTBREAK. **break out (of sth)** thazaang hman in (boh) ih suak: *Several prisoners broke out of the jail.* Cf BREAK-OUT. **break out in sth** (a) a khat, a khuh theh: *His face broke out in a rash.* ○ *He broke out in a cold sweat, eg through fear.* (b) thin aithok: *She broke out in a rage.*

break through thilthar tongsuak: *Scientists say they are beginning to break through in the fight against cancer.* **break through (sth)** (a) thazaang suah ih suak, pah: *Demonstrators broke through the police cordon.* (b) a pawt (mero lakin): *The sun broke through at last in the afternoon.* **break through sth** neh, suup thei: *break through sb's reserve, shyness, etc.*

break up (a) ðhek aw ðheh, ðiak: *The meeting broke up at eleven o'clock.* (b) (Brit) tlawngkai cawl lawk, pit: *When do you break up for Christmas?* (c) thazaang cem, cau: *He was breaking up under the strain.* (d) cem (nikhua ðha): *The weather shows signs of breaking up.* **break (sth) up** (a) a fate te ah deng kuai ðheh, at ðheh: *The ship broke up on the rocks.* ○ *The shop was broken up for scrap metal.* (b) cem, maak aw, ðhen aw: *Their marriage is breaking up.* ○ *They decided to break up the partnership.* **break sth up** (a) dawi hlo ðheh: *Police were called in to break up the meeting.* (b) ðhen ðheek ðheh: *Sentences can be broken up into clauses.* ○ *The government has broken up the large private estates.* **break up (with sb)** pawlkommak phiat: *She's just broken up with her boyfriend.*

break with sb ðhen aw, pawl nawnlo: *break with one's girlfriend.* **break with sth** hmang nawn lo, thluun lo: *break with tradition, old habits, the past, etc.*

▷ **breakable** /breikəbl/ *adj* kuai-ol.

breakables *n* [pl] kuai ðhei.

□ **breakaway** *n* pawl ðhen pawl: *a breakaway from the Tory party* ○ [attrib] *a breakaway group on the left of the Labour party.*

break-dancing *n* [U] laamdan phunkhat (midum mino pawl hlawptlo zet ih laammi).

break-in *n* inn boh: *Police are investigating a break-in at the bank.*

break-out *n* thawng inn ihsin ziangmaw hmang ih suak: *a mass break-out of prisoners.*

breakthrough *n* 1 ral kaksam nehna. 2 thilthar ton: *a major breakthrough in cancer research* ○ *a breakthrough in negotiations.*

breakup *n* cemnak, maak-awk, ðhen-awk: *The breakup of their marriage shocked their friends.*

break² /breik/ *n* 1 ~ (in sth) (a) ongkua (tuah mi): *a break in a fence, wall, water-pipe.* (b) a lawngnak, hmunlawng: *a break in the clouds, ie where blue sky is visible* ○ *Wait for a break in the traffic before crossing the road.* 2 (a) cawlhnak, caan khat le caan khat karlak cawlhnak: *morning break, eg between lessons at school* ○ *lunch-break, eg in an office, school or factory* ○ *have/take an hour's break for lunch* ○ *work for five hours without a break* ○ *a break in a conversation.* (b) zungpit tlawngpit, hnañuan pit: *a weekend break in the country.* 3 ~ (in sth); ~ (with sb/sth) (a) cawlh-lawknak, thlengaw hruaknak: *a break in a child's education* ○ *a break in the weather, ie a change from bad to good weather* ○ *a break with tradition, ie a significant change from what is accepted in art, behaviour, morals, etc.* (b) rualpi sinak hlon-awk; ram khat le ram khat pawl-awknak cemternak: *a break in diplomatic relations* ○ *She's been depressed since the break with her boyfriend.* 4 (informal) bawngvan: *a big/lucky break*

○ *a bad break, ie piece of bad luck* ○ *give sb a break, ie a chance to show his ability.* 5 cricket bawlung fehnak thleng: *an off-/leg-break, ie a ball that spins to the right/left on bouncing.* 6 (also **break of service, service break**) tennis leh le bawlung thawi thawh tiki a thoktu rak neh: *Smith has had two breaks already in this set.* ○ [attrib] *break point, eg when the score is 30-40.* 7 billiard lek ah a lektu ih neh zom vivo mi hmat: *a break of 52.* 8 (idm) **break of day** khuawvanzawng: *at break of day.* **make a break (for it)** suak (thawng inn ihsin).

NOTE ON USAGE: **Break** applies especially to a rest during the working day or at school: *a lunch, coffee break* ○ *the mid-morning break* ○ *10 minutes' break.* It also covers the meanings of several other words. **A pause** is usually short and often applied to speech: *a pause for breath* ○ *a pause/break in the conversation.* **Recess** is the scheduled holiday of Parliament, and in US English it is also the break between school classes. An **interval** in British English is the break between the parts of a play, etc: *We had a quick drink in the interval.* This is also called an **intermission**, especially in US English. An **interlude** may be an interval or a short event during a longer activity, often contrasting with it: *Her time in Paris was a happy interlude in a difficult career.* **A rest** does not indicate a definite length of time, but suggests a necessary period of relaxation after an activity: *You look tired. You need a good rest.*

breakage /breikidz/ *n* 1 [C, U] a kuai: *a parcel carefully packed to prevent breakage.* 2 [C] thil kuai. 3 [C usu pl] kuaimi thil: *The hotel allows £300 a year for breakages, ie for the cost of replacing broken dishes, etc.*

breakdown /breikdaun/ *n* 1 cet siat: *Our car/We had a breakdown on the motorway.* 2 tluanlonak; cemnak: *a breakdown of negotiations on disarmament.* 3 duainak: *The strain of his job led to the complete breakdown of his health.* ○ *She suffered a nervous breakdown.* 4 a phunphun ah ðhen: *a breakdown of expenditure.*

breaker /breikə(r)/ *n* 1 tilet tuumpi. 2 thil siatbaltu, khuaitu, pahbaltu: *a ship-breaker* ○ *a law-breaker* ○ *a record-breaker.*

breakfast /brekfəst/ *n* [C, U] 1 thawhhlam (zing ih ei hmaisai bik mi rawl): *a light/big/hearty breakfast* ○ *have bacon and eggs for breakfast* ○ *They were having breakfast when I arrived.* ○ *She doesn't eat much breakfast.* 2 (idm) **bed and breakfast** ⇒ BED¹, **a dog's breakfast/dinner** ⇒ DOG¹. **eat sb for breakfast** ⇒ EAT.

▷ **breakfast** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) thawhhlam ei: *We breakfasted on toast and coffee.*

breakneck /breiknek/ *adj* [attrib] thlaringza ih

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zamrang; tihnungza ih khulrang: *drive, ride, travel, etc at breakneck speed.*

breakwater /breiknek/ *n* tilet khamtu cangdaw phar.

bream /bri:m/ *n* (pl unchange) **1** ti-al-lo sungih um nga. **2** (also **sea-bream**) ti-al ih um nga phunkhat.

breast /brest/ *n* **1** [C] nunau hnawi, pawhte: *a baby at the breast* ○ *cancer of the breast* ○ *The breasts swell during pregnancy.* **2** [C] (**a**) (rhet) taang (milai ih taang): *clasp/hold sb to one's breast.* (**b**) kor ih taang: *a soldier with medals pinned to the breast of his coat.* **3** [C, U] a taang sa, a thial tit: *chicken breasts* ○ *breast of lamb.* **4** (dated) thinlung (thin pemnak): *a troubled breast.* **5** (idm) **beat one's breast** ⇒ BEAR¹. **make a clean breast of sth** ⇒ CLEAN¹.

▷ **breast** *v* [Tn] **1** (**a**) taang thawn dai: *The runner breasted the tape, ie to win a race.* (**b**) hmaiton, hmaihoih: *breasting the waves.* **2** thil a saannak bik thleng: *breast a bill/rise.*

□ **breastbone** (also **sternum**) *n* taang/awm ruhpi (hnakruh khatlam le khatlam karlak ih a tung zawngih ummi).

breast-feed *v* (pt, pp **breast-fed**) [Tn] hnawi fawh: *Were her children breast-fed or bottle-fed.*

breast-high *adj, adv* taang can: *The wheat was/ stood breast-high.*

breastplate *n* taangphaw; taang khamtu phaw.

breast pocket kor taangzal.

breast-stroke *n* [sing] bok tileuh: *do (the) breast-stroke.*

breastwork *n* kahsam niam.

breath /breθ/ *n* **1** (**a**) [U] (also *infml* **puff**) thaw (cuap ih suahmi le hawpmi thli): *You can see people's breath on a cold day.* ○ *His breath smelt of garlic.* (**b**) [C] thaw thawt: *take a deep breath, ie fill the lung with air.* **2 ~ of sth** [sing] thlizuan neemte: *There wasn't a breath of air/wind.* **3 ~ of sth** [sing] (fig) biathli: *a breath of scandal* ○ *the first breath of spring.* **4** (idm) **a breath of fresh air** (**a**) thli thiag. (**b**) mi ih hmarngaimi, mi lungawitertu: *Her smile is a breath of fresh air in this gloomy office.* **the breath of life (to/for sb)** a tulsam rorimi: *religion is the breath of life to/for her.* **catch one's breath** ⇒ CATCH¹. **draw breath** ⇒ DRAW². **draw one's first/last breath** ⇒ DRAW². **get one's breath (again/back)** thawthawt kelih thaw sal: *It took us a few minutes to get our breath back after the race.* **hold one's breath** thawthaw loih um: *How long can you hold your breath for?* ○ *The audience held its/their breath as the acrobat walked along the tightrope.* **in the same breath** ⇒ SAME. **lose one's breath** ⇒ LOSE. **one's last/dying breath** thaw netnak, thi zik. (**be**) **out of/short of breath** thawthawt rang, thli khop lo: *His heart condition makes him short of breath.* **save one's breath** ⇒ SAVE¹. **say sth, speak, etc under one's breath** dimte'n tɔng,

sim. **waste one's breath** ⇒ WASTE². **with bated breath** ⇒ BATED.

▷ **breathy** *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) aw pit nawn aw; thawthawt awn a pawt mi aw.

□ **breath test** mawtauka mawngtu zu-in zat tahnak thil.

breathalyse /'breθəlaɪz/ *v* zu a in maw ti thawthawt tah.

▷ **breathalyser** *n* (Brit) (US **breathalyzer, drunkometer**) zu ziangzat a in ti thaw tahnak fung (mawtauk mawng pawl tah nakah palik ih hmanmi).

breathe /bri:ð/ *v* **1** [I] thaw thawt: *People breathe more slowly when they are asleep.* ○ *She's still breathing, ie still alive.* ○ *He was breathing hard/heavily after racing for the train.* **2** [Ip, Tn, Tn.p] ~ **in/out**; ~ **sth (in/out)** thaw suah, thaw hawp: *The doctor told me to breathe in and then breathe out (again) slowly.* ○ *It's good to breathe (in) fresh country air instead of city smoke.* **3** [Tn] diim te'n thu sim: *breathe loving words in sb's ear* ○ *breathe a threat.* **4** khahter: *The team breathed confidence before the match.* **5** (idm) (**be able to**) **breathe (easily/freely) again** thaw a suak (thin nuam): *Now my debts are paid I can breathe again.* **breathe down sb's neck** (*infml*) naihtuk; man zikte (tlaanzuam ah): *I can't concentrate with you breathing down my neck.* (**not**) **breathe a word (of/about sth) (to sb)** (thuthup) sim: *Promise me you won't breathe a word of this to anyone.* **breathe one's last** thi, thaw cem, hnuk cat. **6** (phr *v*) **breathe sth into sb/sth** thil ziangmaw thar (ruahnak thar tivek) thun sak: *The new manager has breathed fresh life into (ie revitalized) the company.*

▷ **breathing** *n* [U] thawthawt: *heavy breathing* ○ [attrib] *breathing apparatus.*

breathing-space *n* [C, U] thawthawt caan, cawlh caan: *The summer holidays gave us a welcome breathing-space.*

breather /'bri:ðə(r)/ *n* (*infml*) **1** malte sung cawlh caan: *take/have a breather.* **2** khawheng lam feh tikcu: *I must go out for a quick breather.*

breathless /breθlis/ *adj* **1** (**a**) thawthawt rang, thawthawt har: *breathless after running up the stairs* ○ *Heavy smoking makes him breathless.* (**b**) baangthei zet, thaw hman thaw thei lo: *breathless haste/hurry/pace/speed.* **2** (**a**) [pred] thawthawt cawl lawk (tih tuk ah); thaw hman thaw ngam lo: *breathless with terror, wonder, amazement, etc.* (**b**) [attrib] thin baang zet: *a breathless hush in the concert hall.* **3** thli zuanglo, thli dai: *a breathless calm.*

▷ **breathlessly** *adv.* **breathlessness** *n* [U].

breathtaking /breθteɪkɪŋ/ *adj* mi a hiip zetmi; mi thinlung a thoter theimi: *a breathtaking view, mountain-range, waterfall* ○ *Her beauty was breathtaking.*

▷ **breathtakingly** *adv.*

bred *pt, pp* of BREED.

breech /brɪtʃ/ *n* ziandawng hrolh hmun meithal pian ih a hram: *a breech-loading gun*. Cf MUZZLE 2.

□ **breech birth** (naute) ke lam suak hmaisai, letsuak.

breech-block *n* meithal pian a hram dantu thir sah.

breeches /brɪtʃɪz/ *n* [pl] 1 khuk tang lamzawn ih tɛmɛipmi rang to-nak bawngbi: *a pair of (knee-) breeches* ○ *riding breeches*. 2 (joc) bawngbi sau. □ **breeches-bouy** /bɪrtʃɪz bɔɪ/ tipi sungih tlami milai runsuahnak thuamhnaw (tangphawlawng le leilung karlak, lole, tangphawlawng le pakhat karlak ih sihmi hri parah a tluan ih thulmi raba kual pawl le an par ih retmi bawngbi pawl).

breed /brɪd/ *v* (*pt, pp bred* /brɛd/) 1 [I] faa hring (ramsa hrangih hmanmi tɔng): *How often do lions breed?* 2 [Tn] zua, sumhnam zua: *breed cattle, dogs, horses, etc.* 3 [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (as **sth**) cawmdawl: *a well-bred child* ○ *Spartan youths were bred as warriors*. 4 [Tn] suakter: *Dirt breeds disease*. ○ *Unemployment breeds social unrest*. 5 (idm) **born and bred** ⇒ BORN. **familiarity breeds contempt** ⇒ FAMILIARITY.

▷ **breed** *n* 1 cithlah; hrilcemi hnam/phun: *a breed of cattle, sheep, etc* ○ *What breed is your dog?* 2 phun, pawl: *a new breed of politician*.

breeder *n* zuattu, sumhnam zuattu.

breeder reactor a sungih thunmi hnakin tamdeuh a suahter theitu *nuclear reactor*.

breeding *n* [U] 1 faa-hring (sumhnam): [attrib] *the breeding season*. 2 faa hringtu dingih zuat: *the breeding of horse*. 3 thu zirh, nuncan zirhnak: *a man of good breeding*.

breeding-ground *n* 1 faa hrinhmun; ramsa pawl faa hring dingih an fehnak hmun: *Some birds fly south to find good breeding-grounds*. 2 (fig) suahhmun (thil tha lo): *Damp, dirty houses are a breeding ground for disease*.

breeze /brɪz/ *n* 1 [C, U] zilthli; thli nem: *a sea breeze* ○ *A gentle breeze was blowing*. ○ *There's not much breeze today*. 2 [sing] (infml esp US) thiam ol thil: *Some people think learning to drive is a breeze*. 3 [C] (Brit infml) awn-au celcel ih to-aw. 4 (idm) **shoot the breeze** ⇒ SHOOT¹.

▷ **breeze** *v* (phr v) **breeze along, in, out, etc** (infml) feh hluahhlo; ti hluahhlo: *Look who's just breezed in!* ○ *He breezes through life, never worrying about anything*.

breezy *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 (a) thli tam deuh; thli hrang deuh: *a breezy day* ○ *breezy weather*. (b) thli ngahmi, thli lampi ih um: *a breezy corner, beach, hillside*. 2 sopar zet, thengvar zet: *You're very bright and breezy today!* **breezily** /brɪzɪli/ *adv*. **breeziness** /brɪzɪnis/ *n* [U].

□ **breezeway** *n* (US) taih innpi pahnih karlak lamzin.

breeze-block /brɪz blɒk/ (Brit) *n* taih inn tumpi.

brethren /brɛðrən/ *n* [pl] unau pawl (*arch* except when used of or by certain religious groups) zumtu pawl (biaknak) khuahlan tɔng, *brothers*, tican a si.

breve /brɪv/ *n* (*music*) tanbo (*staff notation*) a man (*value*) a saulam a si ih *semibreve* pahnih kom thawn a saunak an bangrep.

breviary /brɪviəri; US -ieri/ *n* Roman Catholic siangbawi hman mi nitin thlacam ding nganmi cabu.

brevity /brɛvəti/ *n* [U] 1 santawi dan, caantawi dan: *the brevity of Mozart's life*. 2 tawi famkim: *He is famous for the brevity of his speeches*.

brew /bru:/ *v* 1 [Tn] zu tuah, zu suang: *He brews his own beer at home*. 2 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (up) soh (laphak, khawfi): *We brewed (up) a nice pot of tea*. (b) [I] so rero: *There's (a pot of) tea brewing in the kitchen*. 3 (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) thil tha lo timtuah: *Those boys are brewing mischief*. ○ *brew (up) a wicked plot*. (b) [I] (a nuam lomi thil) a thok, a cang zik; a tɕhang: *A storm is brewing* ○ *Trouble is brewing in the trade unions*. ○ *In 1938 war was brewing in Europe*. 4 (phr v) **brew up** (infml) laphak ti tuah: *campers brewing up outside their tents*.

▷ **brew** *n* 1 (a) suan/tuah mi zu, laphak, khawfi: *home brew*, ie beer made at home ○ *what's your favourite brew (of beer)?* ○ *We'll need more than one brew (eg of tea) for twenty people*. (b) soh mi ih asinak: *I like a good strong brew*. 2 (fig) a cokrawi mi: *The film is a rich brew of adventure, sex and comedy*.

brewer *n* beer zu tuattu.

brewery /brʊəri/ *n* beer zu tuahnak inn. Cf DISTILLERY (DISTILLER).

□ **brew-up** *n* (Brit infml) laphak ti soh: *We always have a brew-up at 11 o'clock*.

briar = BRIER.

bribe /braɪb/ *n* nawhthuh, ziknawh: *take/accept bribes* ○ *The policeman was offered/given a bribe of £500 to keep his mouth shut*.

▷ **bribe** *v* 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ **sb** (with **sth**) nawhthuh pek, tangka thap: *attempt to bribe a jury with offers of money* ○ *One of the witnesses was bribed to give false evidence*. (b) [I] nawhthuh pe. 2 (idm) **bribe one's way into/out of sth, past sb, etc** nawhthuh pekih thil tuah suak: *He bribed his way past the guard and escaped*. 3 (phr v) **bribe sb into doing sth** nawhthuh pek in thil tuahter. **briable** *adj* nawhthuh pek theih, nawhthuh theih. **bribery** /brɪbəri/ *n* [U] nawh-thuh pek le lak: *accuse/convict sb of bribery*.

bric-à-brac /brɪkəbræk/ *n* [U] khuahlan thil tuktak, hngawng orh le kut ke hruk pawl: *She collects bric-à-brac*.

brick /brɪk/ *n* 1 [C, U] tlakrawh; phahlei, phahlei vek thil: *a pile of bricks* ○ *houses built/made of*

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red brick ◦ [attrib] *a brick wall*. **2** [C] nauhak lehnak thingtan pawl. **3** [C] phahlei pian nei thil. **4** [C] (*Brit infml*) *mi thinlung fel, mi siang, thil pek siang: She's been a real brick, looking after me while I've been ill*. **5** (idm) **bang, etc one's head against a brick wall** ⇒ **HEAD**¹. **drop a brick/clanger** ⇒ **DROP**². **like a cat on hot bricks** ⇒ **CAT**¹. **like a ton of bricks** ⇒ **TON**. **make bricks without straw** tangka, thilri le thuhla kim loi thil tuah.

▷ **brick v** (phr v) **brick sth in/up** tlakrawh in phit: *brick up a window/doorway/fireplace to prevent draughts*.

□ **brickbat n** 1 phahlei khal. **2** (*fig infml*) tong sia: *The Minister's speech was greeted with brickbats*.

bricklayer [C], **bricklaying** [U] ns tlakrawh dawthiam, phahlei dawl thiam, *payan saya*.

brickwork n [U] **1** phahlei dawlmi: *The brickwork in this house is in need of repair*. **2** phahlei thawn sak: *Are you any good at brickwork?*

brickyard n phahlei rawh hmun.

bridal /brɪdl/ *adj* [attrib] mo, lole, mopuai lam: *the bridal party*, ie the bride and her attendants and close friends ◦ *a bridal suite*, ie a suite of rooms in hotel for a newly married couple.

bride /braɪd/ *n* mo, mothar, pasal nei pek nunau.

bride-groom /braɪdgruːm/, also -gruːm/ (*also groom*) *n* mo neitu; nupi thitu tlangval: *Let's drink (a toast) to the bride and bridegroom!*

bridesmaid /brɪdzmeɪd/ *n* mo rual; thit-um tikih mo dinpitu fala/nunau. Cf **BEST MAN** (**BEST**¹).

bridge¹ /brɪdʒ/ *n* **1** lilawn; hlei: *a bridge across the stream* ◦ *a railway bridge*, ie one for a railway across a river, etc. **2** (*fig*) thil pehkaitu: *Cultural exchanges are a way of building bridges between nations*. **3** lawng hotu umnak thingkhan saang. **4** (a) hnarruh. (b) hnarruh run namtu mitkharh doh. **5** *violin* tingtang parih a hri pali pawl dohnak thingtan fate. **6** ha deu pawl pomtu thir kilh. **7** (idm) **a lot of/much water has flowed, etc under the bridge** ⇒ **WATER**¹. **burn one's boats/bridges** ⇒ **BURN**². **cross one's bridges when one comes to them** ⇒ **CROSS**². **water under the bridge** ⇒ **WATER**¹.

▷ **bridge v** **1** [Tn] hlei don; lilawn don: *bridge a river, canal, ravine, etc*. **2** (idm) **bridge a/the gap** (a) a lawngmi khahter, silhkhat: *bridge a gap in the conversation* ◦ *A snack in the afternoon bridges the gap between lunch and supper*. (b) ciip, tawiter, malter: *How can we bridge the gap between rich and poor?*

□ **bridgehead n** (a bik in tiva ral ih um) ral hnen ihsin lonmi hmunram. Cf **BEACH-HEAD** (**BEACH**).

bridging loan inn lei tik le inn zuar sal tik karlak sung (a bik in bank ihsin) cawihmi tangka.

bridge² /brɪdʒ/ *n* [U] phe lehdaun phun khat.

bridle /brɪdl/ *n* rang kakharh le a hmun temnak

savun hri pawl.

▷ **bridle v** **1** [Tn] rang ka kharh sak. **2** [Tn] (*fig*) uk, khawng, suup: *bridle one's emotions/passions/temper/rage* ◦ *bridle one's tongue*, ie be careful what one says. Cf **UNBRIDLED**. **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) thin hennak langter: *He bridled (with anger) at her offensive remarks*.

□ **bridle-path** (also **bridle-way**) *n* rangtonak tha lamzin.

Brie /briː/ *n* [U] French cawhnaawikhal phunkhat.

brief¹ /briːf/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) malte sung; tawite: *a brief conversation, discussion, meeting, visit, delay* ◦ *Mozart's life was brief*. (b) tawite ih tongmi/nganmi: *a brief account, report, description, etc of the accident* ◦ *Please be brief*, ie say what you want to say quickly. **2** thil thuam tawite (zahmawh khuh fangfang): *a brief bikini*. **3** (idm) **in brief** a tawinak in: *In brief, your work is bad*.

▷ **briefly adv** **1** a tawizawng in; a tawinak in: *He paused briefly before continuing*. **2** a tawizawng in: *Briefly, you're fired!*

brief² /briːf/ *n* **1** (a) sih-ni hrang ih nganmi thuhla tawite. (b) sih-ni hnenih simmi thu (upadi lam): *Will you accept this brief?* **2** thu pakhat khat, hnaŋuan pakhat khat tiding dan simmi: *stick to one's brief*, ie only do what one is required to do ◦ *It's not part of my brief to train new employees*. **3** (idm) **hold no brief for (sb/sth)** bawm duh lo, lungkim lo: *I hold no brief for those who say that violence can be justified*.

▷ **brief v** **1** [Tn, Tnt] thuhla a tawizawng in sim: *The company has briefed a top lawyer to defend it*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (on sth)** thuhla kimte'n rak simcia: *The Prime Minister was fully briefed before the meeting*. ◦ *The Air Commodore briefed the bomber crew on their dangerous mission*. Cf **DEBRIEF**. **briefing** [C, U] thuhla le tuah dingmi simcianak, a hleicein, raldo hlanah: *receive (a) thorough briefing* ◦ [attrib] *a briefing session*.

briefcase /brɪːfkeɪs/ *n* zung ca phurhnak savun/ plastic dip peer/pheeng.

briefs /briːfs/ *n* [pl] a teet zet mi sunghruuk bawngbi: *a new pair of briefs*.

brier (also **briar**) /braɪə(r)/ *n* **1** hramlak rose pangpar. **2** kuakcawng tuahnak ih hmanmi thing phunkhat. **3** cuh thing thawih tuahmi, kuakcawng.

brig /brɪɡ/ *n* **1** puanzarnak thuam pahnih nei lawng phunkhat. **2** (US) ralkap lawng sungih thawnginn.

Brig abbr Brigadier: *Brig (John) West*.

brigade /brɪˈɡeɪd/ *n* **1** ralkap bu (batalion pathum). **2** thil tumtah nei milai pawlkam: *the fire brigade* ◦ (*joc*) *He's joined the bowler-hatted brigade working in the City*.

▷ **brigadier** /brɪɡəˈdɪə(r)/ *n* buhmuchuk; colonel hnakihsang sang deuh, ralbawi.

brigand /'brɪɡənd/ *n* (dated) lamlak ihsin mi bawh hmanng fifir, suamhmanng (damiah).

brigantine /'brɪɡənti:n/ *n* puanzar lawng phunkhat.

bright /braɪt/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a tleu: *bright sunshine* ○ *bright eyes* ○ *Tomorrow's weather will be cloudy with bright periods.* **2** a tleumi (pianzia): *a bright blue dress* ○ *The leaves on the trees are bright green in spring.* **3** ruahsan dingmi: *a child with a bright future* ○ *Prospects for the coming year look bright.* **4** lungawi soparmi: *She has a bright personality.* **5** a thami, a fimmi: *a bright idea/suggestion* ○ *He is the brightest (child) in the class.* **6** (idm) (**be/get up**) **bright and early** zing thlapit in: *You're (up) bright and early today!* (**as**) **bright as a button** thiam zet, fim zet. **the bright lights** khualipi nun: *He grew up in the country, but then found he preferred the bright lights.* **a bright spark** (infml often ironic) thatho le thluaknei, mi caṭak: *Some bright spark has left the tap running all night.* **look on the bright side** harsatnak sung ihsin a thātnak lamkam zoh le thlir.

▷ **bright** *adv* tleu zet in: *The stars were shining bright.*

brighten /'braɪtn/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (**up**) tleuter; lungawiter: *The sky/weather is brightening* ○ *He brightened (up) when he heard the good news.* ○ *Flowers brighten (up) a room.*

brightly *adv* tleu zet in: *a brightly lit room* ○ *brightly coloured curtains.*

brightness *n* [U], tleunak.

brill /brɪl/ *n* ngavang phun, nga.

brilliant /'brɪliənt/ *adj* **1** a tleu zet mi: *brilliant sunshine* ○ *a brilliant diamond* ○ *a sky of brilliant blue.* **2** (a) a fimthiam zetmi; a nasa zetmi: *a brilliant scientist, musician, footballer, etc* ○ *She has a brilliant mind.* (b) a hleice: *a brilliant achievement, exploit, career, performance, etc* ○ *The play was a brilliant success.*

▷ **brilliance** /'brɪliəns/, **brilliance** /'brɪliəns/ *ns* [U]. **brilliantly** *adv*.

brilliantine /'brɪliənti:n/ *n* [U] sam tleutertu hriak, sam sii.

brim /brɪm/ *n* **1** pakan, khuathai vek pawlih a tlang: *full to the brim.* **2** lukhuh ih a tlang.

▷ **brim** *v* (-mm-) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) a tlang tiang a khat: *a mug brimming with coffee* ○ *eyes brimming with tears* ○ (fig) *The team were brimming with confidence before the match.* **2** (phr v) **brim over (with sth)** a tlang a liam: *a glass brimming over with water* ○ (fig) *brim over with excitement, happiness, joy, etc.*

-brimmed (forming compound adjs) compound adjs ih hman a si, tlang nei, hliap nei vek ah: *a broad-/wide-/floppy-brimmed hat.*

brimful (also **brimfull**) /'brɪm'fʊl/ *adj* [pred] ~ (**of/with sth**) a khat zet (a liam zik tiangin): *The*

basin was brim-full (of water). ○ (fig) *Our new manager is brimful of energy.*

brimstone /'brɪmstəʊn/ *n* [U] (arch) **1** kaat (sulphur). **2** (idm) **fire and brimstone** ⇒ FIRE¹.

brindled /'brɪndld/ *adj* a pawldup ih a nganṭialmi (caw, uico, zawhte).

brine /braɪn/ *n* [U] **1** tidai al: *herrings pickled in brine.* **2** tipi tidai.

▷ **briny** *adj* ti-al. **the briny** *n* [sing] (dated joc) tipi: *take a dip in the briny.*

bring /brɪŋ/ *v* (pt, pp **brought** /brɔ:t/) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (with one)**; ~ **sth (for sb)** rak keng: *He always brings a bottle of wine (with him) when he comes to dinner.* ○ *She brought her boyfriend to the party.* ○ *The secretary brought him into the room/brought him in.* ○ (fig) *The team's new manager brings ten years' experience to the job.* ○ *Take this empty box away and bring me a full one.* ○ *Bring me a glass of water/Bring a glass of water for me.* **2** (a) suakter; suahter: *These pills bring relief from pain.* ○ *Spring brings warm weather and flowers.* ○ *The revolution brought many changes.* ○ *The sad news brought tears to his eyes, ie made him cry.* (b) [Tn, Dn-n] hlawh: *His writing brings him £10 000 a year.* ○ *Her great wealth brought her no happiness.* **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth to sth** thlenter: *His incompetence has brought the company to the brink of bankruptcy.* **4** [Cn-g] hmun le hma ah thlenter: *The full-back brought him crashing to the ground, ie caused him to fall heavily.* ○ *Her cries brought the neighbours running, ie caused them to come running to her.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (against sb)** thuṭhentu zungah thlenpi: *bring a charge/a legal action/an accusation against sb.* **6** [Cn-t] ṭulter; sim ṭul; tuah ṭulter: *She could not bring herself to tell him the tragic news.* **7** (used with *to* or *into* in many expressions to show that sb/sth is caused to reach the state or condition indicated by the *n*, eg *Her intervention brought the meeting to a close, ie ended the meeting; The mild weather will bring the trees into blossom, ie cause the trees to blossom; for similar expressions, see entry for ns eg bring sth to an end* ⇒ END) **8** (For idioms containing **bring**, see entries for *ns*, *adjs*, etc, eg **bring sb to book** ⇒ BOOK¹; **bring sth to light** ⇒ LIGHT¹. **9** (phr v) **bring sth about** (a) (nautical) fehnak ding zawn thleng: *The helmsman brought us about.* (b) suakter, cangter: *bring about reforms, a war, sb's ruin* ○ *The liberals wish to bring about changes in the electoral system.* ⇒ Usage at CAUSE.

bring sb/sth back (a) khirh sal, pek sal: *Please bring back the book tomorrow.* ○ *He brought me back (ie gave me a lift home) in his car.* **bring sth back** (a) umter sal, tuah sal: *MPs voted against bringing back the death penalty.* (b) cing sal, mang sal: *The old photograph brought back many memories.* **bring sb back sth** suum, tluṇpi:

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If you're going to the shops, could you bring me back some cigarettes? **bring sb back to sth** a hlan vekih umter sal: A week by the sea brought her back to health.

bring sb/sth before sb reelkhawm dingah suahpi: The matter will be brought before the committee. ○ He was brought before the court and found guilty.

bring sb down (a) rilbahter: He was brought down in the penalty area. **(b)** rugby leh tikah mi dirthla. **(c)** mi sungter, hlon: The scandal may bring down the government. **bring sth down (a)** vanzamleng tlakter, kap thlak: bring down an enemy fighter. **(b)** tūmter (vanzam): The pilot brought his crippled plane down in a field. **(c)** —kap that: He aimed, fired and brought down the antelope. **(d)** man thum: bring down prices, the rate of inflation, the cost of living, etc. **(e)** (mathematics) nambat pakhat hmunkhat in nambat dang ah thawn.

bring sth forth (fml) suah: Trees bring forth fruit. **bring sth forward (a)** a caan tuan ah thin: The meeting has been brought forward from 10 May to 3 May. **(b)** (tangka cazin ah) hmai khat ih zatekom ngah mi khi hmai dangah ngankhum sal: A credit balance of £50 was brought forward from his September account. **(c)** rel dingah suahpi: Please bring the matter forward at the next meeting.

bring sb in (a) palik zungah hruai; kai: Two suspicious characters were brought in. **(b)** bawmtu ih ko: Experts were brought in to advise the Government. **bring sth in (a)** rawl khawm: bring in a good harvest. **(b)** upadi ah tuah dingin thu suahpi: bring in a bill to improve road safety. **(c)** thuthennak siar: The jury brought in a verdict of guilty. **bring (sb) in sth** a hlawk ngah, tūan man ngah: His freelance work brings (him) in £5000 a year. ○ He does odd jobs that bring him in about £30 a week. **bring sb in (on sth)** telh ve, ron ve: Local residents were angry at not being brought in on (ie not being consulted about) the new housing scheme.

bring sb off lawng siatmi ihsin lawng dangah thiar, ruun: The passengers and crew were brought off by the Dover lifeboat. **bring sth off (infml)** ti suak thei; hlawhtling: The goalkeeper brought off a superb save. ○ It was a difficult task, but we brought it off. **bring sb on** thangso dingih bawm: The coach is bringing on some promising youngsters in the reserve team. **bring sth on (a)** ngahter, cangter: He was out in the rain all day and this brought on a bad cold. ○ nervous tension brought on by overwork. **(b)** rawlkung pawl thangter: The hot weather is bringing the wheat on nicely. **bring sth on oneself/sb** thlenter: you have brought shame and disgrace on yourself and your family.

bring sb out (a) ngolter: The shop-stewards

brought out the miners. **(b)** ningzah hmaisongnak hloter: She's nice — but needs a lot of bringing out. **bring sth out (a)** hung suakter, khoter: The sunshine will bring out the blossom. **(b)** suah (cabu, thilri): The company is bringing out a new sports car. ○ bring out sb's latest novel ○ New personal computers are brought out almost daily. **(c)** fiangter: The enlargement brings out the details in the photograph. **(d)** a tican fiangter: bring out the meaning of a poem. **(e)** sinak pumpak parah langer: A crisis brings out the best in her. **bring sb out in sth** mi pakhat thil pakhat thawih khatter: The heat brought him out in a rash.

bring sb over (to...) inn ah hruai: Next summer he hopes to bring his family over from the States. **bring sb over (to sth)** thinlung put dan thlengter: bring sb over to one's cause.

bring sb round lungfimiter sal (lungmitmi): Three women fainted in the heat but were quickly brought round with brandy. **bring sth round (nautical)** lawng khi dung lamah her kirter. **bring sb round/around (to...)** innah rak hruai: Do bring your wife round one evening; we'd love to meet her. **bring sb round (to sth)** thin thlengter: He wasn't keen on the plan, but we managed to bring him round. **bring sth round to sth** thuhla pakhat lawng ruatter: He brought the discussion round to football.

bring sb through bawm, runsuak, damter: He was very ill, but the doctors brought him through. **bring sb to** = BRING SB ROUND. **bring sth to (nautical)** lawng cawlder.

bring A and B together to-aw mi remter saal: The loss of their son brought the parents together. **bring sb under** neh, uk: The rebels were quickly brought under. **bring sth under sth** pawlkhat sungah telh ve: The points to be discussed can be brought under three main headings.

bring sb up (a) cawmdawl: She brought up five children. ○ Her parents died when she was a baby and she was brought up by her aunt. ○ a well-/badly-brought up child ○ He was brought up to (ie taught as a child to) respect authority. Cf UPBRINGING. **(b)** (law) thuthennak zungah ratter: He was brought up on a charge of drunken driving. **(c)** cawlder hruak, baangter hruak: His remark brought me up short/sharp/with a jerk. **bring sb/sth up** ral do-awknak ah ralkap le ral hriamhrei pawl kuat: We need to bring up more tanks. **bring sth up (a)** luak: bring up one's lunch. **(b)** thu suahpi; theihter: These are matters that you can bring up in committee. **bring sb up against sth** hmaitonter: Working in the slums brought her up against the realities of poverty. **bring sb/sth up to sth** mi bangter (thiamnak ah): His work in maths needs to be brought up to the standard of the others.

□ **bring-and-buy sale** (Brit) a hlu hrang ih thil

lei le zuar (mah ken mi zuar ih midang kenmi lei).

brink /brɪŋk/ *n* **1** [C usu *sing*] a tlang, a zim, kak zim, khaamtlang: *The brink of a precipice.* (**b**) tidai (a thukmi) tlun ih donmi zin ah: *He stood shivering on the brink, waiting to dive in.* **2** [*sing*] **the ~ of sth** tihnung hmun; pha-an-um, naihte ah: *on the brink of death, war, disaster, success* ○ *Scientists are on the brink of (making) a breakthrough in the treatment of cancer.* ○ *His incompetence has brought us to the brink of ruin.*

brinkmanship /brɪŋkmənʃɪp/ *n* [U] tihphan um thu/cuvek thil tuahtu.

briny ti al; citi. ⇒ **BRINE.**

brioche /brɪʃ/; US 'brɪəʃ/ *n* sang hluum.

briquette (also **briquet**) /brɪ'ket/ *n* rawl suannak ih tuahmi lungto meihol vut hlom fate.

brisk /brɪsk/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** khulrang, thatho, marzang: *a brisk walk, walker* ○ *at a brisk pace* ○ *a brisk and efficient manner* ○ *Business is brisk today.* **2** mi a cawl damter thei, a tharsuah theimi: *a brisk breeze.*

▷ **briskly** *adv.* **briskness** *n* [U].

brisket /brɪskɪt/ *n* [U] taang/awm satit.

bristle /brɪsl/ *n* **1** a khoh mi hmul tawite: *a face covered with bristles.* **2** kedan hnawtnak, ha hnawtnak ih a hmul: *My toothbrush is losing its bristles.*

▷ **bristle v** **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**up**) (tih/thinheng ruangah) tukhmul tho: *The dog's fur bristled as it sensed danger.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) thinhennak langter: *bristle with defiance, pride, etc* ○ *She bristled (with rage) at his rude remarks.* **3** (phr v) **bristle with sth** a khuh t̃heh, khat t̃heh: *trenches bristling with machine-guns* ○ *The problem bristles with difficulties.*

bristly /brɪslɪ/ *adj* hmul a khatmi: *a bristly chin* ○ *She finds his beard too bristly.*

Brit /brɪt/ *n* (esp *joc* or *derog*) British mi tinak.

Britain /brɪtən/ *n* = GREAT BRITAIN (GREAT). ⇒ Usage at GREAT.

Britannic /brɪ'tænɪk/ *adj* **Her/His Britannic Majesty** (fm) Britain siangpahrang pa/nu.

British /brɪtɪʃ/ *adj* **1** of the United Kingdom (of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) or its inhabitants, British a si mi: *a British passport* ○ *the British Government* ○ *He was born in France but his parents are British.* **2** (idm) **the best of British** ⇒ **BEST**³.

▷ **the British** *n* [pl v] British mi (Mirang).

Britisher *n* (US) Britain mi pawl.

□ **British English** British Mirang t̃ong.

the British Isles Britain, Ireland le a kiangkap um tikulh pawl. ⇒ Usage at GREAT.

Briton /brɪtən/ *n* Britain ram um milai. ⇒ Usage at GREAT.

brittle /brɪtl/ *adj* **1** (**a**) a hak ih a kuai ol (a hngam): *as brittle as thin glass.* (**b**) (*fig*) siat ol; thinheng ol: *He has a brittle temper, ie loses his temper*

easily. ○ *Constant stress has made our nerves brittle.* **2** a nuam lo, a hrangmi: *a brittle laugh* ○ *The orchestra was brittle in tone.* **3** khualsia nawn, mi siakha: *a cold, brittle woman.*

▷ **brittleness** *n* [U].

broach /brəʊtʃ/ *v* [Tn] **1** pipa pung vit (tidai suahter duh ah) palang thawl a siin ong (a sungih ta in duh ah); zu siak: *Let's broach another bottle of wine.* **2** (*fig*) thu rel thok: *He broached the subject of a loan with his bank manager.*

broad¹ /brɔːd/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** a kau: *a broad street, avenue, river, canal, etc* ○ *broad shoulders* ○ *He is tall, broad and muscular.* Cf **NARROW** **1**, **THIN** **1**. **2** kau mi: *a river twenty metres broad.* **3** a kaupi: *a broad expanse of water* ○ *The broad plains of the American West.* ○ (*fig*) *There is broad support for the government's policies.* **4** a fiangmi: *a broad grin/smile* ○ *The Minister gave a broad hint that she intends to raise taxes.* **5** [attrib] a phawlang, atlangpi: *the broad outline of a plan, proposal, etc* ○ *The negotiators reached broad agreement on the main issues.* ○ *She's a feminist, in the broadest sense of the word.* **6** ruahnak kau, huapkaumi: *a man of broad views.* **7** (of speech) a hmun le hma zirih awsuah dan: *a broad Yorkshire accent.* **8** a sia, t̃ha lo: *broad humour.* **9** (idm) (**in**) **broad daylight** sun vang ah: *The robbery occurred in broad daylight, in a crowded street.* **broad in the beam** (infml) tawcor hlai; tawtaw tum. **it's as broad as it's long** (Brit infml) a khui deuh hril khal le dang cuang lo tinak.

▷ **broaden** /brɔːdn/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (**out**) kauter, kauh: *He (ie His body) broadened out in his twenties.* ○ *The road broadens (out) after this bend.* ○ *You should broaden your experience by traveling more.*

broadly *adv* **1** kau zet in: *smile/grin broadly.* **2** zaraan in: *Broadly speaking, I agree with you.*

broadness *n* [U] = **BREADTH.**

the Broads *n* [pl] East Anglia hmuni h tili pawl: *the Norfolk Broads.*

□ **broad bean** (**a**) a mu a peer a tummi be phunkhat. (**b**) cuih be mu.

Broad Church Anglican kawhhran sungih ruahnak le thupom kau nei pawl.

broad jump (US) = **LONG JUMP** (LONG).

broad-minded *adj* ruahnak kau; mi thu khal ngai duhmi. **broad-mindedness** *n* [U].

broadsword *n* (formerly) naamtong, naamhlai.

broad² /brɔːd/ *n* (US sl) nunau, numi.

broadcast /brɔːdkɑːst; US 'brɔːdkæst/ *v* (pt, pp **broadcast**) **1** (**a**) TV, radio thawn thuthan: *broadcast the news, a concert, a football match.* (**b**) [I] mi seenpi theihter: *The BBC broadcasts all over the world.* **2** [I] TV, radio hmai ah thu sim: *He broadcasts on current affairs.* **3** [Tn] zapi theihter, aupi: *broadcast one's views.* **4** [I,

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Tn] vorh (rawl ci, fang, sihmui tivek).
 ▷ **broadcast** *n* TV, radio thuthannak: *a party political broadcast*, eg before an election ○ *a broadcast of a football match*.
broadcaster *n* thuthantu (radio, TV ihsin): *a well-known broadcaster on political/religious affairs*.
broadcasting *n* [U] thuthannak hnaṭuan: *work in broadcasting* ○ [attrib] *the British Broadcasting Corporation*, ie the BBC.
broadcloth /'brɔːdklɒθ/; US -klɒθ/ *n* [U] pat, tuhumul, pu thawn tahmi puan.
broadloom /'brɔːdluːm/ *n*, *adj* zialphah puan (*kawzaw*).
broadsheet /'brɔːdʃiːt/ *n* **1** khat lam lawngih ca an nganmi cahnah kaupi. **2** cahnah kaupi. Cf TABLOID.
broadside /'brɔːdsaid/ *n* **1** (a) lawng a sirkhat lam ih um meithal pawl hmuah hmakhat ih kah: *fire a broadside*. (b) (fig) ṭong thawn lehrul: *The Prime Minister delivered a broadside at her critics*. **2** tangphawlawng a sirlam. **3** (idm) **broadside on (to sth)** a sirlam: *The ship hit the harbour wall broadside on*.
brocade /brə'keɪd/ *n* [C, U] sui hri le ngun hri thawn ṭelhmi tahpuan, phiar ih tahmi puan (sangate puanzar tivek): [attrib] *brocade curtains*.
 ▷ **brocade** *v* [Tn] bawhtah ih tah: *a dress brocaded with floral designs*.
broccoli /'brɒkəlɪ/ *n* [U] a par a bo tete nei kawpi.
brochure /'brəʊʃə(r)/; US brəʊ'ʃʊər/ *n* thu theihternak cabu fate (tlawng thu, khualtlawn thu tivek): *a travel/holiday brochure*.
broderie anglaise /brədri ɔːŋ'gleɪz/ *n* [U] ṭelh mi puan rang, puanrang ṭelh.
brogue¹ /brəʊg/ *n* (usu *pl*) but kedan sah zet: *a pair of brogues*.
brogue² /brəʊg/ *n* (usu *sing*) ṭong tikihi lei tal dan, hmun pakhat ih awsuah dan (aw hro, awpeng): *a soft Irish brogue*. Cf ACCENT 3, DIALECT.
broil /brɔɪl/ *v* **1** (esp US) (a) [Tn] em, rawh; caw sa, ar sa mei ah em: *broil a chicken*. (b) [I] cuti vekin suang. **2** [I, Tn] thaw sater, khua sater: *sit broiling in the sun* ○ *a broiling day*.
 ▷ **broiler** *n* rawh ding le em dingih zuatmi ar no: [attrib] *a broiler house*, ie a building in which such chickens are kept and reared. Cf ROASTER (ROAST).
broke¹ *pt* of BREAK.
broke² /brəʊk/ *adj* **1** [pred] (*infml*) tangka nei lo; tangka hman cem ṭeh: *Could you lend me £10? I'm completely broke!* **2** (idm) **flat/stony broke** (*infml* esp US) tangka cem lialli. **go for broke** (*infml* esp US) ziang a cang khalle tiih tuah rumro.
broken¹ *pp* of BREAK¹.
broken² /'brəʊkən/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] a catmi; a pēhzom lomi: *broken sleep* ○ *broken sunshine*.

2 [attrib] thiam hnai lo ih ṭong (midang ṭong): *speak in broken English*. **3** a bingbo: *an area of broken, rocky ground*. **4** [attrib] a derthawmmi, a tlasia mi: *He was a broken man after the failure of his business*. **5** (idm) **a broken reed** rinsan tlak lo le santlai loih a cangmi.
 □ **broken-down** *adj* a ṭha nawn lomi, a siat zomi: *a broken-down old car, man, horse*.
broken-hearted *adj* riahsia tuk: *He was broken-hearted when his wife died*.
broken home nu le pa ṭhen-aw mi innsang: *He comes from a broken home*.
broker /'brəʊkə(r)/ *n* **1** midang hrang thilri lei le zuartu: *insurance broker*. **2** = STOCKBROKER (STOCK¹). **3** leiba rulhnak dingih midang thil zuarsaktu.
 ▷ **brokerage** /'brəʊkərɪdʒ/ *n* [U] thil lei le zuarsak man.
broolly /brɒli/ *n* (*infml* esp Bit) nithawng.
bromide /'brəʊmɪn/ *n* **1** [C, U] thahri nat damnak ih hmanmi bromide sii. **2** [C] (*infml*) ruahnak hlun.
bromine /'brəʊmiːn/ *n* [U] (chemistry) bromain sii.
bronchial /'brɒŋkiəl/ *adj* [usu attrib] thawthawtnak, thawthawtnak thli dawng lam (**bronchial tubes** or **bronchi**): *bronchial asthma* ○ *bronchial pneumonia*.
bronchitis /brɒŋ'kaɪtɪs/ *n* [U] cuap sung um thlidawng thling nat.
 ▷ **bronchitic** /brɒŋ'kɪtɪk/ *adj* thli dawng naa.
bronco /'brɒŋkəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s) USA nitlak lamih ummi hrem hrih lo rang (US *infml*) = RASPBERRY 2.
brontosaurus /brɒntə'sɔːrəs/ *n* (*pl* ~es) hrampi a eimi dinosaur ramsa tumpi (atu a um nawn lo).
Bronx cheer /brɒŋks 'tʃiə(r)/ (US *infml*) = RASPBERRY 2.
bronze /brɒnz/ *n* **1** [U] dar le ṭin rawimi darsen: *a statue (cast) in bronze*. **2** [U] darsen, dar tleu: *tanned a deep shade of bronze*. **3** [C] (a) darsen zuk pawl: *a fine collection of bronzes*. (b) = BRONZE MEDAL.
 ▷ **bronze** *v* [Tn esp passive] daarsen vekih senter: *a face bronzed by the sun*.
bronze *adj* darsen ih tuahmi: *a bronze vase, statue, bowl, axe, etc* ○ *the bronze tints of autumn leaves*.
 □ **the Bronze Age** darsen hriamhrei hman san (lungto hman san le thir hman san karlak caan).
bronze medal hminṭhatnak darsen tacik.
brooch /brəʊtʃ/ *n* ṭaangben (nunau hmanmi).
brood /bruːd/ *n* [C, Gp] **1** veikhat ih keuhmi ar faa rual/bu khat ih keuhmi vate fa a rual: *a hen and her brood (of chicks)*. **2** (joc) te le faa, faate rual: *There's Mrs O'Brien taking her brood for a walk*.
 ▷ **brood** *v* **1** [I] op; a tii keuh seh ti ih khawm. **2** [pr] ~ (on/over sth) riahsiatnak le harsatnak thu reipi ruat rero: *When he's depressed he sits brooding for hours* ○ *It doesn't help to brood on*

your mistakes.

broody *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) (ar) a ti khawm duh. (b) (fig) (nunau) nau nei duh zet. **2** (fig) aipuang lo: *Why are you so broody today?* **broodily** *adv*. **broodiness** *n* [U].

□ **brood-mare** *n* faa hringtu ih zuatmi laak nu.

brook¹ /brʊk/ *n* tiva te.

brook² /brʊk/ *v* [Tn, Tg, Tsg] (fml) siang, tuah siang: *a strict teacher who brooks no nonsense from her pupils* ○ *I will not brook anyone interfering with my affairs.*

broom¹ /bru:m/ *n* [U] hmunphiah kuung.

broom² /bru:m, also brum/ *n* **1** hmunphiah. **2** (idm) **a new broom** ⇒ NEW.

□ **broomstick** *n* hmunphiah fung.

Bros *abbr* (commerce) Brothers: *Hanley Bros Ltd, Architects & Surveyors.*

broth /brɒθ; US brɔ:θ/ *n* [U] **1** sahang; sa le hanghnah pawl suancih mi tihang. **2** cuvek ih tuahmi tihang: *Scotch broth.* **3** (idm) **too many cooks spoil the broth** ⇒ COOK *n*.

brothel /'brɒθl/ *n* nunau taksa zuarnak inn.

brother /'brʌðə(r)/ *n* **1** mipa suahpi: *my elder/younger brother* ○ *Does she have any brothers or sisters?* ○ *Have you invited the Smith brothers to the party?* ○ *He was like a brother to me, ie very kind.* **2** unau vekih pawlkom ih tantu pawl: *We are all brothers in the same fight against injustice.* ○ [attrib] *He was greatly respected by his brother doctors/officers.* **3** (pl **brethren** /'breðrən/) (a) biaknak pawl sungtel kawhnak: *Brother Luke will say grace.* (b) Khristian pawl phunkhat ih hmin: *The Brethren hold a prayer meeting every Thursday.* **4** (idm) **brothers in arms** ralkap tʉanpi.

▷ **brother** *interj* (esp US) mangbang le thinheng tikih hmanmi: *Oh, brother!*

brotherhood /-hʊd/ *n* **1** [U] (a) unau sinak: *the ties of brotherhood.* (b) pawlkhat sinak: *live in peace and brotherhood.* **2** [C, Gp] tumtahmi pakhat hrangih tuahmi pawlkom sungtel pawl.

brotherly *adj* suahpi unau vek: *brotherly love/affection/feelings.* **brotherliness** *n* [U].

□ **brother-in-law** /'brʌðə(r) in lɔ:/ (pl **-s-in-law** /'brʌðəz in lɔ:/) **1** nupi ih mipa suahpi; nupi ih tʉa, puzon, pasal ih mipa suahpi. **2** nunau suahpi ih pasal. **3** nupi ih nunau suahpi pasal, zawhlawm.

brougham /'bru:əm/ *n* (formerly) rang pakhat lawngih dirhmi leng pali nei rangleng phunkhat.

brought *pt, pp* of BRING.

brouhaha /'bru:hɑ:hɑ; US bru:'hɑ:hɑ/ *n* [U] (infml) buai celcel.

brow /brau/ *n* **1** [usu pl] = EYEBROW. **2** = FOREHEAD: *mop one's brow.* **3** tlaang hrap zim, kham tlang; tʉn zim: *Our car stalled on the brow of a steep hill.* **4** (idm) **knit one's brow(s)** ⇒ KNIT.

browbeat /'braʊbi:t/ *v* (pt **browbeat**, pp **browbeaten** /'braʊbi:tɪn/) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into

doing sth) tʉng hraang le mithmai sia thawn zoh ih tʉih: *The judge browbeat the witness.* ○ *I won't be browbeaten into accepting your proposals.*

▷ **browbeaten** *adj* thinphang mi: *a poor, browbeaten little clerk.*

brown /braʊn/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** khawfi rong, sendum (senduk) rong: *brown eyes* ○ *dark brown shoes* ○ *leaves turning brown in the autumn.* **2** cuvek taksa pianzia nei: *He's very brown after his summer holiday.* **3** (idm) (as) **brown as a berry** ni ih sat ruangah taksa sendum tʉeh. **in a brown study** ruat thuk, thuk zetin khawruat.

▷ **brown** *n* [C, U] sendum pianzia: *leaves of various shades of brown.* **2** [U] sendum sinfen (kor le bawngbi): *Brown doesn't suit you.*

brown *v* [I, Tn] **1** khawfi pianzia suak tiang em, kang: *Heat the butter until it browns.* ○ *a face browned by the sun.* **2** (idm) **browned off** (infml esp Brit) ning, luaksuak: *He's browned off with his job.*

browning *n* [U] hmeh ih rawi mi sii phunkhat.

brownish, brownly *adjs* sendum nawn.

□ **brown bread** sangvut (aaʉa) thawn tuahmi sang (pawngnmuk).

brown paper thil tuamnakh ih hmanmi cahnah sah.

brownstone *n* [U] inn saknak ih hman mi lungto sendum.

brown sugar cithlum sendum.

brownie /braʊni/ *n* **1** lasi fate. **2** **Brownie (Guide)** kum 7 le 12 karlak nunau *Guide* (lole) *Scout* sungtel. **3** (esp US) chokalet le thingrah rawi ih tuahmi sang (kekkmuk).

browse /braʊz/ *v* **1** (a) [I] cabu khi khatlam khatlam kau ih zoh rero: *browse in a library/bookshop.* (b) [Ipr] ~ **through sth** cabu kau ih zoh: *browse through a magazine.* **2** [I] (tʉlva in) nuamte'n hrampi a piat: *cattle browsing in the fields.*

▷ **browse** *n* (usu sing) a tlangpi in cabu kau ih zoh vivo: *have a browse in a bookshop.*

bruise /bru:z/ *n* (taksa) durh; hliamhma (sut le khawnmi ruangah): *He was covered in bruises after falling off his bicycle.*

▷ **bruise** *v* **1** [Tn] hliam: *He fell and bruised himself/his leg* ○ *Her face was badly bruised in the crash.* **2** [I] durhter, hmater: *Don't drop the peaches —they bruise easily* ○ (fig) *Don't hurt her feelings —she bruises very easily.* **bruiser** *n* (infml) mi cak, mi tumzet: *He looks a real bruiser.*

bruit /bru:t/ *v* (phr v) ~ **sth abroad/about** (fml or joc) thu vakvai; titi thu leng ter, zaiter: *It's been bruited abroad that...* ○ *The news of the impending marriage was bruited abroad.*

brunch /brʌntʃ/ *n* [C, U] (infml esp US) thawhhlam le suncaw ai ih eimi rawl (thaithawh).

brunette /bru:'net/ *n* sam sendum nei Mirang nunau tisa sen nawn. Cf BLOND.

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brunt /brʌnt/ *n* (idm) **bear the brunt of sth** ⇒ BEAR².

brush¹ /brʌʃ/ *n* **1** [C] thil hnawtnak (sa hmul vekih tuahmi) kedan hnawtnak brush vek: *clothes-brush* ○ *tooth-brush* ○ *paintbrush* ○ *hairbrush*. **2** [sing] hnawt, phiat: *give one's clothes/shoes/teeth/hair a good brush*. **3** [sing] hnur; hnawt sual: *He knocked a glass off the table with a brush of his coat/arm*. **4** [C] cinghnia meibor. **5** [U] phuul ram: [attrib] *a brush fire*. **6** [C] **a ~ with sb** tawh-awknak: *a brush with the law/police* ○ *She had a nasty brush with her boss this morning*. **7** (idm) **tarred with the same brush** ⇒ TAR¹. □ **brushwood** *n* [U] **1** tanmi thinghng pawl. **2** = BRUSH¹ 5.

brushwork *n* [U] zukuai dan: *Picasso's brushwork is particularly fine*.

brush² /brʌʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn] hnawt: *brush your clothes, shoes, hair, teeth*. **2** [Cn-a] hnawtfai: *brush one's teeth clean*. **3** [Tn] hnur, hnawtmet: *leaves brushing one's cheek* ○ *His hand brushed hers*. **4** (phr v) **brush against/by/past sb/sth** hnur, hnawt: *She brushed past him without saying a word*. ○ *A cat brushed against her leg in the darkness*. **brush sb/sth aside** khat lamah hnawt pet; ziang siar loih ret: *The enemy brushed aside our defences*. ○ *He brushed aside my objections to his plan*. **brush sth away/off** phiat hlo: *brush mud off (one's trousers)* ○ *he brushed the fly away (from his face)*. **brush oneself/sth down** brush thawn hnawtfai: *Your coat needs brushing down*. *It's covered in dust*. **brush off** hnawt thiang: *Mud brushes off easily when it's dry*. **brush sb off** (infml) thu ngaisak duh lo; ziangsiar saklo: *He's very keen on her but she's always brushing him off*. **brush sth up/brush up on sth** hngilh mi thiam dingih zir sal: *I must brush up (on) my Italian before I go to Rome*.

□ **brush-off** *n* (pl **brush-offs**) (infml) duh lo, hnong: *She gave him the brush-off*.

brush-up *n* (pl **brush-ups**) **1** ceimawi awk. **2** thiam dingih zir sal: *give one's Spanish a brush-up*.

brusque /bruːsk; US brʌsk/ *adj* (mi) puar ih hraang nawn: *a brusque manner* ○ *His reply was brusque*.

▷ **brusquely** *adv*. **brusqueness** *n* [U].

Brussels /brʌslz/ *adj* [attrib] Brussels ihsin/ih taa: *Brussels lace/carpets*.

□ **Brussels sprout** (also **sprout**) **1** kung khat ah a fate te in tamzet a hlummi kawpi. **2** [usu pl] cuih kawpi hlum.

brutal /bruːtl/ *adj* puar; siava; zangfah nei lo; ramsa vek: *a brutal tyrant, dictator, murderer, etc* ○ *a brutal attack, murder, punishment*.

▷ **brutality** /bruːtæləti/ *n* **1** [U] siatvatnak; zangfah neih lonak. **2** [C] zangfah umlo thiltuah: *the brutalities of war*.

brutalize, **-ise** *v* [Tn us passive] puarter;

siavater: *soldiers brutalized by a long war*.

brutally /ˈbruːtəli/ *adv*.

brute /bruːt/ *n* **1** ramsa (a tum a puarmi); mikei: *That dog looks a real brute*. **2** (sometimes joc) mipuar, ramsa vek: *His father was a drunken brute* ○ *You've forgotten my birthday again, you brute!* **3** a nuam lo, a tha lomi thil: *a brute of a problem*. ○ *This lock's a brute — it just won't open*.

▷ **brute** *adj* [attrib] khawruah nei lo: *brute force/strength*.

brutish *adj* mipuar: *brutish behaviour/manners*.

brutishly *adv*.

BS /biː ˈes/ *abbr* **1** (US) Bachelor of Science. **2** (Brit) Bachelor of Surgery: *have/be a BS* ○ *Tom Hunt MB, BS*. **3** **British Standard** thil tuahmi parih bencih mi tacik (BS): *produced to BS4353*. Cf ASA 2.

BSc /biː ˈes ˈsiː/ (US BS) *abbr* Bachelor of Science: *have/be a BSc in Botany* ○ *Jill Ayres BSc*.

BSI /biː ˈes ˈai/ *abbr* British Standards Institution.

BST /biː ˈes ˈtiː/ *abbr* British Summer Time. Cf GMT.

Bt *abbr* Baronet: *James Hyde-Stanley Bt*.

BTA /biː tiː ˈeɪ/ *abbr* British Tourist Authority.

Bthu (also **Btu**) *abbr* British thermal unit(s).

bubble /ˈbʌbl/ *n* **1** pawpawleng, tiphul, ti buanbara: *soap bubbles* ○ *Children love blowing bubbles*. **2** ti sungih thli a caangmi (a phul sapso mi) so: *Champagne is full of bubbles* ○ *This glass vase has a bubble in its base*. **3** (idm) **prick the bubble** ⇒ PRICK².

▷ **bubble** *v* **1** [I] ti a so, a phul, a suak: *stew bubbling in the pot*. **2** [I] tiso aw a awn: *a bubbling stream/fountain*. **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (over) (with sth) (fig) thinso (lungawinak): *She was bubbling (over) with excitement, enthusiasm, high spirits, etc*. **4** (phr v) **bubble along, out, over, up, etc** phul curhco, lole, awn celcel in suak: *a spring bubbling out of the ground* ○ *Gases from deep in the earth bubble up through the lake*.

bubbly /ˈbʌbli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a phul thawn a khat: *bubbly lemonade*. **2** (fig) a hlawptlomi (nunau): *a bubbly personality*. — *n* [U] (infml) champagne (sampein) zu: *Have some more bubbly!*

□ **bubble and squeak** kawpi le alu rawi kio.

bubble bath satpia hmui ti rawi mi tikholhnak tidai.

bubble gum *chewing gum*, khai tahrat ih phawt theimi sialriat.

bubonic plague /bjuːˈbɒnɪk ˈpleɪɡ/ (also **the plague**) zinghnam ihsin suakmi a suan-aw thei nat, palik nat.

buccaneer /ˈbʌkəˈniə(r)/ *n* **1** tipi suamhmang (damiah). **2** mi tha lo; mi puarhrang.

buck¹ /bʌk/ *n* **1** (pl unchanged or ~s) zukneeng cang; a pa, a cang. Cf STAG 1. **2** (US sl derog) [esp attrib] Indian tlangval, Negro mipa.

- **buckskin** *n* [U] zukneng phaw, me phaw (kedan le kor ah hman thei ih tuah mi).
buck-tooth *n* (pl -teeth) ha-poh; tlunta ha hmai poh.
buck² /bʌk/ *v* **1** (a) [I] (rang) dawp; ke pali khir ih dawp; ke li phawt ih tlaan. (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (off) rang in hlon (a totu). **2** [Tn] (US infml) rak el/dodal: *Don't try to buck the system.* **3** (idm) **buck one's ideas up** (infml) ralring deuh; ngaihven deuh. **4** (phr v) **buck up** zamrang lohli: *Buck up! We're going to be late.* **buck** (sb) **up** (fml) lungawiter, tha nuamter: *The good news bucked us all up* ○ *Buck up! Things aren't as bad as you think.*
 ▷ **bucked** *adj* [pred] thatho, lungawi: *She felt bucked after passing her driving test.*
buck³ /bʌk/ *n* (US infml) US dollar.
buck⁴ /bʌk/ *n* **1** phe zemtu ding ti theihnakh ih ret sakmi thil. **2** (idm) **the buck stops here** (catchphrase) tʉanvo nei/mawthluk dingmi hinah a um, midang pek sin ding a si lo. **pass the buck** ⇒ PASS².
bucket /bʌkɪt/ *n* **1** ti khainak (pung) kheng (thing/canphio thawih tuahmi) balʉin: *build sandcastles with a bucket and spade.* **2** (also **bucketful**) balʉin khat: *two buckets/bucketfuls of water.* **3** sawhle, suahdur tivek pawl. **4** **buckets** [pl] tamzet: *The rain came down/fell in buckets* ○ *She wept buckets.* **5** (idm) **a drop in the bucket/ocean** ⇒ DROP¹. **kick the bucket** ⇒ KICK¹.
 ▷ **bucket** *v* [I, Ip] ~ (down) ruah a tak: *It/The rain bucketed down all afternoon.*
 □ **bucket seat** mawʉawka, vanzam sungah dungzau-nak nei pakhat tokham.
bucket-shop *n* (infml derog) vanzam ticket man olte ih zuartu, mahte hnaʉuan.
buckeye /bʌkaɪ/ *n* (US) **1** ʉilrah phun khat/rangkha rah. **2** cuih thingrah.
buckle /bʌkl/ *n* **1** taikap hrennak thir/plastic kual. **2** kedan parah a mawinakh ih retmi thir kualte.
 ▷ **buckle** *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) hreeng, sih, kap: *My belt is loose; I didn't buckle it up tightly enough.* ○ *These shoes buckle at the side.* **2** [I, Tn] a pawng, a phaw (meisa, nisa ruangah): *The metal buckled in the heat.* ○ *The crash buckled the front of my car.* ○ (fig) *He's beginning to buckle under the pressure of work.* **3** (phr v) **buckle down to sth** (infml) tuahsuak rori dingin tʉan: *She's really buckling down to her new job.* **buckle sb in/into sth** taikap in ʉem ci: *The parachutist was buckled into his harness.* **buckle** (sth) **on** kapnak thawn thlai ci: *a sword that buckles on* ○ *buckle on one's belt.* **buckle to** (infml) rak teima ʉenʉo: *The children had to buckle to while their mother was in hospital.*
buckler /bʌklə(r)/ *n* ban bun, asilole a kutkaiih ih kaihmi ral phaw fate.
buckram /bʌkrəm/ *n* [U] cabu ʉitit tiki hmanmi puan khoh.

- buckshee** /bʌkʃi:/ *adj, adv* (Brit sl) man loin, a lak in, ʉenmi, thilʉthen: *buckshee tickets* ○ *travel buckshee.*
buckshot /bʌkʃɒt/ *n* [U] sapi kahnak cerek.
buckwheat /bʌkwit/; US -hwit/ *n* [U] rang le ar rawl ih hman mi thlaici mu phunkhat (sangvut phun).
 □ **buckwheat flour** cuih mi thawn tuahmi sangphut.
bucolic /bjuːˈkɒlɪk/ *adj* khawte lam nun, nun har.
 ▷ **bucolics** *n* [pl] khuate lam thuhla phuahmi beza.
bud /bʌd/ *n* **1** pangpar, thinghnah, thinghngemum: *Buds appear on the trees in spring.* **2** a hnah, a par a parh suak hrih lo. **3** (idm) (be) **in bud** a mum: *The trees/roes are in bud.* **nip sth in the bud** ⇒ NIP.
 ▷ **bud** *v* (-dd-) [I] mum: *The trees are budding early this year.* **budding** *adj* a suak thar: *a budding novelist, actor, sportsman, etc.*
Buddhism /bʊdɪzəm/ *n* [U] India ram saklam ih rak um dah Gautama Siddhartha, lole, Buddha ih zirhmi biaknak.
 ▷ **Buddhist** /bʊdɪst/ *n, adj*: Buddha a bia mi a devout Buddhist ○ *Buddhist monks* ○ *a Buddhist temple.*
buddy /bʌdi/ *n* (infml esp US) rualpi, rualʉha, hawipi: *Hi there, buddy!* ○ *He and I were buddies at school.*
budge /bʌdʒ/ *v* [I, Tn] teet, eng (ʉhawn seh ti in), malte ʉhawn: *My car's stuck in the mud, and it won't budge/I can't budge it.* **2** khawruahnakh thlenter: *Once he's made up his mind, he never budges/you can never budge him (from his opinion).*
budgerigar /bʌdʒərɪɡə(r)/ *n* inn zuat Australia kilaw.
budget /bʌdʒɪt/ *n* **1** (a) caan khat sung tangka hman ding dan rak ʉat sungnak: *a weekly budget.* (b) rampi tangka ngah ding le hman ding dan ʉatmi cazin: *The Chancellor of the Exchequer is expected to announce tax cuts in this year's budget.* **2** tangka hman ʉulmi, hman theih mi zat (leitek sak): *limit oneself to a daily budget of £10.* **3** (idm) **on a (tight) budget** tangka malte lawng nei: *A family on a budget can't afford meat every day.*
 ▷ **budget** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (for sth) ʉat cia: *The government has budgeted £10 000 000 for education spending.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) hman ding ih re cia: *If we budget carefully, we'll be able to afford a new car.* ○ *budget for the coming year, for a holiday abroad, for a drop in sales, etc.*
budget *adj* [attrib] man ol: *a budget meal, holiday.*
budgetary /bʌdʒɪtəri/; US -teri/ *adj* budget lam: *budgetary provisions.*
 □ **budget account** dawr tivek ih paisa cazin (a baakih leitu in hmanhman paisa a samnak le

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budgie /bʌdʒi/ *n* (infml) budgerigar Australia kilaw.

buff¹ /bʌf/ *n* [U] **1** (a) aire pianzia nei savun sah: *buff* (up) shoes with a cloth. (b) cuvek pianzia (rong). **2** (idm) **in the buff** (infml esp Brit) hnipuan hrak lo. **strip to the buff** ⇒ STRIP.

▷ **buff** *adj* buff thawn tuahmi, buff rong neimi. **buff** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) thil nemte thawn hnawt: *buff up shoes with a cloth.*

buff² /bʌf/ *n* (preceded by a *n*) (infml) thil pakhat a hiar ih a theitu: a film, an opera, a tennis buff.

buffalo /bʌfələʊ/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~es) naa, lawi: fifty buffaloes ○ a herd of buffalo.

buffer¹ /bʌfə(r)/ *n* **1** thil sut-awak tikah a hmual demdeuh seh tiuh khamtu thil, eg tlangleng zin netnak ih retmi thil khamnak. **2** (fig) mi harsatnak le thlalaunak demtertu: *His sense of humour was a useful buffer when things were going badly for him.* **3** rampi pahnih do-awak ding rak demtertu hmunram/ram: [attrib] a buffer state/zone.

▷ **buffer** *v* [Tn] mi karlak ih remnak tuah. **buffer**² /bʌfə(r)/ *n* (Brit infml) (usu **old buffer**) santlai lo patar; patar aa: a silly old buffer.

buffet¹ /bʊfeɪ/ *n* **1** a bik in tlangleng sung, lole cumi cawlnak ih rawl zuarnak cabuai. **2** mahte lak cio ih ei (capuai ih pek a si lo), rawl-ei puai: *Dinner will be a cold buffet, not a sit-down meal.* ○ [attrib] a buffet lunch/supper. □ **buffet car** cumi rawl zuarhmun tlangleng tuai (peh).

buffet² /bʌfɪt/ *n* thongmi (kut thawn thongnak): (fig) suffer the buffets of a cruel fate.

▷ **buffet** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (about) khatlam khatlam ah tul: *flowers buffeted by the rain and wind* ○ (fig) be buffeted by misfortune ○ a boat buffeted (about) by the waves. **buffeting** *n*: The flowers buffeted quite a buffeting in the storm.

buffoon /bʊfu:n/ *n* hnihsuakza milai, hnihsuak sait: play the buffoon.

▷ **buffoonery** /-əri/ *n* [U] hnihsuaknak.

bug /bʌg/ *n* **1** [C] hmaifa, hnahfa. **2** [C] (esp US) cucik kharbaw pakhat khat. **3** [C] (infml) virus pangang ih suahtermi natnak: *I think I've caught a bug.* ○ *There are a lot of bugs about in winter.* **4** (usu **the bug**) [sing] (infml) ti huam luar tuk: *He was never interested in cooking before, but now he's been bitten by/got the bug.* **5** [C] (infml) computer tivek ceet sung thil siattertu: *There's a bug in the system.* **6** [C] (infml) tong ngainak ceet fate: *search a room for bugs* ○ *plant a bug in an embassy.* **7** (idm) **snug as a bug in a rug** ⇒ SNUG.

▷ **bug** *v* (-gg-) [Tn] **1** (a) telephone le inn sungah tong ngainak a thup te'n rak bun sak (thu ngai duh ah): *This office is bugged.* (b) thu ngainak thil fate thawn mi thu rak ngai thup: a

bugging device ○ *Be careful what you say; our conversation may be being bugged.* **2** (infml esp US) hnaihnok ter, thinhenger: *What's bugging you?* ○ *That man really bugs me.*

□ **bug-eyed** *adj* (infml) mit pawt.

bugbear /bʌgbɛə(r)/ *n* mi ih tihmi, duh lomi thil: *Inflation is the government's main bugbear.*

bugger /bʌgə(r)/ *n* (Δ esp Brit) **1** (law) mipa veve pawl-awtu. **2** (infml) (a) huattlai: *You stupid bugger! You could have run me over!* (b) milai/ramsa zangfahnak thawn kawhnak: *Poor bugger! His wife left him last week.* **3** (infml) harsatertu: *This door's a (real) bugger to open.* **4** (idm) **play silly buggers** ⇒ SILLY.

▷ **bugger** *v* (Δ) **1** [Tn] (law) tawka ah pawl awk. **2** [Tn] (infml) thin hennak langter: *Bugger it! I've burnt the toast.* ○ *You're always late, bugger you.* **3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) siatter. **4** (idm) **bugger me** (infml) mangbangnak langter tikiu tongmi: *Bugger me! Did you see that?* **5** (phr v) **bugger about/around** (infml) daithlang zet ih tlangleng: *Stop bugging about with those matches or you'll set the house on fire.* **bugger sb about/around** (infml) tha lo zet ih mi tuah: *I'm sick of being bugged about by the company.* **bugger off** (infml) (esp imperative) tlan hlo! feh hlo!: *Bugger off and leave me alone.* ○ *I was only two minutes late but they'd all bugged off.*

bugger *interj* (Δ infml) thinheng langternak tong: *Oh bugger! I've left my keys at home.*

buggered *adj* (Δ) [pred] tha cem, baang neknek: *I'm completely buggered after that game of tennis.*

buggery /bʌgəri/ *n* [U] (Δ law) tawka ih pawl-awknak.

□ **bugger-all** *n* [U] (Δ infml) zianghman lo: *There's bugger-all to do in this place.*

buggy /bʌgi/ *n* **1** cet thawn mawnmi leeng: a beach buggy. **2** (also **baby buggy**) (US) = PRAM. **3** (formerly) rang pakhat dirhmi leng.

bugle /bju:gl/ *n* tawtawrawt, mumek, muko (ralkap pawl ih phawtmi).

▷ **bugler** /bju:glə(r)/ *n* tawtawrawt phawtu.

build /bild/ *v* (pt, pp **built** /bilt/) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (of/from/out of sth); ~ **sth** (for sb) sak, tuah: *build a house, road, railway* ○ *a house built of stone, bricks, etc* ○ *Birds build their nests out of twigs.* ○ *His father built him a model aeroplane.* (b) [I] sak (inn tivek): *The local council intends to build on this site.* **2** dinsuak, thangsoter: *build a business* ○ *build a better future, a new career, etc.* **3** (idm) **Rome was not built in a day** (saying) thiltha thilhar cu ol-ai teih tuah a theih lo. **4** (phr v) **build sth in/build sth into sth** (esp passive) (a) tuah cih, ben cih: *build a cupboard/bookcase into a wall* ○ *We're having new wardrobes built in.* (b) (fig) a um tulmi ah tuahbeet: *build an extra clause into the contract.* **build sth into sth** sakkhawm, tampi khawm tahrat in thil pakhat ah sak: *build*

loose stones into a strong wall ○ *build scraps of metal into a work of art.* **build sth on/build sth onto sth** a um cia mi ah sak bet: *The new wing was built on (onto the hospital) last year.* **build on sth** a hramtohnak ah hmang: *build on earlier achievements, success, results, etc.* **build sth on sth** thil pakhat ah a hramtoh: *build one's hopes on the economic strength of the country* ○ *an argument built on sound logic.* **build up** tam sinsin, nasa deuhdeuh: *Traffic is building up on roads into the city.* ○ *Tension built up as the crisis approached.* **build oneself/sb up** cak deuh le dam deuh ih tuah: *You need more protein to build you up.* **build sb/sth up** (esp passive) uar zet ih reel: *The film was built up to be a masterpiece, but I found it very disappointing.* **build sth up** (a) thangsoter vivo, thater vivo: *build up a big library, a fine reputation, a thriving business* ○ *build up one's strength after an illness.* (b) (esp passive) inn a khat theh: *The village has been built up since I lived here.*

▷ **build** *n* [U, C] ruangrai (milai ih): *a man of athletic, powerful, slender, average, etc build* ○ *We are (of) the same build.* ○ *Our build is/builds are similar.*

builder *n* 1 inn saktu, tuahtu. 2 dintu, thangsotertu: *an empire-builder* ○ *a confidence-builder.* **built** (after *advs* and in compound *adjs*) *adj* le *adv* ih khiihmuhmi sullam a thlun: *solidly built* ○ *a well-built man*, ie one who is broad and muscular.

□ **build-up** nuam tete ih thang/tam: *a steady build-up of traffic* ○ *A build-up of enemy forces is reported.* (b) ~ (to sth) pakhat hnu pakhat timtuahnak: *the build-up to the President's visit.* 2 a thatnak rak sim cia: *The press has given the show a tremendous build-up.*

built-in (also **in-built**) *adj* [attrib] telhchih mi: *a bedroom with built-in wardrobes* ○ (fig) *a pay deal with built-in guarantees of employment.*

built-up *adj* [usu attrib] inn a khatmi: *a built-up area.*

building /ˈbɪldɪŋ/ *n* 1 [U] innsaknak; inn thawn a pehparmi: [attrib] *the building trade* ○ *building materials.* 2 [C] (abbr **bidg**) inn: *Schools, churches, houses and factories are all buildings.*

□ **building site** inn saknak hmunram.

building society (Brit) inn sak/zuarnak lam tawlralsaktu pawlkom.

bulb /bʌlb/ *n* 1 tawba (ba, mungla, hra pawl tawba). 2 (also **light bulb**) a tleu theimi meihlum, miitii, electric mei *bulb*: *change a bulb* ○ *a 60-watt light bulb.* 3 tawba vek pian nei thil.

▷ **bulbous** /ˈbʌlbəs/ *adj* 1 tawba ihsin thangmi. 2 a pawng lellel mi: *a bulbous nose.*

bulge /bʌldʒ/ *n* 1 thil pawng; a pawng uar-ii mi, a puar: *What's that bulge in your pocket?* 2 (infml) pungzai, thangtam: *a population bulge* ○ *After the war there was a bulge in the birth-rate.*

▷ **bulge** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (out) (with sth) puar, pawng: *I can't eat any more. My stomach's bulging.* ○ *His pockets were bulging with apples.* **bulgy** /ˈbʌldʒi/ *adj.*

bulk /bʌlk/ *n* 1 [U] a tum le seen, a tam le mal (a bik in a tum ih a tam tikah): *it's not their weight that makes these sacks hard to carry, it's their bulk.* ○ *The sheer bulk of Mozart's music is extraordinary.* 2 [C] tum hngin (milai ih ruangpi): *He heaved his huge bulk out of the chair.* 3 [U] rawl tlang, rawl khal: *You need more bulk in your diet.* 4 [sing] the ~ (of sth) a tum/a tam sawn: *The bulk of the work has already been done.* ○ *The eldest son inherited the bulk of the estate.* 5 (idm) **in bulk** (a) a tampi: *buy (sth) in bulk.* (b) kuang sungah re loin: *shipped in bulk.* ▷ **bulk v** 1 (idm) **bulk large** a thupi, a ropi: *The war still bulks large in the memories of those who fought in it.* 2 (phr v) **bulk sth out** tumter, sahter: *add extra pages to bulk a book out.*

bulky *adj* (-ier, -iest) a tumtuknak ah khua a luahmi; hmun a tawtmi: *the bulky figure of Inspector Jones* ○ *a bulky parcel, crate, load, etc.* □ **bulk buying** a tom le a tlang pipi ih lei (pakhat tete si loin).

bulkhead /ˈbʌlkhed/ *n* lawng/vanzam khandan pharpit.

bull¹ /bʊl/ *n* 1 tilper lomi sia le caw-naa pawl. Cf BULLOCK, COW¹ 1, OX 1, STEER². 2 sai/vui, whale ngapi le a dang ramsa tumpi pawl a pa/a cang: *bull elephant, whale.* 3 a hlawk (miat) thawn zuar cing leh duh ih vo (*asuh-share*) leitu: [attrib] *a bull market*, ie a situation in which share prices are rising. Cf BEAR¹ 3. 4 (US sl) palik, lole zingzoitu. 5 = BULL'S EYE. 6 (idm) **a bull in a china shop** thiam le ralring zet a tul lai ah ralring lo zetih umtu milai. **a cock-and-bull story** ⇒ COCK. **a red rag to a bull** ⇒ RED¹. **take the bull by the horns** thipphan ummi, lole a harsami raltha zet ih hmaiton.

▷ **bullish** *adj* (in the Stock Exchange) share man kai. Cf BEARISH (BEAR¹).

□ **bullfight** *n* mi zapi puai zohnak ah cawcang thawn sual-awk (Spain, Latin America ih tuah theumi). **bullfighter** *n.*

bullfighting *n* [U].

bull-headed *adj* lungruh.

bull-necked *adj* hngawng tawi le tum.

bullring *n* cawcang thawn sual-awknak tualpi.

bull² /bʊl/ *n* Pope ih thu suahmi: *a papal bull.*

bull³ /bʊl/ *n* [U] 1 (also **Irish bull**) aatthlak, fim lo, mumal lo thu tel ih tong dan (eg 'If you do not receive this letter, please write and tell me'). 2 (sl) = BULLSHIT: *That's a lot/a load of bull!* 3 (Brit army sl) nin um hnaṭuan.

bulldog /ˈbʊldɒɡ/ *n* a lu a tum ih hngawng a tawi mi uico phunkhat.

□ **bulldog clip** cahnah cehnak.

bulldoze /ˈbʊldəʊz/ *v* 1 [Tn] leilung laihnak cet

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thawn leilung lai: *The area was bulldozed to make way for a new road.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into doing sth) (fig) hramhram ih tuahter: *They bulldozed me into signing the agreement.* **3** [Tn-pr] duhnak zawn ah feh/tuah: (fig) *He bulldozed his way into the room.* ○ *She bulldozed her plans past the committee.*

bulldozer /bʊldəʊzə(r)/ *n* lei laihnak cet (teng).

bullet /bʊlɪt/ *n* 1 cerek: *He was killed by a single bullet in the heart.* **2** (idm) **bite the bullet** ⇒ BITE¹.

□ **bullet-headed** /-hedɪd/ *adj* lu hluum kiarki.

▷ **bullet-proof** *adj* cerek khan, cerek hlen theih lomi: *a bullet-proof shirt/vest/jacket.*

bulletin /bʊlətɪn/ *n* 1 thuthang ca tawite (cazual): *a news bulletin.* **2** pawlkom pakhat ih suah mi thuthang ca.

□ **bulletin board** (US) = NOTICE-BOARD (NOTICE).

bullfinch /bʊlfɪntʃ/ *n* hmur bial nei vate phunkhat.

bullfrog /bʊlfrɒɡ/ *n* tlakphar tumpi pawl.

bullhorn /bʊlhɔːn/ *n* (US) = LOUD Hailer (HOUD).

bullion /bʊljən/ *n* [U] tangka ih tuah hrih lomi sui tluan, ngun tlang: *The thieves stole £1 000 000 in gold bullion.*

bullock /bʊlək/ *n* til percia cawcang. Cf BULL¹ 1, OX 1, STEER².

bull's-eye /bʊlzaɪ/ *n* 1 (a) hmuibahmi ih a lai zawn. (b) cui zawn kap ngah: *scoring a bull's-eye.* **2** thakser mīthai.

bullshit /bʊlʃɪt/ (also **bull**) *n* [U], *interj* (Δ sl) thulolak! thuphan!: *a load/lot of bullshit* ○ *He's talking bullshit.*

bull-terrier /bʊl'terɪə(r)/ *n* bull ui le teria ui kahpia (CROSS² 7).

bully¹ /bʊli/ *n* mi puarthau, thazaang thawih mi namnuaitu: *Leave that little girl alone, you big bully!*

▷ **bully** *v* (pt, pp **bullied**) **1** [Tn] namnuai: *He was bullied by the older boys at school.* **2** (phr v)

bully sb into doing sth thihphaih ih thil tuahter: *The manager tried to bully his men into working harder by threatening them with dismissal.*

□ **bully-boy** *n* mi thih, mi hliamturtu dingih tangka an pekmi, mipuar, mi siava: [attrib] (fig) *bully-boy tactics.*

bully² /bʊli/ *n* (infml) [U] (also **bully beef**) cawsa dawng (cawsa uam); cawsa kuang.

bully³ /bʊli/ (idm) **bully for sb** (infml esp ironic) na thiam! ti nak: *You've solved the puzzle at last? Well, bully for you!*

bully⁴ /bʊli/ *n* hockey lek thawh tikih hockey fung vei thum tiang tong awk (khawnawk).

▷ **bully** *v* (pt, pp **bullied**) (phr v) **bully off** cuti vekin hockey thawi thok.

bulrush /bʊlrʌʃ/ *n* phaipheng phunkhat.

bulwark /bʊlwɜːk/ *n* 1 leilung thawn dawlmī raal bawhnak cangdawl pharpi. **2** (fig) rak humhintu, rak domtu: *Democracy is a bulwark of freedom.* **3** (usu pl) lawng zial tlunlam phar.

bum¹ /bʌm/ *n* (infml esp Brit) buttocks, tawcor.

bum² /bʌm/ *n* (infml esp US) **1** rawdlil lam tawi: *bums sleeping rough in the streets.* **2** zaangzel, santlailo: *You're just a no-good bum!*

▷ **bum** *adj* [attrib] (infml) a thalo, santlailo: *a bum film, concert, party.*

bum *v* (-mm-) (infml) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (off sb) diil vivo: *bum a lift* ○ *Can I bum a cigarette off you?* **2** (phr v) **bum around** ziang pipa tuah loih tawivak vivo: *I bummed around (in) Europe for a year before university.*

bumble /bʌmbl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (on) (about sth) **1** mahte tlokciar hnuaihni: *What are you bumbling (on) about?* **2** (phr v) **bumble about, along, etc** mumal nei lemlo ih vaak hnuaihno: *The professor bumbled absent-mindedly along the road.*

▷ **bumbling** *adj* [attrib] ti hnuaihni ih um: *You bumbling idiot!*

bumble-bee /bʌmblbiː/ *n* hmul nei awn ring khuai phunkhat.

bumf (also **bumph**) /bʌmf/ *n* (Brit sl joc or derog) zung ca pawl: *'What's in the post today?' 'Just a lot of bumf from the insurance people.'*

bump /bʌmp/ *v* **1** [Ipr] ~ **against/into sb/sth** khawng, khawngaw suk; sawh: *In the dark I bumped into a chair.* ○ *The car bumped against the kerb.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (against/on sth) khawng, sut: *bump one's head (on the ceiling)* ○ *The driver bumped the kerb while reversing.* ⇒ Usage at BANG¹. **3** (phr v) **bump along, down** mawtawka, cawlung tivek lamzin siava ah khawng sutso ih feh: *The old bus bumped along the mountain road.* **bump into sb** (infml) tong dukdi, rinlopi ih tong (milai): *Guess who I bumped into today?* **bump sth up** (infml) than, kaih, tamter: *bump up prices, salaries, etc.*

▷ **bump** *n* **1** khawn-awknak (aw): *The two children collided with a bump.* ○ *The passengers felt a violent bump as the plane landed.* **2** taksa bo (thong/khawn ruangah): *covered in bumps and bruises* ○ *get a nasty bump on the head.* **3** bingbo: *a road with a lot of bumps in it.*

bump *adv* thutthi, sutsi: *He fell off the ladder and landed bump on the ground.* **2** (idm) **things that go bump in the night** ⇒ THING.

bumpy *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** tlir dutdo: *a bumpy ride, flight, drive, etc.* **bumpily** *adv.* **bumpiness** *n* [U].

bumper¹ /bʌmpə(r)/ mawtawka hmailam le dunglam ih hmanmi thir peer tluan sahpi (mawtawka ruangpi siat lo dingih khamtu thir tluan sahpi).

□ **bumper-to-bumper** *adj, adv* (mawtawka) naih-aw zet in: *We sat bumper-to-bumper in the traffic jam.* ○ *travel bumper-to-bumper.*

bumper² /bʌmpə(r)/ *adj* [attrib] tampi, paṭha: *a bumper crop/harvest* ○ *a bumper edition/issue/number, eg of a magazine.*

bumper³ /bʌmpə(r)/ *n* = BOUNCHER 1.

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bump = BUMF.

bumpkin /ˈbʌmpkɪn/ *n* (usu derog) fim hrih lo, khawte-nau faa.

bumptious /ˈbʌmpʃəs/ *adj* (derog) mah le mah zum-aw mi: *bumptious officials, behaviour.*

▷ **bumptiously** *adv.* **bumptiousness** *n* [U].

bun /bʌn/ *n* **1** sang thlum (a hlummi): *a currant bun.* Cf ROLL¹. **2** (a hleice in nunau ta) tom (sam tom): *put, wear one's hair in a bun.* **3** (idm) **have a bun in the oven** (*infml* joc) naupai, faa von. □ **bun-fight** (*infml*) lakphak in to tlang ih thu nuam rel-khawmnak.

bunch /bʌntʃ/ *n* **1** [C] a thlar, a bawr; bur: *a bunch of bananas, grapes, etc* ○ *bunches of flowers* ○ *a bunch of keys.* **2** [CGp] (*infml*) milai pawl khat: *a bunch of thugs* ○ *I don't like any of them much, but he's the best of the bunch,* ie the least unpleasant.

▷ **bunch** *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) hmun khat ah buur aw; a buur in um: *a blouse that bunches at the waist* ○ *runners all bunched together,* ie closely grouped ○ *Cross the road one at a time — don't bunch up.*

bundle /ˈbʌndl/ *n* **1** [C] thil fuun, thil tom: *a bundle of sticks, clothes, newspapers, etc* ○ *books tied up in bundles of twenty.* **2** [sing] **a ~ of sth** (*infml*) tampi: *That child is a bundle of mischief!* ○ *He's not exactly a bundle of fun,* ie an amusing person. **3** [sing] (*infml*) tangka tampi: *That car must have cost a bundle.* **4** (idm) **a bundle of nerves** thin thia, thin tur: *The poor chap was a bundle of nerves at the interview.* **go a bundle on sb/sth** (*infml*) duh hngin, uar hngin: *I don't go a bundle on her new husband, do you?*

▷ **bundle** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) hmun khat ah tom, fuun: *The firewood was cut and bundled (together).* ○ *We bundled up some old clothes for the jumble sale.* **2** (phr v) **bundle sth into sth** hmun khat ah hlon hruak ih ret (puan pawl): *She bundled her clothes into the drawer without folding them.* **bundle (sb) out, off, into, etc** dawi, fehter: *We all bundled into the tiny car.* ○ *I was bundled into a police van.* ○ *She bundled her son off to school.* **bundle (sb) up** puanhlum hruuk sak.

bung /bʌŋ/ *n* thil hru, palang hru, pipa hru tivek.

▷ **bung** *v* **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) (with sth) hru, phit: *My nose is (all) bunged up. I must be getting a cold.* ○ *The drains are bunged up with dead leaves.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] (*Brit infml*) hlon, sep: *Bung the newspaper over here, will you?*

□ **bung-hole** *n* pipa pung kua.

bungalow /ˈbʌŋɡələʊ/ *n* dot khat inn, bangla.

bungle /ˈbʌŋɡl/ *v* [I, Tn] tha lopi ih tuah (thiam lo ruangah) siatter, phiat: *it looks as though you've bungled again.* ○ *Don't let him mend your bike. He's sure to bungle the job.* ○ *The gang spent a year planning the robbery and then bungled it.*

▷ **bungle** *n* (usu sing) a siatmi, thil sia: *The whole job was a gigantic bungle.*

bungler /ˈbʌŋɡlə(r)/ *n* thil siattertu: *You incompetent bungler!*

bunion /ˈbʌnjən/ *n* kezung ruh thling nat.

bunk¹ /bʌŋk/ *n* **1** lawng sung phar ben ih tuahmi ihnak fiakte. **2** (also **bunk bed**) tlunta le tangta thuah um ihnak (ihkhun thuah).

bunk² /bʌŋk/ *n* (idm) **do a bunk** (*Brit infml*) tlaan hlo: *The cashier has done a bunk with the day's takings.*

bunk³ /bʌŋk/ *n* [U] (*infml*) = BUNKUM, thulolak: *Don't talk bunk!*

bunker /ˈbʌŋkə(r)/ *n* **1** lawng parih datsi retnak. **2** (also esp US **sand trap**) golf lehnak zin ih an phahmi vunnel sahpi (golf bawlung thawi har seh ti duh ah). **3** kahsam (ral kahnak ih laihi mi khur).

▷ **bunker** *v* **1** [Tn] lawng bunker ah datsi thun. **2** [Tn usu passive] golf bunker kaa ah bawlung tlak: *He/His ball is bunkered.*

bunkum /ˈbʌŋkəm/ (also **bunk**) *n* [U]. (*infml*) thulolak: *Don't believe what he's saying — it's pure bunkum.*

bunny /ˈbʌni/ *n* **1** sabek (nauhak tɔŋ). **2** (also **bunny girl**) (*often sexist*) zaansiim laamnak ih mipa rak tlontu, nunau (sabek hna le mei a deu pawl a hruk theu).

Bunsen burner /ˈbʌnsn ˈbɜːnə(r)/ *n* thilri (*science*) tuahnak inn khanih hmanmi meikhuat.

bunting¹ /ˈbʌntɪŋ/ *n* thantar (alan) tuahnak ih hmanmi puanthan.

bunting² /ˈbʌntɪŋ/ *n* [U] (a) lampi le inn tla ceimawinak ih hmanmi puan thantar fate te. (b) cuih mi tuahnak puanzai.

buoy /bɔɪ/ *n* **1** ti parih a phuan mi thil (ti tawne ah hri pakhat khat thawn an teem cih), himi hi lawng pawl lamzin hmuhtu ah an ret. **2** = LIFEBOUY (LIFE).

▷ **buoy** *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) cumi thawn hminsins: *buoy submerged rocks.* **2** (phr v) **buoy sb/sth up** (esp passive) (a) ti parah phuanter: *The raft was buoyed up by empty petrol cans.* (b) (fig) (thil man) thanter: *Share prices were buoyed up by hopes of an end to the recession.* (c) (fig) thinlung thoter: *We felt buoyed up by the good news.*

buoyant /ˈbɔɪənt/ *adj* **1** (a) ti parah phuanter thei: *The raft would be more buoyant if it was less heavy.* (b) mi phuanter thei: *Salt water is more buoyant than fresh water.* **2** a thang: *Share prices were buoyant today in active trading.* **3** vansiati ton hnu ah a tho saal, lungawi hlawptlo ih a um saal thei/thiam milai: *a buoyant disposition, personality, etc.*

▷ **buoyancy** /-ənsɪ/ *n* [U]. **buoyantly** *adv.*

bur (also **burr**) /bɜː(r)/ *n* seng-erh, hnipuan le sam parih a bek theimi hrampi phunkhat ih rah: (fig) *She tried to get rid of him at the party but*

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he stuck to her like a bur.

burble /bɜːbl/ *v* **1** [I] dimte ih tlokcjar rero, hruum rero. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (on) (about sth) tlok ciamco: *What's he burbling (on) about?*

burden /bɜːdn/ *n* **1** [C] bawmrit, phurhmi thil, thilrit: *bear/carry/shoulder a heavy burden.* **2** [C] (fig) phur a ritmi hnaʔuan, ʔuanvo, covov: *the burden of heavy taxation on the tax-payer* ○ *the burden of grief, guilt, remorse, etc* ○ *His invalid father is becoming a burden (to him).* **3** [sing] the ~ of sth thusimmi, canganmi ih a thupi bikmi thuhla: *The burden of his argument was that....* **4** [U] lawngih a phurh theih zat.

▷ **burden** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/oneself (with sth) tuarter; thilrit phurter, thinlung retheiter: *refugees burdened with all their possessions* ○ *I don't want to burden you with my problems.* ○ *Industry is heavily burdened with taxation.*

burdensome /-səm/ *adj* tuarhar; hnaihnok, phurhhar: *burdensome duties, responsibilities, etc.*

□ **the burden of proof** (law) simmi a dik ti simfiang ʔulnak.

bureau /bjuːəʊ/ *US* bjuːrəʊ/ *n* (pl -reaux or -reaus /-rəʊz/) **1** (Brit) thil retnak ansuai khan te nei cabuai. **2** (US) = CHEST OF DRAWERS (CHEST). **3** (esp US) cozah hnaʔuan hmunʔhen khat: *Federal Bureau of Investigation.* **4** zung: *a travel bureau* ○ *an information bureau.*

bureaucracy /bjʊəˈrɒkrəsi/ *n* (often derog) **1** (a) [U] mipi ih hril a si lomi bawi upa pawlih ram ukdan. (b) [C] cutivek ukdan nei ram. (c) [CGp] cuti vekih hnaʔuantu zung upa pawl. **2** [U] zung le zung hnaʔuan tam tuk re ih mi uk hnaʔuan dan, cutawh ih bawi pawl.

bureaucrat /bjʊəˈkræt/ *n* (often derog) daan fekfek ih tuahmi a thluntu bawi upa: *insensitive, bungling, etc bureaucrats.*

▷ **bureaucratic** /bjʊəˈkrætɪk/ *adj* hril loih a lalmi pawl ih uknak; zung tampi re ih mi uk thei: *bureaucratic government* ○ *The report revealed a major bureaucratic muddle.* **bureaucratically** /-ɪkli/ *adv.*

burette /bjʊəˈret/ *n* (chemistry) sii tahnak thalang dawng/thawl.

burgeon /bɜːdʒən/ *v* [I] **1** (archaic) (thing) hnah cerh. **2** (fml) zamrang in ʔhang: *a burgeoning population* ○ *a burgeoning talent.*

burger /bɜːgə(r)/ *n* (infml) = HAMBURGER.

▷ **-burger** (forming compound ns) (infml) hamburger sang vekih suanmi (rawl): *a steakburger* ○ *a cheeseburger.*

burgh /bɜːrə/ *n* (Scot) borough, ramʔhen, district.

burgher /bɜːgə(r)/ *n* (arch or joc) (esp respectable) khawpi um milai: *The pop festival has shocked the good burghers of Canterbury.*

burglar /bɜːglə(r)/ *n* thil ruk duh ih mi inn bohtu: *The burglar got into the house through the bedroom window.* Cf ROBBER (ROB), THIEF.

▷ **burglary** /bɜːgləri/ *n* [C, U] inn boh ih thilfirnak: *A number of burglaries have been committed in this area recently.* ○ *be accused/convicted of burglary.*

□ **burglar-alarm** *n* rukru a lut tikih mahte awn theimi thil.

burglar-proof *adj* rukfir ih boh le lut thei lo dingih tuahmi inn.

burgle /bɜːgl/ (*US* **burglarize**, -ise /bɜːgləraɪz/) *v* [Tn] inn boh phah ih thil fir: *burgle a shop* ○ *We were burgled while we were on holiday.* ⇒ Usage at ROB.

burgomaster /bɜːgəməˈstə(r)/ *n* Dutch le Flemish khawpi lal kawhnak.

Burgundy /bɜːgəndi/ *n* **1** [U, C] sabitti phun khat (France ram Burgundy suak sabitti). **2** [U] sendup nawn pianzia.

burial /beriəl/ *n* [U, C] mithi vui: *Cremation is more common than burial in some countries.* ○ *The burial took place on Friday.* ○ [attrib] *the burial service.*

□ **burial-ground** *n* thlanmual (cemetery): *a prehistoric burial-ground.*

burlesque /bɜːˈlesk/ *n* **1** [C, U] mi hmuhsuam, mi soinak ah mi ih thu cawng in hnihsuak ah tuah; cuti ih nganmi ca: *a burlesque of a novel, poem, etc.* **2** [U] (US) tawlawng laam tel laam hmuh puai.

▷ **burlesque** *adj* [usu attrib] mi soihmang: *a burlesque actor* ○ *burlesque acting.*

burlesque *v* [Tn] soinak, hnihsuak ah hmangan mi um dan cawng.

burly /bɜːli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a tum ih a cak mi ruangpi: *a burly policeman.*

▷ **burliness** *n* [U].

burn¹ /bɜːn/ *n* (Scot) tiva te.

burn² /bɜːn/ *v* (pt, pp **burnt** /bɜːnt/ or **burned** /bɜːnd/) ⇒ Usage at DREAM². **1** (a) [Tn] (meisa in) ur, khang, kang, tik: *burn dead leaves, waste paper, rubbish, etc* ○ *The house was burnt to the ground, ie completely destroyed by fire.* ○ *All his belongings were burnt in the fire.* ○ *Sorry, I've burnt the toast.* ○ *His face was badly burnt by the hot sun.* ○ *The soup is very hot. Don't burn your mouth.* ○ *The child burnt its fingers/itself while playing with a match.* (b) [I] a kaang: *Her skin burns easily.* ○ *I can smell something burning.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ong ko kaang: *The cigarette burnt a hole in the carpet.* **3** [Tn] ur, kaangter: *Do you burn coal as well as wood on this fire?* ○ *a central heating boiler that burns gas/oil/coke.* **4** [I, Tn] kaang that, ur that: *Ten people burnt to death in the hotel fire.* ○ *Joan of Arc was burnt (alive) at the stake.* **5** (a) [La, I] a kaang, a hlio: *a burning building* ○ *The house burned for hours before the blaze was put out.* ○ *A fire was burning merrily in the grate.* ○ *The fire had burnt low, ie was nearly out.* ○ *A single light burned in the empty house.* (b) [I] a kaang:

Paper burns easily. ◦ *Damp wood doesn't burn well.* **6** [Tn] ur, mei ah ur: *burn charcoal.* **7** [I, Tn] a saa: *Your forehead's burning. Have you got a fever?* **8** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** thin saa, thin a hlio: *be burning with rage, desire, longing, etc.* **9** [Ipr, It] ~ **for sth** tuah hiar tuk ih thinlung a kaang in a kaang: (rhet) *He was burning to avenge the death of his father.* **10** (idm) **burn one's boats/bridges** siir-awh khalle thahnem lo thil tuah: *Think carefully before you resign — if you do that you will have burnt your boats.* **burn the candle at both ends** thil tuah tamtuk ruangah mah le mah tha duaite: **burn one's fingers/get one's fingers burnt** at man ah sung; at man kuan cawh lo: *He got his fingers badly burnt dabbling in the stock-market.* **burn the midnight oil** siimpi tiang, zaanhnu tiang tuah: *She takes her exams next week, so she's burning the midnight oil.* **burn sth to a crisp** reituk suan ruangah a kaang: (fig) *I lay in the sun all day and got burnt to a crisp.* **sb's ears are burning** ⇒ **EAR**¹. **feel one's ears burning** ⇒ **FEEL**¹. **have money to burn** ⇒ **MONEY**. **money burns a hole in sb's pocket** ⇒ **MONEY**. **11** (phr v) **burn away** a kaang zom rero: *a fire burning away in the grate.* **burn (sth) away (a)** kaang cem vivo: *Half the candle had burnt away.* **(b)** kaang cem theh: *Most of the skin on his face got burnt away in the fire.* **burn down** mei kaang a kiam: *The room grew colder as the fire burnt down.* **burn (sth) down** a kaang ciam theh: *The house burnt down in half an hour.* ◦ *Don't leave the gas on — you might burn the house down.* **burn sth off** khaang theh: *Burn the old paint off before re-painting the door.* **burn (itself) out (a)** a mahte a mit: *The fire had burnt (itself) out before the fire brigade arrived.* **(b)** a kaang ding mi a cem theh. **burn (sth) out** a sattuk ruangah a cawl (hnur awk ruangah): *The clutch has burnt out.* ◦ *burn out a fuse, motor, transformer.* **burn oneself out** mah le mah tha cemter; cor theh: *If he doesn't stop working so hard, he'll burn himself out.* **burn sb out** (esp passive) a inn meisa ur sak in, lengah suakter: *The family was burnt out (of house and home) and forced to leave the area.* **burn sth out** (esp passive) khaang thluh, ur ciam thluh: *The hotel was completely burnt out.* ◦ *the burnt-out wreck of a car.* **burn (sth) to sth** ur siat: *It burned to ashes.* ◦ *You've burnt the toast to a cinder, ie so that it is hard and black.* **burn up (a)** alh deuh: *put more wood on a fire to make it burn up.* **(b)** kaang ziam theh. **burn sb up** (US infml) thinhengter. **burn sth up** ur hlo theh: *burn up all the garden rubbish.* ▷ **burn** *n* **1** mei kaang hma; acid i kaang: *He died of the burns he received in the fire.* **2** van parah rocket kapsin (lamzin thlengter duh ah).

burner *n* **1** mei-inn sungih a alhmi puanhri (mi-sa). **2** urtu, khaangtu: *a charcoal-burner.* **3** (idm) **put sth on the back burner** ⇒ **BACK**². **burning** *adj* [attrib] **1** a nasazet, zet: *a burning thirst* ◦ *a burning desire for sth.* **2** thupizet: *one of the most burning issues of the day.* **burnt** *adj* a uut/a kaang mi; a uut: *rather burnt toast* ◦ *Your hand looks badly burnt.* **burnt offering** mei-ur thawinak. ◻ **burn-up** *n* (Brit sl) mawtawsaikal tivek pawl zamrang zetih mawng. **burnish** /bɜːnɪʃ/ *v* [Tn] tleu ko rawt/hnawt (dar, kedan tivek): *burnished copper.* **burnous** /bɜːnuːs/ *n* lukhuh nei Arab pawlih hman mi kor. **burp** /bɜːp/ *n* (infml) irh. ▷ **burp** *v* **1** [I] irh irh, irh suak. **2** [Tn] irhter, thli suahsak (naute). **burr**¹ = **BUR**. **burr**² /bɜː(r)/ *n* (usu sing) **1** cet her awn, lole telephone awn. **2** 'r' aw napi ih suahter tong: *Speak with a soft West Country burr.* ▷ **burr** *v* [I] burr tuah; 'r' aw tampi suah. **burrow** /bʌrəʊ/ *n* sabek kua, cinghnia kua, sakuh kua, zinghnam kua. ▷ **burrow** *v* **1** (a) kua lai: *Rabbits had burrowed holes in the grassy bank.* **(b)** [I] kua vit, lei vit. **2** (phr v) **burrow (one's way) into, through, under, etc** khurkua lai ih feh suak: *the fox burrowed (its way) under the fence to reach the chickens.* ◦ *The prisoners escaped by burrowing under the wall.* ◦ *The child burrowed under the bedclothes.* ◦ (fig) *We had to burrow through a mass of files to find the documents we wanted.* **bursar** /bɜːsə(r)/ *n* **1** tlawng sumpai tawreltu. **2** tlawngta bommi tangka ngahtu. ▷ **bursary** /bɜːsəri/ *n* **1** tlawng sumpai lam tawreltu zung. **2** tlawngta bommi tangka. **burst**¹ /bɜːst/ *v* (pt, pp **burst**) **1** [I, Tn] puak kuai: *If you blow that balloon up any more it will burst.* ◦ *The dam burst under the weight of water.* ◦ *Water-pipes often burst in cold weather.* ◦ (fig) *I've eaten so much I feel ready to burst!* ◦ *The river burst its banks and flooded the town.* ◦ *Don't get so angry! You'll burst a blood-vessel!* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ **(with sth)** kuai zik (khat tuk pum puar tuk): *'More pudding?' 'No thanks. I'm bursting!'* ◦ *May I use your lavatory — I'm bursting!* ie I need to urinate urgently. ◦ *a bag bursting with shopping* ◦ (fig) *be bursting with happiness, pride, excitement, etc.* **3** (idm) **be bursting at the seams** (infml) khat tuk, puar tuk: *I've eaten so much I'm bursting at the seams.* **be bursting to do sth** tuah hiar tuk: *She was bursting to tell him the good news.* **burst (sth) open** ong sutsi: *The police burst the door open.* **4** (phr v) **burst in** lut vutvi (hmate khat ah); rinlopi ah lut dukdi ih mi hnahnawh pek: *The police burst in (through the door) and arrested the gang.* **burst in on sb/**

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sth rak lut dukdi: *burst in on a meeting* ○ *How dare you burst in on us without knocking!* **burst into sth** puak dukdi: *The aircraft crashed and burst into flames*, ie suddenly began to burn. ○ *burst into tears, song, angry speech*, ie suddenly begin to cry, sing, speak angrily ○ *trees bursting into leaf/bloom/blossom/flower*. **burst into, out of, through, etc sth** lut rumro; pah rumro: *An angry crowd burst through the lines of police and into the street*. ○ *The oil burst out of the ground*. ○ *The sun burst through the clouds*. **burst on/upon sb/sth** thei thiam: *The truth burst upon him*, ie He suddenly realized it. ○ *A major new talent has burst on the literary scene*. **burst out** (a) tong suak (suup thei loin): *'I hate you.'* she burst out. (b) ti lohli, tuah lohli: *burst out crying/laughing/singing*.

burst² /bɜːst/ *n* **1** (a) puak-kuainak: *the burst of a shell, bomb*. (b) kek-kuainak: *a burst in a water-pipe*. **2** teima hruak, hmate khat ah nasa zet ih thazaang suah vutvi: *a burst of energy, speed* ○ *work in short bursts*. **3** hmate khat ih thilcang: *a burst of anger, enthusiasm* ○ *a burst of applause*. **4** meithal awn ciamco: *a burst of machine-gun fire*.

burton /bɜːtn/ *n* (idm) **go for a burton** (Brit infml) hloral, siatsuah, thah tuar: *It's pouring with rain, so I'm afraid our picnic's gone for a burton*.

bury /ber/ *v* (pt, pp **buried**) **1** [Tn] (a) vui, phum (mithi): *He was buried with his wife*. ○ *Where is Shakespeare buried?* ○ *He's been dead and buried for years!* (b) (euph) (thih ruangih) sungral, phum: *She's eighty-five and has buried three husbands*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] phum (mi hmuh lo dingin): *buried treasure* ○ *Our dog buries its bones in the garden*. ○ *The house was buried under ten feet of snow*. ○ *The miners were buried alive when the tunnel collapsed*. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] thup, khuh: *Your letter got buried under a pile of papers*. ○ *She buried her face in her hands and wept*. **4** [Tn] hngilhata, thinlung ah re nawn lo: *It's time to bury our differences and be friends again*. **5** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in sth) pil ko tuah, dawt, phum: *The lion buried its teeth in the antelope's neck*. ○ *He walked slowly, his hands buried in his pockets*. ○ *Her head was buried in the book she was reading*. **6** (idm) **bury the hatchet** to-aw nawn lo, rem-aw saal. **bury/hide one's head in the sand** ⇒ **HEAD**¹. **7** (phr v) **bury oneself in sth** (a) mi um lonak ah va um (thil tuah duh ah): *He buried himself (away) in the country to write a book*. (b) thil pakhat khat lawng ruat/tuah: *In the evenings he buries himself in his books*.

bus /bʌs/ *n* (pl **buses**; US also **busses**) **1** khualtlawng sukso phurtu mawtawka tumpi; baska: *Shall we walk or go by bus?* ○ [attrib] *a bus driver/conductor* ○ *a bus station*. **2** (idm) **miss the boat/bus** ⇒ **MISS**³.

▷ **bus v** (pres p **busing**; also esp US **bussing**, pt,

pp **bused**; also esp US **bussed**) **1** [I] bas thawn feh: *I usually bus (it) to work in the morning*. **2** [Tn] (a) bas thawn kuat/laak. (b) (US) midum umnak le mirang umnak tlawng pawl ah (tlawngta nauhak) kuat/thlah ton.

□ **bus lane** bas fehnak zin.

busman /-mən/ *n* (idm) **a busman's holiday** hnaʔuan awl ni (zungpit ni) ah mah ʔuan kel ʔuah thocho.

bus-shelter *n* bas hngahnak deu-thlam.

bus-stop *n* bas cawlhnak hmun.

busby /ˈbʌzbɪ/ *n* rangto ralkap pawl le meithal keng ralkap pawl in puai hmunih an khummi hmulnei lukhuh saang.

bush /buʃ/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thing burbuk; hrambur: *a rose bush* ○ *gooseberry bushes*. Cf **TREE**. (b) cuvek sambur, hmulbur. **2** [U] (often **the bush**) hramlak hramrul. **3** (idm) **beat about the bush** ⇒ **BEAT**¹. **a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush** ⇒ **BIRD**.

▷ **bushy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** burbuk a khatmi; a rulmi. **2** a sahmi: *a bushy moustache* ○ *bushy eyebrows*. **bushiness** *n* [U].

□ **bush-baby** *n* mei sau ih mitkau Africa zawng. **Bushman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men**) hramlak um SW Africa miphun.

bush telegraph khawlak thuleng a than darhzia.

bushed /buʃt/ *adj* [pred] (US infml) baangzet.

bushel /buʃl/ *n* **1** rawl le thingrah tahnak tlangrel; a ti a si le galan pariat tlem. **2** (idm) **hide one's light under a bushel** ⇒ **HIDE**¹.

busier, busiest, busily ⇒ **BUSY**.

business /ˈbiznɪs/ *n* **1** [C, U] pumcawmnak hnaʔuan: *He tries not to let (his) business interfere with his home life*. **2** [U] (a) thil lei le zuar hnaʔuan (pumcawmnak ah), dawr: *We don't do (much) business with foreign companies*. ○ *He's in (ie works in) the oil business*. ○ *She has set up in business as a bookseller*. ○ *He wants to be a doctor or go into business*. ○ [attrib] *a business trip* ○ *a business lunch* ○ *business sense*, ie knowledge of commercial procedures. (b) thil lei le zuar: *Business is always brisk before Christmas*. **3** [C] dawr, sumtuah: *have/own one's own business* ○ *She runs a thriving grocery business*. ○ *Many small businesses have gone bankrupt recently*. **4** [U] ʔuanvo, hnaʔuan: *it is the business of the police to protect the community*. ○ *I shall make it my business to find out who is responsible*. ○ *My private life is none of your business/is no business of yours*. **5** [U] tuah dingmi thu le hla: *The main business of this meeting is our wages claim*. ○ *Unless there is any other business, we can end the meeting*. **6** [sing] (often derog) thu le hla: *an old, a strange, a disturbing, etc business* ○ *What a business it is moving house!* ○ *I'm sick of the whole business*. ○ *That plane crash was an awful business*. ○ *What's this business I hear about you losing*

your job? **7** [U] mithmai tuah/tuah duhmi le sim duhmi kha cangvaihnak le mithmai thawn hmuh. **8** (idm) **business as usual** (catchphrase) ti keel, tuah keel vekih um. **the business end (of sth)** (infml) pakhat khat tuahnak ih hmanmi thil, a hman theihnak (a thupit biknak) zawn: *Never hold a gun by the business end.* **business is business** (catchphrase) tangka le sumtuah ah rualpi ti a um lo. **funny business** ⇒ FUNNY. **get down to business** tuah dingmi thok. **go about one's business** maih hnaṭuan ṭuan: *streets filled with people going about their daily business.* **go out of business** sumtuah ah sung ṭheh. **have no business to do sth/doing sth** ṭuanvo nei lo, rak thlaak ding nei lo: *You've no business to be here — this is private property.* **like nobody's business** (infml) zet, nasa: *My head hurts like nobody's business.* **mean business** ⇒ MEAN¹. **mind one's own business** ⇒ MIND². **on business** hnaṭuan ah, hnaṭuan dingah: *I'll be away on business next week.* **send sb about his business** ⇒ SEND.

□ **business address** hnaṭuan hmun hmin.

□ **business card** hmin, hnaṭuan le kampani hmin tivek nganmi cahnah khoh fiakte.

business hours zung kai/hnaṭuan tikcu.

businesslike adj fel zet; cin le daan nei zet: *Negotiations were conducted in a businesslike manner.*

businessman, businesswoman ns **1** sumtuahtu, dawrtuahtu. **2** sumtuah le tangka lamih a thiammi: *I ought to have got a better price for the car but I'm not a very good business man.* ⇒ Usage at CHAIR.

business studies pursum leilawn thuhla zirnak.

busk /bask/ v [I] (infml) mipi umnak hmun pawl ah awnmawi tum ih tangka hawl.

busker n. **busking** n [U].

bust¹ /bast/ n **1** ṭaang ṭlun lam lawng salhmi milai lem. **2** (a) nunau ṭaang/pawhte. (b) nunau suum: [attrib] *What is your bust size, madam?*

▷ **busty** adj hnawi tum nei.

bust² /bast/ v (pt, pp **bust** or **busted**) (infml) **1** [Tn] thlak kuai: *I dropped my camera on the pavement and bust it.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb (for sth)** (palik in) inn luhhawh/kai: *Mikey's been busted for drugs.* **3** [Tn] hnaṭuan ṭhum: *He was busted (to corporal) for being absent without leave.* **4** (phr v) **bust up** (infml) to-aw ih nupa ṭhen-aw: *They bust up after five years of marriage.* **bust sth up** cemter hruak: *bust up a meeting* ○ *It was his drinking that busted up their marriage.*

▷ **bust** n palik in kai.

bust adj [pred] (infml) **1** a siat: *My watch is bust.* **2** leiba. **3** (idm) **go bust** dawr tuahnak ah tangka sung.

□ **bust-up** n **1** to-aw, hau-aw. **2** nupa ṭhen-aw.

bustard /bastəd/ n tlaan cakmi vate tumpi punkhat.

buster /bastə(r)/ n (US infml usu derog) nautat phah ih mipa kawhnak: *Get lost, buster!*

bustle¹ /basl/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] man lo zet ih cangvai; khulrang in fehter: *bustling about in the kitchen* ○ *She bustled the children off to school.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) thawngvang tam: *bustling streets* ○ *The city centre was bustling with life.*

▷ **bustle** n [U] awn ruri le khulrang ih cangvai: *the (hustle and) bustle of city life.*

bustle² /basl/ n (formerly) nunau kor dunglam pawngtertu thildan.

busy /'bɪzi/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** ~ (at/with sth); ~ (doing sth) man lo; hnaṭuan tam: *Doctors are busy people.* ○ *Could I have a word with you, if you're not too busy?* ○ *She's busy at/with her homework.* ○ *Please go away—can't you see I'm busy?* ○ *She's busy writing letters.* **2** cangvai tam, hnaṭuan tam: *a busy day, life, time of year, etc* ○ *a busy office, street, town* ○ *Victoria is one of London's busiest stations.* ○ *The shops are very busy at Christmas.* **3** (a) = ENGAGED (ENGAGE). (b) man lo, lawng lo: *The (telephone) line is busy.* ○ *The photocopier has been busy all morning.* **4** zuk terek tamtuk: *This wallpaper is too busy for the bedroom.* **5** (idm) (as) **busy as a bee** man lo zet: *The children are busy as bees, helping their mother in the garden.* **get busy** hnaṭuan hramthok: *We've only got an hour to do the job — we'd better get busy.*

▷ **busy** v (pt, pp **busied**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tng] ~ **oneself (with sth)**; ~ **oneself (in/with) doing sth** hnaṭuan ṭuan tam: *busy oneself in the garden, with the housework, etc* ○ *He busied himself cooking the dinner.*

busily adv: *busily engaged on a new project.*

busybody /'bɪzɪbɒdi/ n (derog) midang thuhla/ hnaṭuan ah rak thlak rerotu: *He's an interfering busybody!*

but¹ /bət, also bət/ adv **1** (esp dated or fml) lawng: *He's but a boy.* ○ *If I had but known she was ill, I would have visited her.* ○ *I don't think we'll succeed. Still, we can but try.* **2** (idm) **one cannot/could not but...** (fml) ti/tuah ding lawng a um thlang: *It was a rash thing to do, yet one cannot but admire her courage.* ○ *I could not but admit that he was right and I was wrong.*

but² /bət; strong form bət/ conj (often used to introduce a word or phrase contrasting with or qualifying what has gone before) **1** nain, a sina'n: *You've bought the wrong shirt. It's not the red one I wanted but the blue one.* ○ *Tom went to the party, but his brother didn't.* ○ *He doesn't like music but his wife does.* **2** (a) khalsehla, sikhla sehla: *She cut her knee badly, but didn't cry.* ○ *I'd love to go to the theatre tonight, but I'm too busy.* ○ *This restaurant serves cheap but excellent food.* ○ *He's hard-working, but not very clever.* (b) ṭhiamṭhiam: *He was tired but happy*

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after the long walk. **3** (dated or fml) nain: I never pass my old house but I think of the happy years I spent there. ○ No man is so cruel but he may feel some pity. **4** lungkim lonak, mangbang langternak, Asina'n: 'I'll give you ten pounds to repair the damage.' 'But that's not nearly enough!' ○ 'I'm getting married.' 'But that's wonderful!' **5** (tongfang pakhat thupit ternak): Nothing, but nothing will make me change my mind. **6** (idm) **but me no butts** i eel hlah!, lole, a phualam hawl hlah! **but that...** (dated or fml) (a) ... ta hlahseh la: But that you had seen me in the water, I would have drowned. ○ He would have come with us but that he had no money. (b) ... ziangin khal: I don't deny/doubt/question but that you're telling the truth. (c) siar lo cu: Who knows but that what he says is true? We have no proof that he is lying. **but then** cuih tlunah, ziang khalle: He speaks very good French — but then he did live in Paris for three years. **not only...but also...** lawng siloin ... khal 'a si': He is not only arrogant but also selfish.

but³ /bət/; strong form bət/ prep **1** (used after the negatives nobody, none, nowhere, etc, the question words who, where, etc, and also all, everyone, anyone, etc) siar lo cu: The problem is anything but easy. ○ Everyone was there but him. ○ Nobody but you could be so selfish. ○ Nothing but trouble will come of this plan. **2** (idm) **but for sb/sth** /bət fə/ ruangah, thawn lo cun: But for the rain we would have had a nice holiday. ○ But for the safety-belt I wouldn't be alive today. **but⁴** /bət, also bət/ rel pron (after a negative) (dated or fml) lotu: There is no man but feels (ie no man who does not feel) pity for starving children, nauhak rilrawng zaangfah lotu zohman an um lo. ○ There is not one of us but wishes (ie not one of us that does not wish) to help you.

butane /'ju:tem/ n [U] zinaan ihsin suakmi daat-ti (rawl suannak, meitleu tivek ih hmanmi).

butch /bʊtʃ/ adj (infml) **1** (often derog) (of a woman) mipa hmuimel nei, mipa vekih um nunau. **2** (often approv) (of a man) pacang famkim, pacang tha pianhmang nei.

butcher /'bʊtʃə(r)/ n **1** sathattu (zuar ding ih sa a thattu): buy meat at the butcher's (shop). **2** (derog) ramsa vekih mi a thattu: a mindless butcher of innocent people.

▷ **butcher v** [Tn] **1** ei dingah sa that ih can. **2** tul na lo siava zet ih that: Woman and children were butchered by the rebels. **3** (fig) siater thluh: None of the cast can act at all — they're butchering the play.

butchery n [U] **1** sathat ih pumcawmnak. **2** tul nalo ih thah.

butler /'bʊtlə(r)/ n hnen-um hotu (zu lam tawreltu a si deuh).

butt¹ /bʌt/ n **1** zu retnak pipa (thing) pungpi. **2** ruahti khawlnak pungpi.

butt² /bʌt/ n **1** meithal kawng: a rifle butt. **2** kuak bul: an ashtray full of butts. **3** (infml esp US) tawcor: Get off your butts and do some work!

butt³ /bʌt/ n **1** (a) [C] meithal kah zirhnak hmuni an bahmi hmuisel dunglam um leivawr (sangpi). (b) **the butts** [pl] hmuibahnak hmun, canmari. **2** [C] zomtaih le capoh theu mi, milai: be the butt of everyone's jokes.

butt⁴ /bʌt/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] sawh, khawng, khiik (mee, caw, naa pawl ih khiik): butt sb in the stomach. **2** [Tn-pr] lu thawn khawng, sut: He butted his head against the shelf as he was getting up. **3** (phr v) **butt in (on sb/sth)** (infml) rak thlaak, rak hnaihok: Don't butt in like that when I'm speaking. ○ May I butt in on your conversation?

butter /'bʌtə(r)/ n **1** [U] cawhnawi makhan (thawphat): Would you like some more bread and butter? ○ Shall I use oil or butter for frying the onions? **2** [U] thil dang hriak: peanut butter. **3** (idm) (look as if/as though) **butter would not melt in one's mouth** mawh nain, mawh lo a bang. like a knife through butter ⇒ KNIFE.

▷ **butter v** **1** [Tn] thawphat hnih: (hot) buttered toast ○ buttered carrots. **2** (idm) **know which side one's bread is buttered** ⇒ KNOW. **3** (phr v) **butter sb up** (infml) mi va tlon ciamco: I've seen you buttering up the boss!

buttery adj thawphat vek, thawphat hnih mi.

□ **buttermilk** n [U] a makhan (a khirh) lak theh hnu ih a taangmi cawhnawi ti.

butterscotch n [U] thawphat le cithlum suangih tuahmi tawfi (cithlum hluum).

butter-bean /'bʌtəbi:n/ n thawphat pe.

buttercup /'bʌtəkʌp/ n khuat-hai pian nei aire pangpar kung.

butter-fingers /'bʌtəfɪŋgəz/ n [C] (pl unchanged) (infml) thil thlaak-hmang, tlaakter hmang milai.

butterfly /'bʌtəflaɪ/ n **1** [C] pelep, pengpelep. **2** [C] (fig) mi lungzuang (pelep vekih zuang vivo men): a social butterfly. **3** [sing] (also **butterfly stroke**) kut pahnih veikhat ah hmailam ah suah ih tileuh: doing (the) butterfly. **4** (idm) **have butterflies (in one's stomach)** (infml) thil pakhat tuah zik ih tha thir nei (tihphan tuk ah).

buttock /'bʌtək/ n (esp pl) tawcor; tawtit (a pahnih in): the left/right buttock ○ a smack on the buttocks.

button /'bʌtn/ n **1** a sih (kor sih, beh, bawngbi sih pawl): a coat, jacket, shirt, trouser button ○ lose a button ○ sew on a new button ○ do one's buttons up. **2** thil bo, cangvai seh ti duh tiki namsakmi thil bote (electric le thil dangdang ih hmanmi): Which button do I press to turn the radio on? **3** (idm) **bright as a button** ⇒ BRIGHT. **on the button** (US infml) cekci: You've got it on the button!

▷ **button v** **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up)** sih, kor le bawngbi tivek pawl sih: button (up) one's coat,

jacket, shirt, etc. (b) [I, Ip] ~ (up) kilh: *This dress buttons at the back.* **2** (idm) **button (up) one's lip** (US sl) daite ih um. **3** (phr v) **button sth up** (infml) tuah suak: *The deal should be buttoned up by tomorrow.*

□ **buttoned up** mi kom lo, mi dai, ningzah nei: *I've never met anyone so buttoned up.*

button-down collar kepsih thawn sihmi kor hngawng.

buttonhole n **1** a sihnak kua. **2** kor kepsih kua ih tonmi pangpar. — v [Tn] cawltar, bangter tahrat in thu ngaiter.

buttonhook n kepsih thulnak.

button mushroom a parh lomi paa fate, paa mum.

buttness /bʌtrɪs/ n **1** phar dotu, phar domtu (thir, zanthing). **2** rak domtu/bawmtu milai: *a country admired as a buttress of democracy* ○ *He was a buttress against extremism in the party.*

▷ **buttness** v [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (up) rak dom, rak bawm: (fig) *More government spending is needed to buttress industry.* ○ *You need more facts to buttress up your argument.*

buxom /bʌksəm/ adj (usu approve esp joc) taksa khat zet ih harhdam hmelpu țang tum ial-ial (nunau).

buy /bai/ v (pt, pp **bought** /bɔ:t/) **1** [I, Tn, Tn.pr, Cn-a, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (for sb) lei, tangka thawih lei: *House prices are low; it's a good time to buy.* ○ *Where did you buy that coat?* ○ *I bought this watch (from a friend) for £10.* ○ *Did you buy your car new or second-hand?* ○ *I must buy myself a new shirt.* ○ *She's buying a present for her boyfriend.* **2** [Tn] lei: *He gave his children the best education that money could buy.* ○ *Money can't buy happiness.* ○ *A pound today buys much less than it did a year ago.* **3** [Tn usu passive] ngah, hlawh: *His fame was bought at the expense of health and happiness.* ○ *The victory was dearly bought, ie Many people were killed to achieve it.* **4** [Tn] (infml) a dik ti ih cohlang: *No one will buy that excuse.* **5** [Tn] nawhthuh pe: *He can't be bought, ie is too honest to accept a bribe.* **6** (idm) **buy a pig in a poke** ruat ciamciam ta loih lei hruak. **buy time** tikcu hnuter: *The union leaders are trying to buy time by prolonging the negotiations.* **7** (phr v) **buy sth in** (a) lei ih khawl cia: *buy in coal for the winter.* (b) a neitu in lei saal. **buy sb off** nawhthuh/sumruk pe in thil tuah ding kham: *Unless he drops the charge we'll have to buy him off.* **buy sb out** dawrtuahnak ah midang covo (share) khal lei theh: *Having bought out all his partners he now owns the whole company.* **buy sb over** nawhthuh pe. **buy sth up** lei thluh, tam thei tawk ih lei: *A New York business man has bought up the entire company.*

▷ **buy** n leimi: *a good buy, ie a useful purchase or a bargain* ○ *Best buys of the week are carrots*

and cabbages, which are plentiful and cheap.

buyer n **1** leitu: *Have you found a buyer for your house?* **2** stalk lei saktu. **buyer's market** thilman a ol ih thilri tam lei.

buzz /bʌz/ v **1** [I] (a) awn (khuai vekin): *bees, flies, wasps buzzing round a pot of jam.* (b) (hna) khuai vekih awn, ai: *My ears began buzzing.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) awn-au ruri: *The courtroom buzzed as the defendant was led in.* ○ *The village was buzzing with excitement at the news of the Queen's visit.* ○ *The office is buzzing with rumours.* **3** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (for) sb kiling te (buzzer) thawn ko: *The doctor buzzed (for) the next patient.* **4** [Tn] (infml) telefon thawn biak: *I'll buzz you at work.* **5** [Tn] vanzam a naih ah ra zuang (ralinnak pek ah): *Two fighters buzzed the convoy as it approached the coast.* **6** (phr v) **buzz about/around** (sth) zamrang zet in cangvai ciamco: *She buzzed around the kitchen making preparations for the party.* **buzz off** (Brit infml) tlaan, feh hlo: *Just buzz off and leave me alone!*

▷ **buzz** n **1** [C] cucik kharbawk pawl ih awn: *the angry buzz of a bee/wasp.* **2** [sing] (a) milai țong aw: *the buzz of voices in the crowded room.* (b) thuleeng: *There's a buzz going round that the boss has resigned.* **3** [C] kiling te (buzzer) awn. **4** [sing] (infml esp US) lungawi ih thintur, thinnomnak: *Flying gives me a real buzz.* **5** (idm)

give sb a buzz (infml) telefon in biak. **buzzer** n thirhri kuatnak cet (a awn theimi) thir-thlung.

□ **buzz-word** n mi theih tammi ih a cangmi țongfang hleice. Cf VOGUE-WORD (VOGUE).

buzzard /bʌzəd/ n khau tumpi phun.

by¹ /bai/ prep **1** kiang: *He stole the money when no one was by.* ○ *He lives close/near by.* **2** lan, luan, liam: *drive, go, run, walk, etc by* ○ *He hurried by without speaking to me.* ○ *Excuse me, I can't get by.* ○ *Time goes by so quickly.* **3** reet cia, khawl cia: *lay/put/set sth by* ○ *I always keep a bottle of wine by in case friends call round.* **4** (idm) **by and by** (dated) a rei hlan ah, tuih hnu ah: *They'll be arriving by and by.* **by the by/bye** = BY THE WAY (WAY¹). **by and large** ⇒ LARGE.

by² /bai/ prep **1** kiangah; siirah: *a house by the church, river, railway* ○ *The telephone is by the window.* ○ *Come and sit by me.* ○ *We had a day by the sea.* **2** lam in: *He entered by the back door.* ○ *We traveled to Rome by Milan and Florence.* ○ *We came by country roads, not by the motorway.* **3** kaan in: *He walked by me without speaking.* ○ *I go by the church every morning on my way to work.* **4** hlan ah: *Can you finish the work by five o'clock/tomorrow/next Monday?* ○ *By this time next week we shall be in New York.* ○ *He ought to have arrived by now/by this time.* ○ *By the time (that) this letter reaches you I will have left the country.* **5** lai ah: *travel by day/night* ○ *She sleeps by day and works by night.* ○ *The view*

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is best seen by daylight/moonlight. ○ Reading by (ie with the use of) artificial light is bad for the eyes. **6** (usu after a passive *v*) (**a**) in, ih: a play (written) by Shakespeare ○ a church designed by Wren ○ He was arrested by the police. ○ He was shot by a terrorist with a machine-gun. ○ run over by a bus ○ struck by lightning. (**b**) thawn in: The room is heated by gas/oil. ○ May I pay by cheque? ○ I shall contact you by letter/telephone. ○ He earns his living by writing. ○ You switch the radio on by pressing this button. ○ By working hard he gained rapid promotion. **7** (without the) in, thawn: meet by chance ○ achieve sth by skill, determination, etc ○ do sth by mistake/accident ○ The coroner's verdict was 'death by misadventure.' **8** cumi tuah in: Let me begin by saying... ○ He shocked the whole company by resigning. **9** thawn (mawṭawka thawn, etc): travel by boat/bus/car/plane ○ travel by air/land/sea. **10** in (kut in, angki in): take sb by the hand ○ seize sb by the hair, collar, lapel, etc ○ grab sb by the scruff of the neck. **11** (with the) in, (pahra in, kaih khat in): rent a car by the day/week/month ○ sell eggs by the dozen, material by the yard, coal by the ton ○ pay sb by the day/hour ○ We sell ice-creams by the thousand in the summer. **12** pakhat pakhat in; a ni a ni in, tivek pawl: improving day by day, little by little, bit by bit, etc ○ The children came in two by two. **13** (**a**) lam (a kauh lam, a sau lam): The room measures fifteen feet by twenty feet. (**b**) a zai le a zem ah: 6 (multiplied/divided) by 2 equal 12/3. **14** in (bok hnih in a ṭhelh): The bullet missed him by two inches. ○ The carpet is too short by three feet. ○ It would be better by far (ie much better) to.... **15** vekin: By my watch it is two o'clock. ○ Judging by appearances can be misleading. ○ I could tell by the look on her face that something terrible had happened. **16** bangtuk in: play a game by the rules ○ by sb's leave, ie with sb's permission. **17** in (a hrin a hnam in tivek): be German by birth, a solicitor by profession, a joiner by trade ○ do one's duty by sb. **18** pakhat khat hmin in (siat camnak): By God! ○ I swear by Almighty God..., by all that I hold dear..., etc. **19** (idm) have/keep sth by one kiang/a naih ah re: I keep a dictionary by me when I'm doing crosswords.

by- (also **bye-**) pref (with *ns* and *vs*) **1** hmailam ih betmi ṭongfang: by-product ○ bye-law. **2** nai-ah: bystander ○ bypass.

bye¹ /bai/ *n* (sport) **1** (in cricket) bawlung denmi rak thawi ngah loih a lanmi. **2** leh zuamawknak ah, khat lam ih zuamtu um lo ruangah a neh ih ret.

bye² /bai/ (also **bye-bye**) /baɪ'baɪ, bə'baɪ/ *interj* (infml) dam te'n: Bye (-bye)! See you next week.

bye-byes /baɪbaɪz/ *n* [U] it tinak (nauhak biak tiki hmanmi): It's time to go to/time for bye-byes!

by-election /baɪleɪʃn/ *n* sungtel pakhat a thih/a suak ruangih caan karlak hril-awknak. Cf GENERAL ELECTION (GENERAL).

bygone /'baɪɡən/ *adj* [attrib] a luanciami; a liamciami: a bygone age ○ in bygone days.

▷ **bygones** *n* (idm) let bygones be bygones (saying) a luan zomi thuhla pawl cu luan ko seh.

by-law /'baɪlə/ *n* **1** (also **bye-law**) cozah hmunpi siloin hmun fate thu kaitu ih tuahmi thlun ding cin le daan. **2** (US) pawlpi/pawlkhawm ih tuahmi thlun ding daan.

byline /'baɪlaɪn/ *n* cahram tlunta bik, lole tangta bikih ngantu hmin ngannak.

bypass /'baɪpɑːs; US -pæs/ *n* **1** pumpelh: If we take the bypass we'll avoid the town centre. **2** (medical) (operation) thii fehnak zin thleng sak: [attrib] bypass surgery.

▷ **bypass** *v* [Tn] **1** hrial: a plan to bypass the town centre. **2** daan thlunlo ih hrial: We managed to bypass the shopping centre by taking side-streets. ○ (fig) bypass a difficulty, problem, etc. **3** daan thlun lo; ron loih tuah (zamrang ih ti duh ruangah): he bypassed his colleagues on the board and went ahead with the deal.

by-play /'baɪ pleɪ/ *n* [U] (theatre) relmi hnaki h thupi lo mi, thu nauta: (fig) While the chairman was speaking, two committee members were engaged in heated by-play at the end of the table.

by-product /'baɪprɒdʌkt/ *n* **1** thil tuah tiki h suak cihmi: Ammonia, coal tar and coke are all by-products obtained in the manufacture of coal gas. **2** netasawn ih ngahmi, a suakmi: An increase in crime is one of the by-products of unemployment.

by-road /'baɪrəʊd/ *n* (US **back road**) lamzin te, zin fate.

bystander /'baɪstændə(r)/ *n* kiang ih rak dingtu (milai): an innocent bystander ○ Police interviewed several bystanders after the accident.

byte /baɪt/ *n* (computing) thil pakhat simnak ih hmanmi nambat khuah.

byway /'baɪweɪ/ *n* **1** [C] = BY-ROAD: highways and byways. **2** byways [pl] (fig) a thupi lemlo nak hmun pawl, cuvek thuhla pawl: the byways of German literature.

byword /'baɪwɜːd/ *n* **1** ~ for sth hmainsinnak, theihnak: His name has become a byword for cruelty. ○ The firm is a byword for excellence. **2** hman tammi ṭongfang.

Byzantine /baɪ'zæntaɪn, 'bɪzəntaɪn/ *adj* **1** Rome rampi nisuahnak lam. **2** Byzantine ram ih inn sak dan. **3** (usu derog) Byzantine ram uk-awk dan vek — a hnok, a thlenghar, a theihhar zetmi: an organization of Byzantine complexity.