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C, c /si:/ *n* (pl **C's, c's** /siz/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cafang a pathumnak: 'Cat' starts with (a) C/'C'. **2** (*music*) 'C' major scale sungih a hmais bik aw (*note*). **3** cathiam lam ih a pathumnak: *get (a) C/'C' in physics*.

C *abbr* **1** leizum, tipi lamih a pawt mi leizum, lei for: *C Horn*, eg on a map. **2** (degree or degrees) Celsius; centigrade: *Water freezes at 0°C*. Cf **F** **1**. **3** (also **c**) Roman nambat 100 tican (*Latin centum*). **4** (also symb ©) (*commerce*) copyright: © *Oxford University Press* 1986.

c *abbr* **1** cent(s). **2** century(1b): *in the 19th c* ○ *a c19 church*. Cf **CENT**. **3** (also **ca**) (*esp before dates*) hrawng in, buaktlak in (*Latin circa*): *c1890*.

CAA /si: eɪ'eɪ/ *abbr* (*Brit*) Civil Aviation Authority.

cab /kæb/ *n* **1** = TAXI (hlaan theimi mawṭawka): *Shall we walk or take a cab/go by cab?* **2** tlangleng, mawṭawka tumpi pawl mawngtu khaan. **3** (*formerly*) mipi pawl hrang hlaan thei mi rangleng.

□ **cab-rank** (*US cabstand*) *n* = TAXI-RANK (TAXI).

cab-driver *n* ṭeksi mawngtu.

CAB /si: eɪ'bi:/ *abbr* (*Brit*) Citizens' Advice Bureau.

cabal /kə'bæl/ *n* [CGp, C] *naing-ngan-yi* thawn a pehpar mi thuhla ah thupte ih a phiar sawmtu.

cabaret /'kæbəreɪ/ *US* /kæbə'reɪ/ *n* **1** [U, C] hotel ah rawl ei lai hla le laam ih mi nuamtertu: *Have you done any cabaret?* **2** [C] cutivek hotel/rawl dawr: *a singer in a cabaret*.

cabbage /'kæbɪdʒ/ *n* **1** (a) [C] kawpi hluum. (b) [U] kawpi hnah. **2** [C] (*Brit infml*) (a) mi lung fim lo. (b) nat, lole, thluak tuahmawh ruangah thu ciing thei lo.

cabby (also **cabbie**) /'kæbi/ *n* (*infml*) ṭeksi mawngtu.

caber /'kerbə(r)/ *n* Scotland pawl lehzuam ih an khawh mi thingkhal tluan/suk khal.

cabin /'kæbɪn/ *n* **1** lawng, vanzam sungih khandan fate: *book a cabin on a boat* ○ *the pilot's cabin*.

2 thing thawi' sakmi thlaam fate, thing thlaam.

□ **cabin-boy** *n* lawng sung rawldawr ih hnaṭuan nauhakpa.

cabin class *n* lawng sungih umnak ṭha bik sangtu khan (inndan) fate.

cabin cruiser = CRUISER (CRUISE).

cabinet /'kæbɪnɪt/ *n* **1** [C] sii pawl, pakaan man ṭha pawl retnak *ansuai* le zaute neimi bizu: *a filing cabinet* ○ *a medicine cabinet* ○ *a china cabinet*. **2** [C] radio, TV, cassette tivek pawl retnak kuang. **3** (also **the Cabinet**) [CGp] vuanzi upa ho: *Members of the Cabinet are chosen by the Prime Minister*. ○ [attrib] *a cabinet minister, meeting, reshuffle*.

□ **cabinet-maker** *n* bizu tuahtu.

cable /'kerbl/ *n* **1** [C, U] thirhri, khauhri saupi pawrpi (lawng hrennak ih hmanmi). **2** [C] lawng sungih hmanmi thirkawn thlaihnak thirhri. **3** [C] tangphawlawng lam ih a hlat a nai tah daan, kaih 200 khi cable pakhat a si. **4** [C] (a) thuhla kuatnak thirhri. (b) (also **cablegram**) thirhri cakuat: *send sb/receive a cable*. Cf **TELEGRAM**. **5** [C] electric thirhri.

▷ **cable** *v* (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (from...) thirhri cakuat: *Please write or cable*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf] thirhri thoih/kuat: *Don't forget to cable us as soon as you arrive*. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] thirhri thoih: *News of his death was cabled to his family*.

□ **cable-car** *n* thirhri par ah thirhri ih dirh mi leeng (tlaang par kainak).

cablegram /'kerblgræm/ *n* = **CABLE** *n* 4.

cable railway tlaang so lamah thirhri thawn dirhmi tlangleng).

cable stitch hrihrual hmel vek suak ih puan tah/ṭhit dan.

cable television (also **cablevision**) thirhri hmanngih suahmi TV.

caboodle /kə'bu:dl/ *n* (idm) **the whole caboodle** (sl) ⇒ **WHOLE**.

caboose /kə'bu:s/ *n* **1** lawng zial par ih sakmi meiphu. **2** (*US*) kilvengtu umnak khanpeh pakhat (tlangleng).

cacao /kə'ka:əʊ, also kə'keɪəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (a) (also **cacao-bean**) chawkalet tuahnak ih hmanmi cocoa mu. (b) (also **cacao-tree**) cocoa kung.

cache /kæʃ/ *n* (a) rawl, hriamnam le sumsaw thuhnak hmun. (b) thuhmi thil: *an arms cache*.

▷ **cache** *v* [Tn] a bur in hmun pakhat ah thil thup.

cachet /'kæʃeɪ; *US* kə'ʃeɪ/ *n* **1** [U] hminthannak, thil tuah suakmi neih ruangah mi pakhat ih a ngahmi upatnak, lomnak: *Her success in business had earned her a certain cachet in society*. **2** [C] a hleice-in a ṭha, a dik a si ti langternak, a hleice hminsinnak: *Rembrandt's paintings show the cachet of genius*.

cachou /kæʃu/; *US* kə'ʃu:/ *n* ka sung rim hmui seh ti-ih ei mi a hmui a thlum mi ei ṭha thil.

cackle /'kækl/ *n* **1** [U] dokdawlak, kokkawdak, ar kokkawdak: *the cackle of hens/geese*. **2** [C] hni kurko mi: *The old woman gave a loud cackle*. **3** [U] hnasetza ṭong ruri. **4** (idm) **cut the cackle** (*infml*) a thupi lomi ṭong baang.

▷ **cackle** *v* [I, Ip] **1** daak, hni kuarko. **2** hni kuarko rero: *cackling on for hours*.

cacophony /kə'kɒfəni/ *n* [U, C usu sing] daan mumal nei lo, ngai nuam lo in ringzet ih a awnmi aw.

▷ **cacophonous** /-nəs/ *adj*.

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cactus /kæd/ *n* (pl **-es** or **cacti** /kæktəs/) ram car le nelrawn ih a khomi hnah nei lo, hling lawng nei, a kung a hringih a phawcuap-mi hawi hling kung phunkhat.

cad /kæd/ *n* (dated derog) ziaza tha lo, mi ziaza sia: *He's no gentleman, he's a cad.*

▷ **caddish** /kædɪʃ/ *adj* fel lomi: *a caddish trick.*

cadaver /kə'dɑ:və(r), also -'deɪv-; US kə'dævər/ *n* (esp medical) mithi ruak, mithi ruang.

▷ **cadaverous** /kə'dævərəs/ *adj* mithiruak vek, a da-mi.

caddie (also **caddy**) /kædɪ/ *n* golf lek tikih golf fung phurtu.

▷ **caddie** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) golf fung phur sak: *Would you like me to caddie for you?*

caddy /kædɪ/ *n* = TEA-CADDY (TEA).

cadence /kædɪns/ *n* **1** hla thluk, *kayan*. **2** tɔng tikih awthluk (a sang le a niam): *recite poetry with beautiful cadences.* **3** hla pakhat sungih a laangte'n a cawlhnaak le a tawpnaak zawn.

cadenza /kə'denzə/ *n* (music) hlapi pakhat a cem zik zawngah music thilri (instrument) pakhat lawng a hleice in tummi.

cadet /kə'det/ palik bawi/raal baw zirtu: *army/ naval/air force cadets* ○ *a police cadet.*

□ **cadet corps** (in some British schools) ralkap hnaʔuan zirhtu pawl.

cadge /kædz/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sb) (sometimes derog) mawi lopi ih dil; ngah duh ih dil hramhram: *Could I cadge a lift with you?* ○ *He's always cadging meals from his friends.*

▷ **cadger** *n*.

cadmium /kædmɪəm/ *n* [U] (chemistry) (tin) a bang (tat-tuh).

cadre /kɑ:də(r) US 'kædrɪ/ *n* keda; hman theih ringring dingih zirhtatmi hnaʔuantu; ralkap bur.

Caesar /si:zə(r)/ *n* Rom Siangpahrang hmin kawhnaak, Augustus san ihsin Hadrian tiang.

Caesarean /si'zeəriən/ *n* (also **Cesarian**, **Caesarean section**) pum aat ih nau suah: *It was a difficult birth; she had to have a Caesarean.*

caesura /sɪ'zjuərə; US sɪ'zuərə/ *n* biazai tluan a lai hrawngih cawhlhawnak.

café /kæfeɪ; US kæ'feɪ/ *n* zu tel lo, man ol zet rawl le laphak dawr.

cafeteria /kæfə'tiəriə/ *n* mahte lak cop ih ei theinak rawl dawr (zung le tlawng ih ta a si bik).

caffeine /kæfi:n/ *n* [U] laphak hnah le khawfi mu ih um taksa a turtur theimi sii (khafiin).

caftan (also **kaftan**) /kæftæn/ *n* **1** taaiakap nei mipa korfual. **2** nunau korfual phor.

cage /keɪdʒ/ *n* **1** vate le ramsa zuatnak bawm/kuang. **2** leilung laihnaak (mine) kua sungih hnaʔuantu pawl thlaknak le khaisonak kuang.

▷ **cage** *v* **1** [Tn] bawm/kuang ah khum. **2** (phr v) **cage sb** in vate/ramsa bawm ih kharhkhum mi vekin thinlung umter, thinpit: *I felt terribly caged in that office.*

cagey /keɪdʒɪ/ *adj* (**cagier**, **cagiest**) ~ (about sth) (informal) thuhla sim ding ralring zet: *He's very cagey about his family.*

▷ **cagily** *adv*. **caginess** (also **cageyness**) *n* [U].

cagoule /kə'gu:l/ *n* lukhuh nei muka angki sau.

cahoots /kə'hʊ:ts/ *n* (idm) **be in cahoots (with sb)** (informal esp US) thil thalo tuah ding phiar: *The two criminals were in cahoots (with each other).*

caiman = CAYMAN.

cairn /keən/ *n* lungdon; lungphun, lungtian (hminsinnak ih tuahmi).

caisson /keɪsn/ *n* **1** ti sung luhnaak thir kuang tumpi. **2** zandawng phurhnak leeng.

cajole /kə'dʒəʊl/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sb (into/out of sth)**; ~ **sb (into/out of doing sth)** leem ciamco: *She was cajoled into (accepting) a new contract.* (b) ~ **sth out of sb** leemciamco ih sim ter: *The confession had to be cajoled out of him.*

▷ **cajolery** *n* [U].

cake /keɪk/ *n* **1** [C, U] sangphut, arti, cini le thawphat rawi ih rawhmi sang; keik-hmuk: *a sponge cake* ○ *a chocolate cake* ○ *a fruit cake* ○ *a piece/slice of (birthday) cake* ○ *an assortment of fancy cakes* ○ *Have some more cake!* **2** [C] a hluum a bial ih suanmi rawl dangdang tla: *fish cakes* ○ *potato cakes.* **3** [C] thil khal: *a cake of soap.* **4** (idm) **cakes and ale** nun sungih nomnak: *Life isn't all cakes and ale, you know.* **get, want, etc a slice/share of the cake** ngah dingvo, covo: *As workers in a profit-making industry, miners are demanding a larger slice of the cake.* **have one's cake and eat it** (informal) hmun hnih ihsin hlawnak ngah tum: *He wants a regular income but doesn't want to work. He can't have his cake and eat it!* **a piece of cake** ⇒ **PIECE**¹. **sell like hot cakes** ⇒ **SELL**. **take the biscuit/cake** ⇒ **BISCUIT**.

▷ **cake** *v* **1** [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in/with sth)** thil pakhat khat bench ih carter/roter: *His shoes were caked with mud.* **2** [I] khal (a beekmi a khal): *Blood from the wound had caked on his face.*

CAL (also **Cal**) /kæl/ *abbr* computer-aided/-assisted learning.

cal *abbr* calorie(s).

calabash /kæləbəʃ/ *n* (a) um-rah tumpi vek thingrah (ti thawl ih hmanmi). (b) um, *calabash* kuung.

calamine /kæləmaɪn/ *n* [U] (also **calamine lotion**) sen-au pianzia nei hma sii.

calamity /kəl'æməti/ *n* a nasami vanduinak, bawngsiatnak, siatnak: *The earthquake was the worst calamity in the country's history.* ○ (joc) *There are worse calamities than failing your driving test.*

▷ **calamitous** /kəl'æmətəs/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) vanduai, bawng sia a simi.

calcify /kælsɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [I, Tn] calcium daat ruangah a khal.

▷ **calcification** /kælsɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U].
calcine /kælsam/ *v* [I, Tn] vutcam ah cang ko in ur.
 ▷ **calcination** /kælsiˈem/ *n* [U] thir phun pawl kha oxide ah cang ding in ur.
calcium /kælsam/ *n* [U] (chemistry) khalsiam daat, haa le ruh ih ummi.
 □ **calcium carbide** calcium le carbon rawimi thilri — acetylene tuahnak ah hman a si.
calcium hydroxide ti rawi mi thung.
calculable /kælkjələbl/ *adj* siar theih; tuat theih.
calculate /kælkjuleɪt/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tf, Tw] tuat; thinlung in, lole, nambat hmangin tuat: *calculate the cost of sth/how much sth will cost* ○ *Scientists have calculated that the world's population will double by the end of the century.* ○ *I calculate that we will reach London at about 3.00 pm.* 2 [Tn, Tf, Tnt] (US *infml*) zum. 2 (idm) **be calculated to do sth** thil tuah tum: *This advertisement is calculated to appeal to children.* ○ *His speech was calculated to stir up the crowd.* **a calculated insult** nautat him. **a calculated risk** tihphan um thei nacing ih, tha le tha, sia le sia ti in tuah him. 4 (phr *v*) **calculate on sth/doing sth** ring, rinsan: *We can't calculate on (having) good weather for the barbecue.*
 ▷ **calculating** *adj* depde, mah hlawnak lawng ruat, hrokhrawl: *a cold and calculating killer* ○ *a calculating businessman.*
calculation /kælkjʊˈleɪʃn/ *n* 1 [C, U] tuatmi; tuatdan: *Our calculations show that the firm made a profit of over £ 1 000 000 last year.* ○ *You're out* (ie You have made a mistake) *in your calculations.* ○ *After much calculation* (ie careful thought) *they offered him the job.* 2 [U] tawrelnak.
calculator /kælkjʊlɪtə(r)/ *n* 1 kanaan tuatnak cet. 2 kanaan tuattu (milai).
calculus /kælkjʊləs/ *n* (pl -li/-laɪ/ or -luses/-ləsɪz/) khalkulas kanaan phunkhat (*differential calculus and integral calculus*).
caldron (esp US) = CAULDRON.
calendar /kælɪndə(r)/ *n* 1 (a) ni-thla siarnak: *Do you have next year's calendar?* (b) kut ih mercop mi ni-thla siarnak (cabuai par ih retmi): *a desk calendar.* 2 (usu *sing*) thil tuahdingmi pawl nikhiah cazin: *The Cup Final is an important date in the sporting calendar.* 3 kumthokin kum cem tiang caan tikcu then: *the Gregorian/Julian/Muslim calendar.*
 □ **calendar month** 1 nithla siarnak sung um thla. Cf LUNAR MONTH (LUNAR). 2 thla thlakhat ih ni nikhat khat ihsin a sangtu thla ih cuhi ni vek karlak caan — eg June ni nga in July ninga-September ni 17 in October ni 17.
Calendar year (also **year**) January ni khat ni in December 31 ni tiang, kum khat sung.
calender /kælɪndə(r)/ *n* cahnah, puan nennak, nalternak cet.
 ▷ **calender** *v* [Tn] cuhi cet ah nam.

calf /kɑːf; US kæf/ *n* (pl **calves** /kɑːvz/) 1 [C] (a) caw faa. Cf BULL¹ 1, COW¹ 1. (b) siil (seal) nga, vui-lah-nga le a dang ramsa pawl ih faa. Cf BULL¹ 2, COW¹ 2. 2 [U] (also **calfskin**) caw faa phaw thawn tuah mi savun. 3 (idm) **(be) in/with calf** caw nu faa a vun. **kill the fatted calf** ⇒ KILL.
 □ **calf-love** = PUPPY-LOVE (PUPPY).
calf² /kɑːf; US kæf/ *n* (pl **calves** /kɑːvz; US kævz/) puarpum, tanpawr, pheiphawng.
calibrate /kælɪbreɪt/ *v* [Tn] thermometer, lole, thil tahnak dangdang parah zunit (unit) rin tete rin, remtha.
 ▷ **calibration** /kælɪˈbreɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] cumi rem thatnak. 2 [C] thermometer rin rinak parih rinmi unit rin tete pawl.
calibre (US **caliber**) /kælɪbə(r)/ *n* 1 [C] thil dawng, meithal pian kua a kauh-lam. 2 [U] ruahnak umdaan; thilti thiamnak, thil ti theinak: *His work is of the highest calibre.* ○ *The firm needs more people of your calibre.*
calico /kælɪkəʊ/ *n* (pl **~es**; US **~s**) [U, C] 1 (esp Brit) pat puan a rang, t̃ing hnimlo. 2 (esp US) pangpar zuk tivek pawl khen mi pat puanthan.
caliper = CALLIPER.
caliph /keɪlɪf/ *n* (a) Mohamad hnaʔuan a sangsang ih sawng vivotu Muslim lal pawl kawhnak hmin. (b) Muslim biaknak/ram uktu hmin.
 ▷ **caliphate** /kælɪfət/ *n* caliph ih ram, uknak.
calisthenics = CALLISTHENICS.
calk (US) = CAULK.
call¹ /kɔːl/ *n* 1 [C] kawhnak au aw: *a call for help* ○ *They came at my call*, ie when I shouted to them. 2 [C] vate ai daan. 3 [C] aw, tawtawrawt aw. 4 [C] leng duak (inn ah): *pay a call on a friend* ○ *The doctor has five calls to make this morning.* ○ *We must return her call*, ie visit her because she visited us. 5 [C] (also **phone call**, **ring**) telefon thawn biak: *give sb/make/receive/return a call* ○ *Were there any calls for me while I was out?* 6 (a) [C] ra dingih fialnak, sawmnak, kawhnak: *The Prime Minister is waiting for a call to the Palace.* ○ *An actor's call tells him when to go on stage.* ○ *This is the last call for passengers traveling on flight BA 199 to Rome.* ○ (fig) *He answered the call of duty and enlisted in the army.* (b) [sing] ~ **(of sth)** thinlung sunglam ih kawknak: *feel the call (of the priesthood).* (c) [sing] ~ **of sth** mi hipnak, duh hiarnak: *the call of the sea, of the wild, of faraway places, etc.* (d) [C] ~ **for sth** diil, fial: *The President made a call for national unity.* ○ *There were calls for the Prime Minister's resignation from the Opposition parties.* 7 [U] ~ **for sth** tulsam: *There isn't much call for such things these days.* ○ *There was no call for such rudeness.* 8 [C] ~ **on sb/sth** ngeen, hai: *He is a busy man with many calls on his time.* 9 [C] phe leh tikih mah nehnak phe caan: *It's your call, partner.* 10 (idm) **at one's/sb's beck and call** ⇒ BECK². **a call**

of nature (euph) eek/zin suak. **a close call** ⇨ CLOSE¹. **(be) on call** a ʔul le kawh dingih um cia (a hleice in siibawi doctor): *Who's on call tonight?* **a port of call** ⇨ PORT¹. **within call** kawh banah. □ **call-box** *n* = TELEPHONE-BOX (TELEPHONE). **call-girl** *n* telefon in kawh theih taksa zuar (nunau).

call-in = PHONE-IN (PHONE¹).

call² /kɔ:l/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(out) to sb (for sth)**; ~ **(sth) (out)** ko ruangro; in thei seh ti ih au: *I thought I heard sb calling.* ○ *Why didn't you come when I called (out) (your name)?* ○ *She called to her father for help.* ○ *The injured soldiers called out in pain.* ○ *The teacher called out the children's names, eg to check they were all present.* **2** [I] vate ai. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n] ko, rater: *call the fire brigade, the police, a doctor, an ambulance, etc* ○ *Call the children (in): it's time for tea.* ○ *Several candidates were called for a second interview.* ○ *The doctor has been called (away) to an urgent case.* ○ *The ambassador was called back to London by the Prime Minister.* ○ *I have to be at the airport in 20 minutes — please call (me) a taxi.* **4** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ **(in/round) (on sb/at...) (for sb/sth)** leeng (midang inn ah); sawm, thil lak dingih hmun pakhat khat ah lut: *Let's call (in) on John/at John's house.* ○ *He was out when I called (round) (to see him).* ○ *I'll call for (ie collect) you at 7 o'clock.* ○ *Will you call in at the supermarket for some eggs and milk?* ⇨ Usage at VISIT. **(b)** [Ipr] ~ **at...** malte sung rak cawl, tlangleng tivek pawl: *The train on platform 3 is for London, calling at Didcot and Reading.* **5** [I, Tn] telefon in biak: *I'll call (you) again later.* ○ *My brother called me (from Leeds) last night.* **6** [Tn] miting ko, thuthan: *call a meeting, an election, a strike.* **7** [Tn] ʔhang (thoter): *Please call me at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.* **8** [Cn-a, Cn-n] (a) hmin ko: *How dare you call me fat!* ○ *His name is Richard but we call him Dick.* ○ *What's your dog called?* ○ (ironic) *He hasn't had anything published and he calls himself a writer!* **(b)** ruat: *I call his behaviour mean and selfish.* ○ *I would never call German an easy language.* ○ *How can you be so unkind and still call yourself my friend?* ○ *You owe me £5.04—let's call it £5.* **9** [I, Tn] phe leh ah nehnaq phe sim, hmuh: *Have you called yet?* ○ *Who called hearts?* **10** (idm) **be/feel called to (do) sth** hnaʔuan dingah kawh vekih thei aw: *be called to the bar, ie become a barrister* ○ *feel called to the ministry/the priesthood.* **bring/call sb/sth to mind** ⇨ MIND¹. **call sb's bluff** tuahhnik tiin mi ti (tuahngam lo ding a theih ruangah). **call a halt (to sth)** baang (hnaʔuan, ziaza): *Let's call a halt (to the meeting) and continue tomorrow.* **call sth into being** (fml) sersiam, tuah. **call sth into play** thokter, tuahter: *Chess is a game that calls into play all*

one's powers of concentration. **call sth in/into question** zum paalo: *His honesty has never been called in question.* **call it a day** (infml) tuah nawn lo dingah lungkim/relecat: *After forty years in politics he thinks it's time to call it a day, ie to retire.* **call it quits** (infml) tawhawk, leh zuamawknak ah nehtu um cuang loin cawl veve dingih lungkim tlang. **call sb names** hmuhsuam, nautat in uico, mifir, etc ti ih ko. **call sth one's own** neitu ka si ti: *He has nothing he can call his own.* **call the shots/the tune** (infml) uk, kham, kilkhawi theitu dinhmun ah um. **call a spade a spade** lungsung um hmuah phuang, a si vekin ʔong suak theh. **call sb to account (for/over sth)** sualnak/thelhnak simfiangter: *His boss called him to account for failing to meet the deadline.* **call sb/sth to order** daite ih um dingah thu pek (miting ah). **he who pays the piper calls the tune** ⇨ PAY². **the pot calling the kettle black** ⇨ POT¹. **11** (phr v) **call by** (infml) feh phah leng phah: *Could you call by on your way home?*

call sb down (US infml) kaww, taai. **call sth down on sb** (fml) camriam.

call for sth dil, ngen, a ʔulter: *The situation calls for prompt action.* ○ *'I've been promoted.'* *'This calls for a celebration!'* ○ *That rude remark was not called for!* Cf UNCALLED-FOR. **call sth forth** (fml) suahter, cangter: *His speech called forth an angry response.*

call sth in cah, khirhter: *The library called in all overdue books.* ○ *Cars with serious faults have been called in by the manufacturers.*

call sb/sth off hawlmi cawltter; do rero mi baangfial, tuah lo dingih thu pek: *Please call your dog off — it's frightening the children.* **call sth off** siat, phiatt, ʔulsal: *call off a deal, a journey, a picnic, a strike* ○ *They have called off their engagement, ie decided not to get married.* ○ *The match was called off because of bad weather.* **call on/upon sb (to do sth)** (a) tuah dingih zangfah dil, sawm: *I now call upon the chairman to address the meeting.* **(b)** forh/diil: *We are calling upon (ie feel that I ought) to warn you that...*

call sb out (a) thupoi thu ah midang ko: *call out the fire brigade, troops, guard, etc.* **(b)** fial, ruahnak pek: *Miners were called out (on strike) by union leaders.*

call sb/sth up (a) telefon in biak. **(b)** ciing/thei sal: *The sound of happy laughter called up memories of his childhood.* **(c)** ralkap litter.

▷ **caller** *n* lengtu, telefon ih betu.

□ **calling-card** *n* (US) = VISITING-CARD (VISIT).

call-up *n* (US draft) [U, C esp sing] ralkap ʔuanter: *receive one's call-up* ○ [attrib] *young men of call-up age.*

calligraphy /kə'ligrəfi/ *n* [U] kutngan mawi.

▷ **calligrapher** *n* kutngan mawi ngan thiamtu.

calling /'kɔ:lɪŋ/ *n* **1** pumcawmnak hnaʔuan. **2**

pakhat khat tʉan rori duhnak: *He believes it is his calling to become a priest.*

calliper (also **caliper**) /kælɪpə(r)/ *n* 1 [C] (usu *pl*) tha a nei lomi, lole, hliamhma a ngahmi pawlih bunmi ke dotu thir. 2 **callipers** [pl] thildawng, lole, thil hluum pawlih a vang bialvang (diameter) tahnak thilri — caiceh fung: *a pair of calipers.*

callisthenics (also **calisthenics**) /kælɪsˈθenɪks// *n* [sing or *pl v*] taksa ruangpum mawi seh ti ih tuahmi cangvaihnak.

callosity /kælˈɒsəti/ *n* (*fml*) vun caak.

callous /kæləs/ *adj* 1 zawnruat thiam lo; zangfah nei lo; puar: *a callous person, attitude, act.* 2 hnaʉuan khung tuk ruangih a caakmi vun; vuncaar.

▷ **calloused** *adj* a hak (vun): *calloused hands.*

callously *adv* zaangfah lo in.

callousness *n* [U] zaangfah lonak.

callow /kæləʊ/ *adj* (*derog*) hmuhton a mal mi, thinlung pacang hrih lo mi: *a callow youth* ○ *callow thinking.*

▷ **callowness** *n* [U].

callus /kæləs/ *n* vunsah vuhnak hmun.

calm /kɑ:m; US also kɑ:lm/ *adj* (-*er*, -*est*) 1 (a) a daai zirziar (tipi). (b) thli zuanglo, hranglo: *a calm, cloudless day.* 2 thinlung daai: *It is important to keep/stay calm in an emergency.* ○ *The city is calm again after yesterday's riots.* ⇒ Usage at QUIET.

▷ **calm** *n* [C, U] 1 a daai caan: *the calm of a summer evening* ○ *After the storm came a calm.* 2 (idm) **the calm before the storm** thil nasa zet a cang, a um hlaan ih daai thipthep caan (thlisia, thinlung thawn pehpar in).

calm *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sb) (down) daiter: *Just calm down a bit!* ○ *Have a brandy — It'll help to calm you (down).*

calmly *adv*: *He walked into the shop and calmly (ie impudently and self-confidently) stole a pair of gloves.*

calmness *n* [U].

Calor gas /kælə ɡæs/ *n* [U] (*propr*) butane dat ti.

calorie /kæləri/ *n* (abbr **cal**) 1 a sa tahnak zunit. 2 rawl ih thazaang hrangah a man neihzia tahnak: *An ounce of sugar has about 100 calories.* ○ *Her diet restricts her to 1500 calories a day.*

▷ **calorific** /kæləˈrɪfɪk/ *adj* [usu *attrib*] satnak a suahmi le thazaang hrang man a neihmi: *calorific value*, ie the quantity of heat or energy produced by a given amount of fuel or food.

calumny /kæləmni/ *n* (*fml*) 1 mi siatsuah duh ih simmi thuphan thu: *a victim of vicious calumnies.* 2 [U] thuphan sim: *accuse sb of calumny.*

▷ **calumniate** /kəlˈmniət/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) thuphan sim.

calumnious /kəlˈmniəs/ *adj* (*fml*) thuphan sim thei.

calve /kɑ:v; US kæv/ *v* [I] caw faa hring: *Our cows will be calving soon.*

calves *pl* of CALF¹, CALF².

Calvinism /kælvɪnɪzəm/ *n* [U] French Protestant thoktu John Calvin (1509-64) thuzirhmi le a thluntu.

▷ **Calvinist** /kælvɪnɪst/ *n* Calvin ih thu zirhnak thluntu.

calypso /kəlɪpsəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s) mipi ih theih hiarmi tulai ih thil cangmi parih phuah copcop mi hla (West Indian pawl ih hla).

calyx /keɪlɪks/ *n* (*pl* ~es or **calyces** /keɪlɪsɪz/) (*botany*) pangpar mum tuamtu a hnah no.

cam /kæm/ *n* cet (leng) dang hertersintu a pum/a bial zawngh hermi cet (leng) ih her dan kha, a suk a so, lole, dunglam hmailam tawtih cang thei dingih tuahtu, cet (leng) parih a pawtte ih tuahmi, thil zum.

□ **camshaft** /kæmˈʃɑ:ft; US -ˈʃæft/ *n* cumi thil zum teek fate bunnak fung.

camaraderie /kæməˈrɑ:dəri; US -ˈræd-/ *n* [U] rualsinak; khat le khat rinsan aw ih rualsinak.

camber /kæmbə(r)/ *n* a pawng ih a sohnak hmun (lamzin tivek).

▷ **camber** *v* [Tn] soter, pawngter: *The street is quite steeply cambered at this point.*

cambric /keɪmbɪk/ *n* [U] patzai puanthan.

camcorder /kæmkɔ:də(r)/ *n* thiar theihmi video zuknak.

came *pt* of COME.

camel /kæml/ *n* 1 [C] kala-uk. 2 [U] aire nawn pianzia.

□ **camel-hair** (also **camel's-hair**) *n* [U] 1 kala-uk hmul thawn tuahmi puan, hnipuan: [*attrib*] *a camel-hair coat.* 2 zukuainak ih hmanmi kala-uk hmul.

camellia /keˈmi:liə/ *n* 1 (a) Japan le Tuluk ram um a hring ringring mi burbuk phunkhat. (b) cumi ih par.

Camembert /kæməmbə(r)/ *n* [U, C] cawhnawi khal (dingkhe) cheese phunkhat.

cameo /kæmiəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s) 1 zuk tat ciami (mawiter ciami) lungto mankhung: [*attrib*] *a cameo brooch.* 2 (a) tha zet ih cawn mi thuanthu cawn thenkhat: [*attrib*] *a cameo performance/part/role.* (b) thu fiangter-nak nganmi ca tawite.

camera /kæmə(r)/ *n* 1 mizuknak (kemra): *a video camera*, ie one that converts visual images, into an electrical signal to produce television pictures. 2 (idm) **in camera** mi hmuh loin; thuʉhentu khaan ah: *The trial was held/The case was heard in camera.*

□ **cameraman** /-mə(n)/ *n* (*pl* ~men) lemnung (züksin) le TV zuktu.

camomile (also **chamomile**) /kæməmail/ *n* [U] (a) daisy par vek a parmi, a kung a hmuimi pangpar kung phunkhat. (b) a hnah sii ah a tha.

camouflage /kæməflɑ:ʒ/ *n* 1 [U] ral pawlin hmu theilo dingih hmel thupdan (thing hnah pawl

C

ton phah in): *use the branches of trees as camouflage*. **2** [C] cuti ih thuh-awknak: *The polar bear's white fur is a natural camouflage*, ie because the bear is hard to see in the snow.
 ▷ **camouflage** *v* [Tn] hmel thup: *The soldiers camouflaged themselves with leaves and branches*.

camp¹ /kæmp/ *n* **1** (a) riahbuk, riahbuk saknak hmunram: *a holiday camp* ○ *leave/return to camp* ○ *We pitched (our) camp* (ie put up our tents) *by a lake*. (b) ral tlan le thawngtla pawl reipi retnak hmun: *a prison camp* ○ *a concentration camp* ○ *a transit camp*. **2** ralkap pawl ralkah zirnak hmun: *an army camp*. **3** ruahnak le tumtahnak bang-awmi mibur: *the socialist camp* ○ *They belong to different political camps*. **4** (idm) **carry the war into the enemy's camp** ⇒ **CARRY**. **have a foot in both camps** ⇒ **FOOT**¹. **strike camp** ⇒ **STRIKE**².

▷ **camp** *v* **1** (a) [I] buuk saam: *Where shall we camp tonight?* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (out) buuk ih riak: *They camped (out) in the woods for a week*. **2** [I] (usu **go camping**) khaw leengah buk sam ih um: *The boys went camping in Greece last year*. **3** [I] (buuk ih um vekin) alangte sung um: *I'm camping on the floor in a friend's flat for two weeks*. **camper** *n* riahbuk caamtu, riahbuk sungih umtu pawl. **camping** *n* [U] buk ah um ih cawl um: *Do you like camping?* ○ [attrib] *camping equipment*.

□ **camp-bed** *n* (US **campcot**) thiar vivo a theih mi ihkhun zaangte.

camp-fire *n* buuk kiangih tihmi meisa.

camp-follower *n* **1** ralkap pawl thlun ih riantu, thil tuktak zuar phahtu; e.g. nunau tha lo. **2** (often derog) mi bentu.

camp meeting (US) innleng ih biakkhawm, lole, mandat tivek ih khawm.

campsite (also **camping site**) *n* riahbuk saamnak hmunhma.

camp² /kæmp/ *adj* (infml) **1** nunau vekih um (mipa), nunau thinlung nei (mipa): *a camp walk, voice, gesture*. **2** a ceimawi aw tukmi (mipa).

▷ **camp** *n* [U] hleifuan tuknak, luartuknak: *Her performance was pure camp*.

camp *v* (phr v) **camp it up** (infml) (a) nunau vek ih nung. (b) hnihsuakza/fihnungza si dingin, luarkai tukih thuam aw.

campaign /kæm'peɪn/ *n* **1** raldonak (hmun pakhat khat lak duh ah): *He fought in the N African campaign during the last war*. **2** tumtahmi pakhat nei ih cangvaihnak; biaknak lam, politics lam cangvaihnak: *a campaign against nuclear weapons* ○ *an advertising campaign*, ie to promote a particular product ○ *an election campaign* ○ *a campaign to raise money for the needy*.

▷ **campaign** *v* [I, Ipr, It] ~ (for/against sb/sth) *campaign* ah tel, *campaign* hruai: *She spent her*

life campaigning for women's rights. ○ *campaign to have sanctions imposed*. **campaigner** *n* (campaign) thil pakhat khat donak ih telu: *an old campaigner*, ie person with much experience of a particular activity.

campanile /kæmpə'ni:li/ *n* darkhing (khawng lawng) thlahi hmun inn paak.

campanology /kæmpə'nɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] (fml) darkhing (khawnglawng) thu le a tum dan zirnak. ▷ **campanologist** /-ədʒɪst/ *n*.

camphor /kæmfə(r)/ *n* [U] puansii, plastic le sii tuahnak ih hmanmi sii-rimsia (khamfar sii).

▷ **camphorated** /kæmfərə'tɪd/ *adj* camphor tel: *camphorated oil*.

campus /kæmpəs/ *n* (pl ~es) **1** phunsang tlawng (college, univerity) ih inn le leiram: *He lives on (the) campus*, ie in a building within the university grounds. **2** (US) university, lole, univeristy: [attrib] *campus life*.

CAMRA (also **Camra**) /kæm'rə/ *abbr* (Brit) Campaign for Real Ale (ie beer brewed in the traditional way) pupa tuah dan ih tuahmi biar(beer) zu: *Camra pubs*.

can¹ /kæn/ *n* **1** [C] canphio, lole, plastic thawi' tuahmi kheng le thawl pawl: *an oilcan* ○ *a petrol can/a can of petrol* ○ *a watering-can*. **2** [C] (a) (also esp Brit **tin**) eitha retnak dawng pawl; beer dawng, cawhnawi dawng tivek: *a beer can* ○ [attrib] *a can opener*. (b) bu khat: *a can of peaches* ○ *He drank four cans of beer*. **3** the **can** [sing] (US sl) (a) thawng inn. (b) pawng inn, eek inn. **4** (idm) **a can of worms** (infml) harsatnak, thu har. **carry the can** ⇒ **CARRY**. (be) **in the can** zoh fel zomi le khum zo mi (film le video tape pawl).

▷ **can** *v* (-nn-) [Tn] siat hlah seh tiah tin/bu sungah ret: *canned fruit* ○ *a canning factory*.

cannery /kænəri/ *n* tin/bu sungih retnak hmun innpi.

□ **canned music** (infml usu derog) suahsal dingih khummi awnmawi: *Restaurants often play canned music*.

can² /kən; strong form kæn/ *modal v* (neg **cannot** /kænə't/, contracted form **can't** /kɑ:nt; US kænt/; pt **could** /kəd; strong form kʊd/, neg **could not**, contracted form **couldn't** /kʊdn't/) **1** (a) thei: *I can run fast*. ○ *Can you call back tomorrow?* ○ *He couldn't answer the question*. ○ *The stadium can be emptied in four minutes*. (b) thiam: *They can speak French*. ○ *Can he cook?* ○ *I could drive a car before I left school*. (c) thei (thei thei, hmu thei, tivek): *I can hear music*. ○ *I thought I could smell something burning*. ○ *He could still taste the garlic they'd had for lunch*. **2** siang: *Can I read your newspaper?* ○ *Can I take you home?* ○ *You can take the car, if you want*. ○ *We can't wear jeans at work*. ○ *The boys could play football but the girls had to go to the library*. ⇒ Usage 1 at MAY¹. **3** (dlnak langternak) thei pei

maw?: *Can you help me with this box?* ○ *Can you feed the cat?* **4 (a)** a si thei ti langternak: *That can't be Mary — she's in hospital.* ○ *He can't have slept through all that noise.* ○ *There's someone outside — who can it be?* ⇒ Usage 2 at MAY¹. **(b)** thei (zumlonak le thinnomlonak langter): *What can they be doing?* ○ *Can he be serious?* ○ *Where can she have put it?* **5** (umdan, ziaza phunkhat langternak) thei; hngilh thei, thintawi thei tivek: *He can be very tactless sometimes.* ○ *She can be very forgetful.* ○ *Scotland can be very cold.* ○ *It can be quite windy on the hills.* **6** kan ti/tuah thei: *We can eat in a restaurant, if you like.* ○ *I can take the car if necessary.* ⇒ Usage 3 at SHALL².

Canadian /kə'neɪdiən/ *n* adj Canada mi, Canada ram hlumtu.

canal /kə'næl/ *n* 1 tihriat (lawng feh thei dingih hriatmi): *The Suez Canal joins the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.* Cf RIVER 1. **2** taksa sung um rawl/thli fehnak zin: *the alimentary canal.*

▷ **canalize, -ise** /kə'nəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] 1 ti-hriat. **2** tiva kha tihriat (canal) ah tuah (tiva-ih a kawinak pawl dingter, tikhamnak, tivek tuah in). **3** duhnak ah luangter/fehter: *canalize one's energies into voluntary work.* **canalization, -isation** /kə'nəlaɪzɪ'n; US -nəɪz/ *n* [U].

□ **canal boat** tihriat feh vokkuang lawng saupi.

canapé /kənə'peɪ/ *n* sa, ngasa, cawhnawi khal thawi' bencihmi pawngmhuk, biskit.

canard /kæ'nɑ:d/ *n* thuphan thuthan—thu-lengvak.

canary /kə'neəri/ *n* aire pianzia nei vate phunkhat — vate bawmah zuat a si theu.

□ **canary yellow** aire rau deuh pianzia.

canasta /kə'næstə/ *n* [U] phe thukhnih hmanh ih lehnak.

cancan /kænkæn/ *n* [sing] ke khaai phah ih laam phunkhat (nunau laam): *do/dance the cancan.*

cancel /kænsəl/ *v* (-II-; US -I-) **1** [Tn] tul, phiat, tuah ding timi tuah lo ih um sal, siat sal: *cancel a holiday, concert, meeting, eg because of illness* ○ *The match had to be cancelled because of bad weather.* Cf POSTPONE. **2** [Tn] phiat sal: *cancel an agreement, a contract, a subscription, etc* ○ *He cancelled his order, ie said he no longer wanted to receive the goods he had ordered.* **3** [Tn] ngan ciامي ca khal arke-pek, lole, a rinrin in siat sal: *Cancel that last sentence.* **4** [Tn] milu, tiket cafung in riin (hmanh sal hlahseh tiah). **5** [Tn] (mathematics) kanaan tuat tikah then tlunta le then tangta um, a man a bang awmi nambat tla riin siat. **6** (phr v) **cancel (sth) out** bangrep aw, an tluk aw: *These arguments cancel (each other) out.* ○ *Her kindness and generosity cancel out her occasional flashes of temper.*

▷ **cancellation** /kænsə'lei'n/ *n* **1** [U] tul salnak: *her cancellation of her trip to Paris* ○ *the*

cancellation of the match due to fog. **2** [C] tul; siat salnak (CANCEL 1,2), eg a theatre ticket: *Are there any cancellations for this evening's performance?* **3** [C] siat salnak riin, phiatnak hminsin.

Cancer /kænsə(r)/ *n* **1** zodiac ih hminsinak a palinak, cang-ai. **2** [C] hih hminsinak huham tangih suaktu milai. ⇒ Usage at ZODIAC.

cancer /kænsə(r)/ *n* **1 (a)** [C, U] thihnak hmasia; khensa nat: *Doctors found a cancer on her breast.* ○ *The cancer has spread to his stomach.* **(b)** [U] cumi natnak: *lung cancer* ○ *cancer of the liver.* **2** [C] (fig) zamrang ih a karhzai mi thil tihnung: *Violence is a cancer in our society.* Cf CANKER³.

▷ **cancerous** /kænsərəs/ *n* khensa a cangmi: *Is the growth benign or cancerous?*

candela /kæn'delə/ *n* khawtleu a tleu cah le cah lo tah dan.

candelabrum /kændr'lɑ:brəm/ *n* (pl -bra /-brə/; also sing **candelabra**, pl -bras /-brəz/) phazawngden van tiki bunnak thil.

candid /kændɪd/ *adj* thinlung ah thuhmi um loih sim theh; zianghman tan lo: *a candid opinion, statement, person* ○ *Let me be quite candid with you: your work is not good enough.*

▷ **candidly**: *Candidly* (ie speaking frankly), *David, I think you're being unreasonable.* *adv.* **candidness** *n* [U].

candidate /kændɪdət/ *n* 1 hnaṭuan diltu; hril-awh ih hmin petu: *stand as Labour candidate in a parliamentary election* ○ *offer oneself as a candidate for a post.* **2** camibuai tuahtu: *Most candidates passed in grammar.* **3 ~ (for sth)** hnaṭuan/thil pakhat telhtlak, ngahtlak ih ruahmi milai: *The company is being forced to reduce staff and I fear I'm a likely candidate (for redundancy).*

▷ **candidature** /kændɪdətʃə(r)/ (esp Brit **candidacy** /kændɪdəsi/) *n* [U] hril-awh ih telnak: *announce one's candidature.*

candied ⇒ CANDY.

candle /kændl/ *n* **1** khuailul-mei, hriakfar; phazawngden. **2** (idm) **burn the candle at both ends** ⇒ BURN². **the game is not worth the candle** ⇒ GAME¹. **not hold a candle to sb/sth** (infml) (mi hnakin) tha lo deuh, nau deuh: *She writes quite amusing stories but she can't hold a candle to the more serious novelists.*

□ **candle-light** phazawngden mei tleu: *read, work, etc by candle-light.*

candlepower *n* [U] meitleu tah dan: *a ten candlepower lamp.*

candlestick *n* phazawngden (meifar) vannak thuam.

candlewick /kændlwɪk/ *n* [U] phazawngden meica (mei hri): [attrib] *a candlewick bedspread.*

candour (US **candor**) /kændə(r)/ *n* [U] thuthup um lomi; thu phuanthehnak.

C and W abbr (music) khawte lam le ni tlaknak

lam hla pawl.

candy /kændi/ *n* **1** [U] (muʔhai) cithlum hluum (*chu-chin*) (khal ko ih suanmi) cithlum hluum. **2** (esp US) (a) [U] ci thlum hluum, lole, chokolet. (b) [C] cithlum hluum pakhat lole, chawkalet pakhat.

▷ **candy** *v* (pt, pp **candied**) **1** [Tn esp passive] cithlum rawi ih suancih: *candied plums* ○ *candied peel*, eg of lemons or oranges. **2** [I, Tn] cithlum khal ah tuah.

□ **candy-floss** *n* [U] (US also **cotton candy**) patpar vekin a hmulpri cang dingah cini thawn tuahmi thil thlum.

candytuft /kændɪtʌft/ *n* bokbawn pianzia, a rang sen au in a bawr ih parmi thingkung phunkhat.

cane /kem/ *n* **1** (a) [C] sung ong cang nei thilkung pawl, eg rua, fuu, nuang, tivek. (b) [U] cumi thawi' tuahmi: [attrib] *a cane chair*. **2** [C] theihmung kung. **3** (a) [C] mivua knak ih hmanmi nuangfung. (b) **the cane** [sing] fung thawi' vuak cawhkuang (tlawng hrekhat ah): *get/be given the cane* ○ *Many teachers wish to abolish the cane*.

▷ **cane** *v* [Tn] **1** nuangfung in thawi (sual cawhkuannak): *The headmaster caned the boys for disobedience*. **2** (infml esp Brit) neh neekneek: *We really caned them in the last match*. **3** nuang hri tak. **caning** *n* [U, C]: *give sb a good caning*.

□ **cane-sugar** *n* [U] fuu ihsin er-mi cithlum.

canine /keɪnaɪn/ *adj* uico thawn pehpar awmi.

▷ **canine** *n* **1** (fml) uico. **2** (also **canine tooth**) (milai) ih uihaa.

canister /kænɪstə(r)/ *n* **1** laphaksaw, khawfi phut pawl retnak canphio kuang fate. **2** zian le cerek, lole, mitthli tlaknak thli thanmi thir dawng/kuang — kah tik le den tikah a puak thei.

canker /kæŋkə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] thingkung nat (pangang hrik ih ei ruangah). **2** [U] hmaa (uico, zawhte hna parih suakmi hma). **3** (fig) milai thinlung siatsuahtu thu sia: *Drug addiction is a dangerous canker in society*. Cf **CANCER** 2.

▷ **canker** *v* [Tn] canker nat ngah/thinlung siatsuah.

cankerous /kæŋkərəs/ *adj* canker nat suakter thei.

cannabis /kænəbɪs/ *n* [U] **1** hnim kung (hridai suakmi). **2** *siichauh*; mi ritter hnim hnah: *arrested for possessing cannabis*. Cf **HASHISH**, **MARIJUANA**.

cannelloni /kænə'ləʊni/ *n* [U] sa, khasuan le aire tivek thun cihmi sang zual.

cannery ⇒ **CAN**¹.

cannibal /kænɪbəl/ *n* (a) milai sa-ei (milai): [attrib] *a cannibal tribe*. (b) mah phunpi sa eitu ramsa.

▷ **cannibalism** /kænɪbəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] mah phunpi sa einak. **cannibalistic** /kænɪbəlɪstɪk/ *adj* phunpi sa ei duh.

cannibalize, -ise /kænɪbəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] a bang-aw

mi ceet thil khi a dang ceet ah bun sak.

cannibalization, -isation /kænɪbəlaɪzɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

cannon /kænən/ *n* [C] **1** (pl unchanged) pukpi (meithal). **2** (pl unchanged) vanzam ih bunmi ceet meithal: *two 20-millimetre cannon*. **3** billiards lehnak ah, mah ih kah (sawh) mi bawlung in a dang bawlung pahnih pakhat hnu pakhat a khawng vivo mi.

▷ **cannon** *v* (phr v) **cannon against/into sb/sth** khawng ciamco.

□ **cannon-ball** *n* pukpi cerek.

cannon-fodder *n* [U] ral donak lawng ih hmantha thilri vekih ruahmi ralkap.

cannonade /kænən'eɪd/ *n* a pehpeh in pukpi kah.

cannot /kænɒt/ = **CAN NOT** (**CAN**²).

canny /kæni/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) ralring zetmi (hnaʔuan ah).

▷ **cannily** *adv*. **canniness** *n* [U].

canoe /kə'nu:/ *n* **1** lawng zahfung pakhat, lole, a tam deuh hmangih hlau theih, a zaangzet vokkuang lawng. **2** (idm) **paddle one's own canoe** ⇒ **PADDLE**¹.

▷ **canoe** *v* (pt, pp **canoed**, pres p **canoeing**) [I] (usu **go canoeing**) canoe vokkuang lawng in feh.

canoeist /kə'nu:ɪst/ *n* canoe lawng hlau pa.

canon¹ /kænən/ *n* **1** thlun ding daan tlangpi: *This film offends against all the canons of good taste*. **2** (a) a thianghlim a si ti ih cohlanmi cabu pawl; a dik ti ih cohlanmi cabu tla: *the canon of Holy Scripture*. (b) cupa/cunu ih nganmi, tuahmi rori a si ti ih pomsakmi ca, tivek: *the Shakespeare canon*.

▷ **canonical** /kə'nɒnɪkl/ *adj* **1** thlun ding daan a simi; cohlanmi. **2** (cannon) thlun ding daan ih telmi. **3** cohlanmi. **canonicals** *n* [pl] biakkhawm lai ih hmanmi pastor kor.

□ **canon law** Khristian kawhhran thlun ding daan.

canon² /kænən/ *n* biakinn ih hnaʔuan hleice ʔuantu puithiam: *The Rev Canon Arthur Brown*.

canonize, -ise /kænənəɪz/ *v* [Tn] mi thianghlim ih tuah; a thianghlim a si ti ih cohlan.

▷ **canonization, -isation** /kænənəɪzɪʃn; US -nɪz-/ *n* [C, U] thianghlim siternak.

canopy /kænəpi/ *n* **1** siangpahrang tokham, ihkhun tlunih zarmi puanzar. **2** vanzam mawngtu khaan puanzar. **3** (fig) a thlai ih ummi tlunkhuh: *the grey canopy of the sky* ○ *a canopy of leaves*, eg in a forest.

cant¹ /kænt/ *n* [U] **1** ʔong naal (a si zet vekih ʔongmi). **2** mi pawl khat ih hmanmi ʔong (anmah le mah lawng ih theihmi ʔong, ʔong thup): *thieves' cant* ○ [attrib] *a cant expression*.

cant² /kænt/ *n* **1** hraap (leilung, tlaang, tivek). **2** thil a let mi cangvaihnak.

▷ **cant** *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (**over**) a lingkhup, a let khup: *cant a boat to repair it*.

can't *contracted form of CANNOT (CAN²), ti theilo.*

Cantab /kæntæb/ *abbr Cambridge (University) (dikari ngannak ah) hmanmi, (Latin Cantabrigiensis): James Cox MA (Cantab). Cf OXON 2.*

cantaloup (also **cantaloupe**) /kæntəlu:p/ *n* [C, U] laamkhuang rah phunkhat: *a slice of cantaloup.*

cantankerous *adj* thinsia, mi-tawh hmang. ⇨ **cantankerously** *adv.*

cantata /kæn'tatə/ *n* biaknak lam thuhla hla in sakmi; biaknak lam thuhla — awnmawi thawn sak cih a si; thuanthu hla in sak mi: *Bach's cantatas.* Cf ORATORIO.

canteen /kænti:n/ *n* **1** cet zung, tlawng, zung sung ih ei-in dawr. **2** (Brit) namte, haiṭek (darkeu ṭek) le darkeu pawl retnak kuang. **3** ralkap tithawl.

canter /kæntə(r)/ *n* (usu *sing*) **1** rang tlan dan phun khat (kawll tlaan). **2** rang par ah to in kawltlan in tlantermi: *go for a canter.* **3** (idm) **at a canter** olzet in: *win a race at a canter.*

▷ **canter** *v* [I, Tn] kawll tlan in tlanter: *We cantered our horses for several miles.*

canticle /kæntikl/ *n* Pathian thangthatnak hla (ṭongfang hmanmi pawl Bible ihsin lakmi).

cantilever /kæntilivə(r)/ *n* inn ihsin a pawt (for) mi thir/thing — zaute dotu.

□ **cantilever bridge** lawng cawllhnak (pier) ihsin thir/thing saupi a phir in pawtmi (formi) parih tuahmi lilawn.

canto /kæntə/ *n* (pl ~s) (kabia) biazai ih a ṭhenpi ṭhenkhat.

canton /kæntən/ *n* Switzerland ram ih peng (ram) ṭhen.

Cantonese /kæntə'ni:z/ *n* [U] Hong Kong le Tuluk ram thlangta lam ih hmanmi Tuluk ṭong.

cantonment /kæn'tu:nmənt/ *US* -'təun-/ *n* **1** ralkap umnak hmunram. **2** a ringring ih hmanmi ralkap riahbuk — India pawlih kawhdan.

cantor /kæntər(r)/ *n* synagogue, lole, (biakinn) ih hla hruaitu.

canvas /kænvəs/ *n* **1** [U] lawng puan, buk puan ih an hmanmi puanthan sah: [attrib] *a canvas bag.* **2** [C] (a) zuk suainak ih hmanmi puan. (b) hriak thawih nganmi zuk: *Turner's canvases.* **3** (idm) **under canvas** (a) buk sung um (ralkap): *sleep under canvas.* (b) puanzar pharhcia-mi lawng.

canvass /kænvəs/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, T n-pr] ~ (sb) (for sth) 'me' in pe uh (kanmah in hril uh) ti ih mi va sawm ciamco; *me-suai: go out canvassing (for vote)* ○ *The Labour candidate will canvass the constituency next month.* **2** [Tn] me petu pawlih ruahnak zoh. **3** [Tn] ruat tlang dingin ruahnak pe: *canvass the idea/notion/theory.*

▷ **canvass** *n* me-suainak, me lemsiahnak.

canvasser *n* me-suaitu, me lemsiahtu.

canyon /kænjən/ *n* tiva kuam thuk zet (a lai ah

tiva a luangmi): *the Grand Canyon, Arizona.*

cap /kæp/ *n* **1** tlang nei lo lukhuh, caltlun khuh pawt a nei ṭheu (a neem mi): *an old man in a flat cap* ○ *British schoolboys sometimes wear caps, ie as part of their school uniform.* **2** (esp in compounds) lukhuh teet zet: *a bathing-cap.* ○ *a baseball cap* ○ *a nurse's cap* ○ *a shower-cap.* **3** (sport esp Brit) (a) tlawng hrangih hrilmi lektu hnenih pekmi lukhuh: *He's won three caps (ie been chosen to play three times) for England.* (b) team hrangih lektu. **4** cathiamnak lukhuh (dikari lukhuh): *wear cap and gown on graduation day.* Cf MORTAR-BOARD (MORTAR²). **5** palang hru, sin; (camera lens, pen, etc). **6** thawlsin, vekih ummi lung le lei: *the polar ice-cap.* **7** (also **Dutch cap**) = DIAPHRAGM **4.** **8** (a) = PERCUSSION CAP (PERCUSSION) meithal keep. (b) keep zian. **9** (idm) **cap in hand** tangdor tein: *go cap in hand to sb, asking for money.* **a feather in one's cap** ⇨ FEATHER¹. **if the cap fits (,wear it)** an simmi thu khi amah a sawh ti a theih le tuah seh: *I have noticed some employees coming to work an hour late. I shall name no names, but if the cap fits.... set one's cap at sb* (dated) pasal si dingah ngiar.

▷ **cap** *v* (-pp-) [Tn] **1** (a) khum (lukhuh); sin (thawl), khuh: *mountains capped with snow/mist.* (b) = CROWN² **4.** **2** thil pakhat khi, a ṭha deuh, mawi deuh, nuam deuhmi in rak thlun: *cap a joke, story, etc.* **3** (sport esp Brit) lek dingah hril: *He was capped 36 times for England.* **4** degree pek (scotland universities) **5** (idm) **to cap it all** vansiat, vanṭhat hnukhum: *Last week he crashed his car, then he lost his job and now to cap it all his wife has left him!*

capability /keɪpə'bɪləti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ **to do sth/of doing sth**; ~ **for sth** titheinak (thazaang le thiamnak thawn thil titheinak): *you have the capability to do/of doing this job well.* ○ *nuclear capability*, ie power or capacity to fight a nuclear war. **2 capabilities** [pl] a ṭhangso hrih lo thil titheinak: *He has great capabilities as a writer.*

capable /keɪpəbl/ *adj* **1** a ti-thei, tuah thei, ti thiam: *a very capable woman.* **2** [pred] ~ **of (doing) sth** (a) tithei: *You are capable of better work than this.* ○ *Show me what you are capable of*, ie how well you can work. ○ *He is capable of running a mile in four minutes.* (b) ti theimi: *He's quite capable of lying* (ie It wouldn't be surprising if he lied) *to get out of trouble.* **3** [pred] ~ **of sth** (fml) a si thei, lampi a ong: *Our position is capable of improvement.*

▷ **capably** *adv* ti thei zet in, thiam zet in: *handle a situation, manage a business capably.*

capacious /kə'peɪʃəs/ *adj* tam tlem, a kau: *capacious pockets* ○ *a capacious memory.*

▷ **capaciousness** *n* [U].

capacity /kə'pæsəti/ *n* **1** [U] tlem thei zat: *a hall with a seating capacity of 2000* ○ *filled to*

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capacity, ie completely full ○ [attrib] *a capacity crowd*, ie one which fills a sports ground, etc. **2** [sing] thil suah theinak thazang: *factories working at full capacity*. **3** [sing] ~ **for sth** ti theinak: *She has an enormous capacity for hard work*. ○ *Some people have a greater capacity for happiness than others*. ○ *This book is within the capacity of (ie can be understood by) younger readers*. **4** (idm) **in one's capacity as sth** sinak: *act in one's capacity as a police officer/in one's police capacity*.

caparison /kə'pærɪsn/ *n* [usu pl] (formerly) ceimawimi rang ruangkhuh.

▷ **caparison** *v* [Tn] khuh.

cape¹ /keɪp/ *n* baan nei lo korfual.

cape² /keɪp/ *n* (abbr **C**) **1** leizum, tipi thuanthum lam ih a rung formi leizum: *Cape Horn*. **2** **the Cape** (in S Africa) *the Cape of Good Hope; Cape Province*.

□ **Cape Coloured** (in S Africa) kahpia, thi rawimi.

caper¹ /keɪpə(r)/ *v* [I, Ip] ~ (about) turpakaak: *lambs capering (about) in the fields*.

▷ **caper** *n* **1** tur, khir, dawp. **2** (infml) (a) capoh phahin huatsuak ih mi ti. (b) thilsual tuah tumnak: *What's your little caper?* **3** (idm) **cut a caper** lungawi zet in tur, khir dawp ciamco, aa zet ih tuah.

caper² /keɪpə(r)/ *n* (a) hling nei serser burbuk (thingkung fate te). (b) a hnah le a mum eiṭha thingkung phunkhat.

capercaillie (also **capercaillie**) /kæpə'keɪli/ *n* valah tumpi phun.

capillary /kə'pæləri; US 'kæpɪləri/ *n* samphang tia thi-hri.

□ **capillary attraction** samphang tia tluk ih a fatemi dawng sungah a ti pawl anmah teih lut vivotertu (a dirtu) thazang.

capital¹ /'kæpɪtl/ *n* **1** acozah (kumpi) zung umnak khawpi: *Cairo is the capital of Egypt*. ○ [attrib] *London, Paris and Rome are capital cities*. **2** (also **capital letter**) cafang tuum: *In this sentence, the Word BIG is in capitals*. ○ *Write your name in block capitals, please*. **3** sutṭhuam zimlam.

▷ **capital** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** thahnak thūthen; thahtlak: *a capital offence* ○ *capital punishment*, ie the death penalty. **2** cafang tum: *London is spelt with a capital 'L'*. **3** a nasazetmi: *a capital error*. **4** (dated Brit) a ṭha zetmi: *What a capital idea!*

capital² /'kæpɪtl/ *n* **1** [U] tangka hram. **2** dawp tuah thoknak tangka hram: *set up a business with a starting capital of £100 000*. **3** [U] mi pakhat ih neih mi hlawn le thil: [attrib] *capital assets*. **4** [U] tangka hram neitu: *capital and labour*. **5** (idm) **make capital (out) of sth** mah uaknak hlawnak dingih thil umtu dan rak hman: *The Opposition parties made (political)*

capital out of the disagreements within the Cabinet.

□ **capital expenditure** sumtuahtu ih inn le hnaṭuannak hrangih a ṭulmi thilri pawl hrangih hmanmi tangka.

capital gain thilri zuarnak ih a hlawk. **capital gains tax** thil zuar man a hlawk parih lakmi ngunkhuai.

capital goods thilridang suahnak ih hmanmi thil (ceet, mawṭawka, tlangleng). Cf CONSUMER GOODS (CONSUMER).

capital intensive tangka hram tamtuk bur ṭulmi. Cf LABOUR INTENSIVE (LABOUR¹).

capital levy bulpak sum le saw par ih pekmi ngunkhuai. Cf INCOME TAX (INCOME).

capital sum tangka a tom ih veikhat ih pekmi *a-ma-khantu* hnenih pekmi tangka tivek.

capital transfer sum le saw pakhat hnen ihsin pakhat hnenah ṭhawn, roco tivek ruangah.

capital transfer tax cuvek tikih pekmi ngunkhuai.

capitalism /'kæpɪtəlɪzəm/ *n* [U] pursum-leilawn le sumtuah hi acozah in tuah loin bulpak in tuah ih ṭuan a simi daan; tangka hram tam neitu pawl duhdudh ih sumtuah theinak a um mi daan.

▷ **capitalist** *n* **1** tangka hram tampi kaitu; milian. **2** acozah inn siloin tangka hram neitu pawl an duhdudh in sumtuah hi a ṭha sawn ti pomnak.—*adj* pursum leilawnak hi acozah kut ah si sawn loin tangka hram nei milian kut ah a ummi pursum leilawn dan a simi: *a capitalist economy*. **capitalistic** /'kæpɪtəlɪstɪk/ *adj*. Cf SOCIALISM.

capitalize, -ise /'kæpɪtəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] cafang tum in ngan. **2** tangka hrambur. **3** (phr v) **capitalize on sth** mah hlawnak ah thil pakhat khat tuah/hman: *capitalize on the mistakes of a rival firm*.

▷ **capitalization, -isation** /'kæpɪtəlaɪ'zeɪʃn; US -lɪ'zeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

capitation /'kæpɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* mi pakhat ciar hrangih burmi ngunkhuai; bangrep teih pek mi tangka: [attrib] *a capitation allowance*.

Capitol /'kæpɪtl/ *n* **the Capitol**, America (USA) tlangsuak pawl thurel khawm hmun innpi.

capitulate /kə'pɪtʃuleɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) a sung pe, lut (tiamkamnak ṭhawn).

▷ **capitulation** /kə'pɪtʃuleɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] a sung pek, lutnak.

capon /'keɪpən; 'keɪpən/ *n* arcang a sa ei dingih zuatmi tilpercia.

cappuccino /kæpu'tʃɪ:nəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (Italian) cawnnawi tel Italy khawfi.

caprice /kə'pri:s/ *n* **1** (a) [C] thinlung/ziaza thleng thutthinak; thinlung-aatsuah. (b) [U] cuvek suahnak. **2** [C] awnmawi tawite.

capricious /kə'prɪʃəs/ *adj* thinlung thleng ol, thin zuangzam, theih thei lo thinlung: *Romantic heroines are often capricious*. ○ (fig) *a capricious climate*, ie one that is always

- changing.
- ▷ **capriciously** *adv.* **capriciousness** *n* [U].
- Capricorn** /'kæprɪkɔːn/ *n* **1** zodiac thla siar pahratnak, mee zuk a cuang
- capsicum** /'kæpsɪkəm/ *n* **(a)** makphek. **(b)** makphek pum. Cf **PEPPER** 2.
- capsize** /kæp'saɪz/; *US* 'kæpsaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] let (lawng): *The boat capsized in heavy seas.*
- capsule** /kæp'saɪz/; *US* 'kæpsaɪz/ *n* **1** a hawng (pe hawng tivek pawl). **2** sii mu zawl hawng nei. **3** vanparleng (spacecraft) ihsin a then-aw thei a khante).
- Capt** *abbr* Captain: *Capt (Terence) Jones.*
- captain** /'kæptɪn/ *n* **1** **(a)** lawng, asilole, vanzamleng hotu. **(b)** ral bawi bothum. **3** mi pawlkhat hotu: *He was (the) captain of the football team for five years.* **4** (idm) **a captain of industry** thil suahtu kampani hotu.
- ▷ **captain** *v* [Tn] ho: *Who is captaining the side today?*
- captaincy** /'kæptɪnsɪ/ *n* **(a)** [C, U] hotu sinak, hnaʔuan: *take over the captaincy* ○ *Captaincy suits him.* **(b)** [C] captain ʔuansung: *during her captaincy.* **(c)** [U] hotu sithiamnak: *showing fine captaincy.*
- caption** /'kæpʃn/ *n* **1** mekazin ih nganmi cahram ih thulu tawite. **2** simfiangnak ih nganmi ʔongfang zuktel cih mi. **3** baisakup le TV ih langmi ʔongfang hmuhmi thu fianternak ca.
- captious** /'kæpʃəs/ *adj* (*fml*) mi soi, mi eel hman (thupi pa lo ah).
- ▷ **captiously** *adv.* **captiousness** *n* [U].
- captivate** /'kæptɪveɪt/ *v* [Tn] ai-zel; thinlung rak la, hiip: *He was captivated by her beauty.*
- ▷ **captivating** *adj* mi hiip, mi thinlung la: *a captivating woman* ○ *He found her captivating.*
- captivation** /'kæptɪveɪʃn/ *n* [U].
- captive** /'kæptɪv/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] (ral) kaihmi: *a captive bird.* **2** (idm) **hold/take sb captive/prisoner** ral kaih tuar: *They were held captive by masked gunmen.*
- ▷ **captive** *n* saltang; kaihmi (milai, ramsa): *Three of the captives tried to escape.*
- captivity** /kæp'tɪvəti/ *n* [U] saltannak; kaihtuarnak: *He was held in captivity for three years.* ○ *Animals don't breed well in captivity.*
- **captive audience** feh suak dingih a zalen lomi thu ngaitu pawl: *Television advertisers can exploit a captive audience.*
- captive balloon** leilung ah hridai thawn hrenmi balun, (thli le gas phawtpuarmi sialriat).
- captor** /'kæptə(r)/ *n* milai, a silole, ramsa kaitu: *The hostages were well treated by their captors.*
- capture** /'kæptʃə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** kai (thawng thlak dingah): *capture an escaped convict* ○ (*fig*) *This advertisement will capture the attention of TV audiences.* **2** (raal) neh in laak: *capture a town* ○ *capture one's opponent's queen*, ie in a game of chess. **3** rak zuk ngah (kemra thawn): *capture a baby's smile in a photograph.*
- ▷ **capture** *n* **1** [U] kaih: *the capture of a thief* ○ *He evaded capture for three days.* **2** [C] kaih mi milai, thilri.
- car** /kɑː(r)/ *n* **1** (also **motor car**, esp *US automobile*) mawʔawka: *buy a new car* ○ *What kind of car do you have?* ○ *We're going (to London) by car.* **2** (in compound *ns*) **(a)** tlangleng inndan: *a dining/sleeping-car.* **(b)** = **CARRIAGE** 2. **(c)** (*US*) lengʔuai: *a freight car.* **3** vanzamleng (airship) ih khualtlawng pawl tonak hmun.
- **car-boot sale** (esp *Brit*) (*US garage sale*) inn lengah mawʔawka parah duh nawn lomi thilri ret ih zuar.
- carfare** *n* (*US*) mawʔawka toman.
- car-ferry** *n* tiva ral khat lam ah mawʔawka phurtu lawng.
- car-park** (*US parking-lot*) *n* mawʔawka cawlhmun — lenglam ah.
- car-port** *n* mawʔawka thlaam.
- car-sick** *adj* [usu pred] mawʔawka rit: *He's feeling car-sick.* **car-sickness** *n* [U].
- carafe** /kə'reɪf/ *n* **1** zu, tidai; zu retnak thlalang thawl ka-kau. **2** cumi hai khat: *I can't drink more than half a carafe.*
- caramel** /'kærəmel/ *n* **1** [U] cithlum uut/kaang, pianzia nei ding le thawtter dingih hmanmi cini uut. **2** [U, C] himi rim nei cithlum hlum (ʔawfi): *a piece of caramel.* **3** [U] a sen-pawl pianzia.
- ▷ **caramelize, -ise** /'kærəməlaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] sen-pawlter.
- carapace** /'kærəpeɪs/ *n* cumkheng paw.
- carat** /'kærət/ *n* (*abbr ct*) **1** thil khing (a rih lam); karat pakhat cu 200 milligrams a rit. **2** (*US karat*) sui cit tahnak zunit (unit): *a 20-carat gold ring* ○ *a ring of 20 carats.*
- caravan** /'kærəvæn/ *n* **1** (*Brit*) (*US trailer*) mawʔawka ih hnukmi leng — ihsin le rawl tla a um. **2** a sungih um cih theih rangleng: *a gypsy caravan.* **3** nelrawn ah a bur ih khualtlawng tlang sumdawng pawl.
- ▷ **caravan** *v* (**-nn-**) [I] (usu go caravanning) caravan sungah umin nunnuam (holiday) hman: *We're going caravanning in Spain this summer.*
- caravanserai** /'kærə'vænsəri, -səri/ *n* khualtlawng rual zan khat sung riahnak riahbuk (caravan retnak tual kaupi nei).
- caraway** /'kærəweɪ/ *n* **(a)** [C] hmuihmer karavui kuung; darcini. **(b)** [U] (also **caraway seed**) karavui mu.
- carbide** /'kɑːbaɪd/ *n* kabon (carbon) le thil dang kommi thil, a hleice in *calcium carbide*.
- carbine** /'kɑːbaɪn/ *n* a puak peh vivo thei raifal meithal tawi.
- carbohydrate** /kɑː'bɒlɪk/ *n* **1** [C, U] carbon, hydrogen le oxygen pawl kom aw ih a cangmi thil — cini, fangcang, tivek. **2** **carbohydrates** [pl] mi a thauter thei kabohaidrei daat tel rawl

carbolic acid

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tla: *You eat too many carbohydrates!*

carbolic acid /kɑːbɒlɪk 'æsɪd/ (also **phenol**) eek-sii.

carbon /'kɑːbən/ *n* **1** [U] (*chemistry*) thilri (element) thil nung kim ih um — lungvaar le krafait, meihol ih tel karbon. **2** [C] electric ih hmanmi carbon fung. **3** = CARBON PAPER. **4** = CARBON COPY.

▷ **carbonize, -ise** *v* [Tn] mei ur in carbon cangter. **carbonization, -isation** /kɑːbənaɪ'zeɪʃn/ *US* -nɪ'z-/ *n* [U].

□ **carbon black** sialriat (raba) tuah tiki cawhrawi mi melmang/meihol dum.

carbon copy **1** karbon cahnah thawm khum, nganmi; a bangaw cekci mi: *make a carbon copy of a document*. **2** (*fig*) a bang cekci: *She's a carbon copy of her sister*.

carbon dating a sungih um radio-carbon tawih dan zoh in santhuanthu hlan thilri ih kum tuat dan.

carbon dioxide rannung pawlih suahmi thaw, lole, carbon (meihol) dat a telmi thing tivek ur tiki a suakmi meikhu ah a telmi carbon atom 1 le oxygen atom 2 a kommi thli.

carbon monoxide karbon daat a hrek lawng kang ih suakmi thli, carbon atom 1 le oxygen atom 1 kom awmi.

carbon paper karbon thuh mi cahnah dum, cangan tikah cahnah pakhat le pakhat karlak ih thanmi.

carbonated /'kɑːbəneɪtɪd/ *adj* carbon dioxide cok-rawimi tidai (in t̃ha): *carbonated drinks*.

carbolic acid /kɑːbɒlɪk 'æsɪd/ carbon dioxide le tidai rawi ih a cangmi acid, *nga-ye-mi*.

carboniferous /'kɑːbə'nɪfərəs/ *adj* (*geology*) **1** lungto meihol suakmi lung: *carboniferous rocks*. **2** **Carboniferous** lungto meihol a seem lai san.

▷ **carboniferous** *n* lungmeihol caan (san).

Carborundum /'kɑːbə'rʌndəm/ *n* (*prop*) lungtat (kabon le silikon cawh-rawi ih tuahmi).

carboy /'kɑːbɔɪ/ *n* kuai har ding ah, nuang bawm, thingtlep pawl ih tuam mi t̃hnnungza thil tii retnak thlalang, plastic tawh tumpi.

carbuncle /'kɑːbŋkl/ *n* **1** a thlingmi hmasia. **2** lungman-khung sen.

carburettor /'kɑːbə'retə(r)/ (*US* **carburetor** /'kɑːrperetə(r)/) *n* kabareta; mawtawka sungih datsi le thli a rawi-awknak hmun.

carcass /'kɑːkəs/ *n* **1** ramsa ruak: *vultures picking at a lion's carcass*. Cf **CORPSE**. **2** suan cia (vate) ar(sa) ruh: *You might find a bit of meat left on the chicken carcass*. **3** (*joc* or *derog*) milai ih ruangpi: *Shift your carcass!*

carcinogen /'kɑːsɪnedʒən/ *n* (*medical*) khensa cangtertu taksa sungih thil.

▷ **carcinogenic** /'kɑːsɪnə'dʒeɪnɪk/ *adj* khensa suahter.

carcinoma /'kɑːsɪnədʒən/ *n* (*pl* ~s or ~ta /-tə/) (*medical*) khensa a simi taksa t̃hang/bo.

card /kɑːd/ *n* **1** [U] a sah a khohmi cahnah. **2** [C] zo a si ti ngannak cahnah sah, *kaat-pia*: *an identity card* ○ *a record card* ○ *a membership card*. **3** [C] zuk tel cibaibuknak kaat: *a Christmas/birthday card* ○ *a get-well card*, ie one sent to sb who is unwell ○ *David sent us a card* (ie a postcard) *from Spain*. **4** = PLAYING-CARD: *a pack of cards*. **5** **cards** [pl] phe lehnak: *win/lose at cards* ○ *Let's play cards*. **6** [C] tlaanzuamnak prokrem. **7** [C] (*dated infml*) ni nuam, hnihsuakza miphun dang: *Bertie's quite a card*. **8** (*idm*) (**have**) **a card up one's sleeve** duh tiki hman dingih retmi thuthup. **get one's cards/give sb his cards** (*infml*) hnatuan in dawi/suah. **have the cards/odds stacked against one** ⇒ **STACK**. **hold/keep one's cards close to one's chest** tumtah mi thup. **a house of cards** ⇒ **HOUSE**. **lay/put one's cards on the table** tluangtlan, thuhmi nei lo: *We can only reach agreement if we both put our cards on the table*. **make a card** pheleknak ah nehko tuah. **on the cards** (*infml*) a si thei a cang thei: *An early general election is certainly on the cards*. **one's best/strongest card** el-awknak ah mi nehnak dingih hmual nei bik a simi thu/tong. **play one's cards well, right, etc** hmual nei bik ti suak zuam: *You could end up running this company if you play your cards right*. **show one's hand/cards** ⇒ **SHOW**².

□ **card-carrying member** hmin khummi political party, trade union, tivek: *a card-carrying member of the Communist party*.

card-game *n* phe lehnak: *Bridge, poker and whist are card-games*.

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card-sharp (also **card-sharper**) *n* pheleh ah mi bum ih pumcawmtu.

card-table *n* phelehnak cabuai.

card vote = **BLOCK VOTE** (**BLOCK**¹).

card² /kɑːd/ *n* tuuhmul hriahtnak thil (thirhri tete brut).

▷ **card** *v* [Tn] hriat (hriahtnak thawm).

cardamom /'kɑːdəmə/ *n* (**a**) [C] **E** Indian thingkung phunkhat. (**b**) arah mu hmuimer ah hman a si.

cardboard /'kɑːdbɔːd/ *n* [U] **1** cahnah sahpi (cahnah kuang tuahnak ih hmanmi): [attrib] *a cardboard box*. **2** [attrib] (*fig*) a tak ngai nei lo: *a cardboard figure, character, dictator*.

cardiac /'kɑːdiæk/ *adj* lung lam; lung natnak lam: *cardiac muscles, disease, patients* ○ *cardiac arrest*, ie temporary or permanent stopping of the heartbeat.

cardigan /'kɑːdɪgən/ *n* hngawng nei lo t̃aangt̃hek tuuhmul suaŋta angki sah.

cardinal¹ /'kɑːdɪnl/ thupi bik, a thu hrampi: *cardinal sins, errors, virtues, etc*.

▷ **cardinal** *n* (also **cardinal number**) a pakhatnak, a pahnihtnak 1st, 2nd tivek siloin,

pakhat, pahnih ti ih nambat kim thil siarnak 1, 2, 3, 4 ... tivek pawl. Cf ORDINAL.

□ **cardinal points** leilung kil-li= sak, thlang, nisuah, nitlak.

cardinal² /'kɑ:dɪn/ *adj*, *n* [U] a sen sursi mi, senthiip.

cardinal³ /'kɑ:dɪn/ *n* Pope hril theitu Roman Catholic kawhhran ah bishop hnakihi upa hruaitu.

cardi(o)- *comb form* lung lam: *cardiogram* ○ *cardiologist*.

cardiology /kɑ:drɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] lung le lungnat thuzirnak.

▷ **cardiologist** /-dzɪst/ *n*.

care¹ /keə(r)/ *n* 1 [U] ~ (over sth/in doing sth) (a)

zawnruahnak, kilkhawi duhnak, nasazet ruatnak: *She arranged the flowers with great care.* ○ *You should take more care over your work.* (b) ralrinnak: *Care is needed when crossing the road.* ○ *Fragile — handle with care,*

eg as a warning on a container holding glass. 2 [U] ~ (for sb) zoh that: *a mother's care for her children* ○ *Old people need loving care and attention.* 3 (a) [U] don tamnak, khawruah harnak: *free from care.* (b) [C esp pl]

dontamtertu: *weighed down by the cares of a demanding job* ○ *not have a care in the world,* ie have no worries or responsibilities. 4 (idm)

care of sb (abbr c/o) ca-bawm par ih ngan theu mi c/o — pakhat pa/nu hnen ihsin kuat sin dingih nganmi: *Write to him care of his solicitor.*

have a care (dated) ralring deuh. **in the care of sb** pakhat khat ih zohmi hnuai ah: *in the care of a doctor* ○ *They left the child in a friend's care.*

take care (that.../to do sth) ralring aw (kilhim-aw aw tinak): *Take care (that) you don't drink too much/not to drink too much.* ○ *Good bye, and take care!*

take care of oneself/sb/sth (a) siat lo dingih kilkhawi: *My sister is taking care of the children while we're away.* ○ *He's old enough to take care of himself.* (b) t̃uanvo rak lak: *Mr Smith takes care of marketing and publicity.* ○ *Her secretary took care of all her appointments.* ⇒ Usage at CARE².

take sb into/put sb in care mi bang lo, mi harsa finkhawitu pawl hnenah ret: *The social worker advised them to put their handicapped child into care.*

□ **carefree** *adj* khawruah donhar nei lemlo; um huahho: *young and carefree.*

careworn *adj* khawruah donhar tam: *an old and careworn face.*

care² /keə(r)/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Tw] ~ (about sth) donhar, poi, ziangsiar: *He failed the examination but the didn't seem to care.* ○ *Don't you care about this country's future?* ○ *I don't think she cares (about) what happens to her children.* ○ *All she cares about is her social life.* ⇒ Usage. 2 [Ipr, It] ~ for sth paih, zuam: *Would you care for a drink?* ○ *Would you care to go for a walk?* ⇒

Usage at WANT¹. 3 (idm) **for all one/sb cares**

zawnruahnak malte lawng nei ti ruatin: *I might as well be dead for all he cares.* **not care less** (infml) ziang poisalo: *I couldn't care less who wins the match.*

who cares? (infml) zohman in ziangsiar lo; ziangkhal kan siar lo! kan ziang a poi!: *'Who do you think will be the next Prime Minister?'*

'Who cares?' 4 (phr v) **care for sb** (a) cai, ngai, duh: *He cares for her deeply.* (b) finkhawit, tuamhlawm: *care for the sick* ○ *Who will care for him if his wife dies?*

care for sb/sth duh: *I don't care much for opera.* ○ *I like him but I don't care for her.*

▷ **caring** /keərɪŋ/ *adj* [esp attrib] mi finkhawit thei, mi tuamhlawm thei: *caring parents* ○ *Children need a caring environment.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Both **take care of** (somebody or something) and **care for** (someone) can mean 'look after': *She takes great care of her children.* ○ *He's caring for his elderly parents.*

2 Care for can also mean 'like' or 'love': *I'm fond of her but I don't care for her husband.*

3 Care for something and **care to do** something mean 'wish' or 'like' and are rather formal. They are mostly used with *would* in negative sentences and in questions: *Would you care for a swim?* ○ *I wouldn't care to do her job.*

4 Care (about) (somebody or something) means 'be interested' or 'be concerned'. It is also mostly used in negative sentences and in questions: *Don't you care about anybody?* ○ *I don't care (about) what happens to him.*

careen /kə'ri:n/ *v* 1 [Tn] (lawng) sirter (a siatmi rem dingah). 2 [I] lawng letkhupter. 3 [Ipr] (US) khatlam khatlam ah kawi phah ih feh ciamco: *The driver lost control and the car careened down the hill.*

career /kə'riə(r)/ *n* 1 [C] hnaʔuan: *a career in accountancy, journalism, politics, etc* ○ *She chose an academic career.* ○ [attrib] *a career diplomat*, ie a professional one. 2 [C] nunsung t̃hansodan: *look back on a successful career.*

3 [U] hmailam ah tlan, nor ciamconak: *in full career*, ie at full speed ○ *stop sb in mid career*, ie as he is rushing along.

▷ **career v** [Ipr, Ip] zamrang le t̃ihnungza in feh: *careering down the road on a bicycle* ○ *The car careered off the road into a ditch.*

careerist /kə'riərɪst/ *n* (often derog) hnaʔuan kai duh ah ziangziang khal tuah hluahhlo theitu.

□ **career girl/woman** (esp sexist or derog) pasal neih le fate neih hnakin hnaʔuan duh sawntu nunau.

careful /keəfl/ *adj* 1 [pred] ~ (about/of/with sth); ~ (about/in) doing sth ralring: *Be careful not to/that you don't hurt her feelings.* ○ *Be careful with the glasses, ie don't break them.* ○ *Be careful of the dog; it sometimes bites people.* ○

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Be careful (about/of) what you say to him. ○ *Be careful (about/in) crossing the road.* ○ *He's very careful with his money, ie doesn't spend it on unimportant things.* **2 (a)** ralring zet, ruat zet, taima zet: *a careful worker.* **(b)** ralringteih tuahmi: *a careful piece of work* ○ *a careful examination of the facts.*

▷ **carefully** /keəfəli/ *adv*: *Please listen carefully.* ○ *I always drive more carefully at night.*

carefulness *n* [U].

careless /keəlis/ *adj* **1** ~ (about/of sth) daithlang, ralringlo: *a careless driver, worker, etc* ○ *careless about spelling, money, one's appearance.* **2** dawngdah, daithlan: *a careless mistake.*

▷ **carelessly** *adv*. **carelessness** *n* [U].

caress /kə'res/ *n* pom-zuut.

▷ **caress** *v* [Tn] duh le ngai zet ih pom, zuut: *She caressed his hand.*

caret /kæ'ret/ *n* (.) himi hminsinnak, cafang pakhat le pakhat karlak ah bet dingmi a umnak hmun sawhkhinnak.

caretaker /kæ'teikə(r)/ *n* (Brit) (US **janitor**) inn kilvengtu (darvuan): *the school caretaker.*

▷ **caretaker** *adj* [attrib] alangte sung thunei: *a caretaker administration, government, prime minister.*

cargo /kɑ:gəʊ/ *n* (pl ~es; US ~s) [C, U] lawng, vangzamleng sungih phurhmi thilri: [attrib] *a cargo ship.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** Compare **cargo**, **freight** and **goods**. These words are used before the names of vehicles that transport things rather than passengers. They can also refer to the objects transported: *A cargo plane/ship/vessel carries cargo.* ○ *A goods/(US) freight train carries goods/freight.* ○ *A passenger train sometimes also has goods wagons/(US) freight cars.* **2 Cargo** [C] also indicate a particular load that is being transported: *A cargo of steel was lost at sea.* **3 Freight** [U] also indicates the action of transporting: *We can send it by air/sea freight.* ○ *What is the freight charge?* In this sense **freight** can also be a verb: *You can freight your belongings by air or sea.*

caribou /kæ'ribu:/ *n* (pl unchanged or ~s) America zukneng: *a herd of fifty caribou(s).*

caricature /kæ'rikətʃə(r)/ *n* **(a)** [C] ʔawnʔok (zuk) lutum, hnar kawng, tivek in mi pakhat ih hmai/ hmel hnihsuakza ih zuk mi ʔawnʔok: *draw a caricature of a politician* ○ *He does very funny caricatures of all his friends.* **(b)** [U] ʔawnʔok suai.

▷ **caricature** *v* [Tn] hnihsuah sainak ih tuah. **caricaturist** *n*.

caries /kæ'ri:z/ *n* [U] (medical) haamuut, ruhmuat: *dental caries.*

carillon /kə'ri:lən; US 'kærələn/ *n* **1** hla-aw a

tumtheimi darkhing buur khat. **2** darkhing aw.

carious /keəriəs/ *adj* (medical) haa, ruh a muatmi.

Carmelite /kɑ:mələit/ *n*, *adj* kum zabi 12 sung Palestine ram Carmel tlang parih dinsuahmi biaknak pawl; Kamalait (mipa, nunau) phungki pawl.

carmine /kɑ:mam/ *adj*, *n* [U] sen-dup.

carnage /kɑ:nɪdʒ/ *n* [U] mi tampi thah (that): *a scene of carnage*, eg *a battlefield.*

carnal /kɑ:nl/ *adj* (fml) tisa lam, taksa lam: *carnal desires.*

▷ **carnally** /kɑ:nəli/ *adv*.

carnation /kɑ:'neiʃn/ *n* **(a)** a rim a hmuimi, cinmi pangpar. **(b)** cumi par: *wear a carnation in one's buttonhole.*

carnival /kɑ:nɪvl/ *n* **(a)** [C, U] nunphung, biaknak tivek in, kumtin ih tuahmi puai: [attrib] *a carnival atmosphere.* **(b)** [C] lamtluan ah feh ih tuahmi cuvek puai: *a street carnival.*

carnivore /kɑ:nɪvɔ:(r)/ *n* sa-ei ramsa. Cf **HERBIVORE**.

▷ **carnivorous** /kɑ:nɪvərəs/ *adj* sa ei ih nung.

carol /kæ'rel/ *n* lungawi ih sakmi hla mawi: *a Christmas carol* ○ *carol singers*, ie singers who visit people's houses at Christmas to sing carols and collect money, usu for charity.

▷ **carol** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) [I] **1** Christmas hla sak, inn tin ah vak in Christmas lungawinak hla sak: *We often go carolling* (ie go from house to house, singing carols) *at Christmas.*

caroller *n*.

carotid /kə'rɒtɪd/ *adj*, *n* (carotid arteries) lu lam thi petu hngawng thihri.

carouse /kə'raʊz/ *v* [I] (dated) zu le sa thawn awn ruri in nuam aw.

▷ **carousal** /kə'raʊzl/ [C, U] (dated) zu in nunuam.

carousel (US **carrousel**) /kæ'rə'sel/ *n* **1** (US) = **ROUNDAABOUT** **1.** **2** a her rero mi hrikhap perpi, lole, thil bial — cuh parah khual tlawng pawl ih thil an ret ih khat lam ih retmi thil kha khat lam ah a ʔhawnter vivo (airport, tivek ah). **3** slide zuk retnak thil bial — a cuh thil bial a her tikah slide cu projector zawnah a sangsang in a thleng ʔheu.

carp¹ /kɑ:p/ *n* (pl unchanged) tili um nga phunkhat.

carp² /kɑ:p/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (at/about sb/sth) (derog) thupipa lo ih phunzai ringring: *have a carping tongue* ○ *carping criticism* ○ *She's always carping at her children.*

carpal /kɑ:p/ *adj* (anatomy) ngelte thawn a pehpar mi.

▷ **carpal** *n* (anatomy) ngelte ruh.

carpenter /kɑ:pəntə(r)/ *n* lettama; kutzung thiam, them thiam (cabuai bizu tuah thiam, inn sak thiam). Cf **JOINER**.

▷ **carpentry** /-tri/ *n* [U] themthiam hnaʔuan: *learn carpentry* ○ *a fine piece of carpentry.*

carpet /kɑ:pɪt/ *n* **1** **(a)** [U] zial phah puan, pher.

(b) [C] inn sung zial phah: *lay a carpet*, ie fit it to a floor. ○ *We have fitted carpets* (ie carpets from wall to wall) *in our house*. ○ *We need a new bedroom carpet*. Cf RED CARPET (RED¹). 2 [C] leilung khuhtu: *a carpet of leaves, moss, snow, etc*. 3 (idm) **on the carpet** (infml) mawhsiat dingah upa hmai ih suahter: *The boss had me on the carpet over my expenses claim*. **pull the carpet/rug from under sb's feet** ⇒ PULL². **sweep sth under the carpet** ⇒ SWEEP¹.

▷ **carpet** v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] phah, pher phah: *carpet the stairs* ○ *a lawn carpeted with fallen leaves*. 2 [Tn esp passive] (infml) napi ih kaw, mawhsiat: *be carpeted by one's boss*.

□ **carpet-bag** puansah thawn tuahmi khualtlawn nak zaal. **carpet-bagger** n (derog) hril-awk ih teltumtu milai (mi ih duh lemlomi). **carpet-slippers** n [pl] inn sung hman kedan-neem.

carpet-sweeper n carpet phiatnak a her thei mi cet hmunphiah.

carriage /ˈkæridʒ/ n 1 [C] (also **coach**) milai phurtu ke li nei rangleng. 2 [C] (also **Brit coach**) (US **car**) milai to hmun tlangleng inn fate: *a first-/second-class carriage*. 3 [U] (cost of) thil thiar man: *carriage forward*, ie The cost of carriage is to be paid by the receiver. ○ *carriage free/paid*, ie The cost of carriage is paid by the sender. 4 [C] = GUN-CARRIAGE (GUN). 5 [C] cet sungih thil pakhat rak dom in rak thawntertu: *a typewriter carriage*. 6 [sing] (dated) lu le ruangpi her dan: *have a very upright carriage*. □ **carriageway** n mawtaw zin: *the northbound carriageway of a motorway*.

carrier /ˈkæriə(r)/ n 1 phurtu (milai, thil dang). 2 tangka hlawh ih midang thil phurhsaktu; phurhhlawhtu: *Your carrier for this flight is British Airways*. 3 (usu metal) baisakal dunglam ih um thil phurhnak: *strap a parcel to the carrier*. 4 nat cawmtu (milai, tilva): *Mosquitoes are carriers of malaria*. Cf VECTOR 2. 5 = AIRCRAFT-CARRIER (AIRCRAFT). 6 = CARRIER BAG.

□ **carrier bag** (Brit) thil phurhnak dip.

carrier pigeon ca phurtu laileng.

carrion /ˈkæriən/ n [U] taksa tawih.

□ **carrion crow** sathu ei tlang-ak.

carrot /ˈkærət/ n 1 (a) [C] mungla tawba sen. (b) [C, U] mungla taw ba sen hmeih ih hmanmi: *boiled beef and carrots* ○ *Have some more carrots*. ○ *grated carrot*. 2 [C] (fig) tuah man laksawng, lemnak ih tiamkammi laksawng: *hold out/offer a carrot to sb*. 3 (idm) **the carrot and the stick** zuam deuh seh ti duh ah kaw: [attrib] *a carrot-and-stick approach*.

▷ **carrotty** adj aire le a sen nawn pianzia (sam).

carrousel (US) = CAROUSEL.

carry /ˈkæri/ v (pt, pp **carried**) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (a) phur, hmunkhat ihsin hmunkhat ah phur: *carry shopping, a suitcase, a rucksack, etc* ○ *a*

train carrying commuters to and from work ○ *The car had carried him 500 miles before it broke down*. ○ *She carried her baby in her arms*. ○ *He broke his leg during the match and had to be carried off*. ○ *Seeds can be carried for long distances by the wind*. ○ *The injured were carried away on stretchers*. (b) luanpi, fen, phur: *a pipeline carrying oil* ○ *The veins carry blood to the heart*. ⇒ Usage. 2 [Tn] keng: *Police in many countries carry guns*. ○ *I never carry much money (with me)*. ○ (fig) *He'll carry the memory of the experience (with him) for the rest of his life*. ⇒ Usage at WEAR². 3 [Tn] (dated or fml) naukeng; naupai: *She was carrying twins*. 4 [Tn] rak dom, rak phur: *These pillars carry the weight of the roof*. ○ *A road bridge has to carry a lot of traffic*. ○ (fig) *He is carrying the department (on his shoulders)*, ie It is only functioning because of his efforts and abilities. 5 [Tn] (a) rak nei, nei: *His voice carries the ring of authority*. (b) ngah, suakter, thathnemter: *Power carries great responsibility*. ○ *Crimes of violence carry heavy penalties*. 6 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thlenter, hmun pakhat ah phur: *The war was carried into enemy territory*. ○ *His ability carried him to the top of his profession*. ○ *He carries modesty to extremes*, ie is too modest. 7 [Tn] khat lam ah thiar (kanaan tuat tikah). 8 [Tn esp passive] mi tamsawn in lungkimp: *The bill/motion/resolution was carried by 340 votes to 210*. 9 [Tn] mi lungkimpinak ngah: *His moving speech was enough to carry the audience*. 10 [Tn no passive] ~ **oneself** lu, lole, ruangpi ziangmaw ti ih her, khat lam ah: *She carries herself well*. 11 (a) [In/pr] a hlatnak thlen: *The full-back's kick carried 50 metres into the crowd*. (b) [I] hna thawn theih theinak tiang thang: *A public speaker needs a voice that carries (well)*. 12 [Tn] telchih: *Today's papers carry full reports of the President's visit*. 13 [Tn] zuar ding nei: *I'm sorry, this shop doesn't carry cigarettes*. 14 (idm) **as fast as one's legs can carry one** ⇒ FAST¹. **carry all/everything before one** tisuak theh, hlawhtling theh. **carry the can (for sth)** (infml) mawhpurh laak. **carry coals to Newcastle** tul lomi pek (um cia nan). **carry the day** ⇒ DAY. **carry/gain one's point** ⇒ POINT¹. **carry/take sth too, etc far** ⇒ FAR². **carry the war into the enemy's camp** va nam, va do (ral). **carry weight** thupi, hmual nei: *Her opinion carries (great) weight (with the chairman)*. **fetch and carry** ⇒ FETCH.

15 (phr v) **carry sb away** mi thinphangter, thia ter: *He tends to get carried away when watching wrestling on TV*.

carry sb back (to sth) cingter sal: *The sound of seagulls carried her back to childhood holidays by the sea*.

carry sth forward khat lam ca-hmai ah thiar, peh (cazin tuah tikah).

carry sth off neh ngah theh: *She carried off most of the prizes for swimming.* **carry it/sth off** thaten ti suak: *He carried the speech off well despite feeling very nervous.*

carry on (infml) to, tong el: *He does carry on, doesn't he?* **carry on (with sth/doing sth); carry sth on** tuah zom: *Carry on (working/with your work) while I'm away.* ○ *They decided to carry on (eg continue their walk) in spite of the weather.* ○ *Carry on the good work!* **carry on (with sb)** (infml) mipa le nunau itkhawm, pawlaw: *She's carrying on with her boss.* ○ *They've been carrying on for years.* **carry sth on** (a) tuah, tel ve: *carry on a conversation, discussion, dialogue, etc.* (b) tawrel, tuan: *carry on a business.*

carry sth out (a) tuah suak (fial vekin): *carry out a promise, a threat, a plan, an order.* (b) tuah: *carry out an enquiry, investigation, survey* ○ *Extensive tests have been carried out on a patient.* **carry sth over** (a) (tuah dingmi) thin. (b) = CARRY STH FORWARD.

carry sb through (sth) harsat lai ah bawm suak: *His determination carried him through (the ordeal).* **carry sth through** hlawhtling zet in theh suak: *It's a difficult job but she's the person to carry it through.*

▷ **carry n** 1 [U] (a) meithal ih banzat. (b) golf bawlung a thlen tawp. 2 [sing] phurhsak: *Would you like me to give the baby a carry?*

□ **carry-all n** (US) = HOLDALL (HOLD).

carry-cot n thiar theihmi naute ihkhun.

carry-on n (infml esp Brit) [sing] thintlun buai/hnok: *I've never heard such a carry-on!*

carry-out n (Scot or US) = TAKE-AWAY (TAKE¹).

carryings-on n [pl] (infml) awn au ciamco-nak: *Did you hear the carryings-on next door last night?*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Carry, bear, cart, hump** and **lug** share the meaning of 'take (somebody or something) from one place to another'. **Carry** is the most general term for the moving of loads off all weights. It can refer to passenger transport: *She came in carrying an important-looking piece of paper.* ○ *Could you carry this box to my car for me, please?* ○ *The plane was carrying 250 passengers when it crashed.* When **bear** indicates movement it is formal: *The ambassador arrived bearing gifts for the Queen.* ○ *The hero was borne aloft on the shoulders of the crowd.* **Cart** means 'carry (away) (as if) in a cart': *We've asked the Council to come and cart away all this rubbish.* Informally it suggests force or unwillingness: *The police carted the protesters off to jail.* ○ *I've been carting these books around for him all over the place.* **Hump** suggests that the load is heavy and difficult to move and is carried on one's back or shoulders: *We've spent*

all day humping furniture up and down stairs.

Lug indicates that what is carried is pulled or dragged behind unwillingly and/or with difficulty: *Do I have to lug those suitcases all the way to the station?*

cart /kɑ:t/ n 1 (a) ke li nei leng, caw-leng, rangleng tivek pawl: *a horse and cart.* Cf WAGON 1. (b) (also **handcart**) kut tul/dirh leng. 2 (idm) **put the cart before the horse** neta ti ding khi hmaisa ih tuah/ret, a linglet ih tuah/ret.

▷ **cart v** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] 1 leng in phur: *carting hay* ○ *cart away the rubbish.* 2 (infml) kut ah keng: *I've been carting these cases around all day.* ⇒ Usage at CARRY.

carter n leng mawng/tultu.

□ **cart-horse n** leng dir rang.

cart-load n leng khat.

cart-track n mawtaw feh thei lo zin sia, leng zin.

cart-wheel n 1 thing ih tuahmi leng ke. 2 sirpaleng ih khir le dawp (zial parah) leng vek in: *do/turn cartwheels.* — v [I] lengke vekin a her.

carte blanche /kɑ:t 'blɒnʃ/ n (French) duhduh ih um theinak, zalennak: *give sb/have carte blanche.*

cartel /kɑ:'tel/ n [CGp] thil suah le zuar lam ah haihom theh ding lungrual ih pakhat le pakhat zuam aw lo ding ih tuahmi sumtuahtu pawlkom.

cartilage /kɑ:'tɪlɪdʒ/ n (a) [U] ruh tuamtu tisa khoh, ruh pahni pehtu thahri: *I've damaged a cartilage in my knee.* (b) [C] a tha (sa).

▷ **cartilaginous** /kɑ:'tɪlɪdʒɪnəs/ adj cartilege thawn pehpar in, vek.

cartographer /kɑ:'tɒɡrəfə(r)/ n ramzuk suaitu.

▷ **cartography** /kɑ:'tɒɡrəfi/ n [U] ram zuksuai hnatuan. **cartographic** /kɑ:'tɒɡræfɪk/ adj.

carton /kɑ:'tɒn/ n cahnah kuang fate: *a carton of milk, cream, yoghurt, etc* ○ *a carton of 200 cigarettes*, ie with 10 packets of 20.

cartoon /kɑ:'tu:n/ n 1 (a) tawnɔk, hnihsuakza ih suaimi zuk. (b) tawnɔk simmi thuhla pawl. 2 (also **animated cartoon**) tawnɔk baisakup: *a Walt Disney cartoon.* 3 thilzukthiam ih raksuai hmaisa mi (mawi dingah a bet lai dingmi).

▷ **cartoonist n** tawnɔk suaitu (CARTOON 1a).

cartridge /kɑ:'trɪdʒ/ n 1 (US **shell**) zian dawng (cerec um). Cf SHELL 3, SHOT¹ 4. 2 cet ih hmanmi thilri retnak bawm. 3 thil thannak dawngte.

□ **cartridge-belt n** zilandawng painak taikap.

cartridge-clip n = CLIP¹ 2.

cartridge paper zuk suainak cahnahsah.

carve /kɑ:v/ v 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (in sth); ~ sth (out of/from/of/in sth) salh, caw-kuang salh tivek, kher (thing le lung parah): *Michelangelo carved in marble.* ○ *The statue was carved (out of stone).* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (into sth) thil pakhat suak dingah salh: *carve wood.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] riin khuar: *carve one's initials on a tree*

trunk. **3** [I, Tn-pr, Dn-n] sa can, a tleep zawng in: *Would you like to carve?* ○ *carve a joint, turkey, leg of mutton, etc* ○ *Please carve me another slice*. **4** (phr v) **carve sth out (for oneself)** taima zet in tuah suak: *She carved out a name for herself as a reporter*. **carve sth up** (infml) seu aw-a thenthen ah: *The territory was carved up by the occupying powers*.

▷ **carver** *n* 1 khuartu, seu attu. **2** = CARVING KNIFE.

carving *n* carve ih tuahmi thil.

□ **carving knife** sa ahnak namte kawī.

caryatid /kærɪˈætid/ *n* (architecture) tung sut ih hmanmi nunau lem um thuam.

cascade /kæˈskeɪd/ *n* 1 tlaser, titla. **2** (fig) tlaser vekih tlami thil ziangmaw: *a cascade of blonde hair*.

▷ **cascade** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] tlaser vekin tla: *Water cascaded down the mountainside*. ○ *Her golden hair cascaded down her back*.

cascara /kæˈskɑːrə/ *n* [U] N America thinghawng phunkhat thawn tuahmi sungdok sii.

case¹ /keɪs/ *n* 1 [C] thuhla, thil cangmi: *The company only dismisses its employees in cases of gross misconduct*. ○ *It's a clear case of blackmail!* **2 the case** [sing] a si vekih simmi, thungai: *Is it the case* (ie *Is it true*) *that the company's sales have dropped?* ○ *If that is the case* (ie *If the situation is as stated*), *you will have to work much harder*. **3** mi/thil pakhat thuhla ah: *In your case, we are prepared to be lenient*. ○ *I cannot make an exception in your case*, ie *for you and not for others*. **4** [C] nat: *a case of typhoid* ○ *Cases of smallpox are becoming rare*. **5** [C] sibawi ih tuamhlawm mi: *This boy is a sad case*. *His parents are divorced and he himself is severely handicapped*. **6** [C] zung lam zingzoi mi thuhla: *a murder case/a case of murder*. **7** [C] (a) thuthennakzungih relding thu: *The case will be heard in court next week*. ○ *When does your case come before the court?* (b) (usu *sing*) tawhawknak ih dinpi mi thu: *the case for the defence/prosecution* ○ *the case for/against the abolition of the death penalty* ○ *You have a very strong case*. **8** [U, C] (grammar) pronoun, lole, noun thlengmi: *the nominative case* ○ *the accusative case* ○ *Latin nouns have case, number and gender*. Cf DECLENSION. **9** [sing] (infml) lamdang, mi zawnglo: *He really is a case!* **10** (idm) **a case in point** rel reromi thu thawih pehpar mi zohthim ding thu. **as the case may be** a thu le hla ih zir in: *There may be an announcement about this tomorrow — or not, as the case may be*. (just) **in case** (...) a si sual le: *It may rain — you'd better take an umbrella* (just) *in case* (it does). **in any case** ziangtin khal cang aw-sehla. **in case of sth** pakhat khat a can le: *In case of fire, ring the alarm bell*. **in no case** ziangtin khal (a silo lam).

in that case cuti a si lekhaw: *'You don't like your job? In that case why don't you leave?'* **make out a case (for sth)** rak tan theu (thu le hla ah): *The report makes out a strong case for increased spending on hospitals*. **meet the case** ⇨ MEET¹. **prove one's/the case/point** ⇨ PROVE.

□ **case-book** *n* sibawi, sihni pawl ih hmanmi thuhla ngannak cabu.

case grammar (linguistics) type of transformational grammar in which the case relationships are used to describe the deep structure of sentences.

case history mi pakhat ih dunglam thu/thuanthu.

case-law *n* [U] cuh hlan ih thuthentu pawl thuthen dan ah hram a tohmi upadi daan. Cf COMMON LAW (COMMON¹), STATUTE LAW (STATUTE).

case-load *n* sibawi, lole, mi bawmtu ih tuanvo lakmi milai pawl.

case-study *n* mi pakhat, mi burpi thanso dan zingzoinak/thlirnak.

casework *n* [U] a buai mi mi pumpak, lole, innsang pawl thuhla zingzoinak hnatuan.

caseworker *n*.

case² /keɪs/ *n* 1 (a) kuang, thingkuang, cafung kuang, cabu kuang, hnipuan kuang: *a jewel case* ○ *a pencil case* ○ *a packing-case*, ie *a large wooden box for packing goods in* ○ *Exhibits in museums are often displayed in glass cases*. (b) kuang khat (a sung thilum): *a case* (ie *12 bottles*) *of champagne*. **2** suitcase, khualtlawn ih kenmi hnipuan kuang: *Could you carry my case for me?*

▷ **case** *v* 1 [Tn] kuang sung ah khum. **2** (idm) **case the joint** (sl) fir hlanah thil umdan thlingthla ta. **casing** *n* [U, C] siat lo dingih tuamtu: *wrapped in rubber casing*.

□ **case-hardened** *adj* a hak (hmuhton tam ruangah poisa nawn lo, a kelih neih).

casein /keɪsɪn/ *n* [U] cawhnawi ih tel protein daat, cawhnawi khal (cheese) ih cantertu.

casement /keɪsmənt/ *n* (also **casement window**) sangkapi vekih on theih tukvirh (kopza thlaih mi).

cash /kæʃ/ *n* 1 [U] (a) tangka fai/tangka ca: *pay (in) cash* ○ *I have no cash on me — may I pay by cheque?* ○ *I never carry much cash with me*. (b) (infml) sum-pai, tangka: *I'm short of cash at the moment*. **2** (idm) **cash down** a tawn in pek theh, bak lo. **cash on delivery** thilri thlen tikih tangka pek, thil lei.

▷ **cash** *v* 1 [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb)** tangka fai thawih suah/thleng: *cash a cheque (for sb)*. **2** (phr v) **cash in (on sth)** thil pakhat khat par ihsin hlawknak raklak: *The shops are cashing in on temporary shortages by raising prices*. **cashable** *adj* tangka fai thawn thleng theih.

□ **cash and carry** 1 tangka pek ih mahte thiarcop thil leidan. **2** cuti vekih thil zuar dawr:

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buy food in bulk at the local cash and carry.

cash crop zuar dingih ciinmi thlairawl. Cf SUBSISTENCE CROP (SUBSIST).

cash desk tangka peknak cabuai.

cash dispenser bank sung le leng ih um pumpak paisa suahtak cet.

cash flow tangka suak le lut umdan (sum tuah ah): [attrib] *a healthy cash flow situation*, eg having enough money to make payments when required to do so.

cashpoint *n* = CASH DISPENSER.

cash register dawr ih thil ra leitu hnen ihsin tangka ngah zat rak ngankhumtu cet-kuang.

cashew /kæʃu:/ *n* (a) America ih thingkung phunkhat (a rah ei tha), *tihu* kung. (b) (also **cashew nut**) cumi ih rah, *tihu* rah.

cashier¹ /kæʃiə(r)/ *n* tangka suahtu le rak saangtu.

cashier² /kæʃiə(r)/ *v* [Tn] ralbawi hnaʔuan ihsin dawi.

cashmere /kæʃmɪə(r)/ *n* [U] me hmul neem: [attrib] *a cashmere sweater*.

cassino /kəˈsiːnəʊ/ (*pl* ~s) phelehnak le nomcen-nak inn.

cask /kɑːsk/; *US* kæsk/ *n* (a) zu pung pi; zu retnak thing/plastic kuang/pung ih tlem zat.

casket /kɑːskɪt/; *US* ˈkæskɪt/ *n* 1 sui le ngun thilri pawl retnak kuang fate. 2 (*US*) mithi kuang.

cassava /kəˈsɑːvə/ *n* (a) [C] thing-kawlhra. (b) [U] thingkawlhra phut.

casserole /kæsərəʊl/ *n* (a) [C] hlum ringring seh ti ih sa le hmeh suannak siin nei belkhang. (b) [C, U] cuh belkhang thawih suanmi rawl: *a/ some chicken casserole*.

▷ **casserole** *v* [Tn] hlum ringring thei belkhang in suang.

cassette /kəˈset/ *n* kheset, aw khumnak cet, dardawng: [attrib] *a cassette recorder*, ie a tape recorder with which cassettes are used.

cassock /kæsək/ *n* church choir korfual, pastor korfual.

cast¹ /kɑːst/; *US* kæst/ *v* (*pt, pp* **cast**) 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hlón, sep, paih, deng: *cast a stone* ○ *The angler cast his line (into the water)*. 2 [Tn] lip: *Snakes cast their skins*. ○ *The horse cast a shoe*, ie One of its shoes came off. 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] her, thlah, umter: *He cast a furtive glance at her*. ○ *The tree cast (ie caused there to be) a long shadow (on the grass)*. ○ (*fig*) *His muddled evidence casts doubt on his reliability as a witness*. 4 (a) bur (suan titter hnu cerek ah bur tivek): *cast bronze*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**in sth**) thil ziangmaw sungah bur, suung: *a statue cast in bronze* ○ (*fig*) *The novel is cast in the form of a diary*. 5 (a) [I, Tn] thuanthu cawn ih teltu ding: *We're casting (the play) next week*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**as sb**); ~ **sb** (**in sth**) mi pakhat cangter (thuhrlil anthu cawnah): *He was cast as Othello/cast in the role of Othello*. 6 (*idm*) **cast**

anchor lawng thirkawn ti sungah thlak (lawng cawltter). **cast aspersions** (**on sb/sth**) hmin siatter, hmai-seter: *How dare you cast aspersions on my wife's character!* **cast an eye/one's eye(s) over sb/sth** zoh hruak: *Would you cast your eye over these calculations to check that they are correct?* **cast one's bread upon the waters** (*fml* or *rhet*) ngahkir ding ruahsan lo ih thiltha tuah. **cast/shed/throw light on sth** ⇒ LIGHT¹. **cast/draw lots** ⇒ LOT³. **cast one's mind back (to sth)** hlanlai thu ruat sal: *She cast her mind back to her wedding-day*. **cast one's net wide** a kaupi huafter: *The company is casting its net wide in its search for a new sales director*. **cast pearls before swine** (*saying*) vok hmai ih lungvar thlak. **cast a spell on sb/sth** ai-zelh, dawi. **cast a/one's vote** mee pek. **the die is cast** ⇒ DIE³. 7 (*phr* v) **cast about/around for sth** khulrang in hawl/ruat: *He cast about desperately for something to say*. **cast sb/sth aside** a tha lo ti in hnong, hlón, taan: *She has cast her old friends aside*. ○ *He cast aside all his inhibitions*. **cast sb away** lawng siat ruangah mi pakhat taanta: *be cast away on a desert island*. **cast sb down** thinlung siatter: *He is not easily cast down*. Cf DOWNCAST. **cast (sth) off** (a) lawng khihnak hridai phelh. (b) thim hri phoih. **cast sb/sth off** hnong: *She's cast off three boyfriends in a month*. **cast (sth) on** thil thit tikah hmaisabik hridai lamzin khi thim in thul cia. **cast sb out** (*esp* passive) (*fml*) dawi, hnong, hlón. Cf OUTCAST.

▷ **casting** *n* 1 [C] burmi thil. 2 [U] thuanthu cawngtu hril: *a strange bit of casting*.

□ **castaway** *n* lawng siat ruangah ramthing ih a tangmi milai.

casting vote khatlam le khatlam duhdan mee a bangawk tik ih miting khawm hotu ih thlakmi mee.

cast iron ukang thir. Cf WROUGHT IRON (WROUGHT).

cast-iron *adj* 1 ukang thawih tuahmi. 2 (*fig*) a cak zetmi; a khoh zetmi, a kuaithei lomi: *He has a cast-iron constitution*. ○ *They won't find her guilty. She's got a cast-iron defence*.

cast-off *adj* [attrib] hnontakmi; hlónmi: *cast-off shoes* ○ *a cast-off lover*. — *n* (*usu* pl) neitu ih hruk nawn lomi thilthuam: *He wears his brother's cast-offs*.

cast² /kɑːst/; *US* kæst/ *n* 1 [C] hlónnak, dennak: *the cast of the dice* ○ *make a cast with a fishing-line/net*. 2 [C] (a) burmi thil. (b) burnak ih hman mithil. (c) = PLASTER CAST (PLASTER). 3 [CGp] thuanthu-cawn ih teltu pawl: *a film with a distinguished cast*, ie with famous actors in it ○ *a cast of thousands*, eg for an epic film ○ [attrib] *a cast list*. 4 [sing] vek, phun: *He has an unusual cast of mind*. 5 = WORM-CAST (WORM). 6 [C] (*dated*) mit cur, mit kai, mit kalh: *She has a cast in one eye*.

castanets /kæstəˈnets/ *n* [pl] thing, vuiho tivek

thawih tuahmi kutzung ah bun ih tummi a bik in Spain laam laam tiki tummi.

caste /kɑːst/ *n* **1** [C] Hindu hnam-then: *the lowest caste* ○ [attrib] *the caste system*. **2** [C] hnam (hnam upa le nauta). **3** [U] phun-u le phun-nau dinhmun, milian-farah tivek thlun ih thleidannak. **4** (idm) **lose caste** ⇒ LOSE.

castellated /ˈkæstələɪtɪd/ *adj* ral bawhnak inn, kulh neimi.

castigate /ˈkæstɪgeɪt/ *n* [Tn] (*fml*) mawhthluk nasa, kawk nasa.
▷ **castigation** /ˈkæstɪgeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

castle /kɑːsl/; *US* ˈkæsl/ **1** kulh, kahsam (ralhruang) neimi inn khoh hngin: *a medieval castle* ○ *Windsor Castle*. **2** (also **rook**) chess lehnak ih castle a kil ih fanlatu; siangpahrang, siangpahrang bawinu sangtu. **3** (idm) (**build**) **castles in the air/in Spain** thli lak ih kulh inn sak (a si thei lo dingmi tuah tum rero). **an Englishman's home is his castle** ⇒ ENGLISHMAN (ENGLISH).
▷ **castle** *v* [I] chess lektik ih Castle khi King kiang ah thawn cule King khi Castle kiangah.

castor (also **caster**) /ˈkɑːstə(r)/; *US* ˈkæs-/ *n* **1** bizu tivek pawl thawn ol dingah a ke ih bunmi leng fate. **2** a siin ah ongfade te um cithlum dawng.
□ **castor sugar** (also **caster sugar**) cithlum hrawl fate te.

castor oil /ˌkɑːstərˈɔɪl/; *US* ˈkæstə(r)/ arthau (thingkung) rah thawih tuahmi sungdok sii.

castrate /kæst'reɪt/; *US* ˈkæstreɪt/ *v* [Tn] til per, til diit (milai, ramsa): *A bullock is a castrated bull*.
▷ **castration** /kæst'reɪʃn/ *n* [U].

casual /ˈkæʒuəl/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] rinlopi ih cangmi: *a casual encounter, meeting, visit, etc*. **2** (a) [esp attrib] daithlang: *a casual remark*. (b) (*derog*) daithlang: *His attitude to his job is rather casual*. (c) [esp attrib] thupi ih ruat lo, nasa lemlo: *a casual inspection* ○ *a casual glance at a book* ○ *a casual observer, reader, etc*. **3** hruk kel mi (thilthuam) a menmen ih hrukmi: *casual wear*. **4** [attrib] hlawh-laang; a laang: *earn one's living by casual labour* ○ *a casual labourer* ○ *casual sex*, ie not involving a lasting relationship. **5** [attrib] a menmen, a pawnlang: *a casual acquaintance*.
▷ **casually** /ˈkæʒuəl/ *adv*: *meet sb casually* ○ *casually dressed* ○ *casually employed*.
casualness *n* [U].

casuals *n* [pl] menmen ih hmanmi sinfen, um menmen ih hrukmi hnipuan.

casualty /ˈkæʒuəlti/ *n* **1** ral donak, a silole, khawn-awk ih hriamhma pu le a thimi: *Heavy casualties were reported* (ie It was reported that many people had been killed) *in the fighting*. ○ (*fig*) *Mr Jones was the first casualty of the firm's cut-backs*, ie the first to lose his job because of them. ○ [attrib] *a casualty list*. **2** khawn-awk ih a siatmi le a hlomi: *The cottage was a casualty of*

the forest fire. **3** (also **casualty ward**, **casualty department**, *US* **emergency**) a tuahmawh a khawng-aw mi minaa retnak sizung khan.

casuistry /ˈkæʒuəlɪ/ *n* [U] (*fml usu derog*) ruahnak dik lo hmangin ziaza lam harsatnak ruatrel thiam.
▷ **casuist** (*fml usu derog*) cuvek khawruah thiamtu.

casuistic /ˈkæʒjuˈɪstɪk/ (also **casuistical**) /-tɪk/ *adj*. **casuistically** /-tɪklɪ/ *adv*.

casus belli /ˈkɑːsʊs ˈbeliː, ˌkeɪsəs ˈbeliː/ *n* (*Latin*) ral thoktertu thil cangmi, lole, ralthok a phuu ti ih zummi a ruang.

cat¹ /kæt/ *n* **1** zawhte, zawhngau: *We've got three cats and a dog*. ○ [attrib] *cat food*. **2** zawhte thawn phunkhat a simi, tlavang, pawpi, pawte tla: *big cats*, ie lions, tigers, leopards, etc ○ [attrib] *the cat family*. **3** (*derog*) mi siatsuah hman nunau. **4** **the cat** = CAT-O'-NINE-TAILS. **5** (idm) **be the cat's whiskers/pyjamas** (*infml*) a tha bik (thil, milai, ruahnak): *He thinks he's the cat's whiskers*, ie has a high opinion of himself. **a cat-and-dog life** nu le pa to-aw ringring nun. **a cat in hell's chance (of doing sth)** (*infml*) ti thei ding caan um lo. **curiosity killed the cat** ⇒ CURIOSITY. **let the cat out of the bag** thuthup phuangsual, daithlan ah: *I wanted mother's present to be a secret, but my sister let the cat out of the bag*. **like a cat on hot bricks** (*infml*) thinthia, thinkhur: *He was like a cat on hot bricks before his driving test*. **no room to swing a cat** ⇒ ROOM. **play cat and mouse/a cat-and-mouse game with sb** (*infml*) ruahsanmi theifianglo ih ret/sia zet le tha zet in a thleithlak ih zoh. **put/set the cat among the pigeons** (*infml*) hnaihnoknak, harsatnak a thlengter theimi thil, lole, milai suahpi: *The new vicar's a Marxist — that'll set the cat among the pigeons!* **rain cats and dogs** ⇒ RAIN². **wait for the cat to jump/to see which way the cat jumps** ⇒ WAIT¹.
□ **cat burglar** (*Brit*) thuum kai ih inn sung thil rutu (rukru).

cat-o'-nine-tails *n* a bo pakua ummi misual vuaknak savun (hlanlai ah thawngtla pawl vuaknak ih rak hmanmi).

cat's-cradle *n* kut zung par ah hridai ih sihkual in zawhte bu sak-lehnak.

Cat's-eye *n* (*propr*) zan ih mawɬawka zin hmuhtu, zintlang ih mawɬawka mitvang tlettut ih retmi thil.

cat's-paw *n* thil tihnung le thil thalo tuah dingih fial mi (milai).

cat² /kæt/ *n* (*US infml*) = CATERPILLAR TRACTOR (CATERPILLAR).

CAT /siː eɪ ˈtiː, ɔːr/ *in informal use*, kæt/ *abbr* (*Brit*) College of Advanced Technology.

cataclysm /ˈkætəklɪzəm/ *n* nasa zet in amahte a thleng-aw hruakmi, linghnin, tilik, leimin, ral, dodalnak.

▷ **cataclysmic** /kætə'klɪzmɪk/ *adj*: the cataclysmic events of 1939-45.

catacombs /kætəku:mz; US -kəʊmz/ *n* [pl] khuahlan ih Rom mithi vui hmun leitang kuapi.

catafalque /kætəfælk/ *n* mithi kuang retnak zaute.

catalepsy /kætəlepsi/ *n* [U] meraai nat; thih-bup, tha caih.

▷ **cataleptic** /kætə'leptɪk/ *adj* meraai nat nei.

catalogue (US also **catalog**) /kætə'lɒg; US -lə:g/ *n* 1 thuhla a sangsang ih khummi cabu fate: a library catalogue ○ an exhibition catalogue. 2 (fig) a sangsang ih um: a catalogue of disasters.

▷ **catalogue** *v* [Tn] catalogue sungah khum.

catalysis /kə'tæləsis/ *n* [U] daat thleng bawmtu hman in daat thleng.

▷ **catalytic** /kætə'lɪtɪk/ *adj* cuvek ih daat thleng thei.

catalyst /kætə'lɪst/ *n* 1 daat thlengter theitu sii. 2 (fig) thleng awknak suahtertu milai/thil: The offer of a new job provided just the catalyst she needed.

catamaran /kætəmə'ræn/ *n* 1 mei phiir nei puanzar lawng. 2 a siirlam veve ih lawng hren cihmi lawng kaupi.

catapult /kætəpʌlt/ *n* 1 (US **slingshot**) rabar (sailrial) saili, kuah-li. 2 ral kahnak saili tumpi. 3 lawngpi ihsin vanzamleng thlahnak thilri.

▷ **catapult** *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] sai; napiin deng, saili in sai. 2 [Ipr, Tn-pr] hmakhat te ah hlon (nasa zetin): In the crash the driver (was) catapulted through the windscreen.

cataract /kætərækt/ *n* 1 tlaser sang zet. 2 (medical) (a) mitmal nat. (b) mal zet ih hmuhnak zawn: an operation to remove cataracts.

catarrh /kə'tɑ:(r)/ *n* [U] (a) hnar sung le dang sung vun patte hma nat. (b) hih nat ruangih a suak mi hnap le khak: I've a bad cold and I'm full of catarrh.

catastrophe /kə'tæstrəfi/ *n* rinlopi ih suakmi, siatnak, siatralnak: The earthquake was a terrible catastrophe.

▷ **catastrophic** /æ'tə'strɒfɪk/ *adj*: a catastrophic failure. **catastrophically** *adv*.

catcall /kæt'kɔ:l/ *n* lung kim lo ruangih fiikte tum, kut tum ciamco, hrosuang: The Minister's speech was greeted with jeers and catcalls.

▷ **catcall** *v* [I] fiikte tum ciamco.

catch¹ /kætʃ/ *v* (pt, pp **caught** /kɔ:t/) 1 (a) [Tn] kai, kut in kai: I threw a ball to her and she caught it. ○ Our dog likes catching biscuits in its mouth. (b) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (out) cricket leh ah bawlung thawitu suah (a thawimi bawlung leilung thlen hlanih an rak kaih ruangah). 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] deh, kai: catch a thief ○ Cats catch mice. ○ How many fish did you catch? ○ I caught him (ie met him and stopped him) just as he was leaving the building. ○ catch sb by the arm, throat, scruff of the neck, etc. 3 [Ipr, Cn-g] tuah laifang kai ngah

(tong): I caught her with her fingers in the biscuit tin. ○ I caught a boy stealing apples from the garden. ○ You won't catch me working (ie I would never work) on a Sunday! 4 [Tn] a tikcu khel ih to ngah, mawtawka, tlangleng tivek pawl: catch a bus, plane, train, etc ○ catch the post, ie post letters before the box is emptied by the postman. 5 [Tn] (US *infml*) hmu man, kheel: Let's eat now and maybe we could catch a movie later. 6 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (in/on sth) awk: The lock won't catch, ie cannot be fastened. ○ Her dress caught on a nail. ○ He caught his thumb in the door. ○ He caught his foot on a tree root and stumbled. 7 [Tn] natnak ngah: catch (a) cold ○ catch flu, pneumonia, bronchitis, etc. 8 [Tn] theithiam, thei: Sorry, I didn't quite catch what you said. ○ I don't catch your meaning. 9 [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ngah, kheng: The stone caught him on the side of the head. ○ She caught him a blow on the chin. 10 [I] kang (meisa): These logs are wet: they won't catch. 11 [Tn] a cekci ih suah sal; suai sak: The artist has caught her smile perfectly. 12 (idm) **be caught/taken short** ⇒ **SHORT**². **catch sb at it** = **CATCH SB RED-HANDED**. **catch sb's attention/eye** mi pakhat ih thinlung laak, theithiam, hiip: Try to catch the waiter's eye. ○ A newspaper headline caught his attention. **catch one's breath** tihtuk, lautuk tivek ruangih malte sung thawhawt lo: He caught his breath in surprise. **catch one's death (of cold)** (*infml*) (khawsik nat) napin naa: Don't go out without a coat: you'll catch your death. **catch/take sb's fancy** ⇒ **FANCY**¹. **catch fire** mei in a kang: She was standing too close to the fireplace and her dress caught fire. **catch it** (*infml*) cawh tuar, lole, kaww tuar: If your father finds you here you'll really catch it! **catch sb napping** thu ngai lo ih um: Don't let the boss catch you napping! **catch sb on the wrong foot** a rin lo lai ah rak man, hmu. **catch sb red-handed** thil thalo tuah laifang kai ngah/hmu ngah. **catch sight/a glimpse of sb/sth** hmu duak (malte sung): She caught sight of a car in the distance. ○ He caught a glimpse of her before she vanished into the crowd. **catch the sun** ni in a kang, em caak: Your back looks sore — you've really caught the sun today. **catch/take sb unawares** ⇒ **UNAWARES** (UNAWARE). **catch sb with his pants/trousers down** (*infml*) ralring lo laifang ah rak awk, rak kai. **the early bird catches the worm** ⇒ **EARLY**. **set a thief to catch a thief** ⇒ **THIEF**. **set a sprat to catch a mackerel** ⇒ **SPRAT**. 13 (phr *v*) **catch at sth** = **CLUTCH AT STH** (CLUTCH). **catch on (to sth)** (*infml*) theithiam, aan cing: He is very quick/slow to catch on. **catch on (with sb)** (*infml*) zapi duhmi ah cang: Mini-skirts first caught on in the 1960's. **catch sb out** ziang khal na thei lo, na palh ti ih mi sim: Ask me anything you like — you won't catch me out.

catch up (with sb); catch sb up man (rak fehsungmi): *Go on in front. I'll soon catch you up (with you).* ○ *After missing a term through illness he had to work hard to catch up (with the others).* **catch up on sth (a)** tuan theh lomi theh ko tuah: *I've got a lot of work to catch up on.* (b) thuhla thei aw: *Come over for a chat so we can catch up on each other's news.* **be caught up in sth** aatpi, thinlung pek theh/tel: *She was caught up in the anti-nuclear movement.*

▷ **catcher** *n* (in baseball) baseball lehnak ah bawlung bengtu dungih dingtu.

catching *adj* (of a disease) a suan aw theimi (natnak).

catchy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (of a tune) ngai nuammi, cin olmi.

□ **catch-all** *n* (esp US) **1** thilri pawl kai-khawmtu. **2** tican kau nawn huaptu tongfang, tongtluan.

catch crop lorawl tlar hnih karlak ih cinmi rawl kung.

catch² /kætʃ/ *n* **1** kaihi: a difficult catch. **2** kaihzat, ngahmi zat: a huge catch of fish ○ (infml) *He's a good catch, ie worth getting as a husband.* **3** temtawnnak thil ziangmaw: *The catch on my handbag is broken.* **4** thuhmi harsatnak: *The house is very cheap. There must be a catch somewhere.* ○ [attrib] a catch question, ie one intended to trick sb. **5** hnihsuakza mi pathum lole, cuhnakih tam hlasak (a dangdang in an thok ciar). **6** (idm) **catch-22** /kætʃ twentɪ'tu:/ (sl) mi pakhat ih tuar rori dingmi harsatnak: [attrib] a catch-22 situation.

catchment area /'kæʃmənt ˌeəriə/ **1** (also **catchment basin**) tiva ih a vung luangmi ruah surnak hmun; ruahti dongtu tlang hrap kam khat lam ih dawlmī tili dawhna, tihnar. **2** (also **catchment**) tlawng, sizung tivek ih a rami milai um hmun ram: a school with a large catchment area.

catchpenny /'kæʃpeni/ *adj* [attrib] tangka ngahnak: a catchpenny novel, title, device, trick.

catchphrase /'kæʃfreiz/ *n* mi hmuah ih theihmi tongkam.

catchword /'kæʃwɜːd/ *n* **1** mi mit la seh ti ih nganmi tongfang/tongfang bur. **2** dictionary cabu cahmai lulamih nganmi tongfang hmaisa bik, lole, neta bik.

catechism /'kætəkɪzəm/ *n* (a) [U] thu suhnak le thu lehnak hmang in biaknak thu zirhnak. (b) [C] cuvek thusuhnak sangsang.

catechize, -ise /'kætəkəɪz/ *v* [Tn] zirh (thusuhnak le lehnak hmang in).

categorical /'kætə'gɒrɪkl/; US -gɔːr/ *adj* fiangzet, fai fuahfi, tiamkam um lo: a categorical denial, refusal.

▷ **categorically** /-kli/ *adv*.

category /'kætəgəri/; US -gɔːri/ *n* a phun, a pawl, thukhat pawl: place things in categories.

▷ **categorize, -ise** /'kætəgəraɪz/ *v* [Tn] a pawl a pawl ih then.

cater /'keɪtə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth/sb) (rawl ei puai ah) ei-in rak rian, tawrelsak: *cater for a party, banquet, etc* ○ *Fifty is a lot of people to cater for!* (b) [Tn] (esp US) rawl pe. **2** [Ipr] (a) ~ for sb/sth mi ih duhmi rak pek: *TV must cater for many different tastes.* (b) ~ to sth mi duh mi lungkimter: *newspapers catering to people's love of scandal.*

▷ **caterer** *n* **1** rawl-ei puai hrangih ei le in ding rak petu. **2** hotel neitu, tawltreitu.

catering *n* [U] nunuam puai ih ti le rawl rak tawltreit sak: *Who did the catering for your son's wedding?*

caterpillar /'kætəpɪlə(r)/ *n* **1** pelep cang ding pangang (lava). **2** (a) (also **Caterpillar track**) (propr) trekta ke. (b) (also **Caterpillar tractor**, abbr **cat**) caterpillar leilung laitu cet.

caterwaul /'kætəwɔːl/ *v* [I] zawhte hur ai: *Do stop caterwauling, children!*

▷ **caterwaul** *n* [sing] zawhte ai vek aw.

catfish /'kætfɪʃ/ *n* (pl unchanged) hmurhumul nei nga tumpi.

catgut /'kætgʌt/ *n* [U] ramsa rilte thawn tuahmi hridai (tennis hri, tazaw hri ah hman a si).

Cath abbr Catholic.

catharsis /kə'tɑːsɪs/ *n* (pl -ses /-sɪz/) **1** [U, C] thin sungih sup ringring mi suakter (drama tivek in). **2** [U] (medical) sungdok.

▷ **cathartic** /kə'tɑːtɪk/ *adj* sungdok thei. — *n* (medical) sungdok sii.

cathedral /kə'tɪdrəl/ *n* bishop ih zohmi biakinnpi: [attrib] a cathedral city.

Catherine wheel /'kæθrɪn wiːl/ *n* meisa van tiki her mi mei inn.

catheter /'kæθɪtə(r)/ *n* (medical) phu ihsin zun thlornak paip.

▷ **catheterize, -ise** [Tn] zun thlor sak.

cathode /'kæθəʊd/ *n* electric tha a suasalnak lam.

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□ **cathode ray** thli um lo dawng sung electric tha suahnak ih tlectron tleu. **cathode ray tube** vacuum tube, thli um lo dawng (a pummi).

Catholic /'kæθəlɪk/ *adj* **1** = ROMAN CATHOLICISM (ROMAN): the Catholic Church ○ a Catholic priest, school. Cf PROTESTANT. **2** (also **catholic**) Khristian hmuahhmuah, asilole, Khristian kawhhran zate.

▷ **Catholic** *n* (abbr **Cath**) Roman Catholic Kawhhran sungtel: *Is she a Catholic or a Protestant?*

Catholicism /kə'θɒləsɪzəm/ *n* [U] = ROMAN CATHOLICISM (ROMAN).

catholic /'kæθəlɪk/ *adj* zate huap, thil tam sawn: have catholic tastes, interests, views.

▷ **catholicity** /'kæθə'lisəti/ *n* [U] zapi huapnak.

catkin /'kætkɪn/ *n* zawhte mei pangpar.

catmint /'kætmɪnt/ (also **catnip**) *n* zawhte hipnak

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rim nei pangpar mepian.

catnap /kætnɪp/ *n* malte sung it duak; malte sung sing.

▷ **catnap** *v* (-pp-) [I] malte sung sing.

catnip /kætnɪp/ *n* = CATMINT.

catsuit /kætsuɪt/ *n* lu ihsin ke tiang khuh tetzet mi hnipuan.

cattle /kætsuːt/ *n* [pl *v*] ki le ketin tek nei sia, caw, naa pawl; ke li nei sumhnam (vok tello): *a herd of cattle* ○ *twenty head of cattle*, eg twenty cows ○ *The prisoners were herded like cattle.* ○ [attrib] *cattle breeding* ○ *cattle sheds*.

□ **cattle-cake** *n* [U] caw rawl ih tuahmi sang hlom.

cattle-grid *n* sumhnam feh thei hlah seh ti ih hor parih phahmi thirtlep ong nei (mawṭawka cu a feh thei).

catty /kætl/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (also **cattish**) huatlaai: *catty remarks*.

▷ **cattily** *adv.* **cattiness** *n* [U].

catwalk /kætl/ *n* lilawn ih milai fehnak zin.

Caucasian /kɔːˈkeɪziən, kɔːˈkeɪzn/ (also **Caucasoid** /kɔːkæzɔɪd/) *adj* kawkeisian phun Kala-Mirang pawl.

▷ **Caucasian** *n* caucasian mi.

caucus /kɔːkəs/ *n* [CGp] (sometimes derog) **1** paṭi khat sungtel tlangsuak palai pawl thurel khawm. **2** (US) hril-aww pi ih telh dingmi hrilnak thurel khawm. **3** Paṭi ih tuah le thlun dingmi thu sulsattu.

caught /kɔːt/ *pt, pp* of CATCH¹.

caul /kɔːl/ *n* (anatomy) (a) nau-inn sungih naute tuamtu taksa pate; nau hlom. (b) nau hlom, nau suah hnu a lu vekih ummi a hlom.

cauldron /kɔːldrən/ *n* (also **caldron**) thil suannak beel tumpi.

cauliflower /kɔːlɪflaʊə(r); US 'kɔːlɪ-/ *n* [C, U] kawpi paar: *Have some more cauliflower.*

□ **cauliflower cheese** (Brit) cheese le kawpipar suanmi.

cauliflower ear a thling mi hnakawr.

caulk /kɔːk/ (also esp US **caik**) *v* [Tn] (a) tidai lut hlah seh tiah ziang maw thawn phit, hru. (b) a bekmi thawn phit.

causal /kɔːzəl/ *adj* **1** cangtertu thawn pehpar aw mi. **2** (grammar) a ruang sim, tinak san sim: *'Because' is a causal conjunction.*

▷ **causality** /kɔːzæləti/ (also **causation**) *n* [U] (a) suahtertu/cangtertu. **2** = CAUSALITY (CAUSAL).

causative /kɔːzətɪv/ *adj* **1** cangter, siter thei a simi. **2** (grammar) cangter, siter ti langtertu ṭongfang: *'Blacken' is a causative verb meaning 'cause to become black'.*

cause /kɔːz/ *n* **1** [C] cangtertu (thil, milai); suaktertu: *What was the cause of the fire?* ○ *Smoking is one of the causes of heart disease.* ○ *Police are investigating the causes of the explosion.* **2** ~ (for sth) [U] a ruang, san: *There is no cause for anxiety.* ○ *You have no cause for*

complaint/no cause to complain. ○ *She is never absent from work without good cause.* ⇒ Usage at REASON². **3** [C] tuahtummi: *a good cause*, ie one that deserves to be supported, eg a charity ○ *He fought for the republican cause in the civil war.* ○ *Her life was devoted to the cause of justice.* **4** [C] (law) zungih relcat dingmi thuhla: *pleading one's cause.* **5** (idm) **a lost cause** ⇒ LOSE². **make common cause with sb** ⇒ COMMON¹. **the root cause** ⇒ ROOT¹.

▷ **cause** *v* [Tn, Tnt, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (for sb) cangter, umter, suahter: *Smoking can cause lung cancer.* ○ *What caused the explosion?* ○ *The cold weather caused the plants to die.* ○ *He caused his parents much unhappiness.* ○ *She's always causing trouble for people.*

NOTE ON USAGE: The verbs **cause**, **bring about** and **make** indicate how a certain result, situation or event happens. These verbs are used in a variety of patterns. **Bring about** and **cause** can be used with a direct object indicating the result. **Bring about** is more formal and refers to a less direct cause: *Smoking can cause lung cancer.* ○ *The war brought about a reduction in the birth-rate.* **Cause** can connect the result with the person, etc affected: *My car has caused me a lot of trouble.* ○ *His parents were caused a lot of worry by his laziness.* **Cause** and **make** can be used with (to +) an infinitive, but not in the passive: *The pepper in the food caused me to/made me sneeze.* When **make** means 'compel', it can be used in the passive (with to + infinitive): *They made him pay for the damage he had done/He was made to pay for the damage he had done.*

causeway /kɔːzweɪ/ *n* ciarbek umnak ah a sang deuh ih phahmi kefeh zin.

caustic /kɔːstɪk/ *adj* **1** a kang theimi, lole, thil a siat suah theimi sii (daat ti ruangah). **2** (fig) mi thinlung a khoihmi (ṭong): *caustic remarks* ○ *a caustic wit.*

▷ **caustically** /-kli/ *adv* mi thin natter phahin ṭong.

□ **caustic soda** = SODIUM HYDROXIDE.

cauterize, -ise /kɔːtəraɪz/ *v* [Tn] nat kham ding le thi pawl rehter dingah thirling, caustic telmi sii in a hma khang: *cauterize a snake-bite.*

caution /kɔːʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ralring; fimkhur: *Proceed with caution.* ○ *You should exercise extreme caution when driving in fog.* **2** [C] ralrin peknak: *let sb off with a caution.* **3** [sing] (dated infml) khuaruah harza milai. **4** (idm) **throw, fling, etc caution to the winds** tuah ding sup aw lo, ralring lem nawnlo.

▷ **caution** *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Dn-t] ralringter: *We were cautioned not to drive too fast.* (b) [Ip, Tn-pr] ~ (sb) **against sth** ralrinnak pe: *I would caution*

against undue optimism. **2** [Tn] sual nawn lo dingah thuthennak zungih ralringter: *be cautioned by a judge.*

cautionary /'kɔːʃənəri/; US 'kɔːʃənəri/ *adj* ralrinnak pekmi: *a cautionary tale.*

cautious /'kɔːʃəs/ *adj* ~ (about/of sb/sth) a ralring mi: *a cautious driver* ○ *cautious of strangers* ○ *cautious about spending money.*

▷ **cautiously** *adv.* **cautiousness** *n* [U].

cavalcade /'kævl'keɪd/ *n* a thlun-aw ih fehmi mawtawka, rangto pawl.

cavalier /'kævəliə(r)/ *n* **1** Cavalier English pawl Ramsung-ral ih Charles I siangpahrang tantu. Cf ROUNDHEAD (ROUND²). **2** (joc) nunau fehpiu (kiltu) pacangtha.

▷ **cavalier** *adj* [esp attrib] mifimlo; mipuar: *display a cavalier attitude towards the feelings of others* ○ *treat sb in a cavalier manner.*

cavalry /'kævlrɪ/ *n* [CGp] rang ralkap: [attrib] *a cavalry officer/regiment.* Cf INFANTRY.

cave /keɪv/ *n* lungkua, tlanghrap kua.

▷ **cave** *v* **1** [I] (usu **go caving**) lungkua sung lut: *He likes caving.* **2** (phr v) **cave in** min tla rupri (a sunglam kau ah): *The roof of the tunnel caved in (on the workmen).* ○ (fig) *All opposition to the scheme has caved in.*

□ **cave-dweller** *n* = CAVEMAN.

cave-in *n* min (rin lopi ih min huamhi mi).

caveman /'keɪvmæn/ *n* (pl -men /'keɪvmæn/) **1** hlanlai ih lungkua um milai. **2** (infml) mi puarthau, mi siava.

caveat /'kæviæt, US 'keɪviæt/ *n* **1** (fml) ralrinnak: *I recommend the deal, but with certain caveats.* **2** (law) a rel lai roeromi thu khi cawl hrih dingih dilnak (upadi).

cavern /'kævn/ *n* a thuk, a kau ih a thimmi lungkua.

▷ **cavernous** *adj* kau le thuk: *cavernous depths* ○ *cavernous eyes.*

caviare (also **caviar**) *n* [U] **1** nga tumpi phunkhat ih tii thur (ei tha ih thur-ter mi nga tii). **2** (idm) **be caviare to the general** (dated or joc) mizaran ih lom dingah a tha tuk ih a siat ol tuk fawnmi.

cavil /'kævl/ *v* (-ll-; US -l-) [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) (fml) tul lemlomi mawthluk: *He caviled at being asked to cook his own breakfast.*

cavity /'kævəti/ *n* haa nget kua (nget ruangah) tivek pawl, a khalmi thil kua/ong.

□ **cavity wall** a lai ih hmunlawng ummi pharthuah (hni) khua hlum seh ti ih tuahmi.

cavort /kə'vɔːt/ *v* [I, Ip] ~ (about/around) tur kak ciamco: *Stop cavorting around and sit still, just for five minutes!*

caw /kɔː/ *n* ak aw; tlangak ai aw.

▷ **caw** *v* [I] ak, tlangak a ak.

cayenne /keɪ'en/ *n* [U] (also **cayenne pepper**) masala(a thak-mi).

cayman (also **caiman**) /'keɪmən/ *n* S. America thangkawng phunkhat.

CB /,si: 'bi:/ *abbr* **1** citizens' band; radio aw suahnak: *broadcast a message on CB radio.* **2** (Brit) Companion (of the Order) of the Bath.

CBC /,si: bi: 'si:/ *abbr* Canadian Broadcasting Corporation: *a CBC news programme* ○ *listen to (the) CBC.*

CBE /,si: bi: 'i:/ *abbr* (Brit) Commander (of the Order) of the British Empire: *be (made) a CBE* ○ *John Adams CBE.* Cf DBE, KBE, MBE.

CBI /,si: bi: 'aɪ/ *abbr* Confederation of British Industry.

CBS /,si: bi: 'es/ *abbr* (US) Columbia Broadcasting System: *a CBS news broadcast* ○ *listen to CBS.*

cc /,si: 'si:/ *abbr* **1** (commerce) carbon copy (to): *to Luke Petersen, cc Janet Gold, Marion Ryde.* **2** cubic centimeter(s): *an 850cc engine.*

Cdr (also **Cmdr**) *abbr* Commander: *Cdr (John) Stone.*

CDT /,si: di: 'ti:/ *abbr* (US) Central Daylight Time.

CE *abbr* Church of England: *a CE junior school.* Cf C OFF E.

cease /si:s/ *v* [I, It, Tn, Tg] (fml) **1** cawl, bang, cem, cemter: *Hostilities (ie Fighting) between the two sides ceased at midnight.* ○ *The officer ordered his men to cease fire, ie stop shooting.* ○ *That department has ceased to exist.* ○ *The factory has ceased making bicycles.* **2** (idm) **wonders will never cease** ⇨ WONDER *n.*

▷ **cease** *n* (idm) **without cease** (fml) cat bang loin.

ceaseless *adj* cawl/bang lo: *His ceaseless chatter began to annoy me.*

□ **cease-fire** *n* (a) kah-awk bang: *order a cease-fire.* (b) kah-awk alangte bannak: *negotiate a cease-fire.*

cedar /'si:də(r)/ *n* **1** [C] sidar thingkung; farkung (a hmuimi). **2** (also **cedarwood**) /'si:dəwud/ [U] sidar thing: [attrib] *a cedar chest.*

cede /si:d/ *v* [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ sth (to sb) neihmi thil-ri, ram mi pek: *cede territory to a neighbouring state.*

cedilla /sɪ'dɪlə/ *n* cafang c tang ih retmi hminsinak (ç), (eg French and Portuguese) to show that it is pronounced /s/, as in *façade.*

ceiling /'si:liŋ/ *n* **1** inn sunglam tlunvan zialpah; siling: *Mind you don't bump your head on the low ceiling.* **2** vandur umnak rii (zawn). **3** vanzamleng menmen ih a ban thei patawp hmun (a san lam): *an aircraft with a ceiling of 20 000 ft.* **4** a sannak bik: *The government has set a wages and prices ceiling of 10%.* **5** (idm) **hit the ceiling/roof** ⇨ HIT¹.

celandine /'seləndaɪn/ *n* a par aire thingkuung phunkhat.

celebrant /selɪbrənt/ *n* Bawipai' Zanriah petu pastor.

celebrate /selɪbreɪt/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] aih, lawm, puai tuah: *celebrate Christmas, sb's birthday, a wedding anniversary, etc* ○ *celebrate a victory,*

success, etc. (b) [I] nomnak tuah (pakhat khat thawn): *It's my birthday—let's celebrate!* eg with alcoholic drink. **2** [Tn] biaknak puai tuah: *celebrate Mass/the Eucharist*. **3** [Tn] (fml) upat, lawm: *Odysseus's heroic exploits are celebrated in 'The Odyssey'*.

▷ **celebrated** *adj* ~ (for sth) hminthang: a celebrated actress, writer, pianist, etc ○ *Burgundy is celebrated for its fine wines*.

celebration /sɛl'breɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] puai; aih: birthday celebrations ○ a day of celebration.

celebrity /sɪ'leɪbrəti/ *n* **1** [C] mi hminthang: celebrities of stage and screen, ie well-known actors and film stars. **2** [U] hmin thannak.

celerity /sɪ'lɛrəti/ *n* [U] (arch) khulrannak.

celery /sɛləri/ *n* [U] celeri kung: a bunch/stick/head of celery ○ [attrib] celery soup.

celestial /sɪ'lestiəl/ *US* -tʃɪl/ *adj* **1** [attrib] vanlam ta: celestial bodies, eg the sun and the stars. **2** Pathian ta: (fig) the celestial beauty of her voice. Cf TERRESTRIAL.

celibate /sɛlɪbeɪt/ *adj* **1** innsang nei lo ih um (biaknak ruangah). **2** nunau/mipa a pawl dah lo milai.

▷ **celibate** *n* nupi pasal nei lo; mi pawl dah lomi, milai.

celibacy /sɛlɪbəsi/ *n* [U] innsang nei lo ih umnak, biaknak ruangih nupi/pasal nei lomi: Catholic priests take a vow of celibacy.

cell /sɛl/ *n* **1** inn dan/inn khaan fate (thawngtla a pak ih retnak khan). **2** khaathlar ih a dan fate-te. **3** betari (datkhe) seel. **4** durbing lawngih hmuh theih rannung then: *Human tissue is made up of cells*. ○ cancer cells. **5** uknak lam, thil pakhat khat tuahtumtu mi pawl khat: a terrorist cell.

cellar /sɛlə(r)/ *n* **1** sabitti le a dang thilri pawl retnak leitang inn dan: a coal cellar. **2** = WINE-CELLAR (WINE).

cello /tʃɛləʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) tingtang (tayaw) tumpi, khuk pahnih karlak ah ret in to phah ih tummi.

▷ **cellist** /tʃɛlist/ *n* cumi tayaw tumtu.

Cellophane /sɛləfem/ *n* [U] (prop) thil bennak (a thlam lang cahnah paat) selafein: [attrib] cellophane wrapping.

cellular /sɛljʊlə(r)/ *adj* **1** seel tel: cellular tissue. **2** a var zet ih tahmi puan: cellular blankets.

celluloid /sɛljʊləɪd/ *n* [U] **1** plastik phunkhat. **2** (dated) baisakup filim: [attrib] the celluloid heroes of one's youth.

cellulose /sɛljʊləʊs/ *n* [U] **1** thingkung, thingraih ih tel mi thil-bek, plastic tuahnak ih hmanmi; **2** hnih-sii (tinbawsi) le hol tuahnak ih hmanmi hi bangtuk thil bek a phunphun, zuksin filim.

Celsius /sɛlsiəs/ *adj* = CENTIGRADE: Boiling point is 100° Celsius.

Celt /kelt/ *US* selt/ *n* (a) Rome minung pawl ra thlen hlanih Britain ih a rak ummi. (b) Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Cornwall, Iole, Brittany ram

ih um Mirang pawl – Celt hnam.

▷ **Celtic** *n, adj* (tong) Celt miphun ih tong.

cement /sɪ'ment/ *n* [U] **1** Mirang leilung, simen. **2** (a) simen vekih mi erhthei thil. Cf ADHESIVE *n*, GLUE. (b) ha ong phihnak thil.

▷ **cement** *v* **1** [Tn] simen thawn khuh/tuah. **2** [Tn Tn-p] ~ sth and sth (together) fek ko ih erh, bun/ben: *He cemented the bricks into place*. **3** [Tn] (fig) tuah-khoh, ti-khoh: cement a friendship.

cemetery /sɛmətri/ *US* 'sɛməteri/ *n* thlanmual; mithi vui hmun.

cenotaph /senə'tæf/ *US* -tæf/ *hmun* dangih a thi mi hrangih tuahmi hngilhlonak thil, eg khan lung. A bik in ral ih thi ralkap pawl.

censer /sɛnsə(r)/ *n* biakinn sungih rimhmui urnak kuang.

censor /sɛnsə(r)/ *n* **1** cabu, mekazin, thuthang ca, baisakup zuk pawl siar le zoh ih a thatlonak pawl phiat saktu (Sensatu upa): *The British Board of Film Censors*. **2** mipum a siartu le mizapi ziaza simtu khuahlan Rom bawi.

▷ **censor** *v* [Tn] zohfel hnu-ah a thalo pawl phiat sak: the censored version of a film.

ensorship *n* [U] tha lomi, duh lomi phiat saknak: *Strict censorship is enforced in some countries*.

ensorious /sɛn'sɔːriəs/ *adj* mi sualnak hawl thei, mi mawh hawl thei.

▷ **ensoriously** *adv*. **ensoriousness** *n* [U].

censure /senʃə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (for sth) kaw; mawhthluk; zunglam upa in kaw: *Two MPs were censured by the Speaker*.

▷ **censure** *n* [U] kawknak: pass a vote of censure (on sb) ○ lay oneself open to (ie risk) public censure.

census /sɛnsəs/ *n* (pl ~es) mipum-siar; ram sung um milai umzat siar.

cent /sent/ *n* (a) America dollar tangka ih zakhat ah pakhat (percent) %. (b) (abbrs **c**, **ct**) tangka 'cent' khat.

cent *abbr* century kum zabi: in the 20th cent. Cf c2.

centaur /sɛntɔː(r)/ *n* (Greek thuanthu sungih) milai lu nei rang.

centenarian /sɛntɪ'neəriən/ *n, adj* kum 100 le 100 tlun nungtu (milai).

centenary /sɛn'tɪnəri/ *US* 'sɛntənəri/ (*US* also **centennial**) *n* kum 100 kimcam: *The club will celebrate its centenary next year*. ○ [attrib] centenary year ○ centenary celebrations.

centennial /sɛn'teniəl/ *n* (*US*) = CENTENARY.

▷ **centennial** *adj* **1** kum 100 tin te thil cangmi.

2 kum zabi ih. **centennially** *adv*.

center /sɛntə(r)/ *n* (*US*) = CENTRE.

cent(i)- *comb form* (forming *ns*) **1** zakhat: centigrade ○ centipede. **2** zakhat then ah pakhat: centimetre.

centigrade /sɛntɪgreɪd/ (also **Celsius**) *adj* (*abbr* **C**) zakhat rin um khawsa tahnak thil, 0° ah ti a

khal ih rin 100° ah ti a so: a *centigrade thermometer* ○ 20°C means twenty degrees centigrade. Cf FAHRENHEIT.

centigram (also **centigramme**) /ˈsɛntɪgræm/ gram ih () zakhat then, then khat.

centilitre (US *centiliter*) /ˈsɛntɪlɪtə(r)/ n (abbr **cl**) liter pakhat ih then zakhat then thenkhat (1/100).

centime /sɒnti:m/ n (a) franc tangka then zakhat ih then khat. (b) tangka centime khat.

centimeter /ˈsɛntɪmɪtə(r)/ n (abbr **cm**) miṭa zakhat ih then khat.

centipede /sɛntɪpɪd/ n varngen.

CENTO (also **Cento**) /sɛntəʊ/ abbr Central Treaty Organization (a military and economic alliance of Britain, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey).

central /sɛntərəl/ adj **1** (a) a lai: *We live in central London.* ○ *Our house is very central,* ie is in or close to the centre of the town. ○ *the central plains of N America.* (b) kiangkap ihsin thlen olnak hmun, remcannak hmun: *a theatre with a very central location.* **2** a thupi bik: *the central point of an argument* ○ *the central character in a novel* ○ *Reducing inflation is central to* (ie a major part of) *the government's economic policy.* **3** thu hmuahhmuah nei: *central government,* ie the government of a whole country, as contrasted with local government ○ *the central committee,* eg of a political party.

▷ **centralize, -ise** /sɛntərəlaɪz/ v [I, Tn] thuneitu pakhat kut hnuai ih ret thluh: *Is government becoming too centralized?* **centralization, -isation** /sɛntərəlaɪzɪʃn/; US /lɪz-/ n [U]: *the centralization of power,* pakhat/hmunkhat lawng ih thuneihnak.

centralism /sɛntrelɪzəm/ n [U] hmunkhat lawng ih thuneih daan. **centralist** n, adj.

centrally /sɛntərəli/ adv.

□ **central bank** cozah baan, tangka retnak zung. **central heating** hmun pakhat ihsin inn sung hmuah hlumternak.

central nervous system hlumter dan thluak le zaangruh thlik umnak pawl thanzang.

central processor computer cangvaihnak a khawngtu bik thil.

central reservation mawṭawka lamzinpi a laitluan ih retmi hramhring rin, lole, kattaza rin.

Central Standard Time (US) (abbr **CST**) United States ram lai fang pawl hmanmi nazi tikcu.

centre (US **center**) /sɛntə(r)/ n **1** [C] a laifang cekci hmun: *the centre of a circle* ○ *the centre of London* ○ *a town centre.* **2** [C] an thupitter bikmi, an ruahnak a hoi bikmi: *Children like to be the centre of attention.* ○ *The Prime Minister is at the centre of a political row over leaked Cabinet documents.* **3** [C] mi uknak hmun khurpi: *a centre of power* ○ *London is a centre of government.* **4** [C] thil maw, ziang maw an

tuahnak hmunpi: *a centre of industry, commerce, the steel trade, etc* ○ *a shopping, sports, leisure, community centre.* **5** (esp **the centre**) [sing, Gp] politik ah a lai ih um; a lai zin zawh: *This country lacks an effective party of the centre.* ○ *Are her views to the left or right or centre?* ○ [attrib] *a centre party.* **6** [C] (a) bawlung hockey lehnak ahhmaisabik pawl a lai ihlektu. (b) Rugby lehnak ah rinih a lai ih lektu. **7** [C] bawlung, hockey lehnak ah a sirlam tlang ihsin a lai ah bawlung sit/thawi. **8** (idm) **left, right and centre** ⇒ **LEFT**².

▷ **centre v 1** [Tn] a lai ah ret. **2** [I, Tn] bawlung a lai ah sit/thawi. **3** (phr v) **centre (sth) on/upon/round sb/sth** thil/milai a lai ih ret, a thupibik ah ret: *The social life of the village centres round the local sports club.* ○ *Her research is centred on the social effects of unemployment.* ○ *Public interest centres on the outcome of next week's by-election.*

□ **centre-bit** n thing vihnak vokzang (lunbu). **centreboard** n khatlam ah lei/sawn hlah seh ti khamnak ah lawng zial hnuai ih bunmi zialtlep. **centre-fold** n cabu, thuthang ca hmai um zat a lai thenutu ih bilcia ih an temmi zuk.

centre-forward (also **centre**) n bawlung, hockey lehnak ah a hmaisabik bik tlar a lai ih lektu: *play (at) centre-forward.*

centre-half n bawlung, hockey lehnak ah a hmaisabik pawl sangtu ih a laifang lektu.

centre of gravity khiing (weight) bangrep ciar ih an thendarhnak a laifang hmun.

centre-piece n (a) cabuai laifang ih bunmi thil. (b) a thupi bikmi thil (thil an tarlangmi lakah).

centre spread mekazin, thuthangca, then hnih ih an thenawknak hmun a lai cekci.

centrifugal /sɛnˈtrɪfjuːɡl, US ˈsɛntrɪˈfjuːɡl/ adj (a) a laifang ihsin petsuak thluhmi. (b) laifang ih tha hman a simi.

□ **centrifugal force** a laifang ih herkual in lenglam ah a suaktertu thazang.

centrifuge /sɛntrɪˈfjuːdʒ/ n a ti le a khal thenutu cet (her ciamconak thawn).

centripetal /sɛnˈtrɪpɪtəl, US ˈsɛntrɪˈpɪtəl/ adj kailing fung lam ah, lole, a laifang lam a panmi.

centrist /sɛntrɪst/ n politik ah a lai-um (a luar tuk lomi).

▷ **centrism** /-ɪzəm/ n [U].

centurion /sɛnˈtʃʊəriən; US ˈtʃwə(r)/ n khuahlan Rom ralkap 100 uktu ralbawi (kepten).

century /sɛntʃəri/ n **1** (a) kum 100; kum zabi. (b) (abbr **c, cent**) Bawi Jesuh suah hlan le suah hnu kum 100: *the 20th century,* ie AD 1900-1999 ○ *at the turn of the century,* ie when one ends and the next begins. **2** (in cricket) score of 100 runs by one batsman in an innings: *make/score a century* ○ *a double century,* ie 200 runs in an innings.

ceramic /sɪˈræmɪk/ adj lei-beel kheng lam thawn

pehpar-aw in.

▷ **ceramics** *n* 1 [sing *v*] beelkheng tuah thiamnak. (b) [pl] beel lei in tuahmi thil pawl.

cereal /ˈsɪəriəl/ *n* (a) [C] rawl mu (faang, vainim, sangvut barli vek pawl). (b) [U] faang, vainim, sangvut barli mu pawl, rawlmu: [attrib] *cereal products*. (c) [C, U] a tlun ih rawlmu ihsin a suakmi rawl a phunphun: *breakfast cereals* ○ *a bowl of cereal*.

cerebellum /sɛrɪˈbɛləm/ *n* (pl -la /-lə/ or -lums /-ləmz/) (*anatomy*) titsa pawl cangvaihna uktu thluak then.

cerebral /sɛrɪbrəl/; US sɛˈri:brəl/ *adj* 1 thluak lam: *a cerebral haemorrhage*. 2 thluak fimnak lam: *His poetry is very cerebral*.

□ **cerebral palsy** nu ih pum sung, lole, a suah lai ihsin thluak siatsuah ruangih suakmi caihnat. Cf SPASTIC.

cereration /sɛrɪˈbreɪʃn/ *n* [U] (*fm* or *rhet* or *joc*) khuaruah, thluak hnaʔuan.

ceremonial /sɛrɪˈməʊniəl/ *adj* puai ih hmanmi/puai hrangih tuahmi: *ceremonial dress* ○ *a ceremonial occasion*.

▷ **ceremonial** *n* [C, U] puai le program thupi ih thlun dingmi cin le daan: *the ceremonials of religion* ○ *performed with due ceremonial*.

ceremonially /-niəl/ *adv*.

ceremony /sɛrɪˈməni/; US -məʊni/ *n* 1 [C] biakkhawm ah siseh, thitumnak ah siseh tuah kelmi thil tidan: *a marriage/wedding ceremony*. 2 [U] daan-phung: *There's no need for ceremony between friends*. ○ *The Queen was crowned with much ceremony*. 3 (idm) **stand on ceremony** daan le phung vek ih um: *Please don't stand on ceremony* (ie Please be natural and relaxed) *with me*.

▷ **ceremonious** /sɛrɪˈməʊniəs/ *adj* (a) daan-phung vek a simi. (b) hlung hlai zet: *He unveiled the picture with a ceremonious gesture*. **ceremoniously** *adv*.

cerise /səˈri:z, səri:s/ *adj, n* [U] senfai-mi pianzia.

CERN (also **Cern**) /sɜ:n/ *abbr* European Organization for Nuclear Research (French *Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire*).

cert /sɜ:t/ *n* (*Brit infml*) a si hrimeh dingmi thil; hlauhtling: *Black Widow is a (dead) cert for* (ie is sure to win) *the next race*.

cert *abbr* certified.

certain /sɜ:tn/ *adj* 1 [pred] ~ (**that...**); ~ (**to do sth**) a ngaingai, a si rori, a si hrimeh; rin-um: *It is certain that he will agree/He is certain to agree*. ○ *One thing is certain: I'm not coming here again*. 2 [pred] ~ (**that...**); ~ (**of/about sth**) zum rori: *I'm certain (that) she saw me*. ○ *She saw me: I'm certain of that*. ○ *I'm not certain (of) what she wants*. 3 [attrib] a si rori dingmi: *There is no certain cure for this disease*. ○ *They face certain death unless they can be rescued today*. 4 [attrib] cumi a si ti ih sim lomi a si nain

a cekci ih sawhkhimi: *For certain reasons I will be unable to attend the meeting*. ○ *The terrorists will only release their hostages on certain conditions*. 5 [attrib] hmin theih a si na in, mah theihlo mi - mi pakhat, an ti mi: *A certain Mr Brown telephoned while you were out*. 6 [attrib] malte kuam: *There was a certain coldness in her attitude towards me*. ○ *I felt a certain reluctance to tell her the news*. 7 (idm) **for certain** lung awʔawm lo in; fiang te'n: *I couldn't say for certain when he'll arrive*. ○ *I don't yet know for certain*. **make certain** (**that...**) a singai maw ti zingzoi: *I think there's a train at 8:20 but you ought to make certain*. **make certain of sth/of doing sth** si rori dingih tuah: *You'd better leave now if you want to make certain of getting there on time*.

▷ **certain** *pron* ~ **of...** mibur lakih pawlkhat: *Certain of those present had had too much to drink*.

certainly *adv* 1 thungai in; a ngaingai in: *He will certainly die if you don't call a doctor*. Cf SURELY. 2 si ee, si tuk ee, a ngah ko: *'May I borrow your pen for a moment?'* 'Certainly.' ○ *'Do you consider yourself a rude person?'* 'Certainly not!'

certainty /sɜ:tnti/ *n* 1 [C] si rorimi, si rorinak: *England will lose the match—that's a certainty!* ○ *That horse is a certainty*, ie is certain to win. 2 [U] fiangfaite'n: *I can't say with any certainty where I shall be next week*. ○ *We can have no certainty of success*.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Sure** and **certain** are often used in the same way: *They're sure/certain to be late*. ○ *I'm sure/certain (that) they'll be late*. ○ *One thing was sure/certain: they'd be late*. ○ *They made sure/certain (that) they weren't late*. With 'it' as an indefinite subject or object only **certain** can be used: *It was certain/I thought it certain that they would be late*. **Sure** can sound weaker than **certain**, especially in conversation: *I'm sure he'll manage it*, ie I think/hope he will.

Cert Ed /sɜ:t 'ed/ *abbr* Certificate in Education = Zirhnak lam zirhtu (tlawng saya) sinak caken ngah: *have/be a Cert Ed* ○ *Jim Smith BA Cert Ed*.

certifiable /sɜ:trɪˈfaɪbl/ *adj* a si rori ti theih, a bik in a aa rori tinak: *He's certifiable*, ie mad.

certificate /səˈtɪfɪkət/ *n* a si ti theihnak zung caken: *a birth/marriage/death certificate* ○ *an examination certificate*, ie proving that sb has passed an examination.

▷ **certificated** /-kɛrtɪd/ *adj* caken ngah, thiamnak caken ngah.

certification /sɜ:tɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U] a si ti theihthernak.

□ **Certificate of Secondary Education** (in

Britain) kum 15 le a tlun pawl camibuaipi onnak caken. Cf GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (GENERAL), GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION (GENERAL).

certify /sɜːfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) **1** [Tn, Tf, Cn-a, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sb/sth as sth** ca in siseh, kaa in siseh, a si ngai ti ih sim: *a document certifying sb's birth* ○ *He certified (that) it was his wife's handwriting.* ○ *The accused has been certified (as) insane/certified to be insane.* **2** [Tn esp passive] mi aa a si tiih zung casuah: *He was certified and sent to a mental hospital.*

□ **certified cheque** (US) tangka zung (bank) ih amkammi check lethmat.

certitude /sɜːtɪtjuːd/; US -tuːd/ *n* [U] (fml) a si rori ti lungput.

cervix /sɜːvɪks/ *n* (pl **cervices** /sɜːvɪsɪz/ or ~ **es** /-vɪksɪz/) (anatomy) nau-inn kua zim, sul kua zim.

▷ **cervical** /səˈvaɪkl/; US 'sɜːvɪkl/ *adj* [esp attrib] nau-inn kua zim lam: *cervical cancer* ○ *a cervical smear*, ie one taken from the cervix to test for cancer.

Cesarian (also **Cesarean**) = CAESAREAN.

cessation /seɪseɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] (fml) cawlnhak; bannak; tawpnak: *The bombardment continued without cessation.* ○ *a temporary cessation of hostilities.*

cession /seɪʃn/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] ram, asilole, thil ti theinak mi hnenih peknak. (b) [C] mi pekmi (ram).

cesspit /sepɪt/ (also **cesspool** /sespuːl/) *n* **1** khuh neimi hnawm-bal khur. **2** (fig) a hnawm a ɬawinnak, ziaza ɬat lonak hmun: *a cesspool of vice.*

CET /siː iː ˈti/ *abbr* Central European Time.

cf /siː ˈef/ *abbr* compare=zohɬhim aw (Latin confer). Cf CP.

CFE /siː ef ˈiː/ *abbr* (Brit) College of Further Education.

ch (also **chap**) *abbr* chapter=bung: *the Gospel of St John ch 9 v 4.*

Chablis /ˈʃæbliː/ *n* [U] France ram cabitti phunkhat.

cha-cha /tʃɑː tʃɑː/ (also **cha-cha-cha**) *n* (~s) taw mer phah ih laam: *dance/do the cha-cha.*

chafe /tʃeɪf/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at/under sth) aithok, siaremlo: *The passengers sat chafing at the long delay.* ○ *chafe under an illness.* **2** [I, Tn] hlum seh ti ih hnawt/nuai ruangah hma suak: *Her skin chafes easily.* ○ *His shirt collar chafed his neck.* ○ *chafed hands.* **3** [Tn] hlumter, sater (kut thawn): *chafe a baby's feet.*

▷ **chafe** *n* hnawt ruangih suakmi hmaa.

chaff /tʃɑːf/; US tʃæf/ *n* [U] **1** faang hi; faangmu hawng; faangvai. Cf HUSK. **2** tancia fangcang kung ro, ah cia hrampi-car (caw rawl). **3** (idm) **separate the wheat from the chaff** ⇒ SEPARATE².

chaff /tʃɑːf/; US tʃæf/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (about

sth) (dated or fml) a ɬa lam ih capoh: *They chaffed him about his love-life.*

▷ **chaff** *n* [U] capoh thiam, minuam.

chaffinch /tʃæfɪntʃ/ *n* Europe ram um vate fate phunkhat.

chafing-dish /tʃeɪfɪŋ dɪʃ/ *n* (dated) hlum ringring ih retnak rawl beel.

chagrin /ˈʃægrɪn/; US ʃəˈɡriːn/ *n* [U] ninghannak, thinnom lonak (tuah suak lo, ti sual ruangah): *Much to his chagrin, he came last in the race.*

▷ **chagrin** *v* [Tn usu passive] mi parih ninghaang: *be/feel chagrined at/by sth.*

chain /tʃeɪn/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] cikcin; a kual tete ih a peh-aw mi thir-hri: *keep a dog on a chain* ○ *pull the chain*, ie to flush the toilet ○ *Remember to put the chain on the door when you lock it.* ○ *a length of chain.* (b) [C] cikcin thirhri kual : *a bicycle chain*, ie for transmitting power from the pedals to the wheels ○ *The mayor wore her chain of office round her neck.* ○ *She wore a locket hanging on a silver chain.* **2** [C usu pl] (fig) ɬeemɬawntu: *the chains of poverty.* **3** [C] a pehzom aw mi thil: *a chain of mountains/a mountain chain* ○ *a chain of circumstances, events, ideas.* **4** [C] kampani pakhat ih neih mi dawr tluan, riahnak inn tluan: *a chain of supermarkets/a supermarket chain.* **5** [C] (formerly) lei tahnak; pi 66 sau. **6** (idm) **in chains** (a) thirhri thawn ɬemmi (thawngtla). (b) a luat lomi; kaihmi, thawngtla.

▷ **chain** *v* [Tn esp passive, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth (to sb/sth)**; ~ **sb/sth (up)** cikcin thawn khiɬ/ɬeem: *prisoners chained to a wall, each other* ○ *chain (up) a dog for the night* ○ (fig) *Too many women feel chained to the kitchen sink*, ie feel that they spend all their time doing housework.

□ **chain-gang** (US) cikcin thawn khihzom mi thawngtla pawl.

chain-letter kuatmi vekih ngan ciamco in kuat sin dingmi mi tampi hnen cakuat.

chain-mail *n* [U] thir kual tampi thawih tuah mi ralphaw (kor).

chain reaction (a) thil pakhat ruangih pakhat hnu pakhat a cang vivo mi. (b) mei a nei vivo mi (thuhla ah): *The Government fear the strike may produce a chain reaction in other industries.*

chain-saw *n* cet ih hermi thir cikcin hlauh.

chain-smoke *v* [I, Tn] thlah lo bang lo in fawp (kuak).

chain-smoker *n* kuak zual khat hnu zual khat pehzom ih a fawptu.

chain-stitch

chain-store *n* a bangaw, a zawng awmi dawr tluan (kampani pakhat neihmi).

chair /tʃeə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] kalaɬheng, tohkham sang (kutkaih nei khal a um): *a table and chairs* ○ *Have/Take a chair*, ie Sit down. **2** **the chair** [sing] pumkhawm hohatu: *She takes the chair in all our meetings.* ○ *Who is in the chair today?*

○ *All remarks should be addressed to the chair.*
3 [C] phunsang tlawng (University ih) professor hnatuan: *He holds the chair of philosophy at Oxford.* **4 the chair** [sing] (US infml) = THE ELECTRIC CHAIR (ELECTRIC).

▷ **chair** *v* **1** [Tn] pumkhawm hoha: *chair a meeting.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] (Brit) liang par ah phur (lek tivek neh ruangah): *The winning team chaired their captain off the field.*

□ **chair-lift** *n* thiirhri par ih thlahmi tlaang kainak tokheng.

chairman /-mən/ (pl **-men**, fem **chairwoman**) **1** pumkhawm hohatu: *‘Madam Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,’ began the speaker.* **2** kawmiti hotu: *chairman of the board of governors (of a school)* ○ *the chairman’s report*, ie the annual report of a company, presented at its annual general meeting. **chairperson** *n* chairman or chairwoman.

NOTE ON USAGE: The affix **-man** is used in a lot of words (eg **chairman**) to indicate positions and occupations which today are filled by both women and men. To avoid sexual bias and unnecessary repetition (*chairman or chairwoman*) **-person** can be used: *chairperson, spokesperson, business person, etc.* **Chair** is increasingly used to mean chairman or chairwoman: *She was the chair of the planning committee.*

chaise longue /ʃeɪz ˈlɒŋ; US ˈlɔːn/ (pl **chaises longues** /ʃeɪz ˈlɒŋ; US ˈlɔːŋ/) zalrin, zaangzau; ke thluannak nei tonak.

chalet /ʃæleɪ/ *n* **1** (esp in Switzerland) Switzerland ram ih dotkhat thing inn fate. **2** cuvek ih sakmi inn. **3** cuvek riah buk (camping tivek ih hmanmi).

chalice /tʃælis/ *n* cabitti retnak khuat-hai tumpi (Bawipai) Zanriah ei tik ih hmanmi).

chalk /tʃɔːk/ *n* **1** [U] lungmuat, lole, thun-lung, ur tiki thung a cangmi: [attrib] *the chalk downs of southern England.* **2** (a) [U] cangannak ih hmanmi leirang hlom (miphiu): *a stick of chalk* ○ *a picture drawn in chalk* ○ *a teacher with chalk on his jacket* ○ [attrib] *chalk dust.* (b) [C] leiranghlom tluan khat: *(a box of) coloured chalks.* **3** (idm) **different as chalk and from cheese** ⇨ DIFFERENT. **not by a long chalk/shot** ⇨ LONG¹.

▷ **chalk** *v* **1** [I, Tn] leiranghlom thawn ngan, suai, rin. **2** (phr v) **chalk sth out** a ruarau zuk, leiranghlom in: *The boys chalked out goalposts on the playground wall.* **chalk sth up** (infml) (a) calungpi parah ngan: *chalk up one’s score*, eg when playing darts. (b) ti suak thei, neh, hmin khum thei: *The team has chalked up its fifth win in a row.* **chalk sth up (to sb/sth)** mi pakhat ih liam/pek dingah ngankhum (zu in-tlangnak ah):

Chalk this round up to me, please, barman.

chalky *adj* (-ier, -iest) leiranghlom vek. **chalkiness** *n* [U].

□ **chalkboard** = BLACKBOARD (BLACK¹).

challenge¹ /tʃælɪndʒ/ *n* **1** ~ (to sb) (to do sth) zuam, na ngam maw ti ih zuam (tlaan zuam, buan zuam): *issue/accept a challenge.* **2** sentari kiltu ih thusuhnak: *The sentry gave the challenge, ‘Who goes there?’* **3** ~ (to sth) thu elawknak ih thusuhnak, thu ih zuamnak: *a serious challenge to the Prime Minister’s authority.* **4** a harmi; zuamtlak mi: *She likes her job to be a challenge.* ○ *Reducing the gap between rich and poor is one of the main challenges facing the government.* **5** duhlonak langter (zung ah).

challenge² /tʃælɪndʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ sb (to sth) thungai si le si lo sut; thuthentu duh lo (jury lak ihsin): *challenge sb to a duel, a game of tennis* ○ *She challenged the newspaper to prove its story.* **2** [Tn] feh nawn lo ding le hmin sim dingah thupek “Dingaw, na hmin sim” tivek: *The sentry challenged the stranger at the gates.* **3** [Tn] a si ngaingai maw tinak sut: *challenge sb’s authority/right to do sth* ○ *challenge a claim, challenges traditional beliefs.* **4** [Tn] mi pakhat ih titheinak hniksak: *The job doesn’t really challenge him.* **5** [Tn] duh lonak langter (zungah).

▷ **challenger** *n* zuamtu.

challenging *adj* minung ih thiamnak hniksaktu harsatnak, tʃuan duhnak thinlung tawhtertu harsatnak: *a challenging job, test, assignment, etc.*

chamber /tʃeɪmbə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] inn dan, ihnak khan. **2** chambers [pl] (a) thuthentu ih thuhla ngainak (hliakhlainak) innkhan fate (thuthen zung ih thlenpi tʃul lomi thuhla pawl). (b) inn tumpi sungih zungkhan pawl. **3** [C, CGp] rampi tlangsuak pawl pumkhawm hmun inn: *The members left the council chamber.* ○ *the Upper/Lower Chamber*, eg in Britain, the House of Lords/Commons. **4** [C] (a) taksa pum sungih kulhthehmi a dan, a khan: *the chambers of the heart*, ie the auricle and the ventricle ○ *a combustion chamber.* (b) lei hnuai khan: *The cavers discovered a vast underground chamber.* **5** [C] ziandawng umnak meithal tawba (a hram lam).

□ **chamber concert** chamber awnmawi.

chamber of commerce dawrtuaw pawl, pawlkom.

chamber of horrors thil rapthlak um innkhan.

chamber orchestra awnmawi tumtu pawlkhat.

chamber-pot *n* zun-ek beel (inn sung hmanmi).

chamberlain /tʃeɪmbəlɪn/ *n* (formerly) kumpi bawi innsungsang hnatuan tawltreitu bawi upa. **chameleon** /kəˈmiːliən/ *n* **1** laiking. **2** (fig) thinlung thleng-aw leuhlo milai.

chamois /ʃæmwaɪ/ *n* (pl unchanged) Asia le

Europe ram ih um zukneng fate phunkhat.

□ **chamois-leather** (also **shammy-leather**, **shammy** /ʃæmi ləðə(r)/ *n* (a) [U] me, tuu, sakhi phaw thawih tuahmi savun nem. (b) [C] cuih savun nem: *polish the car with a shammy.*

chamomile = CAMOMILE.

champ¹ /tʃæmp/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (rang) tam ruapro ih rawl-ei. **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (at/on) sth aithok ih keu: *horses championing at the bit.* **3** [I, Ipr, It] ~ (at sth) thok duh tiatia, hngakhlap: *He was championing with rage at the delay.* ○ *The boys were championing to start.* **4** (idm) **champ at the bit** (infml) thil thok cing ding duh ciamco, hngakhlap.

champ² /tʃæmp/ *n* (infml) = CHAMPION (2).

champagne /ʃæm'peɪn/ *n* **1** [C, U] a so/a phul theimi E France suak zu: *a glass of champagne* ○ [attrib] *champagne cocktails.* **2** [U] fangcang kung pianzia.

champion /tʃæmpiən/ *n* **1** a dang hmuah a neh thehtu mi pakhat, asilole, mi pawlkhat: *a chess champion* ○ *The English football team were world champions in 1966.* ○ *the heavyweight (boxing) champion of the world* ○ [attrib] *a champion swimmer, horse, marrow.* **2** midang hrangih a tangthatu, bawmtu: *a champion of the poor/of women's rights.*

▷ **champion** *v* [Tn] rak bawm, rak tanpi: *champion the cause of gay rights.*

championship *n* **1** [C] nehthehtu sinak: *win the world championship* ○ [attrib] *a championship medal.* **2** [C] a thiambik dinhmun: *The championship is ours.* **3** [U] tanpinak: *her championship of our cause.*

chance¹ /tʃɑːns; US tʃæms/ *n* **1** [U] bawng, van; caanṭha: *Chance plays a big part in many board games.* ○ *It was (pure) chance our meeting in Paris/that we met in Paris.* ○ *trust to chance* ○ *leave nothing to chance*, ie take great care in planning sth to reduce the chance of bad luck ○ *a game of chance*, ie one decided by luck, not skill ○ [attrib] *a chance meeting, encounter, occurrence, happening, etc.* **2** ~ of (doing) sth/ to do sth/that... [C, U] sitheinak, ti theinak caan: *Is there any chance of getting tickets for tonight's performance?* ○ *What are the chances of his coming?* ○ *She has a good chance/no chance/not much chance/only a slim chance of winning.* ○ *What chance of success do we have?* ○ *There's a faint chance that you'll catch him at home.* **3** [C] ~ (of doing sth/to do sth) caanṭha, tikcurem: *It was the chance she had been waiting for.* ○ *You won't get another chance of going there.* ○ *Please give me a chance to explain.* ○ *You'd be a fool to ignore a chance like that.* ○ *This is your big chance!* ie your best opportunity of success. ⇒ Usage at OPPORTUNITY. **4** [C] tihnik, tuah hniknak: *This road may not be the one we want — but that's a chance we're going to have to take.* **5** [C] bawngvan, vanṭhat: *By a happy*

chance a policeman was passing as I was attacked. **6** (idm) **as chance would have it** vanṭhatnak ah: *As chance would have it he was going to London as well and was able to give me a lift.* **by any chance** a si thei men: *Would you by any chance have change for £5?* **a cat in hell's chance** ⇒ CAT¹. **by chance** ruah lopi ah, tum lopi ah: *I met her quite by chance.* **chance would be a fine thing** (infml) ka tuah duh na'n caanṭha ka ngah lo ding. **the chances are (that) ...** (infml) a si thei men: *The chances are that she'll be coming.* **an even chance** ⇒ EVEN¹. **a fighting chance** ⇒ FIGHT¹. **give sb/sth half a chance** tuah dingah tikcu le caan pe: *She's keen and I'm sure she'll succeed given half a chance.* **have an eye for/on/to the main chance** ⇒ EYE¹. **no chance** (infml) a si lo thei men. **not have a chance/hope in hell** ⇒ hell. **on the (off) chance (of doing sth/that...)** theimen, a cang ding/asi thei men ding ti ruahsannak thawn: *I didn't think you'd be at home, but I just called on the off chance.* **a sporting chance** ⇒ SPORTING. **stand a chance (of sth/of doing sth)** tifuh thei ding caanṭha nei: *He stands a (good/fair) chance of passing the examination.* **take a chance (on sth)** tuah hnik (zum um na'n). **take chances** tihnung ih thil tuah: *You should never take chances when driving a car.* **take one's chance** caanṭha lakin hlawnak lak.

chance² /tʃɑːns; US tʃæns/ *v* **1** (fml) rinlopi in a cang ngelcel: *She chanced to be in/It chanced that she was in when he called.* ⇒ Usage at APPEAR. **2** [Tn, Tg] (infml) (harnak a suak khalle) ti hnik, risk la: *'Take an umbrella.'* 'No — I'll chance it', ie risk getting wet. ○ *We'll have to chance meeting an enemy patrol.* **3** (idm) **chance one's arm** (infml) ti hnik (a ṭha lo ding khalle). **4** (phr v) **chance on sb/sth** (fml) tong pang (rin lo pin).

chancel /tʃɑːnsl; US tʃæns/ *n* Pathian hnenih thil hlannak biaktṭheng kiangih pastor le hla remtu pawl tonak hmun.

chancellery /tʃɑːnsələri; US tʃæns-/ *n* **1** [C] Chancellor inn (Germany le Austria ram ih hmandan). **2** [Gp] ram dang palai, Chancellor ih zung hnaṭuan pawl. **3** [C] ramdang palai hnaṭuannak zung.

chancellor /tʃɑːnsələ(r); US tʃæns-/ *n* **1** Cozah hotu kawhnak hmin — Germany le Austria ram ah an hmanṅ. **2** (Brit) phunsang tlawng thenkhat ih an lu bik kawhnak (hlawh-lang in): *chancellor of London University.* **3** thuṭhentu lu bik: *the Lord Chancellor*, ie the highest judge (and chairman of the House of Lords).

□ **Chancellor of the Exchequer** (Brit) tangka vuanci.

chancery /tʃɑːnsəri; US tʃænsəri/ *n* **1** (Brit) thuṭhentu lubik zung. **2** (US) upadi ih huap lo mi thuhla pawl relcatnak zung. **3** thuhla khum mi cabu retnak inn. **4** (idm) **ward in chancery**

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chancy /tʃɑːnsɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) rin-um-lo; tihphaan um: a chancy business.

▷ **chancily** *adj*.

chandelier /ʃændəˈliə(r)/ *n* a bawrpi ih an thlaih mi electric mei.

chandler /tʃɑːndlə(r); US ˈtʃænd-/ *n* (also ship's chandler) lawng ih hmanmi hridai, muka etc zuartu.

change¹ /tʃeɪndʒ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] *thleng, thleng-aw*: You've changed a lot since I last saw you. ○ Our plans have changed. ○ change one's attitude, ideas, opinion, etc ○ an event which changed the course of history. ⇒ Usage. **2** (a) [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (from sth) to/into sth *phun khat/ pianhmang khat in a dang pianhmang khat ah thleng aw*: Caterpillars change into butterflies or moths. ○ The witch changed the prince into a frog. (b) [I, Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (from A) (to/into B) *pakhat in pakhat ah thleng*: The traffic lights have changed (from red to green). ○ Britain changed to a metric system of currency in 1970. **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (for sth) *thleng*: change one's doctor ○ change one's job ○ change one's address, ie move to a new home ○ change a light bulb ○ change gear, ie engage a different gear in a car, etc in order to travel at a higher or lower speed ○ I must change these trousers (ie put on a clean pair) — they've got oil on them. ○ I'm thinking of changing my car for a bigger one. (b) [Tn] *fehnak zawn thleng; tan mi thleng*: change sides, eg in a war, debate, etc ○ The ship changed course, ie began to travel in a different direction. ○ The wind has changed direction. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sb) *thleng-aw* (tohmun etc): Can we change seats?/can I change seats with you? (d) [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (from sth to sth) *to mi mawṭawka tivek thleng*: Change (trains) at Crewe for Stockport. ○ This is where we change from car to bus. ○ All change! ie This train stops here; everyone must leave it. (e) [Tn] *thil hrukmi thleng sak*: change (ie put clean sheets on) the beds. **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (out of sth) (into sth) *mah hruhmi thil thleng*: go upstairs to change ○ change (ie into more formal clothes) for dinner ○ Go and change out of those damp clothes into something dry. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (for/into sth) *tangka nawi thleng*: Can you change a five-pound note? ○ I need to change my dollars into francs. **6** (idm) **change hands** *neih mi, midang kut sung thlenter*: The house has changed hands several times recently. **change/swap horses in midstream** ⇒ HORSE. **change one's/sb's mind** *thinlung thleng saal*: Nothing will make me change my mind. **change places** (with sb) *umnak le tohmun thleng aw*: Let me change places with you/Let's change places so you can be next to the window. **change one's spots** *mah ih sikel thleng tum* (a si thei

lomi). **change step** *midang thawn kalsuan bangaw dingin kekal thleng*. **change the subject** *thuhla dang rel thok*. **change one's tune** (infrm) *mai lungput thleng*. **change one's ways** *nuncan thleng*. **chop and change** ⇒ CHOP³. **7** (phr v) **change down** *mawṭawka hnudeuh ah thleng*. **change over** (from sth) (to sth) *thil phunkhat ihsin phunkhat ah thleng, ti dan/ dinhmun pakhat ihsin a dang thleng*: The country has changed over from military to democratic rule. **change up** *mawṭawka khulrang deuh ah thleng*.

▷ **changeable** /tʃeɪndʒəbl/ *adj* **1** *thleng-aw thei*: a changeable person, mood ○ changeable weather. **2** *thleng aw thei*.

□ **change-over** *n* *thilti dan pakhat ihsin a dang pakhat ah thleng*: a peaceful change-over to civilian rule.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Change** has a general use and indicates any act of making something different: Most English women change their names when they marry. ○ He changed the design of the house completely. **Alter** indicates the making of a small difference in the appearance, character, use, etc of something: I'll have to alter the diagram. I've made a mistake. **Modify** is more formal. When applied to objects, especially machines, it suggests a partial change in structure or function: The car has been modified for racing. It can also indicate the softening of attitudes, opinions, etc: He'll have to modify his views if he wants to be elected. **Vary** describes the changing of something or its parts often temporarily and repeatedly: It's better to vary your diet rather than eat the same things all the time. All these verbs (except **modify**) can also be used intransitively: Her expression changed when she heard the news. ○ This place hasn't altered since I was a girl. ○ Political opinions vary according to wealth, age, etc.

change² /tʃeɪndʒ/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ (in/to sth) *thleng-awknak; a thleng-awmi*: a change in the weather ○ There has been a change in the programme. ○ The government plans to make important changes to the tax system. ○ Doctors say there is no change in the patient's condition. ○ Are you for or against change? **2** [C] ~ (of sth) (a) *pakhat ihsin pakhat ih thlengawknak*: a change of job ○ Please note my change of address. ○ The party needs a change of leader. ○ This is the third change of government the country has seen in two years. (b) *thildang ai ih hmanmi; thlengawknak thil tivek*: Don't forget to take a change of (ie a second set of) clothes. **3** [C] ~ (from sth) (to sth) (a) *mawṭawka, tlangleng thleng* (a to): He had to make a quick change at Crewe. (b) *umnak hmun-ram thleng*: a welcome change from town

to country life ○ *She badly needs a change.* **4** [U] (a) *tangka nawi: Can you give me/Have you got change for a five-pound note?* (b) *tangka nawi: I've no small change.* (c) *khirh dingmi/kah dingmi tangka (thil lei tik ih): Don't forget your change!* ○ *25p change.* **5** (idm) **a change for the better/worse** siat-lam/that-lam pan: *The situation is now so bad that any change is likely to be a change for the better.* **a change of air/climate** thil umtuzia, kiangkap phundang thlengnak: *A change of air (eg a holiday away from home) will do you good.* **a change of heart** thil lungput thleng awk. **the change of life** (euph) = MENOPAUSE. **for a change** thil dangdang thlengnak ah: *We usually go to France in the summer, but this year we're going to Spain for a change.* **get no change out of sb** (infml) mi hnen ihsin bomnak/thu le hla ngah lo. **ring the changes** ⇒ RING².

▷ **changeless** adj thleng-aw lomi; a hmun ringringmi.

changeling /tʃeɪndʒlɪŋ/ *n* thupte ih rak thlengmi ti ih zummi naute/thilri.

channel /tʃænl/ *n* **1** (a) ram khat le ram khat lak ih um tiffinriat fiak. (b) titler, ti luannak. **2** tiva, tihriat a thuuknak hmun: *The channel is marked by buoys.* **3** (a) ram pahni karlak um tiffinriat fiakte. (b) **the Channel** = THE ENGLISH CHANNEL (ENGLISH): [attrib] *The Channel crossing was very calm.* **4** (fig) pehzom awknak zin: *your complaint must be made through the proper channels.* ○ *He has secret channels of information.* **5** (a) Radio, TV awsuar. (b) TV thlahnak hmun: *What's your favourite channel.*

▷ **channel v** (-ll-, US also -l-) **1** [Tn] kuar ter, khuar: *Deep grooves channeled the soft rock.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] luangter, fehter: *Water is channeled through a series of irrigation canals.* ○ (fig) *We must channel all our energies into the new scheme.*

chant /tʃɑːnt/ *n* **1** aw sang le niam cuang um lo ih (Saam) hla sak, thu-caang tete au-pimi. **2** sak, au (a pehpheh in): *The team's supporters sang a victory chant.*

▷ **chant v** [I, Tn] **1** thu caang aupi: *chant the liturgy.* **2** hla aupi; thu aupi: *'We are the champions!' chanted the football fans.*

chanty, chantey = SHANRY.

chaos /kəʊs/ *n* [U] hnok buainak: *The burglars left the house in (a state of) chaos.* ○ *The wintry weather has caused chaos on the roads.*

▷ **chaotic** /keɪɒtɪk/ adj a hnok a buaimi: *With no one to keep order the situation in the classroom was chaotic.* **chaotically** /keɪɒtɪkli/ adv.

chap¹ /tʃæp/ *v* (-pp-) (a) [I] kuai, khing: *My skin soon chaps in cold weather.* (b) [Tn esp passive] a khing: *chapped lips* ○ *hands and face chapped by the cold.*

▷ **chap n** vun khing.

chap² /tʃæp/ *n* **1** [C] mipa, silole, mi pa nauhak; rualpi: *Be a good chap and open the door for me, would you?*

chap abbr chapter(1).

chapel /tʃæpl/ *n* **1** [C] khristian biakkhawmnak ih hman mi inn fate/inn dan fate: *a college chapel* ○ *Chapel is (ie Service in chapel are) at 8 o'clock.*

2 [C] bulte thlacamhmun khaan fate: *a Lady chapel*, ie one dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. **3** [C] (Brit) Anglican a si lo pawl ih khristian biakinn: *Methodist chapel* ○ *She goes to/attends chapel regularly.* ○ (dated) *Are they church or chapel?* ie Do they belong to the Anglican Church or to a Nonconformist denomination? **4** [CGp] thuthang ca zung ih hnaŋuan pawlpi: *The chapel voted against a strike.* **5** [C] (esp US) pawlpi, pawlkom.

chaperon /ʃæpəreɪn/ *n* (esp formerly) puai zawh fala rak kilkhawitu nunau upa.

▷ **chaperon v** [Tn] kilkhawi. **chaperonage** *n* [U].

chaplain /tʃæplɪn/ *n* tlawng, thawng inn, sizung tivek ih retmi pastor: *an army chaplain.* Cf PADRE.

▷ **chaplaincy** *n* chaplain hnaŋuan.

chaplet /tʃæplit/ *n* **1** thinghnah, pangpar, sui le ngun thawih tuahmi lukhum (maimaw?). **2** thlacamnak thirual.

chapter /tʃæptə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] (abbrs **ch, chap**) (usu numbered) cabu bungthen: *I've just finished Chapter 3.* **2** [C] tikcu, san: *the most glorious chapter in our country's history.* **3** [Gp] (a) phungki tlawng, metilah tlawng ih cin le daan pawl. (b) [C] phungki, metila thurel pumkhawm. **4** (idm) **chapter and verse** a bung le a caang; a lik le a lak; kimte'n: *I can't quote chapter and verse but I can give you the main points the author was making.* **a chapter of accidents** a pehpheh ih um vansiatnak.

char¹ /tʃɑː(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [I, Tn] kaangvui: *charred wood.* (b) [Tn] meihol ah a cang: *the charred remains of the bonfire.*

char² /tʃɑːr/ *n* (Brit) = CHARWOMAN.

▷ **char v** (-rr-) [I] hmunphiah.

char³ /tʃɑː(r)/ *n* [U] (dated Brit infml) laphak ti: *a cup of char.*

charabanc /ʃærəbæŋ/ *n* (dated Brit) baska phunkhat; tokham hmailam a hoih mi milai phur mawŋawka.

character /kærəktə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] (a) ziaza, nuncan: *What does her handwriting tell you about her character?* ○ *His character is very different from his wife's.* ○ *The British character is often said to be phlegmatic.* (b) a hmui le a hmel: *the character of the desert landscape* ○ *The whole character of the village has changed since I was last here.* ○ *The wedding took on the character of (ie became like) a farce when the vicar fell flat on his face.* **2** [U] (a) a cuangcenak: *drab houses*

with no character. (b) thinlung ziaza thazaang: a woman of character ○ It takes character to say a thing like that. ○ Some people think military service is character-building. 3 [C] (a) (infml) milai (a tha lemlomi): He looks a suspicious character. (b) (approx) menmen lo: She's a real/quite a character! 4 [C] thuanthu cawn le nunthuleng tivek ih teltu milai: the characters in the novels of Charles Dickens. 5 [C] mithmai: damage sb's character. 6 [C] cangan tik ih hmanmi hminsinnak rin, cafang: Chinese, Greek, Russian, etc characters. 7 (idm) in/out of character ziaza langter, a sidan kel a simi/ lomi: Her behaviour last night was quite out of character.

▷ **characterless** *adj* (derog) laarlo; mumal neilo: a characterless place.

□ **character actor, character actress** a lamdangmi thuanthu cawngtu.

character reference (Brit) mi pakhat ih ziaza thuhla nganmi.

characteristic /kærəktə'ristik/ *adj* ~ (of sb/sth) ziaza lam dangmi: He spoke with characteristic enthusiasm. ○ Such bluntness is characteristic of him.

▷ **characteristic** *n* lamdannak: What characteristics distinguish the Americans from the Canadians? ○ Arrogance is one of his less attractive characteristics.

characteristically /-kli/ *adv*: Characteristically she took the joke very well.

characterize, -ise /kærəktəraɪz/ *v* 1 [Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth as sth** ziaza langter: The novelist characterizes his heroine as capricious and passionate. 2 [Tn esp passive] lamdannak langter: the rolling downs that characterize this part of England ○ The giraffe is characterized by its very long neck.

▷ **characterization, -isation** /-raɪ'zeɪʃn/ *n* [U] ziaza langternak: Jane Austen's skill at characterization.

charade /ʃə'reɪd/ *n* 1 **charades** [sing v] lehnak, mi pawl khat in ðongfang pakhat khi kutke cangvaihnak in an hmuh ih a dang mi pawl khat in a tican theih an zuam. 2 [C] cumi lehnak an tuahmi hmuhnak. 3 [C] (fig) a lang tukmi titer-awknak.

charcoal /tʃɑ:kəʊl/ *n* 1 [U] meihol: a stick, piece of charcoal ○ [attrib] a charcoal sketch. 2 (also charcoal grey) [U] meihol pianzia.

□ **charcoal-burner** *n* (formerly) meihol rawhtu (hnaʔuan).

chard /tʃɑ:d/ *n* [U] (also **Swiss chard**) a hnah ei ʔha mungla.

charge¹ /tʃɑ:dʒ/ *n* 1 [C] sualpuh: arrested on a charge of murder/a murder charge ○ I resent the charges of incompetence made against me. 2 [C] hmai nor: lead a charge. 3 [C] thil man, ʔuanman ih lakmi: an admission/entry charge, eg to visit

a museum ○ His charges are very reasonable. ○ All goods are delivered free of charge. ⇒ Usage at PRICE. 4 (a) zohkhennak; kilkhawinak: leave a child in a friend's charge ○ He assumed full charge of the firm in his father's absence. (b) [C] (fml) mi ih fingkhawi mi thil, milai: He became his uncle's charge after his parents died. 5 [C] (fml) rian, ʔuan. 6 [C] zian 7 [C] (a) battery ih thun mi electric tha: a positive/negative charge. (b) battery ih thun dingmi thazang. 8 [C] (fml) fialmi; thupek: the judge's charge to the jury, ie his advice to them about their verdict. 9 (idm) **bring a charge (of sth) against sb** a sual a si ti ih puh. **a charge on sb/sth** man pek ʔul: They are a charge on the rates. **face a charge/charges** ⇒ FACE². **give sb in charge** (esp Brit) palik kut ah pek. **have charge of sth** ʔuanvo nei. **in charge (of sb/sth)** hoha, khawng: Who's in charge here? ○ He was left in charge of the shop while the manager was away. **in/under sb's charge** mi fingkhawi mi: these patients are under the charge of Dr Watson. **lay sth to sb's charge** (fml) pakhat khat mawhthluk. **prefer a charge/charges** ⇒ PREFER. **reverse the charges** ⇒ REVERSE³. **take charge (of sth)** ʔuanvo lak, khawng: The department was badly organized until she took charge (of it).

□ **charge account** (US) = CREDIT ACCOUNT (CREDIT¹).

charge-sheet *n* (Brit) palik ih mi mawhnak ngankhummi ca.

charge² /tʃɑ:dʒ/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (with sth)** a sual a si ti in thurelnak zungah sim: He was charged with murder. ○ She charged me with neglecting my duty. (b) [Tf] (fml) a sual ti ih mawhthluk: It is charged (ie in a court of law) that on 30 November, the accused.... 2 (a) hmai ah nor ciamco ih tisia (do-awk le thil dang ah): The troops charged (at) the enemy lines. ○ One of our strikers was violently charged by a defender, ie in a game of football. (b) [Ipr, Ip] ~ **down, in, up, etc** lam ah nam ciamco: The children charged down the stairs. 3 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] a man ngen, tuah man/ʔuan man ngen: How much do you charge for mending shoes? ○ As long as you've paid in advance we won't charge you for delivery. ○ I'm not going there again — they charged (me) £1 for a cup of coffee! 4 [Tn] (a) ziandawng thun. (b) (fml) khatter, khat ko (wine) thun: Please charge your glasses and drink a toast to the bride and groom! 5 (a) [Tn] daat tha thun: charge a battery. (b) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** (fig) khatter, a khat: a voice charged with tension ○ The atmosphere was charged with excitement. 6 [Tn, Cn-t] (fml) ʔuanvo pek, thu pek: I charge you not to forget what I have said. ○ The judge charged the jury, ie advised them about their verdict. 7 (phr v) **charge sth (up) to sb; charge**

sth up mi pakhat ih pek leh ding (leiba) ih ngankhum: *Please charge these goods (up) to my account.* **charge sb/oneself with sth** (fml) hnañuan/tuanvo pe: *She was charged with an important mission.*

chargeable /tʃɑːdʒəbl/ *adj* **1** (a) sualpuh theih: *If you steal, you are chargeable with theft.* (b) upadi vekih tazacuai theih, khing theih: *a chargeable offence.* **2 ~ to sb** a man pek ðulmi; man pek ðul: *Any expenses you may incur will be chargeable to the company.*

chargé d'affaires /ʃɑːʒeɪ dəˈfeə(r)/ *n* (pl **chargés d'affaires** /ʃɑːʒeɪ dəˈfeə(r)/) **1** Ram Palai (Taana-mat) um lo sung rak ai-awh-tu. **2** Ram fate ih kuat mi Rampalai hnak ih nauta deuh palai.

charger /tʃɑːdʒə(r)/ *n* (arch) raldonak ih hmanmi rang.

chariot /tʃæriət/ *n* tlun khuh nei lo ke hnih nei rangleng.

▷ **charioteer** /tʃæriətɪə(r)/ *n* ral rangleng mawngtu.

charisma /kəˈrɪzmə/ *n* (pl **~s** or **~ta**) **1** [U] mi thathoter theitu thiamnak: *a politician with charisma.* **2** [C] (religion) Pathian pekmi thil-then (laksawng).

▷ **charismatic** /kærɪzˈmætɪk/ *adj* **1** mi forh, thathoter thiamtu: *a charismatic figure, leader, politician, etc.* **2** Pathian laksawng lawnglawng a uartu, eg mina damter theinak; tong dangdang thiamnak, tivek. **charismatically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

charitable /tʃærətəbl/ *adj* ~ (to/towards sb) **1** tirhsiang (farah le mi harsa hrang). **2** mi zaangfah thiam: *a charitable institution, organization, body, etc* ○ *a charitable venture*, ie one to raise money for charity. **3** zangfahnak nei lungput: *That wasn't a very charitable remark.*

▷ **charitably** /-bli/ *adv.*

charity /tʃærəti/ *n* **1** [U] midang bomnak, zangfah lainatnak. **2** [U] farah harsa bawmtu pawlpi: *judge people with charity.* **3** [U] (a) mi harsa bomnak (tangka le thil pawl): *do sth out of charity* ○ *raise money for charity* ○ [attrib] *a charity ball, concert, jumble sale, etc.* (b) cuti vek bomnak: *live on/off charity.* **4** [C] farah zonzai bawmtu pawlkom: *many charities sent money to help the victims of the famine.* **5** (idm) **charity begins at home** (saying) mi pakhat ih a tuah hmaisa bik ding ðuanvo cu a inn sungsang bom le finkhawu ding hi a si.

charlady /tʃɑːleɪdi/ *n* = CHARWOMAN.

charlatan /tʃɑːlətən/ *n* sii thiam deuh; a thiamter-aw mi.

▷ **charlatanism** *n* [U].

Charleston /tʃɑːlstən/ *n* laam rang (ke, vorh le keh ah saih, khuk a sunglam ah kawiter ih laam — 1920 kum hrawng ah an laam bik).

charlie /tʃɑːli/ *n* (Brit infml) mi fim lo: *you must have felt a proper charlie!* ○ *He looks a real charlie in that hat.*

charm¹ /tʃɑːm/ *n* **1** (a) [U] iang, zuun: *a woman of great charm* ○ *He has a lot of charm.* ○ *the charm of the countryside in spring.* (b) [C] iang: *a woman's charms*, ie her beauty or attractive manner. **2** [C] (a) ai, siam; thatnak mi a pe thei ti zumnak thawn retmi thil. (b) hngawng, ngelte ih orh, khiih mi siam: [attrib] *a charm bracelet.* **3** [C] dawi, ai. **4** (idm) **work like a charm** (infml) tisuak thei, hlawhtlin thei: *Those new pills you gave me worked like a charm.*

charm² /tʃɑːm/ *v* [Tn] **1** hiip, lungawiter: *He charms everyone he meets.* ○ *He was charmed by her vivacity and high spirits.* **2** thinlung neh ih humhim mi: *He has a charmed life*, ie has escaped many dangers, as if protected by magic. **3** (phr v) **charm sth from/out of sb/sth** ai-zel: *She could charm the birds from the trees!*

▷ **charmer** *n* ai thawi' mi zeltu (leng-ai, val-ai hmang in).

charming *adj* iang nei; piang, lungawiza: *a charming man, village, song.* **charmingly** *adv.*

charnel-house /tʃɑːnl haʊs/ *n* (hlanlai) mithi ruak le ruh retnak inn.

chart /tʃɑːt/ *n* **1** [C] (a) lung pacal umnak, ti thuknak, tipi kam pawl tarlangmi tangphaw-lawng sungih hmanmi ram zuk: *a naval chart.* (b) vanzamleng ih hmanmi cuvek ram zuk. **2** [C] nikhua, thlizuan tivek a thleng-awkdan khummi ca: *a weather chart* ○ *a temperature chart*, ie one showing changes in a person's temperature ○ *a sales chart*, ie one showing the level of a company's sales. Cf MAP, PLAN². **3 the charts** [pl] zarhtin ih santhar awnmawi record zuarzat cazin.

▷ **chart v 1** [Tn] zuk; cazin tuah. **2** [Tn] ca in ngankhum/thlun vivo (a thu): *Scientists are carefully charting the progress of the spacecraft.*

charter /tʃɑːtə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) thil ti theinak le thil tuah siannak cozah ih caken; pawlkom pakhat ih cin le daan hrampi: *privileges granted by royal charter.* (b) pawlkom pakhat ih thlun ding daan hrampi. **2** lawng/vanzamleng a pumpuluk ih hlan, san: [attrib] *a charter plane.*

▷ **charter v 1** [Tn] hlan siang. **2** [Tn] vanzam, lawng a pumpuluk ih hlang (tangka pek in): *a chartered plane.*

chartered /tʃɑːtəd/ *adj* [attrib] hlan mi: *a chartered engineer, librarian, surveyor, etc.* **chartered accountant** (Brit) (US **certified public accountant**) zirhthami le a thiammi cazin kaitu.

□ **charter flight** vanzamleng a pum ih hlan mi thawn zam.

charter-party *n* (commerce) lawng a pum ih hlan ding lungkimnak.

Chartism /tʃɑːtɪzəm/ *n* [U] Kum Zabi 19 a thoklam hrawng, England ram ih hril-aw dan le milai nuncan dan tawltrelnak rem duhtu pawl cangvaihnak.

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▷ **Chartist** /tʃɑ:tɪst/ *n.*

chartreuse /ʃɑːˈtrɜːz; US ʃɑːˈtruːz/ *n* [U] **1** thing hram thawih tuahmi zuu phunkhat. **2** hring-aire pianzia.

charwoman /tʃɑːwʊmən/ (also **charlady**, **char**) *n* zung, inn phiatfaitu nunau.

chary /tʃeəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) ~ (of sth) **1** raling, fimkhur: *chary of lending money.* **2** paih lo, zuam lemlo: *chary of giving praise*, ie seldom praising people.

▷ **charily** *adv.*

Charybdis /kəˈrɪbdɪs/ *n* (idm) **between Scylla and Charybdis** ⇒ SCYLLA.

chase¹ /tʃeɪs/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (after) **sb/sth** dawi (dung ihsin): *My dog likes chasing rabbits.* ○ *He chased (after) the burglar but couldn't catch him.* **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (after) **sb** nunau thluun (ihpi duhnak thawn): *He's always chasing (after) women.* **3** [Tn] (*infml*) neh dingin tei ma: *Liverpool are chasing their third league title in four years.* **4** (phr *v*) **chase about, around, etc** dawi ciamco: *I've been chasing around town all morning looking for a present for her.* **chase sb/sth away, off, out, etc** dawi hlo; tlanter: *chase the cat out of the kitchen.* **chase sb up** (*Brit infml*) tong, in tangka/thuhla dil: *chase up clients with outstanding debts.* **chase sth up** (*Brit infml*) zamrang in thu zom, zamrang dingin nor: *chase up a delayed order.*

chase² /tʃeɪs/ *n* **1** kaih duh ih dawi: *The criminal was caught after a car chase.* **2** (idm) **give chase** dawi: *After the robbery the police immediately gave chase.* **give up the chase** dawi nawn lo. **a wild goose chase** ⇒ WILD.

chase³ /tʃeɪs/ *v* [Tn] ngun, sui tivek parah zuk maw, ziang maw cum/su: *chased silver.*

chaser /tʃeɪsə(r)/ *n* **1** tleenglan zuamnak ih hmanmi rang. **2** (*infml*) in betmi zu dang.

chasm /kæzəm/ *n* **1** leikhing thukpi; kua thuk. **2** (*fig*) duh dan le theih dan danawknak: *the vast chasm separating rich and poor.*

chassis /ʃæsi/ *n* (*pl* unchanged /ʃæsiːz/) mawɔawka ruh-ruang, radio, TV pawl ruh-ruang.

chaste /tʃeɪst/ *adj* **1** (*dated*) fala him. **2** thittu siarlo midang thawn it hrih lo fala. **3** a faimi. **4** a menmen. ▷ **chastely** *adv.*

chasten /tʃeɪst/ *v* [Tn] **1** fiiim seh ti ih cawh; hrem, thawi. **2** supter: *a chastening experience* ○ *He was chastened by his failure.*

chastise /tʃæˈstaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (*fml*) napin cawh/hrem (vuak in).

▷ **chastisement** /tʃæˈstaɪzmənt, also ˈtʃæstɪzmənt/ *n* [C, U] (*fml*) nun simnak, hremnak.

chastity /tʃæˈstɪtɪ/ *n* [U] thianhlimnak: *vows of chastity*, eg those taken by a nun or a monk.

chasuble /tʃæˈzjʊbl/ *n* Bawipai' zanriah pek tikih pastor hmanmi korfual.

chat /tʃæt/ *n* [C, U] biak-awk: *I had a long chat*

with her (about her job). ○ *That's enough cah* — *get back to work.* ⇒ Usage at TALK¹.

▷ **chat** *v* (-tt-) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away); ~ (to/with sb) (about sth) khat le khat biak awk, be aw: *They were chatting (away) in the corner.* ○ *What were you chatting to him about?* **2** (phr *v*) **chat sb up** (*Brit infml*) i duh seh ti ih be ciamco: *Who was that pretty girl you were chatting up last night?*

chatty *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ɔng tam. **2** ɔng vek a simi: *a chatty description.* **chattily** *adv.* **chattiness** *n* [U].

□ **chat show** mi ɔngtam, thli dawng.

château /ʃætəʊ US ʃæˈtəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~x/-təʊz/) France ram ih siangpahrang inn; inn tumpi.

chattel /tʃætəl/ *n* (idm) **sb's goods and chattels** ⇒ GOODS.

chatter /tʃætə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away/on) (about sth) thupi lo ɔng buakbo: *Do stop chattering on about the weather when I'm trying to read.* **2** [I, Ip] ~ (away) vate, zawng vekih ai kio ciamco: *sparrows chattering in the trees.* **3** [I, Ip] ~ (together) haa rial.

▷ **chatter** *n* [U] **1** zamrang in ɔng: *I've had enough of your constant chatter.* **2** raakkio: *the chatter of monkeys.*

□ **chatterbox** *n* TV, Radio ah mi thupi hnenih thusuhnak.

chauffeur /ʃəʊfə(r); US ʃəʊˈfɜːr/ *n* mawɔawka mawngtu (milian le mi upa ih mawɔawka mawngtu).

▷ **chauffeur** *v* [Tn] mawɔawka mawng sak (upa ta).

chauvinism /ʃəʊvɪnɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** mah ih ram (country) hi a dang pawl hnakin a ɔasawn ti lungput; hleice ih mah ram duhnak. **2** = MALE CHAUVINISM (MALE).

▷ **chauvinist** /ʃəʊvɪnɪst/ *n*, *adj* (milai) hleice ih maih ram duhtu. **chauvinistic** /ʃəʊvɪnɪstɪk/ *adj.* **chauvinistically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

ChB /sɪ ertʃ ˈbi/ *abbr* Bachelor of Surgery (Latin *Chirurgiae Baccalaureus*): *have/be a ChB* ○ *Philip Watt MB, ChB.*

cheap /tʃiːp/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) man ol: *cheap tickets, fares* ○ *the cheap seats in a theatre* ○ *Cauliflowers are very cheap at the moment.* (b) man ol: *£3 is very cheap for a hardback book.* **2** man malte lakmi: *a cheap hairdresser, restaurant.* **3** a ɔha lemlo mi: *cheap furniture, jewellery, shoes* ○ *a cheap and nasty bottle of wine.* **4** a lenglam, a ngaingai lo: *cheap flattery.* **5** lak tlak lo, huat zawng: *a cheap gibe, joke, remark, retort, etc* ○ *That was a cheap trick to play on her.* ○ *He's just a cheap crook.* ○ *His treatment of her made her feel cheap.* **6** (esp US) tenren, fahnnat **7** (idm) **cheap/common as dirt** ⇒ DIRT. **cheap at the price** a man tuk, a khung lo: *The holiday will be very expensive but if it helps to make you fit and healthy again it will be cheap at the price.*

hold sth cheap (*fml*) thupi ah ret lo. **make oneself cheap** mi nautat dingih um. **on the cheap** (*infml*) a man zat lo in: *buy, sell, get sth on the cheap.*

▷ **cheap** *adv* (*infml*) **1** man ol zet in: *get sth cheap* ○ *sell sth off cheap.* **2** (*dim*) **go cheap** (*infml*) man ol ah thum ih zuar: *The local shop has some radios going cheap.*

cheaply *adv* **1** man ol zet in: *buy, sell, get sth cheaply.* **2** man tam lo in: *The room was cheaply furnished.* **3** (*idm*) **get off lightly/cheaply** ⇨ **LIGHTLY** (**LIGHT**³).

cheapness *n* [U].

cheapen /tʃi:pən/ *v* **1** [Tn] man thum: *cheapen the cost of sth.* **2** [Tn] mah le mah man thum aw (mi nautat dingih um): *It's only cheapening yourself to behave like that.*

cheapjack /tʃi:pdzæk/ *n* thil man ol zuartu.

▷ **cheapjack** *adj* thil man ol, thil tha lem lo.

cheapskate /tʃi:pskeɪt/ *n* (*esp US infml*) mi fahhnat.

cheat /tʃi:t/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**at sth**) bum (mah hlawk duh ah): *accuse sb of cheating at cards.* **2** [Tn] mi bum: *cheat the taxman*, ie avoid one's taxes ○ (*fig*) *cheat death*, ie come close to dying but stay alive by luck or cunning. **2** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (**on sb**) (*esp US*) nupi, pasal, duhtu hnenih fel lo. **4** (*phr v*) **cheat sb (out) of sth** ngah lo dingih tuah, bum: *He was cheated (out) of his rightful inheritance.*

▷ **cheat** *n* **1** mibumhmang (*esp lehnak ah*). **2** hrokhrawl mi bumnak.

check¹ /tʃek/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ip, Tf no passive, Tw no passive] ~ (**up**) zoh fel: *I think I remembered to switch the oven off but you'd better check (up) (that I did).* ○ *Could you go and check if the baby's asleep?* (b) [Tn] zohfel; rak dawn, sup aw: *check the oil*, ie make sure there is enough oil in a car engine ○ *check the tyres*, ie make sure there is enough air in a car's tyres ○ *check the items against the list*, ie to see that it tallies ○ *He must check his work more carefully — it's full of mistakes.* **2** [Tn] (a) cawlter, khulfungter: *check the enemy's advance* ○ *check the flow of blood from a wound* ○ *The government if determined to check the growth of public spending.* (b) rak dawn, suup aw: *unable to check one's laughter, tears, anger.* **3** [I] cawl, baang: *She went forward a few yards, checked and turned back.* **4** [I, Tn] chess leh tikah a siangpahrang. Cf **CHECKMATE**. **5** [Tn] (US) (a) malte tanta (thilri). **6** (*phr v*) **check in** (**at...**); **check into...** khual tlawng dingah hotel ah hmin pe; khual tlawng dingin vanzam cawl hmin ah hmin pe: *Passengers should check in for flight BA 125 to Berlin.* **check sth in** (a) thilri phurh dingmi cap: *check in one's luggage.* (b) (*esp US*) alangte kilkhawi sak dingah zung ih thilapnak ah ap: *Is there a place we can check in our coats?* **check sth off** kan zoh zo, a si zo

ti nak ah ca ngan in hmnsin. **check (up) on sb** mi pakhat ih a sinak zingzoi: *The police are checking up on him.* **check (up) on sth** a si maw si lo ti ih zingzoi. **check out** (**of...**) hotel ihsin feh suak—tangka pek hnu ah. **check sth out** (*esp US*) = **CHECK UP ON** **STH**.

▷ **checker** *n* cektu, zohfeltu.

□ **check-in** **1** vanzamleng cawlhnak hmun ih va lut (vanzam feh hlan ah): [attrib] *check-in desk* ○ *check-in time.* **2** hotel etc. ih hminpeknak hmun.

checking account (US) = **CURRENT ACCOUNT** (**CURRENT**¹).

checklist *n* kan zoh zo, a um ti zohfelnak cazin: *a checklist of things to take on holiday.*

check-out *n* **1** ngunkhuai paisa peknak hmun (dawr ah). **2** vanzamleng zung/hotel ihsin suak.

check-point *n* khualtlawng pawl cek hmun, (zohfelnak hmun).

checkroom *n* (US) (a) hotel ih kor batnak hmun. (b) thilri alangte tannak hmun (zung ah).

check-up *n* (natnak) um maw um lo ti zohfel: *go for/have a check-up.*

check² /tʃek/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (**on sth**) (a) a si ngai maw ti ih zohfelnak, zingzoinak: *Could you give the tyres a check, please?* ○ *We conduct regular checks on the quality of our products.* (b) a ngaingai a simaw ti zohfel dan. **2** [C] ~ (**on sb**) zing zoi: *The police made a check on all the victim's friends.* **3** [C] (a) cawlhternak/banternak: *a check in the rate of production.* (b) ~ (**on sth**) cawlhternak, banternak: *The presence of the army should act as a check on civil unrest.* **4** [sing] chess leh ah, na 'king' khi thawn a tul tinak: *You're in check!* Cf **CHECKMATE**. **5** [C] (US) = **CHEQUE**. **6** [C] (US) = **BILL**¹: *I'll ask the waiter for the check.* **7** [C] (US) thil alangte apmi tlensalnak ding caken (lethmat). **8** [C] (US) = **TICK**¹. **9** (*idm*) **hold/deep sth in check** rak kham: *keep one's temper in check* ○ *The epidemic was held in check by widespread vaccination.* **take a rain check** ⇨ **RAIN**¹.

▷ **check** *interj* chess leh tikah a 'king' khi thawn a tul ti ih au-nak.

□ **checkbook** *n* (US) = **CHEQUE-BOOK** (**CHEQUE**).

check³ /tʃek/ *n* (a) [C] kil li nei telh ih tahmi puan (pianzia/rong phun dangdang telh in): *Which do you want for your new dress, a stripe or a check?* (b) [U] kil pali nei ih telhmi puan: [attrib] *a check skirt, jacket, table-cloth.*

▷ **checked** /tʃekt/ *adj* kil-li nei ih a tialmi thil: *checked material.*

checker /tʃekə(r)/ *v* (US) = **CHEQUER**.

checkers /tʃekəz/ *n* [sing v] (US) = **DRAUGHTS**.

□ **checkerboard** *n* (US) = **DRAUGHTBOARD** (**DRAUGHT**).

checkmate /tʃekmɛt/ (also **mate**) *n* [sing] **1** chess leh tik ih khat-lam sawn 'king' thawn thei nawn lo ih tuah; khui lam ih a thawn khalle thih

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a si, 'neh' tinak. Cf CHECK² 4. **2** neh neknek.

▷ **checkmate** *v* [Tn] **1** 'king' thawnthei nawn lo ih tuah. Cf CHECK¹ 4. **2** sung neknek. — *interj* 'king' check tiki au-mi aw.

Cheddar /tʃedə(r)/ *n* [U] aire nawn cawhnawi khal (dingkhe) phunkhat.

cheek /tʃi:k/ *n* **1** [C] biang: *healthy pink cheeks* ○ *dancing cheek to cheek*, ie with the cheek of one partner touching that of the other. **2** [C] (*infml*) tawcor khatta. **3** [U, C] tong mawi lo; ziaza sia: *That's enough of your cheek!* ○ *He had the cheek to ask me to do his work for him.* ○ *What (a) cheek!* ie How very cheeky! **4** (idm) **cheek by jowl** (with sb/sth) naih-aw zet: *live/lie cheek by jowl*. **turn the other cheek** thungrul loin tuar. **with tongue in cheek** ⇨ TONGUE.

▷ **cheek** *v* [Tn] hmaisong lo ih tong.

-cheeked (forming compound *adjs*) vekbiang nei tinak: *a rosy-cheeked boy* = rose pianzia biang nei nauhak mipa.

cheeky *adj* (-ier, -iest) hmaisong nei lo: *a cheeky boy, remark.* **cheekily** *adv.* **cheekiness** *n* [U].

□ **cheek-bone** *n* kharuh.

cheep /tʃi:p/ *n* vate faa ai (ciap).

▷ **cheep** *v* [I] ciap rero.

cheer¹ /tʃiə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] lungawipi in au ciamco; au in tha rak pe: *The crowd cheered loudly as the Queen appeared.* ○ *The winning team were cheered by their supporters.* **2** [Tn] hneem; thazaang pe: *He was greatly cheered by the news.* **3** (phr *v*) **cheer sb on** lungawi, thinnuamter: *Try and cheer up a bit; life isn't that bad!* ○ *You look as though you need cheering up*, ie to be cheered up. ○ (fig) *Flowers always cheer a room up.*

▷ **cheering** *adj* lungawiza: *cheering news.* — *n* [U] lawm le au: *The cheering could be heard half a mile away.*

cheer² /tʃiə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] lungawi aunak aw; lawmnak aw: *the cheers of the crowd* ○ *Three cheers for* (ie Shout 'hurray' three times to show admiration for) *the bride and groom!* **2** [U] (*arch*) lungawinak le ruahsannak: *Christmas should be a time of great cheer.*

□ **cheer-leader** *n* (esp *US*) lungawi au hotu (lehnak ah).

cheerful /tʃiəfl/ *adj* **1** (a) lungawi aipuang; lunghmui: *a cheerful smile, disposition* ○ *You're very cheerful today.* (b) mi lung awi termi: *The news isn't very cheerful, I'm afraid.* **2** a vaang a tleu mi: *cheerful colours* ○ *a cheerful room.* **3** phunciar lo; lung tho; siangzet: *a cheerful worker.*

▷ **cheerfully** /-fəli/ *adv:* *smile, whistle, work cheerfully.* **cheerfulness** *n* [U].

cheerio /tʃiəriə/ *interj* (*Brit infml*) goodbye, damte'n!

cheerless /tʃiəlis/ *adj* nuam lo; lungawi lo; aipuang lo: *a cold, cheerless day* ○ *a damp, cheerless room.*

▷ **cheerlessly** *adv.* **cheerlessness** *n* [U].

cheers /tʃiəz/ *interj* (esp *Brit infml*) **1** zu in thawhnak ih cibai buknak tong, *cheers! good health!* kan dam hram pei! **2** *goodbye*, damte'n!: *Cheers! See you tomorrow night.* **3** ka lungawi!

cheery /tʃiəri/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) lunghmui, sopar: *a cheery smile, greeting, wave.*

▷ **cheerily** *adv.* **cheeriness** *n* [U].

cheese /tʃi:z/ *n* **1** (a) [U] cawhnawi khal, dingkhe: *Cheddar cheese* ○ *a lump/piece/slice of cheese* ○ [attrib] *a cheese sandwich.* (b) [C] a cuang dingkhe: *a selection of French cheeses.* (c) [C] dingkhe hlom/tlang: *two cream cheeses.* **2** [U] jam (yu) sah hngin phunkhat: *lemon, damson cheese.* **3** (idm) **a big cheese** ⇨ BIG. **different as chalk and/from cheese** ⇨ DIFFERENT.

▷ **cheese** *v* (phr *v*) **cheese sb off** (esp *passive*) (*infml*) thin hnaihnocter/ningter: *He's cheesed off with his job.*

cheesy *adj* (-ier, -iest) dingkhe vek (a thawt daan ah).

□ **cheese-board** *n* cheese tannak thingpheng.

cheeseburger *n* dingkhe tel hamburger sang.

cheese-paring *n* [U] (*derog*) fahhnatnak (tirhfak). — *adj* (*derog*) fahhnat nasa.

cheesecake /tʃi:zkeik/ *n* **1** [C, U] cheese, cawhnawi, arti, cithlum le biskit rawi ih tuah mi sang: *a cherry cheesecake* ○ *Have some more cheesecake.* **2** [U] (*infml*) ruangrai mawi nunau zuk.

cheesecloth /tʃi:zklɒθ/ *US* -klɔ:θ/ *n* [U] a var zet ih tahmi patpuan: [attrib] *a cheesecloth shirt.*

cheetah /tʃi:tə/ *n* a dum ih a tjalmi Africa tlavang.

chef /ʃef/ *n* rawlsuang hnaŋuan.

chef-d'oeuvre /ʃeɪ'dʒvʊə/ *n* (pl **chefs d'oeuvre** /ʃeɪ'dʒvʊə/) (*French*) a tħabik ih suai mi zuk.

chemical /kemikl/ *adj* **1** datsi lam: *the chemical industry.* **2** si-vai hmang ih suahtermi: *a chemical experiment* ○ *a chemical reaction*, ie one causing changes in the structure of atoms or molecules.

▷ **chemical** *n* sivai (da-ŋuh).

chemically /-kli/ *adv.*

□ **chemical engineering** si-vai lam tuah dan, si-vai lam tuahtu.

chemical engineer *n.*

chemical warfare ral ih hmanmi thih sivai.

chemise /ʃə'mi:z/ *n* (a) nunau sunghruk korfual. (b) cuvek hnipuan.

chemist /kemist/ *n* **1** (*US* **druggist**) si a rawi ih a zuartu: *buy aspirin at the chemist's* (ie chemist's shop) *on the corner.* Cf PHARMACIST. **2** chemistry thiam.

chemistry /kə'mistri/ *n* [U] **1** (da-du-be-dah) sivai lam zirnak: *Chemistry was her favourite subject at school.* ○ [attrib] *a chemistry lesson.* **2** sivai sak tuahdan: *the chemistry of copper.* **3** theihhar a hnok zetmi thlengawknak: *the strange chemistry that causes two people to fall in love.*

chemotherapy /ki:məʊ'terəpi/ *n* [U] sivai thawih

nat tuamhlawnak/bawlnak.
chenille /ʃəˈni:l/ *n* [U] (a) cabuai, tokheng tlang ceimawinak ih benmi puantleu hrihual. (b) cumi hri.
cheque /tʃek/ *n* (US **check**) 1 tangka zung (bank) ihsin tangka suahnak ca: *write (sb)/sign a cheque for £50* ○ *Are you paying in cash or by cheque?* 2 (idm) a **blank cheque** ⇒ BLANK.
 □ **cheque-book** *n* (US **checkbook**) chek lethmat cabu (cumi hnah kilhkhawmmi).
cheque card tangka zung ihsin pekmi ca.
chequer /tʃekə(r)/ (US **checker**) *n* a sau le a kau a bangmi kil-li nei ih tɛlmi thil (pianzia dangdang in a si theu).
 ▷ **chequer** *v* [Tn esp passive] pianzia dangdang thawn tɛl: *a lawn chequered with sunlight and shade*.
chequered (US **checkered**) *adj* [esp attrib] (fig) vanthat le vansiat a cokkalh awmi: *a chequered career/history/past*.
cherish /tʃekə(r)/ *v* [Tn] 1 duat. 2 duh-sang. 3 duh ngaingai, thinlung ah ret ringring: *cherish the memory of one's dead mother* ○ *cherish the hope of winning an Olympic medal* ○ *He cherishes the illusion that she's in love with him*.
cheroot /ʃəˈru:t/ *n* sipawlik kuak.
cherry /ˈferi/ *n* 1 (a) [C] faizong rah. (b) (also **cherry-tree**) [C] faizong kung: *a flowering cherry* ○ [attrib] *cherry blossom*. (c) [U] faizong thing. 2 [U] (also **cherry red**) cheri pianzia ih sen: [attrib] *cherry lips*. 3 (idm) **have/get two bites at the cherry** ⇒ BITE².
cherub /tʃerəb/ *n* 1 (pl ~im /tʃerəbim/) (Bible) a lal bik sangtu vancungmi. Cf SERAPH. 2 (pl ~s) (a) naute tia a si ih thla a nei (lem zuk ah). (b) duhnung naute.
 ▷ **cherubic** /tʃɪˈru:bɪk/ *adj* (esp of a child) hmai ceng ih duhnung.
chervil /tʃɜːvɪl/ *n* [U] (a) hmuan ih khomi hramkuung. (b) cuihmi hnah (tihang ah thlakmi).
chess /tʃes/ *n* [U] mi pahnih keicang lehnak phunkhat.
 □ **chessboard** *n* chess lehnak zialtlep.
chess-man /tʃesmæn/ *n* (pl -men/-men/) chess lehnak ih hmanmi keifung pawl.
chest /tʃest/ *n* 1 thil retnak kuang khoh zet: *a tea chest* ○ *a medicine chest* ○ *a tool chest*. 2 taang (hnawi umnak): *a hairy chest* ○ *What size are you round the chest?* ○ [attrib] *chest pains* ○ *a chest cold*, ie one that affects the lungs. 3 (idm) **get sth off one's chest** (infml) rak sup ringringmi sim suak: *You're obviously worried about something; why not get it off your chest?* **hold/deep one's cards close to one's chest** ⇒ CARD¹.
 ▷ **-chested** (in compound *adjs*) taang kau/tum: *broad-chested* ○ *bare-chested* ○ *She's flat-chested*, ie has very small breasts.

chesty *adj* (Brit infml) awm/taang nat nei: *She often gets chesty in wet weather*. ○ *a chesty cough*. **chestiness** *n* [U].
 □ **chest of drawers** (US also **bureau**) an suai nei bizu, cabuai pawl.
chesterfield /tʃestəfi:ld/ *n* dunglam zaunak ummi tohkheng nem.
chestnut /tʃesnat/ *n* 1 (a) (also **chestnut tree**) [C] mirang thil rah; rangkha rah phunkhat. (b) [C] chestnat rah: *roast chestnuts* ○ [attrib] *chestnut stuffing*, ie mixture of chestnuts, herbs, etc used to stuff a chicken, turkey, etc. (c) chesnut thing: [attrib] *a chestnut table*. 2 [U] sen-dup pianzia: [attrib] *chestnut hair* ○ *a chestnut mare*. 3 [C] cu vek rong. 4 [C] (infml) ngaihnuam nawn lomi capoh, lole, thuanthu: *an old chestnut*.
chevron /ʃevrən/ *n* linglet, a silole, V vek tacik, (palik le ralkap upa sinak ban ih an benmi) sen.
chew /tʃu:/ *v* 1 [I, Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (up) (rawl) khai, ha thawn rawl khai: *Chew your food well before you swallow it*. 2 (idm) **bite off more than one can chew** ⇒ BITE¹. **chew the cud** (of sth) tuahcia, simciam don, ruat sal. **chew the fat/rag** (infml) phunzai le el-aw phah ih thu rel tlang. 3 (phr v) **chew sth over** (infml) ciamciam in thu ruat: *chew over a problem* ○ *I'll give you till tomorrow to chew it over*.
 ▷ **chew** *n* 1 khai. 2 khai dingmi.
 □ **chewing-gum** (also **gum**) *n* khai dingmi thilbe-chuingkam.
Chianti /krænti/ *n* [C, U] Italy ram suak sabitti khoh, sabitti cang.
chiaroscuro /kɪˈɑːrəˈskʊərəʊ/ *n* [U] (art) 1 zuk suainak ah a eng le a thim pianzia hmanna. 2 theih a harmi, le zaraan ruah ban lomi calai, awnmawi tivek pawl hmanna.
chic /ʃi:k/ *adj* mawi zet ih a thuam-aw mi: *She always looks very chic*.
 ▷ **chic** *n* [U] stailnak; ropitnak: *She dresses with chic*.
chicanery /ʃɪˈkeɪnəri/ *n* 1 [U] mi bumnak tɔngkam: *accuse a politician of chicanery*. 2 [C] bumnak.
chick /tʃɪk/ *n* 1 arte; vate faa, arte keuh pek: *a hen with her chicks*. 2 (dated sexist) (a hurmi) nunau no.
chicken /tʃɪkən/ *n* 1 [C] inn zuat arte. 2 [C] (a) ei ding ih zuatmi ar: *keep chickens*. Cf COCK¹, HEN. (b) [U] arsa: *slices of roast chicken*. 3 [C] (sl) ralhrut. 4 [U] (sl) nauhak leh dan phunkhat. 5 (idm) **be no (spring) chicken** (infml) (esp of women) nauhak si nawn lo. **count one's chickens** ⇒ COUNT¹.
 ▷ **chicken** *v* (phr v) **chicken out** (of sth) (infml) tihhrut ruangah tuah nawn lo: *He had an appointment to see the dentist but he chickened out (of it) at the last moment*.
 □ **chicken-feed** *n* [U] 1 ar rawl. 2 (fig infml)

chick-pea

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(tangka) maltuk: *Your salary is chicken-feed compared to what you could earn in America.*

chicken-hearted *adj* ral sia.

chicken-pox *n* [U] sahlah nat.

chicken-run *n* ar kulh.

chicken wire *thir-sur* (thirhri phang femmi).

chick-pea /tʃɪk pi:/ *n* (a) bepum vekih a mu ei a theihmi be phunkhat. (b) cumi be ih mu.

chickweed /tʃɪkwɪd/ *n* [U] belh phunkhat.

chicle /tʃɪkl/ *n* [U] a hnaai cekcek (chewing-gum) tuahnak ih hmanmi America ramih thing phun khat.

chicory /tʃɪkəri/ *n* [U] (a) (also **endive**) khawfi ih rawimi chikori (mungla tawba vek), khawfi ai ih inmi. (b) chikori hnah. (c) chikori tawba.

chide /tʃaɪd/ *v* (pt **chided** /tʃaɪdɪd/ or **chid** /tʃɪd/, pp **chided**, **chid** or **chidden** /tʃɪdn/) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for sth) (dated or fml) kaw: *She chided him for his laziness.*

chief /tʃi:f/ *n* 1 hotu, lu bik; mi-uk. 2 cozah zung, pawlkom pakhat ih lu bik: *a chief of police.*

▷ **chief** *adj* 1 [esp attrib] a thupi bik; thuneitu bik: *the chief rivers of India* ○ *the chief thing to remember is...* ○ *Smoking is one of the chief causes of lung cancer.* 2 [attrib] thuneitu bik: *the chief priest.* **chiefly** *adv* (a) a thupi bik ah; a tambik ah: *The government is chiefly concerned with controlling inflation.* (b) a tam bik ah: *Air consists chiefly of nitrogen.*

□ **Chief Constable** (Brit) hmunram pakhat ih palik hotu.

Chief of Staff (in the armed forces) hotu kut hnuai ih hnaŋuan bawi upabik.

-in-chief (forming compound ns): *editor-in-chief*, *ie chief editor* ○ *commander-in-chief.*

chieftain /tʃi:ftən/ *n* hrin-hnam uktu/hotu: *a Highland chieftain.*

chiffon /ʃɪfən/; US /ʃɪfən/ *n* [U] pupuan patte: [attrib] *a chiffon scarf.*

chignon /ʃi:ŋjən/ *n* nunau dunglam samtom.

Chihuahua /tʃɪwɑ:wə/; US /tʃɪwɑ:wə/ *n* a hmul ngil, a pum a fatemi Mexico uico phunkhat.

chilblain /ʃɪlbleɪn/ *n* (usu pl) a daihtuk ruangih kut le ke phaw/thling nat.

child /tʃaɪld/ *n* (pl **children** /tʃɪldrən/) 1 (a) naute, nauhak: *a child of six*, *ie one who is six years old* ○ [attrib] *a child actor.* (b) faa: *an only child*, *ie one with no brothers or sisters* ○ *She is married with three children.* (c) naute (suah hlan, suah hnu): *She is expecting* (ie is pregnant with) *her first child.* 2 (a) naute vek: *You wouldn't think a man of forty could be such a child.* (b) hmuhton mal: *He's a child in financial matters.* 3 ~ **of sth** tikcu le caan sungih hung ŋangmi: *She's a real child of the (19)60's.* 4 (idm) **be with child** (arch) naupai, faa von. **the child is father of the man** (saying) nauhak lai ih hmuhtonmi in upat tiki neih dingmi ziaza a tuahsak cia. **child's play** (infml) tuah ol tuk: *It's*

not a difficult climb — it should be child's play for an experienced mountaineer. **an only child**

⇒ ONLY¹. **spare the rod and spoil the child** ⇒

SPARE².

▷ **childhood** /tʃaɪldhʊd/ *n* 1 [U, C] nauhak laai, sentet lai: *the joys of childhood* ○ *She had an unhappy childhood.* ○ [attrib] *childhood memories.* 2 (idm) **a/one's second childhood** (often joc) naute cansalnak: *He's in his second childhood, playing with his grandson's toy trains.*

childless *adj* faate nei lo: *a childless couple/marriage.*

□ **child-bearing** *n* [U] faa cawi; faa neih; faa hring: [attrib] *She's past child-bearing age.*

child benefit (Brit) faate cawmnak ih bomnak.

childbirth *n* [U] nau hrin; nausuak: *She died in childbirth.*

childlike *adj* (esp approv) nauhak vek (a ŋalam), mawh-nei-lo: *childlike enjoyment, trust, honesty, etc.* Cf CHILDISH.

child-minder *n* (esp Brit) nu le pa hnaŋuan sungih nau rak zohtu, nau-um.

child-proof *adj* nauhak ih on, hman le siatsuah theih lo: *Most car doors are now fitted with child-proof locks.*

childish /tʃaɪdɪʃ/ (a) (ziaza) nauhak vek: *childish laughter.* (b) (derog) nauhak vekih um; atthlak: *Don't be so childish!* ○ *a childish attitude, fear, remark.* Cf CHILDLIKE (CHILD).

▷ **childishly** *adv*: *behave childishly.* **childishness** *n* [U].

chilli /tʃɪli/ *n* (US) = CHILLI.

chill /tʃɪl/ *n* 1 [sing] khawsik, khawdai: *There's quite a chill in the air this morning.* 2 [C] khawsik nat: *catch a chill.* 3 [sing] (fig) thin nuam lo tuk ah daite ih um: *The bad news cast a chill over the gathering.*

▷ **chill** *v* 1 [Tn] khawsikter: *The March wind chilled us.* ○ (fig) *His sinister threat chilled* (ie frightened) *all who heard it.* 2 (a) [I, Tn] ei-in pawl vurkuang sungah ret ih daiter: *Let the pudding chill for an hour.* ○ *This wine is best served chilled.* (b) [Tn] daai ter: *chilled beef.* 3 [Tn] kiamter, malter: *The raw weather chilled our enthusiasm for a swim.* 4 (idm) **chill sb to the bone/marrow** ruhsung tiang dai; ruh ŋam ko a dai: *Come by the fire — you must be chilled to the marrow!*

chill *adj* = CHILLY: *a chill wind.*

chilling /tʃɪlɪŋ/ *adj* ŋihnungza: *a chilling ghost story.*

chilly /tʃɪli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 a dai deuhmi: *a chilly day, morning, room* ○ *feel chilly.* 2 (fig) lungawi lemlo, sopar lemlo: *a chilly welcome, reception, stare* ○ *chilly politeness.* **chilliness** *n* [U].

chilli (US **chili**) /tʃɪli/ *n* (pl **chillies**; US **chilies**) [C, U] makphek; hmarca: *How much chilli did you put in the curry?* ○ [attrib] *chilli peppers* ○

chilli powder.

□ **chilli con carne** /kɒn 'kɑːni/ cawsa, pe le makphek rawi ih suanmi hmeh.

chime /tʃaɪm/ *n* **1** aw remciam i darkhing burkhat: *a chime of bells.* **2** cu i darkhing aw: *ring the chimes* ○ *the chime of church bells/of the clock.*
▷ **chime v 1** (a) [I] darkhing a ring: *cathedral bells chiming.* (b) [Tn] tum, ringter. **2** [I, Tn] darkhing a awn/a ring: *The church clock chimed (at) midnight.* **3** (phr v) **chime in (with sth)** (infml) biak-aw lai bangter: *He kept chiming in with his own opinions.* **chime (in) with sth** (infml) a remcang, a kaih-aw: *It's good that your plans chime (in) with ours.*

chimera (also **chimaera**) /kaɪ'mɪərə/ *n* **1** (thinlung ih cuantermi suangtuahmi) ramsa phunphun ruangpi komawmi mikei. **2** (fig) a si thei lomi khawruahnak.

▷ **chimerical** /kaɪ'merɪkl/ *adj* thungai lo; ruahnak menmen: *chimerical ideas, schemes.*

chimney /tʃɪmni/ *n* **1** meikhu suahnak kua; dawng: *a blocked chimney* ○ *factory chimneys.* **2** mei-inn thlang. **3** (in mountaineering) dungkham hrap ih um ong fiak (tlang kainak kua).

□ **chimney-breast** phar kang lo dingih meisa khamnak.

chimney-pot *n* = MANTELPIECE.

chimney-pot *n* meikhu suahnak thir dawng.

chimney-stack *n* meikhu suahnak tlar (inn tlun ta).

chimney-sweep (also **sweep**) *n* meikhu dawng phiattu.

chimp /tʃɪmp/ *n* (infml) chimpanzee.

chimpanzee /tʃɪmpən'ziː, tʃɪmpæn'ziː/ *n* Africa zawng tumpi mei nei lo.

chin /tʃɪn/ *n* **1** khabo; khabe: *a double chin*, ie a fold of fat under the chin. **2** (idm) **chuck sb under the chin** ⇨ CHUCK¹. **keep one's chin up** (infml) harsatnak kha lungtho te ih tuar thei.

▷ **chinless** *adj* **1** nuncan tha lo. **2** (idm) **a chinless wonder** (Brit infml) ziaza tha lemlo (upa fa).

□ **chin-strap** *n* (lukhuh ta) khadom hri.

chin-wag *n* (Brit infml) biak-aw.

china /tʃaɪnə/ *n* [U] **1** (a) beel-lei thawn na zet ih tuahmi pakan khukheng pawl: *made of china* ○ [attrib] *a china vase.* (b) china beel-lei thawn tuahmi khukheng: *household china* ○ *Shall we use the (ie our) best china?* **2** (idm) **a bull in a china shop** ⇨ BULL¹.

□ **china clay** = KAOLIN.

china-cupboard *n* cui khukheng pawl retnak bizu.

chinaware *n* [U] = CHINA 1.

chinchilla /tʃɪn'tʃɪlə/ *n* **1** [C] thiahelei vek S America ramsa. **2** [U] hi ramsa ih hmul.

chine /tʃaɪn/ *n* (a) rannung zaangruh. (b) ruhpeh-awknak hmun.

chink¹ /tʃɪnk/ *n* **1** ong fate: *Sunlight entered the room through a chink in the curtains.* ○ *He peeped through a chink in the fence.* **2** (idm) **a chink in sb's armour** mi pakhat ziaza a that lonak zawn te.

chink² /tʃɪŋk/ *n* ~ (of sth) thil khawn-aw aw (kiring ti ih awn): *the chink of crockery.*

▷ **chink v** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (A and B) (together) chink! chink! aw suak dingah thil pahnih khawng: *We chinked glasses and drank each other's health.*

chintz /tʃɪnts/ *n* [U] cabuai khuh, puanzar tivek ih hmanmi, zuk cuangmi puan.

chip¹ /tʃɪp/ *n* **1** thingphel, lungphel, thlang phel tivek pawl: *a chip of wood.* **2** a phelnak hmun: *This mug has a chip in it.* **3** (US French fry) (usu pl) siti tampi thawn a caar nawn ih kiomi aalu: *a plate of chips* ○ *fish and chips*, ie fish coated in batter, fried and served with chips. **4** (US) = CRISP *n*. **5** pheleh tik ih tangka ai ih hmanmi plastic tlep fate. **6** = MICROCHIP. **7** (also **chip shot**) vanlam ah sangpi khir ih thawi mi golf bawlung. **8** (idm) *a chip off the old block* (infml) nuncan ah a pa a zonmi. **have a chip on one's shoulder** (infml) maih dunglam thu tha lo mangah man ih thin aithok: *She's got a chip on her shoulder about not having gone to university.* **have had one's chips** (Brit sl) thi, sung. **when the chips are down** (infml) thih le nun thu a thlen tikah: *When the chips were down he found the courage to carry on.*

□ **chipboard** *n* [U] a khal ih tuahmi thing tiak le farthling rawi inn saknak thil.

chip² /tʃɪp/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] a tlang beuh: *a badly chipped saucer* ○ *chip a tooth* ○ *He chipped one of my best glasses.* (b) [I] a tlang a kuai/beuh: *Be careful with these plates — they chip very easily.* ○ *The paint is chipping badly.* **2** (a) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth from/off sth; ~ sth off thil tlang a beuh: *A piece was chipped off the piano when we moved house.* ○ **We chipped the old plaster (away)** (ie removed it in small pieces.) *from the wall.* (b) [Ipr, Ip] ~ off (sth) a kuai, a beuh: *The paint has chipped off where the table touches the wall.* **3** [Tn] hrei, naam thawn them. **4** [Tn] aalu ah phel car ih kio: *chipped potatoes.* **5** [I, Tn] golf vanlam khir in thawi, bawlung vanlam ih sit. **6** (phr v) **chip away at sth** a tiak tete ih phel: *chipping away at a block of marble with a chisel* ○ (fig) *He kept chipping away at the problem until he had solved it.* **chip in (with sth)** (infml) (a) biakaw lai rak hnaihok, rakthlak ve: *She chipped in with some interesting remarks.* (b) tangka pek: *If everyone chips in we'll be able to buy her a really nice leaving present.*

▷ **chippings** *n* [pl] sut kuaimi lungtiak (lamzin tuahnak ih hmanmi): *Danger! Loose chippings, eg as a warning to motorists.*

chipmunk

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chipmunk /tʃɪpmʌŋk/ *n* thiahlei vek thil nung fate phun; thiahlei tial.

chipolata /tʃɪpəˈlɑ:tə/ *n* (esp Brit) vokril (thi thunmi) fate.

Chippendale /tʃɪpəndeɪl/ *n* [U] kum zabi 18 hrawng ih hmanmi English innsang thuamhnaw (tokheng cabuai maksak): [attrib] Chippendale chairs.

chiroprapist /kɪˈrɒpədɪst/ (US *podiatrist*) *n* besia tuk lo kenat bawltu/tuamhlawmtu.

▷ **chiroprody** /kɪˈrɒpədi/ (US **podiatry**) *n* [U] cumi nat tuamhlawmnak.

chiropractor /ˌkaiəʊpɹæktə(r)/ *n* ruh-hlik-hlok pawl hmehsak ih natnak tuamhlawmtu (a hleice in zaangruh).

▷ **chiropractic** /ˌkaiəʊpɹæktɪk/ *n* [U]

chirp /tʃɜ:p/ *n* vate ciapiap: *the chirp of a sparrow*.

▷ **chirp** *v* [I, Ip] (vate) awn: *birds chirping (away) merrily in the trees*.

chirpy /tʃɜ:pɪ/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (Brit *infml*) lunghmui: *You seem very chirpy today!*

▷ **chirpily** *adv*: *whistle chirpily*. **chirpiness** *n* [U].

chirrup /tʃɪrəp/ *n* ciapiap.

▷ **chirrup** *v* (-p-) [I] vate awn celcel.

chisel /tʃɪzl/ *n* a zim hriam zetmi, thing le lung pawl khuarnak ih hmanmi thirkhen (a tawimi), sawh.

▷ **chisel** *v* (-il-; US also -l-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sth** (into **sth**) thirkhen thawn khuar: *The sculptor chiseled the lump of marble into a fine statue.* ○ (fig) *a woman with (finely) chiseled features*, ie a sharply defined face. (b) ~ **sth** (out of **sth**) thirkhen thawn zuk maw ziang maw tuah: *a temple chiseled out of solid rock.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (out of **sth**) (sl) bum.

chiseller *n* (US also -l-) khuartu; bumtu.

chit¹ /tʃɪt/ *n* **1** naute. **2** (usu *derog*) nunau ʔawl zet: *a mere chit of a girl*.

chit² /tʃɪt/ *n* **1** thu malte nganmi ca. **2** tangka bak zat nganmi ca fate: *Can I sign a chit for the drinks I've ordered?*

chit-chat /tʃɪt tʃæt/ *n* [U] (*infml*) titi rel.

chivalry /ʃɪvəlri/ *n* [U] **1** (a) San thuanthu a laifang (*Middle Ages*) hrawngih ralʔa pawl ih a ʔa zetmi ziaza le nuncan. (b) ralʔa pawl ih ralʔatdan le mi zawnruahdan: *the age of chivalry*. **2** nunau hnenih a mawi mi nuncan dan, zawnruahdan.

▷ **chivalrous** /ʃɪvləs/ *adj* **1** mi ralʔa sinak. **2** nunau zawnruah thiam: *a chivalrous old gentleman*. **chivalrously** *adv*.

chive /tʃaɪv/ *n* [C] (a) hramlak khasuan — a hnah ei ʔa. (b) cuihmi hnah.

chivvy (also **chivy**) /tʃɪvi/ *v* (pt, pp **chivvied**, **chivied**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Cn-t] ~ **sb** (into **sth**/along) (*infml*) pakhat khat titer/tuahter leuhleuh: *His mother kept on chivvying him to get his hair cut*.

chloride /ˈklɔːraɪd/ *n* [U] chlorine le a dang cawhrawimi sii: *sodium chloride*.

chlorine /ˈklɔːrɪn/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) chlorine (klorin) daat khu.

▷ **chlorinate** /ˈklɔːrɪneɪt/ *v* [Tn] tidai ah chlorine sii phulh (pangang thiseh ti ah): *Is the swimming-pool chlorinated?* **chlorination** /ˌklɔːrɪneɪʃn/ *n* [U].

chloroform /ˈklɔːrəfɔ:m; US ˈklɔːr-/ *n* [U] lungmit sii (klorafawm), thih lawk si.

▷ **chloroform** *v* [Tn] lungmit sii pek/thun sak.

chlorophyll /ˈklɔːrəfɪl; US ˈklɔːr-/ *n* [U] thingkung hramkung ih um a hringmi thil; hih thil hring in nitlang ihsin thazang an zuk. Cf PHOTOSYNTHESIS.

ChM /ˌsiː ɛɪtʃ ˈem/ *abbr* Master of Surgery (*Latin Chirurgiae Magister*): *have/be a ChM* ○ *John Wall ChM*.

choc /tʃɒk/ *n* (Brit *infml*) chocolate, chawkalet: *a box of chocs*.

□ **choc-ice** (also **choc-bar**) *n* (Brit) chawkalet phulhmi vurtlang (ice-cream).

chock /tʃɒk/ *n* leng, sangka etc. cang hlah seh ti ih rak dotu thingtan/thir.

▷ **chock** *v* [Tn] dan, hrolh.

□ **chock-a-block** *adj* [pred] ~ (with **sth/sb**) a khat, a pit: *The town centre was chock-a-block (with traffic)*.

chock-full *adj* [pred] ~ (of **sth/sb**) khat perper: *The dustbin is chock-full (of rubbish)*.

chocolate /tʃɒklət/ *n* **1** [U] cekcek, chawkalet; kakau (cacao) thawn tuahmi eiʔa thil thlum.

2 [U, C] chawkalet ti (in ʔa): *a bar of (milk/plain) chocolate* ○ *a box of chocolates* ○ *Have another chocolate.* **3** [U] tidai, lole, cawhnawi/le chawkalet rawi mi: *a mug of hot chocolate.* **4** [sing] chawkalet pianzia — a dup nawn pianzia.

▷ **chocolate** *adj* **1** chawkalet thawn/chawkalet tel: *chocolate sauce* ○ *a chocolate biscuit.* **2** chawkalet pianzia nei: *a chocolate carpet*.

choice /tʃɔɪs/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (between **A** and **B**) hrilnak, duh hril, hril ding: *make a choice* ○ *We are faced with a difficult choice.* ○ *What influenced you most in your choice of career?* **2** [U] hril ding dang: *He had no choice but to resign*, ie Resigning was the only thing he could do. ○ *If I had the choice, I would retire at thirty.* **3** [C] hril ding, duhhril ʔa: *You have several choices open to you.* **4** [C] hrilmi milai, thilri: *She wouldn't be my choice as Prime Minister.* ○ *I don't like his choice of (ie the people he choose as his) friends.* **5** [U] hril ding ʔa: *There's not much choice in the shops.* **6** (idm) **be spoilt for choice** ⇒ SPOIL. **for choice** hril sawn in. **of one's choice** duhhrilmi: *first prize in the competition will be a meal at the restaurant of your choice.* **out of/from choice** tuah paih, ti zuam: *do sth out of choice.* **you pays your money and you takes your choice** ⇒ PAY².

- ▷ **choice** *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (esp of fruit and vegetables) a ̤ha zetmi. **2** ̤hate ih hrilmi: *She summed up the situation in a few choice phrases.*
 ○ (joc) *He used some pretty choice* (ie rude or offensive) *language!*

choir /ˈkwaɪə(r)/ *n* **1** [CGp] hlarem bu (biak khawmnak ih): *She sings in the school choir.* **2** [C] hlasak pawl tonak: [attrib] *choir stalls.*

□ **choirboy** *n* hlarem saktu mipa nauhak (tlangval).

choirmaster *n* hla zirhtu le a uktu.

choir school college, lole, biakinn ih retmi tlawn.

choke /tʃəʊk/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) thawpit (thaw fehnak phih ruangah): *She choked (to death) on a fish bone.* **2** [Tn] hngawng rek pit: *choke the life out of sb* ○ *The fumes almost choked me.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (with sth) tong thei lo: *She was choking with emotion.* ○ *Anger choked his words.*

4 [Tn, Tn-pr passive, Tn-p esp passive] ~ sth (up) (with sth) a pit: *The drains are choked (up) with dead leaves.* ○ *The garden is choked with weeds.* **5** (phr v) **choke sth back** suup, kham: *choke back one's tears, anger, indignation.* **choke sth down.** harzet in dolh. **choke sb off** (infml) (a) thil tiding rak kham (tong lai ah tong rak cuh tivek). (b) napi ih kaw (thil pakhat khat tuah ruangah).

▷ **choke** *n* 1 thawpit aw, thawphih. **2** datsi inzin sungih thli feh uktu thil: *Won't your car start? Try giving it a bit more choke,* ie letting more air into the engine by pulling out the choke.

choked *adj* [pred] ~ (about sth) (infml) aithok; thinheng: *He was pretty choked about being dropped from the team.*

choker /tʃəʊkə(r)/ *n* tetnawn ih orhmi ̤hi, etc: *a pearl choker.*

cholera /kəˈlɜrə/ *n* [U] (a suanaw theimi) ngal-eu nat, sungdok le luak ih thih lohli theihmi nat: *an outbreak of cholera* ○ [attrib] *a cholera epidemic.*

choleric /kəˈlɜrɪk/ *adj* thintawi, thinsia.

cholesterol /kəˈlestərəl/ *n* [U] thihri a hakterturi hriak (nung hring pawl hriak le titsa ih ummi): [attrib] *A high cholesterol level in the blood can cause heart disease.*

choose /tʃuːz/ *v* (pt **chose** /tʃəʊz/, pp **chosen** /tʃəʊzn/) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ (between A and/or B); ~ (A) (from B); ~ sb/sth as sth hril: *choose carefully* ○ *She had to choose between giving up her job or hiring a nanny.* ○ *We offer a wide range of holidays to choose from.* ○ *choose a carpet, career, chairman* ○ *We have to choose a new manager from a short list of five candidates.* ○ *The Americans chose Mr Reagan as president/to be president.* **2** (a) [T no passive, Tt] hril (2 sung in): *Have you chosen what you want for your birthday?* ○ *We chose to go by train.* (b) [I, Tt] hril: *You may do as you choose.*

○ *The author chooses to remain anonymous.* **3** (idm) **pick and choose** ⇒ PICK³. **there is nothing, not much, little, etc to choose between A and B** A le B an dang aw lo (milai, thil 2 sungah).

NOTE ON USAGE: **Select** suggests a more carefully considered decision than **choose**: *Our shops select only the very best quality produce.* **Pick** is less formal than **select**: *Who are you going to pick for the team?* **Choose** suggests a freely made decision and can refer to a decision between only two items. (We usually **select** or **pick** from a number greater than two): *She chose the red sweater rather than the pink one.* **Opt** (for) refers to the choice of courses of action rather than of items and suggests the weighing up of advantages and disadvantages: *Most people opt for buying their own homes rather than renting them.*

choosy (also **choosey**) /tʃuːzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) hril duh, mit saang, duh saang; pontam: *She's very choosy about who she goes out with.*

▷ **choosiness** *n* [U].

chop¹ /tʃɒp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) (into sth) hreitlung, namtong thawn sat, tan, cek: *chopping wood in the garden* ○ *He chopped the logs (up) into firewood,* ie into sticks. ○ *Chop the meat into cubes before frying it.* ○ *finely chopped onions, carrots, parsley, etc.* **2** [Tn] sahthlak. ⇒ Usage at CUT¹. **3** [Tn esp passive] (Brit infml) malter, ̤hum: *Bus services in this area have been chopped.* **4** (phr v) **chop at sth** hrei, nam thawn tan zik, cek zik, sat zik; tin. **chop sth down** a hram in hau: *chop down a dead tree.* **chop sth of** (sth) hreitlung thawn tan: *He chopped a branch off the tree.* ○ (infml) *Charles I had his head chopped off.* **chop a/one's way through sth** nam thawn lam sial phah vivo.

chop² /tʃɒp/ *n* **1** [C] (a) tan, veikhat ah tan: *She cut down the sapling with one chop.* (b) kut siir thawn thawi: *a karate chop.* **2** [C] sasem: *a pork/lamb/mutton chop.* **3 the chop** [sing] (esp Brit sl) that, lole, hnatuan dawi; banternak: *She got the chop after ten years with the company.* ○ *The public spending cuts will mean the chop for several hospitals.*

chop³ /tʃɒp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** (idm) **chop and change** thin thleng leuhleuh ruahnak, tawlrlnak. **2** (phr v) **chop about/round** (thli) hrannak lam thleng aw. ⇒ Usage at CUT¹.

chopper /tʃɒpə(r)/ *n* **1** hreitlung; namtong, thil tannak ih hmanmi. **2** (infml) helicopter (vanzam).

choppy /tʃɒpi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (of the sea) tisuar tawi tete.

▷ **choppiness** *n* [U].

chopsticks /tʃɒpstɪks/ *n* [pl] rua, thing, vuiho thawih tuahmi rawleinak fung (Japan le Tuluk

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in an hmang), saifung kan ti.

chop-suey /tʃɒp'su:ɪ/ *n* [U] Tuluk khauh-suai.

choral /kə'reɪl/ *adj* hlarem pawl hrang phuahmi le sakmi: *a choral society* ○ *choral evensong* ○ *Beethoven's choral symphony*.

chorale /kə'reɪl/ *n* **1** biakinn ih sakmi thangthatnak hla (mi zapi khalin an sak ve). **2** (esp US) choir saktu pawl.

chord¹ /kɔ:d/ *n* (music) aw khat hnakh tam aw pawl rualrem ten kommi.

chord² /kɔ:d/ *n* **1** (mathematics) bial (circle) tlaang hmun hnih a pehtu rin. **2** tingtang hri. **3** (idm) **strike a chord** ⇒ **STRIKE²**, **touch the right chord** ⇒ **TOUCH²**.

chore /tʃɔ:(r)/ *n* **1** tʉanʉhang mi hnaʉtan ol: *household/domestic chores*, ie dusting, ironing, making the beds, etc. **2** tʉan khung: *She finds shopping a chore*.

choreograph /kɔ:riɔɡrəf,-græf; US 'kɔ:riɔɡræf/ *v* [Tn] ballet laam ih ke thliir daan le laam daan tawl rel.

choreography /kɔ:riɔɡrəfi; US ,kɔ:ri-/ *n* [U] stage parih ballet laam, laam daan zirnakh.

▷ **choreographer** /kɔ:riɔɡrəfə(r); US ,kɔ:ri-/ *n*. **choreographic** /kɔ:riɔɡræfik; US ,kɔ:ri-/ *adj*.

chorister /kɔristə(r); US 'kɔ:r-/ *n* hlarem saktu.

chortle /tʃɔ:tl/ *n* lunghmui suamso ih hnihnakh.

▷ **chortle** *v* [I] hnikuarko: *chortle with delight at a joke*.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Chuckle** and **chortle** both indiate laughing with pleasure and satisfaction. Chuckling is usually quiet and may be a response to private thoughts or reading: *He chuckled to himself when he remembered the trick he'd played on them*. Chortling is usually louder and more public: *When I told them what had happened to me, they all chortled with mirth*.

chorus /kɔ:rəs/ *n* **1** [CGp] (usu large) mi tamzet telmi hlarem saktu: *the Bath Festival Chorus*. **2** [C] zapi sak dingmi hla finkhat: *the Hallelujah Chorus*. **3** [C] pakhat sak ʉheh ih zapi sak hluarhlomi hla ʉhen (sakkir): *Bill sang the verses and everyone joined in the chorus*. **4** [C] hmun khat ih aupi hluarhlo mi: *a chorus of boss, cheers, laughter, etc* ○ *The proposal was greeted with a chorus of approval*. **5** [CGp] awnmawi remnak ih hlasaktu le laamtu pawlkhat: [attrib] *a chorus line*. **6** [CGp] thuanthucawn mi hlasaktu le laamtu pawlin rak rel. **7** [C] (esp in *Elizabethan drama*) thuanthu cawn a thawhnakh lam le a netnak lam rak simtu, thuanthu cawngtu. **8** (idm) **in chorus** hmunkhat ah zate'n: *act, speak, answer in chorus*.

▷ **chorus** *v* [Tn] hmunkhat ah au-tlang: *The crowd chorused their approval (of the decision)*.

□ **chorus-girl** *n* awnmawi tummi vekih saktu, lole, laamtu fala.

chose, chosen *pt, pp* of CHOOSE.

chough /tʃʌf/ *n* a hmur le a ke senmi tlangak.

chow¹ /tʃau/ *n* uico (Tuluk ram ih ta).

chow² /tʃau/ *n* [U] (sl) rawl.

chowder /tʃaʊdə(r)/ *n* [U] (US) sa, lole, ngasa rawi ih hanghnah hangrah thawm suanmi tihang: *clam chowder*.

chow mein /tʃau 'meɪn/ *n* [U] khauhsuai, sa le hanghnah rawi mi Tuluk rawl.

Christ /kraɪst/ *n* (a) (also **Jesus, Jesus Christ**) /dʒi:zəs 'kraɪst/ Khristian biaknak dintu. (b) Khrih zuk, lole, lem.

▷ **Christ** *interj* (also **Jesus, Jesus Christ**) (Δ *infml*) mangbang le thinheng tiki tongmi (khawzing! Pathian!): *Christ! We're running out of petrol*.

□ **Christlike** *adj* ziaza le cangvaihnakh ah Khrih vek a si mi: *showing Christlike humility*.

christen /krisn/ *v* **1** [Tn] kawhhran sungih cohlan le hmin pe (naute), (a lu ah tidai theh sak a si). Cf BAPTIZE. **2** [esp passive: Tn, Cn-n] (a) hmin sak: *The child was christened Mary*. (b) tangphawlawng thar hminsak. **3** [Tn] hman hmaisa bik: *Let's have a drink to christen our new sherry glasses*.

▷ **christening** /'krisniŋ/ *n* naute hmin sak, tihnim: [attrib] *a christening service*.

Christendom /'krisndəm/ *n* [sing] (fml) (a) Khristian hmuahhmuah. (b) (dated) Khristian ram. ⇒ Usage at CHRISTIAN.

Christian /'kristʃən/ *adj* **1** Khrih ih zirhnakh thil a simi; Khristian zummi zirhnakh: *the Christian Church, faith, religion* ○ *a Christian upbringing*. **2** Khristian sakhua: *a Christian country*. **3** Khristian (pawl): *the Christian sector of the city*. **4** Khristian sinakh: *That's not a very Christian way to behave*.

▷ **Christian** *n* **1** Khristian biaknak zumtu. **2** (infml) Khristian sinakh neitu.

Christianity /'kristʃənəti/ *n* [U] **1** Khrih cu Pathian ʉapa a si ti zumnak le, a zirhmi zumnak: *She was converted to Christianity*. **2** (a) Khristian ziaza le sinakh: *He derives strength from his Christianity*. (b) Khristian nun, ziaza. □ **the Christian Era** Jesuh suah hnu san — a tu tiang.

Christian name (US also **given name**) Kawhhran sungih cohlan tiki pekmi hmin; hmin hmaisa. ⇒ Usage at NAME¹.

Christian Science sii hmanglo in Khristian rinnakh in natnak a damter thei ti ih Pathian biakh dan.

Christian Scientist cumi zumtu.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Christianity**, **Islam** and **Judaism** are the names of religions or faiths followed by **Christians**, **Muslims** and **Jews** respectively. The word **Christendom**, which is now dated, refers to all Christian countries or

all Christians in the world. Historically it has been used to mean the whole world from a European point of view: *Rome was the greatest city in all Christendom*. **Jewry** is the collective name for all Jews: *British Jewry*. **Muhammedanism** (now dated) in an alternative name for **Islam**, used particularly by non-Muslims.

Christmas /ˈkrɪsməs/ *n* **1** (also **Christmas Day**) Jesuh suah ni (December 25) lomnak: [attrib] *Christmas dinner, presents*. **2** (also **Christmas-time**, **Christmas-tide**) Christmas tikcu hrawng — Christmas hlan le hnu hrawng: *spend Christmas with one's family* ○ [attrib] *the Christmas holidays*.

▷ **Christmasy** /ˈkrɪsməsi/ *adj* (*infml*) Christmas puai vek.

□ **Christmas box** *n* (*Brit*) Christmas laksawng (tangka) cawhnawi petu/capetu hnenih thenmi (kum khat sung a hnaŋuanmi parih lungawinak). **Christmas cake** Christmas kheik sang.

Christmas card rualpi hnenih kuatmi Christmas lungawinak thu ngannak ca (kaat).

Christmas cracker = CRACKER 2b.

Christmas Eve December 24 zanlam.

Christmas pudding Christmas tikihi ei mi puding (sangnem).

Christmas tree Christmas lai ih phuncop mi, thingkung (a parah thil mawimawi an thlaih) Christmas thingkung.

chromatic /krəʊmætɪk/ *adj* **1** (a) pianzia thawih a pehpar awmi. (b) a tleu mi. **2** (*music*) chromatic scale nei aw.

▷ **chromatic scale** (*music*) aw hrek a dotdot in a tum/kai mi scale.

chrome /krəʊm/ *n* [U] **1** khrom sii. **2** chromium thawh cawhrawi tikihi ngahmi aire pianzia sii.

□ **chrome steel** kahpa thir le chrome rawimi.

chromium /ˈkrəʊmiəm/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) khromiam daat thilri; sangkai (tlap) khamtu thir sii: *chromium plating*, eg on a car bumper ○ *chromium-plated*.

chromosome /ˈkrəʊməsəʊm/ *n* (*biology*) thilnung cell sungih um (cii) phurtu hri-fem cirik-te.

chronic /ˈkrɒnɪk/ *adj* **1** (*esp of a disease*) reipi daihmi (natnak), a suak leuhleuhmi: *chronic bronchitis, arthritis, etc* ○ *the country's chronic unemployment problem*. Cf ACUTE. **2** a cor mi/ a cuai mi: *a chronic alcoholic, invalid, etc*. **3** (*Brit sl*) a sia tuk; a thalo tuk: *The film was absolutely chronic*.

▷ **chronically** /ˈkrɒnɪkli/ *adv*.

chronicle /ˈkrɒnɪkl/ *n* (often *pl*) a sangsang ih khummi thuhla (thil cangmi): *He consulted the chronicles of the period*.

▷ **chronicle** *v* [Tn] ngankhum, a sangsang in: *chronicling the events of a war*. **chronicler** /ˈkrɒnɪklə(r)/ *n*.

chron(o)- *comb form* tongfang dang thawh kom ih hmancihmi a si — tikcu thawh a pehpar aw mi: *chronology* ○ *chronometer*.

chronological /krɒnəˈlɒdʒɪkl/ *adj* thil cang mi a sangsang ih khummi. **2** [C] thil cangmi a sangsang ih cazin ret: *a chronology of Mozart's life*.

chronology /krəˈnɒlədʒi/ **1** [U] san thuanthu ih thil a cangmi ni le thla ngankhum dan.

chronometer /krəˈnɒmɪtə(r)/ *n* tikcu dikzet ih hmuhtu nazi (tipi feh lawng ih hmanmi nazi).

chrysalis /ˈkrɪsəˌlɪs/ *n* (*pl* ~es) **1** pelep, thengre tivek ih a can hlan an ruangpum (pangang san), pol. **2** cumi tuamtu a hawng.

chrysanthemum /krɪˈsænθəməm/ *n* (a) kandama pangpar kung. (b) kandama par.

chub /tʃʌb/ *n* (*pl* unchanged) tiva nga phunkhat (a sa a khat erh-i mi).

chubby /tʃʌbi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a ceeng (a thau nawn): *chubby cheeks* ○ *a chubby child*. ⇒ Usage at FAT¹.

▷ **chubbiness** *n* [U].

chuck¹ /tʃʌk/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p, Dn-n] (*infml*) hlon mai: *Chuck it in the bin!* ○ *chuck old clothes away/out* ○ *Chuck me (over) the newspaper if you've finished reading it*. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (*in/up*) (*infml*) hnong: *She's just chucked her boyfriend*, ie ended her relationship with him. ○ *He chucked in his job last week*. **3** (idm) **chuck it** (sl) baang; cawl lohli: *I'm sick of your sarcastic remarks — just chuck it* (ie stop making them), *will you?* **chuck sb under the chin** mi pakhat a ka tanglam tham rero, zutmet sak. **4** (phr v) **chuck sb out (of sth)** (*infml*) dawih hlo; hramhram in fehter: *She was chucked out of the pub for being too rowdy*. ○ *He failed his exams and was chucked out of university*.

▷ **chuck** *n* **1** kha tanglam zut. **2** (idm) **give sb/ get the chuck** (*infml*) hnong, hlang lo.

□ **chucker-out** /tʃʌkər ˈaʊt/ *n* (*infml*) mi zapi lakih mi sualral dawitu.

chuck² /tʃʌk/ *n* (a) thil sernak (*tuinkhung*) parih thil rak ceptu. (b) luanbu haa ceptu (a dor, a rin tuahnak ih hmanmi).

chuck³ /tʃʌk/ *n* [U] (also **chuck steak**) hngawng ihsin hnak-ruh tiang ahmi satit (hngawng sa).

chuckle /ˈtʃʌkl/ *v* [I, Ipr] mah lawngte hni thektho: *He chuckled (to himself) as he read the newspaper*. ○ *What are you chuckling about?* ⇒ Usage at CHORTLE.

▷ **chuckle** *n* aw suah loh mahte hni: *She gave a chuckle of delight*.

chuffed /tʃʌft/ *adj* [pred] (*Brit infml*) ~ (**about/at sth**) lungkim zet: *look/feel chuffed* ○ *She was chuffed at/about getting a pay rise*.

chug /tʃʌg/ *v* (-gg-) **1** [I] awn cutco (cet). **2** (phr v) **chug along, down, up, etc** awn cutco phah ih feh: *The boat chugged along the canal*.

▷ **chug** *n* engine awn cutco.

chum /tʃʌmp/ *n* (*infml*) rualpi tha: *an old school*

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▷ **chum** *v* (-mm-) (*infml*) (phr *v*) **chum up** (with sb) rak rualpi that.

chummy *adj* (*infml*) kom nuam; rualpi tha. **chummily** *adv.* **chumminess** *n* [U].

chump /tʃʌmp/ *n* **1** (*infml*) miaa, aa: *Don't be such a chump!* **2** thingbel sah. **3** (Brit **chump chop**) kheel tit. **4** (idm) **off one's chump** (dated Brit sl) aa, fimlo.

chunk /tʃʌŋk/ *n* **1** ahmi, tanmi thil tan, thil tlang sahpi; a tlang: *a chunk of bread, meat, ice, wood, etc.* **2** (*infml*) tam nawn: *I've completed a fair chunk of my article.*

chunky /tʃʌŋki/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** niam nawn, sah nawn taksa nei: *a chunky footballer.* **2** thingraha phel telmi: *chunky marmalade.* **3** (of clothes) a sahmi suaita tivek (sinfen): *a chunky sweater.*

▷ **chunkily** *adv.* *He's chunkily built.*

chunkiness *n* [U].

church /tʃɜːtʃ/ *n* **1** [C] Khristian biakinn: *The procession moved into the church.* ○ [attrib] *a church steeple* ○ *a church service.* **2** [U] khawm: *Church begins/is at 9 o'clock.* ○ *How often do you go to church?* ○ *They're in/at church, ie attending a service.* ⇒ Usage at SCHOOL¹. **3** **the Church** [sing] kawhhran; Khristian Pawlpi: *The Church has a duty to condemn violence.* **4** **Church** [C] pawl (Khristian pawl): *the Anglican Church* ○ *the Catholic Church* ○ *the Free Churches.* **5** **the Church** [sing] (a) (esp the Christian) Khristian biaknak: *the conflict between (the) Church and (the) State.* (b) Kawhhran sungih riantu pawl (ministers): *go into/enter the Church, ie become a Christian minister.*

□ **churchgoer** *n* pelh lo ih khawmtu.

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church warden *n* (Church of England) sumpai kiltu.

churchyard *n* biakinn sumtual (hruang sung).

churl /tʃɜːl/ *n* (dated) mi thintawi, thinsia.

▷ **churlish** *adj.* *It seems churlish to refuse such a generous offer.* **churlishly** *adv.* **churlishness** *n* [U].

churn /tʃɜːn/ *n* **1** cawhnawi khal seh ti ih cawhnak cet. **2** (Brit) cawhnawi phurhnak pungpi.

▷ **churn** *v* **1** [Tn] (a) her-cok ciamco (cawhnawi, cawhnawi khi thawphat cang dingih her-cok ciamco). **2** (a) [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (up) nasezet in cangter ciamco, thoter: *motor boats churning (up) the peaceful waters of the bay* ○ *The earth had been churned up by the wheels of the tractor.* ○ (fig) *The bitter argument left her feeling churned up (ie agitated and upset) inside.* (b) [I] ti herh, ti phul: *the churning waters of a whirlpool* ○ *His stomach churned with nausea.* **3** (phr *v*) **churn sth out** (*infml*) tampi suak: *She churns out romantic novels.*

chute /ʃuːt/ *n* **1** thil thlaksuk/khawhsuknak kuang nal: *a rubbish chute, eg from the upper storey*

of a high building. **2** (*infml*) parachut puan, thli-puan.

chutney /tʃʌtnei/ *n* [U] makpheh hmeah (makpheh, aithing, cite le a dang rawi phommi): *green tomato chutney.*

CI *abbr* (Brit) Channel Islands, tikulh pawl (Hersey, Guernsey, Alderney and Sark): *St Peter Port, Guernsey, CI, eg in an address.*

CIA /siː ɑː 'ei/ *abbr* (US) Central Intelligence Agency; America cozah thuthup zoitu: *working for the CIA.* Cf FBI.

cicada /sɪ'kɑːdə/ *n* thereng, khingring.

cicatrice /sɪkə'trɪs/ (also **cicatrix** /sɪkə'trɪks/) *n* (pl -trices /sɪkə'traɪsɪz/) hmaphe (hriam mi).

CID /siː ɑː 'di/ *abbr* (Brit) Criminal Investigation Department misual thuzoit: *an inspector from the CID.*

-cide *comb form* (forming *ns*) **1** noun' ah thleng tikih hmanmi — (nak): *genocide* ○ *patricide.* **2** thitertu: *insecticide* ○ *fungicide.*

▷ **-cidal** *comb form* (*adjs*) *adj* ah thleng tikih hmanmi: *homicidal.*

cider /saɪdə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] (also **cyder**) uam mi epal ti: *dry/sweet cider* ○ [attrib] *cider apples.* Cf PERRY. **2** [U] (US also **sweet cider**) zu tel lo apple ti. **3** [C] apple ti.

□ **cider-press** *n* apple ti sawrnak cet.

cif /siː ɑː 'ef/ *abbr* (commerce) cost, insurance, freight (included in the price): *The invoice was for £35 cif.*

cigar /sɪ'gɑː(r)/ *n* sikawng hnah zual kuak: [attrib] *the smell of cigar smoke.*

cigarette (US also **cigaret**) /sɪgə'ret/ *n* sikaret kuak zual, cahnah thawi' zualmi kuak.

□ **cigarette-case** *n* sikaret bawm.

cigarette-holder *n* cikaret bunnak kuak dawng fate.

cigarette-lighter (also **lighter**) *n* kuak cawnnak meitek.

cigarette-paper *n* [C, U] kuak zualnak cahnah.

C-in-C /siː ɪn 'siː/ *abbr* Commander-in-Chief.

cinch /sɪntʃ/ *n* (sl) **1** hnaŋuan ol: *'How was the exam?' 'It was a cinch!'* **2** a rori dingmi: *He's a cinch to win the race.* **3** (US) = GIRTH **2.**

▷ **cinch** *v* [Tn] (US) rang siangtem (Rang kung ta).

cinder /sɪndə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] a hrek then a kangmi meihol, thing tivek (a kang nawn lo na in a sa laimi). **2** **cinders** [pl] vutcam. **3** (idm) **burn, etc sth to a cinder** (rawl) ut/cak ko suang: *The cakes were burnt to a cinder.*

□ **cinder-track** *n* meihol phomdip phahmi tlannak zin.

Cinderella /sɪndə'relə/ *n* **1** a mawi zia le a thiltitheinak zohman ih ziang siarsak lomi nunau. **2** mi ih ziang siar lomi milai, thilri: *This department has been the Cinderella of the company for far too long.*

cine- *comb form* a dang thawn kom ih hmanmi a

si-cinema (lemnung) tinak a si: *cine-projector*.
cine-camera /sɪni kəməɾə/ *n* baisakup/lemnung zuknak kemara.
cine-film /sɪni film/ *n* [C, U] lemnung film.
cinema /sɪnəmə:, 'sɪnəmə/ *n* **1** (US **movie house**, **movie theatre**) [C] lemnung hmuhnak innpi: *go to the cinema*, ie to see a film. **2** (also **the cinema**) [sing] (esp Brit) (US **the movies**) lemnung, baisakup: *She's interested in (the) cinema*. ○ *He works in the cinema*.
 ▷ **cinematic** /sɪnə'mætɪk/ *adj* lemnung lam.
cinematography /sɪnəmə'tɒgrəfi/ *n* [U] lemnung zuk hnaʔuan thiamnak.
cinematographer /sɪnəmə'tɒgrəfə(r)/ *n*.
cinematographic /sɪnəmə'tɒgrəfɪk/ *adj*.
cine-projector /sɪni prədʒektə(r)/ *n* lemnung hmuhnak cet.
cinnamon /sɪnəmən/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] hmuimer suaahnak thing hawng; darcini hawng, thak-hling. (b) cumi thingkung.
cipher (also **cypher**) /saɪfə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] thuthup cangan dan: *a message in cipher*. (b) [C] cuvek ih nganmi ca. (c) [C] thuthup kuatmi ih a tawhfung. **2** [C] hmainsinnak 0, ziangkhal a silo, lolak tinak. **3** [C] nambat 1 ihsin 9 tiang sungin pakhat khat. **4** [C] (fig derog) milai/thil thupi lo, mi hlolak, thulolak: *a mere cipher*.
 ▷ **cipher** *v* [Tn] cathup ih ngan.
circa /sɜ:kə/ *prep* (Latin) (abbr **c**, **ca**) hrawngah (ni le thla le kum): *Born circa 150 BC*.
circle /sɜ:kl/ *n* **1** rin-bial, a hlummi rin (a laifang in a hlatnak a bangaw thehmi rin-bial): *use your compass to draw a circle*. **2** zungbruk vekih a bial, a hlummi thil: *a circle of trees, hills, spectators* ○ *standing in a circle*. **3** (US **balcony**) baisakup zung, thuanthu cawn hmun tivek ah sang deuh ih donmi tohkhang tlarkual retnak hmun: *We've booked seats in the circle*. **4** duhzawng a bangaw mi, milai pawl khat: *be well known in business, political, theatrical, etc circles*, ie among people connected with business, politics, the theatre, etc ○ *move in fashionable circles* ○ *She has a large circle of friends*. **5** (idm) **come full circle** ⇒ FULL. **go round in circles** taima zet in a ʔuan na'n theh thei lo. **square the circle** ⇒ SQUARE³. **a vicious circle** ⇒ VICIOUS.
 ▷ **circle** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (about/around/round) (over sb/sth) kulh, kimvel in kulh: *vultures circling (round) over a dead animal*. **2** [Tn] veel, kimvel: *The plane circled the airport before landing*. ○ *The moon circles the earth every 28 days*. ○ *a town circled by hills*. (b) cawang in rin kulh: *spelling mistakes circled in red ink*.
circlet /sɜ:klɪt/ *n* lupawng (a man khung mi), lukhuh.
circuit /sɜ:klɪt/ *n* **1** hmun pakhat hel kual ih fehnak zin ri: *The circuit of the city walls is three miles*. ○ *The earth takes a year to make a circuit*

of (ie go round) *the sun*. ○ *She ran four circuits of the track*. **2** (a) electric dat thakual: *There must be a break in the circuit*. (b) electric tha ih a zawhmi (a fehnak) thilri: [attrib] *a circuit diagram*, ie one showing the connections in such an apparatus. **3** (a) thuthentu (judge) khualtlawn: *go on circuit*, ie make this journey ○ [attrib] *a circuit judge*. (b) cuh khuatlawn hmun pawl. **4** a lektu bang tel ih lehnak: *the American golf circuit*. **5** Methodist pawl ih bialthen.
 □ **circuit-breaker** *n* electric tha amahte rak cawltertu thil.
circuit training taksa cangvaih dan a phunphun zirnak.
circuitous /sə'kjʊ:təs/ *adj* (fml) a sau ih a kual mi: *a circuitous route*.
 ▷ **circuitously** *adv*.
circular /sɜ:kjʊlə(r)/ *adj* **1** a bialmi. **2** pawhnak hmun ih thlengsal mi khualtlawng lamfeh: *a circular tour*, ie one taking a route that brings travelers back to the starting-point. **3** thu pakhat tetti ret in cemter duh thu el-awk: *a circular argument*. **4** [usu attrib] mi tampi hnen ih kuatmi ca: *a circular letter*.
 ▷ **circular** *n* mi tampi hnenih zemmi.
circularity /sɜ:kjʊ'lærəti/ *n* [U].
circularize, -ise /sɜ:kjʊləraɪz/ *v* [Tn] cakuat zem.
 □ **circular saw** *n* cet hluah, hluah bial.
circulate /sɜ:kjʊləɪt/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] feh kual vivo: *Blood circulates through the body*. (b) [I] zalen zet in feh: *open a window to allow the air to circulate*. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] pakhat hnu pakhat hnenah simthan vivo: *The news of her death circulated* (ie spread) *quickly*. ○ *the host and hostess circulate* (among their guests). ○ *circulate letter*. **3** [Tn] mi pakhat hnenah thuthan: *Have you been circulated with details of the conference?*
circulation /sɜ:kjʊləɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] lung ihsin thii a feh ih lung sungah a luh salnak thii-feh-dan: *have* (a) *good/bad circulation*. **2** [U] (a) pakhat hnu pakhat hmunkhat hnu hmunkhat ih sim/than mi thuthang, thu vakvai: *the circulation of news, information, rumours*. (b) hmang rero, leng rero: *Police say a number of forged banknotes are in circulation*. ○ *Pound notes have been withdrawn from circulation*. ○ (fig) *She's been ill but now she's back in circulation*, ie is going out and meeting people again. **3** [C] zapi hnenih kuatmi thuthang ca a zat: *a newspaper with a (daily) circulation of more than one million* ○ [attrib] *circulation figures*.
circulatory /sɜ:kjʊləɪtəri/ US 'sɜ:kjələtəri/ *adj* thii-feh thu lam: *circulatory disorders*.
circumcise /sɜ:kəmsaɪz/ *v* [Tn] (a) serh tan, vunzim tan (mipa). (b) firtan (nunau).
 ▷ **circumcision** /sɜ:kəm'sɪʒn/ *n* [C, U] (serh) vunzim tannak.

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circumference /sə'kʌmfərəns/ *n* (a) bial rin. (b) a kimvel bial hlat sau zat: *The circumference of the earth is almost 25 000 miles/The earth is almost 25 000 miles in circumference.* Cf PERIMETER.

circumflex /sɜ:kəmfleks/ *n* (also **circumflex accent**) French òngfang (nganmi) par ih retmi aw sau dan hminsinnak, eg *rôle or fête*.

circumlocution /sɜ:kəmləkju:ʃn/ *n* [C, U] òngfang malte hman ih sim theihmi òngkam tampi hman ciamconak.

▷ **circumlocutory** /sɜ:kəmləkjutəri/ *adj*.

circumnavigate /sɜ:kəmnə'veigeɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) heel ih feh, tangphawlawng in, a bik in leilungpi heel ih feh: *Magellan was the first to circumnavigate the globe.*

▷ **circumnavigation** /sɜ:kəmnə'veɪgeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

circumscribe /sɜ:kəmskraɪb/ *v* [Tn] 1 (fml) kulh òngphèp; zalen lo; ritek um; mah duh ih um thei lo: *a life circumscribed by poverty*. 2 kil nei zuk ih a kil pawl dai in bial rin suai: *circumscribe a square*.

▷ **circumscription** /sɜ:kəmskripʃn/ *n* [U] cuti ih bial suai.

circumspect /sɜ:kəmspekt/ *adj* [usu pred] thu kim te in ciamciam ih ruat ta mi; a ralring mi.

▷ **circumspection** /sɜ:kəmspekʃn/ *n* [U] ralrinnak, ciamciam ih ruat hmaisarak: *proceed with great circumspection*.

circumspectly *adv*.

circumstance /sɜ:kəmsʈəns/ *n* 1 [C usu pl] a cangmi thil umtu dan, a thuhla, a ruang: *What were the circumstances of/surrounding her death?* ie Where, when and how did she die? ○ *She was found dead in suspicious circumstances*, ie She may have been murdered. ○ *He was a victim of circumstance(s)*, ie What happened to him was beyond his control. ○ *Circumstances forced us to change our plans*. 2 **circumstances** [pl] sumpai lam um dan: *What are his circumstances?* ○ *in easy/poor circumstances*, ie having much/not enough money. 3 (idm) **in/under no circumstances** ziang ti in khal, dah lo: *Under no circumstances should you lend him any money*. **in straitened circumstances** ⇒ STRAITENED. **in/under the circumstances** thil umdan cutivek a si ruangah: *Under the circumstances* (eg because the salary offered was too low) *he felt unable to accept the job*. ○ *She coped well in the circumstances*, eg even though she was feeling ill. **pomp and circumstance** ⇒ POMP.

circumstantial /sɜ:kəmsʈænfəl/ *adj* 1 a terek tiang telmi; a famkim zet ih sim asinan, a si rori ti ih a hlah lomi: *You can't convict a man on circumstantial evidence alone*.

▷ **circumstantially** /-nfəli/ *adv*.

circumvent /sɜ:kəm'vent/ *v* [Tn] (fml) hrial; luat

theinak hawl: *circumvent a law, rule, problem, difficulty*.

▷ **circumvention** /sɜ:kəm'venfən/ *n* [U].

circus /sɜ:kəs/ *n* 1 (a) [CGp] sarkas pawl; ramsa le milai pawl ih thiamthil hmuh ih khual a tlawng vivo tu sarkas pawl. (b) **the circus** [sing] puantlam tumpi sungih sarkas hmuhnak: *go to the circus*. 2 [C] (infml) zamrangzet ih cangvaihnak. 3 [C] (Brit) zalam tampi ton-awknak hmun hmin: *Piccadilly Circus*. Cf ROUNDBOUT *n* 2. 4 [C] khuahlan Rom pawlih rangleng tlanzuamnak lamzin kual.

cirrhosis /sɪ'rəʊsɪs/ *n* [U] thin car nat; zu in ruangih ngahmi thinnat: *cirrhosis of the liver*.

cirrus /sɪrəs/ *n* (pl **cirri** /straɪ/) [U] van sangpi ih um, vandur: [attrib] *cirrus clouds*.

cissy = Sissy.

Cistercian /sɪ'stɜ:ʃn/ *n*, *adj* Benedictines tlawng ih um biaknak thuzirnak (daan khoh zet an nei).

cistern /sɪstən/ *n* tikuang (ek-inn le inn tangta pawl tidai petu a tlun sangpi ih retmi ti inn).

citadel /sɪtədəl/ *n* khaw sung hmun sang bik ih ralbawhnak.

cite /saɪt/ *v* [Tn] cabu maw, mi simmi maw, cahram nganmi sungta maw, khoih ih hman: *She cited (a verse from) (a poem by) Keats*. (b) telh: *She cited the high unemployment figures as evidence of the failure of government policy*. 2 (US) zung ca thawn lawm (ralthar ruangah): *He was cited in dispatches*. 3 (law) thuthentu zung ihsin ko: *be cited in divorce proceedings*.

▷ **citation** /saɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* 1 (a) [U] telh-mi; lomnak (ralthar ruangah); ziang ruangah kan lawm ti thu nganmi: ziangah cumi caken pek a si ti simfiangnak. (b) [C] mi ngancia, sim cia thuhla: *Some dictionary writers use citations to show what words mean*. 2 [C] (US) (a) ralthar lomnak caken. (b) ziangah cumi caken pek a si ti simfiangnak.

citizen /sɪtɪzn/ *n* 1 rammi: *an American citizen* ○ *She is German by birth but is now a French citizen*. 2 khawlipi ih umtu milai: *the citizens of Rome*. 3 (esp US) = CIVILIAN.

▷ **citizenship** *n* [U] rammi sinak: *apply for/be granted British citizenship*.

□ **citizen's arrest** rammi pakhat ih mi kai.

citizens' band mah ih khawsung kiangkak thu theihternak radio aw kaihnak.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Citizen** and **subject** both indicate a person who has the rights given by a state to its members, eg the right to vote. **Subject** is used when the state is ruled by a monarch. **Citizen** is used in all types of state but especially republics: *a British subject/citizen* ○ *a French citizen*.

citric acid /sɪ'trɪk 'æsɪd/ (chemistry) dawh-hlei, tanphaza, lingmaw, aisi rah pawl ih a telmi thil

thur.

citron /sɪtrən/ *n* (a) sahawk; aisi.

citrus /sɪtrəs/ *n* dawhhlei, lingmaw, tanpaza, zamer, sahawk, aisi pawl ih pakhat khat: [attrib] *citrus fruit*.

▷ **citrous** *adj* cumi pawl ih rah/kung thawn peh aw in.

city /sɪti/ *n* **1** [C] khawlipi, khaw tumpi; khawpi: *Which is the world's largest city?* **2** [C] (a) (Brit) siangpharang ih thilti theinak a cuang ih pekmi khawlipi: *the city of York*. (b) (US) Rampi cozah ih thilti theinak a cuang ih pekmi khawlipi. **3** [CGp] khawlipi mi pawl: *The city turned out to welcome back its victorious team*. **4** **the City** [sing] London khua veng hlun bik umnak (atu cu sumdawnnak hmunpi a si thlang): *She works in the City*, eg as a stockbroker. ○ *The City reacted sharply to the fall in oil prices*. **5** (idm) **the freedom of the city** ⇒ FREEDOM.

□ **city desk** **1** (Brit) sumpai lam rakzohtu thu thangca zungthen.. **2** (US) tualsung thuthang rak zohtu thuthang ca zungthen.

city editor **1** (Brit) sumsaw lam thuthang suahtu. **2** (US) khawlipi sinak.

city-state *n* (formerly) mahte uk-aw-mi khawlipi a si ih ram a si phah, eg khuahlan ih Athen khua tivek.

civet /sɪvɪt/ *n* **1** (also **civet-cat**) [C] sava phunkhat, a rim a nam zet mi sava. **2** [U] cuih sava ihsin ngahmi rim ti (zitmuainak rim thawn hrangah an hman).

civic /sɪvɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** khua, khawlipi umdan thawn a pehpar awmi: *a civic function*, eg the opening of a new hospital by the mayor of a town. **2** khawlipi sinak: *civic pride*, ie citizens' pride in their town ○ *civic duties, responsibilities*.

▷ **civics** /sɪvɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] khawmi, rammi pawl ih tuanvo le covo thuhla zirnak (*pyituh nitih*).

□ **civic centre** (Brit) zung pawl umnak khawlipi hmun lai.

civies = CIVVIES.

civil /sɪvl/ *adj* **1** rammi thawn a pehpar-awmi: *civil disorder*, eg rioting ○ *civil strife*, eg fighting between different political or religious groups within a country. **2** khaw sung lam, ralkap lam a si lomi: *civil government*. **3** thiam nunmawi: *How very civil of you!* ○ *Keep a civil tongue in your head!* ie Don't speak rudely! **4** thu khin awknak, bulpak thubuai: *civil cases* ○ *a civil court*. Cf CRIMINAL **2** (CRIME).

▷ **civility** /sɪvɪləti/ *n* [C, U] (fml) nunphung, nunmawi: *You should show more civility to your host*.

civilly /sɪvəli/ *adv* nunmawi zetin.

□ **civil defence** khawsung humhimnak; mipi vantlang le an thilri humhualnak.

civil disobedience upadi dan hrekkhat thluun duhlonak, cawhkuan leiliam pe duhlo: a

campaign of civil disobedience.

civil engineering lamzin tuah le inn sak. **civil engineer**.

civil law rammi pakhat ih ti theinak ih covo tawltrelnak upadi.

civil liberty rammi pakhat ih zalennak.

civil list (Brit) Siangpahrang innsungsang hman dingih Tlanguak zung ih pekmi tangka.

civil marriage biaknak lam dan vek si lo ih thitumnak (upadi cun a theihpi thotho mi).

civil rights rammi pakhat ih thil tithei ve ding zalennak le mi bang ve theinak. **civil rights movement** cumi covo nei dingih zuamnak.

civil servant Cozah hnatuan.

the Civil Service (a) ralkap siarlo Cozah zung pawl: *She works in the Civil Service*, eg in the Home Office. (b) [Gp] civil zung hnatuan pawl: *The Civil Service is/are threatening to strike*.

civil war ram sung ral: *The Spanish Civil War*.

civilian /sɪvɪliən/ *n* ralkap le palik tuan lo rammi pawl: *Two soldiers and one civilian were killed in the explosion*. ○ [attrib] *He left the army and returned to civilian life*.

civilization, -isation /sɪvələ'zeɪʃn; US -əl'z-/ *n* **1** [U] dinhmun, fimthiam le thansonak: *The civilization to mankind has taken thousands of years*. **2** (a) [U] (esp advanced) a thango mi nunphung. (b) [C] caan khat sungih milai nunphung le nuncan thansodan: *the civilizations of ancient Egypt and Babylon*. **3** [U] a thango mi pawl: *live far from civilization*, ie far from a large town or city ○ (joc) *It's good to get back to civilization after living in a tent for two weeks!*

civilize, -ise /sɪvəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] **1** fim le thiam hrih lo milai khi fim le thiamter, thansoter; umdan thiamter: *civilize a jungle tribe*. **2** umdan thlengtha (a tha lam ah thlang): *His wife has had a civilizing influence on him*.

▷ **civilized, -ised** /sɪvəlaɪzd/ *adj* um dan thiam; fim le thiam: *civilized society, behaviour*.

civvies (also **civies**) /sɪvɪz/ *n* [pl] (dated Brit sl) khawsung mi thil thuam (ralkap ta a si lo).

Civvy Street /sɪvi stri:t/ (dated Brit sl) khawsung nuncan khawsak.

cl *abbr* **1** (pl unchanged or **cls**) centiliter: 75 *cl*. **2** class: *two 2nd cl tickets*.

clack /klæk/ *n* thil pakhat le pakhat a khawng-aw mi aw-ring (thingpheng khawn-aw): *the clack of high heels on a stone floor* ○ *the clack of knitting needles, a typewriter*.

▷ **clack** *v* [I, Tn] cuihmi aw suah: (fig) *Pay no attention to clacking tongues*, ie to people gossiping.

clad /klæd/ *adj* **1** (used after an *adv*, with *in* and a noun, or in compounds) (dated) tuam-aw, tuammi, sinfen hrukmi: *warmly, scantily clad* ○ *motorcyclists clad in leather/leather-clad motorcyclists*. **2** (in compounds) (fml) thuam, tuam: *an ivy-clad tower* ○ *iron-clad battleships*.

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cladding /'klædɪŋ/ *n* [U] a tuamtu, tuamnak.

claim¹ /klæɪm/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] covo a si ti ih dil, ngen: *claim diplomatic immunity, the protection of the law, etc* ○ *After the Duke's death, his eldest son claimed the title.* ○ *She claims ownership* (ie ways she is the rightful owner) *of the land.* ○ *claim an item of lost property* ○ (fig) *Gardening claims* (ie takes up) *much of my time in the summer.* (b) [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (for sth) amkhannak policy ihngahding mi tangka dil: *Have you claimed (the insurance) yet?* ○ *You can always claim on the insurance.* ○ *claim for damages.* **2** [Tn, Tf, Tt] a si ti ih rak ti; cuh: *claim knowledge* (ie to have knowledge) *of sth* ○ *After the battle both sides claimed victory* ○ *She claims (that) she is related to the Queen/claims to be related to the Queen.* **3** [Tn] tulsam, phuu: *important matters claiming one's attention.* **4** [Tn] thiter, paamer: *The earthquake claimed thousands of lives/victims.* **5** (phr v) **claim sth back** khirh dingih dil sal: *You can claim your money back if the goods are damaged.*

claim² /kleɪm/ *n* **1** [C] (a) ~ (for sth) dilmi, ngenmi (a man, tuah mawh man, siatsuah man): *put in/make a claim for damages, a pay rise, etc.* (b) diil mi tangka zat: *That's a very large claim!* **2** [C, U] ~ (to sth); ~ (on sb/sth) neitu sinak cuh; ngahtu ding sinak cuh: *His claim to ownership is invalid.* ○ *a claim to the throne* ○ *You have not claim on* (ie no right to ask for) *my sympathy.* ○ *His only claim to fame* (ie The only remarkable thing about him) *is that he once met Stalin.* **3** [C] a si ti ih simmi: *Nobody believed his claim that he was innocent/to be innocent.* **4** [C] mahte a si tinak e.g lei ram. **5** (idm) **lay claim to sth** (a) maita a si ti ih ham: *lay claim to an inheritance, an estate, a property, etc.* (b) a si ti ih rak tinak: *I lay no claim to being an expert economist.* **stake a/one's claim** ⇒ STAKE.

▷ **claimant** /'kleɪmənt/ *n* diltu, cuhtu (upadi vekin).

clairvoyance /kleə'vɔɪəns/ *n* [U] hmuh lo ih a cangmi le a cang lai dingmi thil a theithe timi huham.

▷ **clairvoyant** /kleə'vɔɪənt/ *n*, *adj* cuvek huham neitu (milai).

clam /klæm/ *n* kharkhem phunkhat, kep phun.

▷ **clam** *v* (-mm-) ~ [I] (US) (usu **go clamming**) kharkhem laih (tipi kap ah). **2** (phr v) **clam up** (infml) tong duh lo, ka phit: *He always clammed up when we asked him about his family.*

□ **clambake** *n* (US) tipi kap ih piknik feh (kharkhem sa an ei thei).

clamber /'klæmbə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] kut le ke hmang in harzet ih kai (thing parah): *The children clambered over the rocks.*

▷ **clamber** *n* (esp sing) har tunto ih kaimi.

clammy /'klæmi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a cin a bek hnuaihni mi: *clammy hands* ○ *a face clammy*

with sweat ○ *clammy* (ie close or humid) *weather.*

▷ **clammy** *adv.* **clamminess** *n* [U].

clamour (US **clamor**) /'klæmə(r)/ *n* [C, U] **1** au-le-kio aw. **2** ~ (for/against sth) duhlo aw/ngennak aw: *a clamour for revenge.*

▷ **clamour** *v* **1** [I] au cucu. **2** [Ipr, It] ~ for/against sth au phah in dil, ngen: *The public are clamouring for a change of government.* ○ *The baby clamoured to be fed.*

clamorous /'klæməərəs/ *adj* (fml) au le khuang.

clamp /klæmp/ *n* **1** (also **cramp**) cangkam; letama thil reknak. **2** thir, lole thing ih tuahmi thil khoh seh ti ih rektu.

▷ **clamp** *v* **1** [Tn] rek: *He kept his pipe clamped between his teeth.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A and B** (together); ~ **A to B** hmunkhat ah rek cih (thil pahnih pathum): *clamp two boards together.* **3** (phr v) **clamp down on sb/sth** (infml) thu le hla thawn rek, namsuk: *The government intends to clamp down on soccer hooliganism.*

□ **clamp-down** *n* rekcih-nak (daan, upadi).

clan /klæn/ *n* [CGp] **1** hrinza; sungza, hnamkhat; cihtlahtu pakhat ih te le faa pawl: *the Campbell clan/the clan Campbell.* **2** (infml) sungte rual, sungkhat. **3** cin le daan hmunkhat, mi pawl khat.

▷ **clannish** *adj* (often derog) hnamdang pawl ziangsiar lo, mah hnam lawnglawng duhtu, pawlkom pakhat fek zetin umkhawm ih midang ziang siar lotu. **clannishly** *adv.* **clannishness** *n* [U].

□ **clansman** /-mən/ *n* (pl -men) /-mən/ (fem **clanswoman, -women**) hnam sungtel, hnampi.

clandestine /klæn'destɪn/ *n* (fml) thil-thup; a thup ih tuahmi: *a clandestine marriage.*

clang /klæŋ/ *n* thir le thir khawn awk aw: *the clang of the school bell.*

▷ **clang** *v* [I, Tn] khawng-aw: *the prison gates clanged shut.*

clanger /'klæŋə(r)/ *n* (Brit infml) **1** hmaisongza (ningzakza) palhnak. **2** (dim) **drop a brick/clanger** ⇒ DROP².

clangour (US **clangor**) /'klæŋə(r), 'klæŋgə(r)/ *n* [U] thir khawng awmi aw-peh, aw tampi.

▷ **clangorous** /'klæŋərəs, 'klæŋgərəs/ *adj.*

clank /klæŋk/ *n* cikcin khawn-awk aw.

▷ **clank** *v* [I, Tn] cikcin khawng-aw: *The chains clanked as the drawbridge opened.*

clap¹ /klæp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** (a) [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (together) kutbeng: *She clapped her hands in delight.* ○ *They clapped their hands in time to the music.* (b) [I, Tn] lawm, lungawi ih kut reipi beng: *The audience clapped (her/her speech) enthusiastically.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb on sth** zaang khi kut in beng, dimte'n (rual duh tinak ah): *clap sb on the back.* **3** (idm) **clap/lay/set eyes on sb/sth** ⇒ EYE¹. **clap hold of sb/sth** (infml) napi'n kai: *Here, clap hold of this!* **clap sb in/into**

jail, prison, etc (*infml*) thawng thlak lohli. **4** (phr v) **clap sth on (sth)** (*infml*) a man than bet: *The government has clapped an extra ten pence on a packet of cigarettes.* (**be**) **clapped out** (*Brit infml*) tha baang neknak, baang hnephnep; hman tamtuk zomi: *a clapped-out old bicycle.*
 ▷ **clap n 1** [sing] kutbeng: *Let's give her a big clap, ie applaud her.* **2** [C] ~ **on sth** rualpi zaang beng: *give sb a clap on the back.* **3** [C] a puak durdo: *a clap of thunder.*

clap² /klæp/ n [U] (also **the clap**) (*sl*) nunau le mipa pawl-awknak in a suan aw theimi natnak, a hleice in gonorrhea.

clapboard /'klæpbɔ:d/ (US) = WEATHER-BOARD (WEATHER¹).

clapper /'klæpə(r)/ n **1** keleng, rang kuang tivek sungih thlaihmi thirfung/thingtan, talh-bek, talhbeu. **2** (idm) **like the clappers** (*Brit infml*) a khulrangzet, a hak zet: *go, run, work, etc like the clappers.*
 □ **clapper-board** n = WETHER BOARD.

claptrap /'klæptɹæp/ n [U] mi in duh seh, mi lungawi seh ti duh ruangih tongter mi; thuphan hlir tong: *What a load of claptrap!*

claret /'klærət/ n (**a**) [C, U] France ram Bordeaux hmun ih suak a khoh ih a sen mi thingrah uamti: *I prefer Burgundy to claret.* (**b**) [U] sabitti sen rong. Cf BORDEAUX.
 ▷ **claret** adj sen-dup.

clarify /'klærɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** [I, Tn] fiangter, theifiangter: *clarify a remark, statement* ○ *I hope that what I say will clarify the situation.* **2** [Tn] a baal a rawi mi hlön; fiimter (tidai): *clarified butter.*
 ▷ **clarification** /'klærɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ n [U] fianternak: *The whole issue needs clarification.*

clarinet /'klærənɪt/ n phirivau tumpi, clarinet.
 ▷ **clarinetist** (also **clarinetist**) n clarinet tumtu.

clarion /'klærɪən/ adj [attrib] a ring, a fiangih thathoza a simi: *a clarion call to action.*

clarity /'klærəti/ n [U] a fiangfainak; a fimzia (tidai): *clarity of expression, thinking, vision.*

clash¹ /klæʃ/ v **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn.p] ~ (**sth and sth**) (**together**) pah, khawng, pah aw, kalh aw, dodal, khawng aw: *Their swords clashed.* ○ *She clashed the cymbals together.* **2** [I, Ipr] (**a**) ~ (**with sb**) do-aw, hau-aw: *The two armies clashed.* ○ *Demonstrators clashed with police.* (**b**) ~ (**with sb**) (**on/over sth**) lungrua lo: *The Government clashed with the Opposition/The Government and the Opposition clashed on the question of unemployment.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) rak deng-aw: *It's a pity the two concerts clash; I wanted to go to both of them.* ○ *Your party clashes with a wedding I'm going to.* **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) kaih aw lo, rem-aw lo: *The (colour of the) wallpaper clashes with the (colour of the) carpet/The wallpaper and the carpet clash.*

clash² /klæʃ/ n **1** khawn-awk aw: *a clash of*

cymbals, swords. **2** (**a**) ~ (**with sb/sth**); ~ (**between A and B**) do-awk, sual-awk: *clashes between police and demonstrators.* (**b**) (**with sb/th**) (**on/over sth**); ~ (**between sth and sth**) lungrua lonak, ruahnak engtaiawknak, kaihawk lonak: *a clash between the Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition on defence spending.* (**c**) dan-awknak bangawklonak: *a clash of interests, personalities, cultures, opinions.* **3** ~ (**between A and B**) rak deng aw, (nithla le thil ti ding caan): *a clash between two classes.* **4** umtudan le pianzia kaihawklonak.

clasp¹ /klɑːsp/ US klæsp/ n **1** thil cehnak (cep): *The clasp of my brooch is broken.* **2** (**a**) kut in huam (fekte'n): *He held her hand in a firm, clasp.* (**b**) kuah, pom.

□ **clasp-knife** n mawngkhiah namte; bilkhiah namte.

clasp² /klɑːsp/ US klæsp/ v **1** (**a**) [Tn, Tn.p] kut ah kai fek: *She was clasping a knife.* ○ *They clasped hands* (ie held each other's hands) *briefly before saying goodbye.* ○ *His hands were clasped (together) in prayer.* (**b**) [Tn, Tn-pr] kut thawng pom, kuah: *He clasped her to his chest.* ○ *They stood clasped in each other's arms.* **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] bun: *clasp a bracelet round one's wrist.*

class /klaːs/ US klæs/ n **1** (**a**) [CGp] pawl khat; len lam, farah lam hnaʔuan dinhmun ih a bangawmi: *the working/middle/upper class* ○ *the professional class(es).* (**b**) [U] thleidannak (len le farah): [attrib] *class differences, distinctions, divisions.* **2** (**a**) [CGp] hmunkhat ih cazir pawl: *We were in the same class at school.* ○ *Form 4 is/are a difficult class to teach.* (**b**) [C] cazir: *I have a maths class at 9 o'clock.* (**c**) [CGp] (US) cazir tlangmi, theh tlangmi: *the class of '82.* **3** [C] a bang-aw mi pawl: *As an actress Jane is not in the same class as* (ie is not as good as) *Susan.* ○ [attrib] *a top-class athlete.* **4** [U] (*infml*) thiam cuang: *She's got (a lot of) class.* ○ [attrib] *a class (tennis) player.* **5** [C] (*esp in compounds*) khualtlawnnak, tlangleng, lawng, mawʔaw parih tohmun that dan le thatlo dan a phun: *first class* ○ *tourist class* ○ [attrib] *a second-class compartment, eg on a train.* **6** [C] (*Brit*) (*esp in compounds*) university camibuai on dan a phun then: *a first-/second-/third-class (honours) degree.* **7** [C] (*biology*) ramsa le thingkung hrampi a phunphun ih then. Cf FAMILY 4, GENUS 1, SPECIES 1. **8** (idm) **in a class of one's/its own; in a class by oneself/itself** amah ih rual ah/ phun ah: *Pele was in a class of his own as a footballer.*

▷ **class** v [Tn Cn.n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (as **sth**) a phun then: *Immigrant workers were classed as resident aliens.*

classless adj **1** phun/pawl then ti um lo mi: *a classless accent.* **2** phun then awk um lo: *a*

classless society.

classy *adj* /'kla:si/ (US 'klæsi/ (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) zohsomi: a *classy* hotel.

□ **class-conscious** *adj* phundang ka si ti thinlung neihnak. **class-consciousness** *n* [U]. **class-feeling** *n* [U] pawl khat le pawl khat huat-awknak.

class-list *n* (Brit) degree thennak cazin.

class-mate *n* (cazirnak) khaankhat ih zirtlang, phunkhat ih zirtlang: *We were class-mates at primary school.*

class-room *n* cazirnak innkhaan.

the class struggle (also **the class war**) (Marx ih khawruah dan) ukto pawl le hnañuan pawl karlak thu thawn dodal awknak.

classic¹ /'klæsik/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** kumkhua daih in a ða ti ih ruahmi: *a classic novel, work of scholarship, game of football.* **2** a lamdang hleice mi: *a classic example* ○ *a classic case of malnutrition.* **3** (a) remcang zetmi, kaih-aw zetmi. (b) a thleng aw lemlo hnipuan pianhmag: *a classic dress.* **4** kum reipi din suahmi si ruangih hminthang: *one of the classic events of the sporting calendar.*

classic² /'klæsik/ *n* **1** [C] a ðatnak kumkhua a daih mi kutzuk, thuanthu, tivek pawl: *The novel may well become a classic.* ○ *She enjoys reading the classics,* ie the great works of literature. **2** [C] zohñhim tlak thil ða: *The (football) match was a classic.* **3** **Classics** [sing v] khuahlan Greek le Roman pawl ih calai le ðong (zirnak): *She studied Classics at university.* **4** [C] a mawi le ðat zia ah reipi daih hnipuan.

classical /'klæsikl/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** khuahlan Greek le Roman pawl ih ðong le calai lam pang a si mi: *classical studies* ○ *a classical scholar,* ie an expert in Latin and Greek ○ *a classical education,* ie one based on the study of Latin and Greek ○ *classical architecture.* **2** (a) pupa dan ih sakmi/tummi awnmawi, sanduai lo: *the classical music of India.* Cf POP³. (b) 1750-1800 hrawngih awnmawi, hla phuahmi: *classical composers such as Mozart and Haydn* ○ *the classical symphony.* **3** a mawi le ðat zia ah a remcang zet mi: *a classical elegance.*

▷ **classically** /'klæsikəli/ *adv.*

classicism /'klæsifi'keɪn/ *n* [U] **1** calai le zuk ah khuahlan Greek le Latin pawl dungthluntu. Cf IDEALISM **2**, REALISM **2**, ROMANTICISM (ROMANTIC). **2** classic (sanduai lo awnmawi, zukuai, inn sakdan tivek). Daan hram (thlun dan).

▷ **classicist** /'klæsisisɪst/ *n* **1** calai le zuk ah Greek le Latin ti dan thluntu. **2** khuahlan Greek le Latin calai thiamtu.

classification /'klæsi'fikeɪn/ *n* **1** [U] a pawl pawl ih then dan. **2** [C] cabu pawl a thuhla vekih then dan. **3** [U] (*biology*) rannung le thingkung pawl an bangawk dan ih then dan. **4** [C] cabu le mekazin pawl a phun ih then dan (library ah).

classify /'klæsɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp -fied) **1** (a) [Tn] a phun bangawmi then ih ret: *The books in the library are classified according to/by subject.* (b) [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ (sb/sth) (as sth) a phun ah ret: *Would you classify her novels as serious literature or as mere entertainment?* **2** [Tn] zung thuthup ih siar/re.

▷ **classifiable** /'klæsɪfaɪəbl/ *adj* a phun vek ih then theih.

classified *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a phun bang aw vekih then ciami: *a classified directory,* ie one in which the names of firms, etc are entered under labeled headings, eg builders, electricians plumber. **2** zung thuthup ca ih retmi: *classified information documents.*

□ **classified advertisements** (also **classified ads** /ædz/, esp US **want ads**) thuthang ca sungih thil lei/zuar, etc duhtu pawl ih thuthannak.

clatter /'klætə(r)/ *n* [sing] rangtlan tiki a ke awn: *the clatter of cutlery, horse's hoofs, a typewriter.*

▷ **clatter** *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn] thil khawng tahrat in ringter: *Don't clatter your knives and forks.* **2** (phr v) **clatter across, down, in, etc** ke awn ringzet in feh: *The children clattered (ie ran noisily) downstairs.* ○ *The cart clattered over the cobble-stones.*

clause /klo:z/ *n* **1** (*grammar*) catluan, asilole catluan a kim deuh lomi ðongfang hlawn (*clause* ah subject le verb an um a ðul): *The sentence 'He often visits Spain because he likes the climate' consists of a main clause and a subordinate clause.* **2** upadi ca ih bungthen (*paragraph*) rel cat nak, lungkimnak a tel mi: *There is a clause in the contract forbidding tenants to sublet.*

claustrophobia /'klo:stɹə'fəubiə/ *n* [U] lung meihol kua, lungkua, datkailawn tivek a pit sungih ummi ðinnak.

▷ **claustrophobic** /'klo:stɹə'fəubik/ *adj* cumi ðinnak nei: *feel claustrophobic* ○ *a claustrophobic little room.*

clavichord /'klævɪkɔ:d/ *n* aw tawi zet ih a ring mi khuahlan piano.

clavicle /'klævɪkl/ *n* (*anatomy*) liang ruh, hnak ruh.

claw /klo:/ *n* **1** (a) tin (a hriam mi); ramsa kut tin, ke tin: *Cats have sharp claws.* (b) tin sau nei ke: *The eagle held a mouse in its claws.* **2** hnge, cang-ai hnge: *a lobster's claw.* **3** thil chehnak thir. **4** (idm) **get one's claws into sb** (*infml*) kai; then aw lo dingin khoh zetih kom: *She's really got her claws into him!*

▷ **claw** *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (at) sb/sth tin in kheuh: *The cats clawed at each other.* ○ *The prisoner clawed at the cell door in desperation.* ○ *His face was badly clawed.* **2** (idm) **claw one's way across, up, through, etc** kut hmang in feh: *They slowly clawed their way up the cliff.* **3** (phr v) **claw sth back** cozah in tangka laksal, thur sal.

□ **claw-back** *n* ngahsalnak.

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claw-hammer *n* ki nei sobul.

clay /kleɪ/ *n* [U] **1** bellei; leibek; sentlung: [attrib] *clay soil* ○ *clay tiles*. **2** (idm) **have feet of clay** ⇒ FOOT¹.

▷ **clayey** /kleɪ/ *adj* a bekmi, sentlung tel.

□ **clay pigeon** meithal thawn bat dingih tlunvan ih tarmi lei pakan: [attrib] *clay pigeon shooting*.

clay pipe sentlung/bellei thawn tuahmi khuh-bel (kuak) lei vaibel.

claymore /kleɪmɔː(r)/ *n* kaphnih hriam Scotland pawl hmanmi nam tumpi.

clean¹ /kliːn/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) fai: *clean hands* ○ *clean air*, ie free from smoke, etc ○ *a clean wound*, ie one that is not infected ○ *wash, wipe, scrub, brush, etc sth clean*. (b) sawp cia, kholhcia: *a clean dress, towel, knife* ○ *He wears clean socks every day*. ○ *put clean sheets on a bed*. (c) nuncan tha: *Cats are clean animals*. **2** hman hrih lomi, ngan hrih lomi: *a clean sheet of paper*. **3** (a) a fai, a fiang: *Keep it clean!* ie Don't tell dirty jokes! (b) (dated) a tha; mawh nei lo: *lead a clean life*. (c) mawh lo, palhmi um lo: *a clean driving-licence*, ie one with no endorsements ○ *She has a clean record*. (d) a dan vek thlun: *a hard-fought but clean match* ○ *a clean tackle*, eg in a game of football. **4** a piang fai: *a car with clean lines*. **5** fai vurvi: *A sharp knife makes a clean cut*. ○ *a clean break*, eg the breaking of a bone in one place. **6** thiam le hmanzet: *a clean hit, stroke, blow, etc*. **7** (infml) radio activity tel lo nuclear hriamnam. **8** (idm) (as) **clean as a new pin** (infml) a fai, a thiang. (as) **clean as a whistle** (infml) (a) a fai zet. (b) thiamzet in: *The dog jumped through the hoop as clean as a whistle*, ie without touching it. **a clean bill of health** nat hnu-ah a dam zo tinak ca: *The doctor gave him a clean bill of health*. **a clean sheet/slate** a hlan ih tianmi le tu ah a siami a um lo tinak caken: *He came out of prison hoping to start (life) again with a clean sheet*, ie with his previous offences forgotten. (make) **a clean sweep (of sth)** (a) milai tha lo, thil tha lo hlo: *The new manager made a clean sweep of the department*. (b) leh zuamnak neh theh: *The Russians made a clean sweep of (the medals in) the gymnastics events*. **keep one's nose clean** ⇒ NOSE¹. **make a clean break (with sth)** nuncan thlengaw: *He's made a clean break with the past*. **make a clean breast of sth** phuang/sim theh: *He made a clean breast of his crime to the police*. **show a clean pair of heels** ⇒ SHOW². **wipe the slate clean** ⇒ WIPE.

▷ **clean** *adv* **1** a zate'n: *The bullet went clean through his shoulder*. ○ *The thief got clean away*. ○ *I clean forgot about it*. ○ *The batsman was clean bowled*, ie without the ball hitting the bat or the pads first. **2** (idm) **come clean (with sb) (about sth)** (infml) maih thu fiangte'n phuang: *I've got to come clean (with you) — I was the one who broke the window*.

□ **clean-cut** *adj* (a) a rirau fiangmi: *clean-cut features*. (b) (approx) piang le fai vurvi mi: *a clean-cut student*.

clean-limbed *adj* (approx) ruangrai tha le fem mi (nauhak).

clean-shaven *adj* khahmul, hmurhumul um lo.

clean² /kliːn/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] kholh; thiang failter: *clean the windows, one's shoes, one's teeth* ○ *I must have this suit cleaned*, ie at the dry-cleaner's. ○ *The cat sat cleaning itself*. (b) [I] a fai: *This floor cleans easily*, ie is easy to clean. **2** (phr v) **clean sth down** hnawt fai: *clean down the walls*. **clean sth from/off sth** hnawt hlo (thil ummi): *She cleaned the dirt from her finger-nails*. **clean sth out** a sunglam kholhfai: *clean out the stables*. **clean sb out (of sth)** (infml) hmang theh, mi thil lak theh: *I haven't a penny left; buying drinks for everyone has cleaned me out completely*. ○ *The burglars cleaned her out of all her jewellery*. **clean (oneself) up** (infml) kholhfai: *My hands are filthy; I'd better go and clean (myself) up*. **clean (sth) up** (a) thianfai: *The workmen cleaned up (the mess) before they left*. ○ *clean up (a room) after a party*. (b) (infml) paisa tampi ngah/hlawh: *He cleaned up a small fortune*. **clean sth up** misual cemter: *The mayor is determined to clean up the city*. ○ *a campaign to clean up* (ie reduce the amount of sex and violence shown on) *television*.

□ **cleaning woman** zung, inn thianfaiu nunau.

clean-up *n* (a) tangka tampi ngah. (b) misual cemter.

cleaner /kliːnə(r)/ *n* **1** (esp in compounds) faitertu (milai, thil): *an office cleaner* ○ *a floor cleaner*, ie substance that removes grease, stains, etc from floors. **2 cleaners** [pl] hnipuan angki pawl sii hmangih faitertu, sawpfaitu: *send a suit to the cleaners*. **3** (idm) **take sb to the cleaners** (infml) (a) tangka bum. (b) mi soi sia nasa.

cleanly¹ /kliːnli/ *adv* ol zet in, tluang zet in: *Blunt scissors don't cut cleanly*. ○ *catch a ball cleanly*, ie without fumbling.

cleanly² /klenli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) a faimi/ a thiangfaimi: *Cats are cleanly animals*.

▷ **cleanliness** *n* [U] thianfainak.

cleanser /klenz/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (of sth)** thiangfai kiukio ih tuah: (fig fml) *She felt cleansed of her sins after confession*.

▷ **cleanser** *n* faitertu thil, satpia vut tivek.

clear¹ /kliə(r)/ *adj* (-er /kliə(r)/, -est /kliərist/) **1** (a) a fiang; hmuh ol, hmuhtlang thei (thlalang vek): *clear glass* ○ *the clear water of a mountain lake*. (b) faai, vandur umlo: *a clear sky, day* ○ *clear weather*. (c) soi ding um lo, a dummi um lo, hmaphe tivek um lo, a thiang: *clear skin* ○ *a clear complexion*. **2** (a) theih ol, a fiangmi: *a clear photograph* ○ *a clear reflection in the water* ○ *a clear voice, speaker, sound*. (b) theih ol, a fiang: *a clear explanation, article, meaning* ○

You'll do as you're told, is that clear? **3 ~ (about/on sth)** a fiang, rinhllel um lo: *a clear thinker* ○ *a clear understanding of the problems* ○ *My memory is not clear on that point.* ○ *Are you quite clear about what the job involves?* **4 ~ (to sb)** a fiang: *a clear case of cheating* ○ *have a clear advantage/lead, eg in a contest* ○ *It is quite clear that she is not coming.* **5 ~ (of sth)** (a) rak dawntu um lo, a fiangfai: *a clear view* ○ *Wait until the road is clear (of traffic) before crossing.* ○ *I want to keep next weekend clear so that I can do some gardening.* (b) thinlung thiang, mawhnei lo: *have a clear of debt* ○ *You are now clear of all suspicion.* **6 [pred] ~ (of sb/sth)** dai-aw loin: *The plane climbed until it was clear of the clouds.* ○ *Park (your car) about nine inches clear of the kerb.* **7** kim, sung: *Allow three clear days for the letter to arrive.* ○ *The bill was passed by a clear (ie fairly large) majority.* **8** kat t̃ul lo, ngah dingmi tangka zat: *a clear profit.* **9** (idm) (as) **clear as a bell** hna ih theih ol zet. (as) **clear as day** a fiang/a ol tuk. (as) **clear as mud** a fiang lo. **the coast is clear** ⇨ COAST¹. **in the clear** (infml) t̃ihphan um nawn lo, zum lonak a um lo: *She was very ill for a few days but doctors say she's now in the clear.* **make oneself clear** simfiang: *Do I make myself clear?* **make sth clear/plain (to sb)** thei dingih simfiang: *I made it clear to him that I rejected his proposal.*

▷ **clearly** adv **1** fiangte'n.

clearness n [U] a thianfai dan: *the clearness of the atmosphere* ○ *clearness of vision.*

□ **clear-headed** adj fiang le t̃hate'n theihthiam mi. **clear-headedly** adv. **clear-headedness** n [U].

clear-sighted adj t̃hate'n thei thiam thei, ruat thei.

clearway n (Brit) mawtawka pawl duhduh ih cawlh sian lonak lamzinpi.

clear² /klɪə(r)/ v **1** fiang zetin: *I can hear you loud and clear.* **2 ~ (of sth)** a hlatnak ah: *Stand clear of the doors.* ○ *He managed to leap clear of (ie above) the bar.* **3** viarvi, hlo: *The prisoner got clear away.* **4** (idm) **keep/stay/steer clear (of sb/sth)** telve, pawl lo dingih hrial: *Try to deep clear of trouble.* ○ *I prefer to deep clear of town during the rush hour.* ○ (infml) *His doctor advised him to steer clear of alcohol.* **pull sb/sth clear** ⇨ PULL².

□ **clear-cut** adj a fiang zet mi: *clear-cut plans, proposals, distinctions.*

clear³ /klɪə(r)/ v **1** (a) [I] (tidai) a fim: *The muddy water slowly cleared.* (b) [I] a thiang: *The sky cleared after the storm.* (c) [I, Ipr] ~ (away) vandur um lo, ruah um lo nikhua: *It was a fine day once the mist had cleared.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] khawi: *clear the table, eg take away dirty plates, etc after a meal* ○ *clear one's throat, ie remove phlegm from one's throat by coughing slightly*

○ *clear the streets of snow/clear snow from the streets* ○ *The land was cleared of trees.* ○ (fig) *clear one's mind of doubt.* (b) [Tn] duh lo mi phiat computer sungta. **3** [Tn Tn-pr] ~ **sb (of sth)** a mawhlo ti ih thu fiangter: *clear one's name* ○ *She was cleared of all charges.* **4** [Tn] lan suak, zianghman dai loin: *The horse cleared the fence easily.* ○ *The car only just cleared (ie nearly hit) the gatepost.* ○ *The winner cleared six feet, ie jumped six feet without touching the bar.* **5** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] (vanzam, lawng) cawl siang, cawl ding on, lut siang: *clear goods through customs, ie by paying the necessary duties* ○ *clear a plane for take-off.* (b) [Tn] siah kaitu ih zoh hnu-ah thilri pawl keng siang, phur siang: *Our baggage has cleared customs.* **6** [Tn esp passive] (a) mi pakhat thuthup thu zoh ih zoihnit t̃hat hnu-ah t̃uan siang: *She's been cleared by security.* (b) cohlan tlak ti ih ti: *clear an article for publication.* **7** [Tn] check lethmat thawn tangka suah siang. **8** [Tn] a hlawk ngah: *clear £1 000 on a deal* ○ *clear (ie make enough money to cover) one's expenses.* **9** [Tn] leiba rul t̃heh: *clear one's debts, a loan, etc.* **10** [I, Tn] kawl area sung (goal area) ihsin sit hlo (bawlung). **11** (idm) **clear the air** t̃ihphannak malter (a thuhla relin): *A frank discussion can help to clear the air.* **clear the decks** (infml) a t̃ul lomi thil thiarfai t̃heh. **12** (phr v) **clear (sth) away** lawngter t̃heh: *clear away the dishes.* **clear off** (infml) fehhllo: *You've no right to be here. Clear off!* ○ *He cleared off as soon as he saw the policeman coming.* **clear sth off** pe cem t̃heh: *clear off a debt.* **clear out** (of...) (infml) zamrang te'n pok, feh: *He cleared out before the police arrived.* **clear sth out** lawng ter t̃heh, a sungih ummi thil suah t̃heh: *clear out the attic.* **clear up** (a) nikhua t̃ha, fai: *I hope it clears up this afternoon.* (b) dam t̃ha (nat ihsin): *Has your rash cleared up yet?* **clear (sth) up** t̃ifai, thianfai: *Please clear up (the mess in here) before you go.* **clear sth up** thuhla fai: *clear up a mystery, difficulty, misunderstanding, etc.* **clear sb/sth with sb/sth** thuneitu upa in lungkimpi: *You'll have to clear it with management.*

□ **clearing bank** (Brit) clearing-house neitu ih baan.

clearing-house n chek lethmat le tangka thlengawknak tangka retnak, bank, tangka zung.

clearance /ˈklɪərəns/ n **1** [C, U] thianfaietarnak: *slum clearance, ie knocking down of slum houses* ○ [attrib] *a clearance sale, ie one in which all unwanted stock in a shop is sold at reduced prices.* **2** [C] kawl ihsin bawlung sit hlonak: *a fine clearance by the full-back.* **3** [C, U] thil pakhat in a dang pakhat a kaan tikah an lak ih umhmun lawng ko tuah: *a clearance of only two feet, eg for a ship moving through a*

canal ○ *There is not much clearance for tall vehicles passing under this bridge.* **4 (a)** [C, U] siah kaitu zung ihsin vanzamleng, lawng pawl feh siannak: *get clearance for take-off.* **(b)** [U] zung thuthup hnañuan ding siannak: *give sb security clearance.* **5** [C, U] clearing-house ih chek lethmat thlengnak.

clearing /'kliəriŋ/ *n* thingkung pawl vah ðehmi ram, hmunlawng.

cleat /kli:t/ *n* **1** lawng par kainak ih hmanmi kailawn zial ih khih cihmi thing/thir (nal hlah seh tiah). **2** (usu *pl*) boot kedan tanglam ih a pheizawng ih khih cih mi rubber (rabar). **3** V vek khentio, khentio.

cleavage /'kli:vɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C] **(a)** khiingmi; kekkuai mi; ðhen-awk: (fig) *a deep cleavage within the ruling party.* **(b)** a khiing. **2** [C, U] (*infml*) aangki hngawng ong ihsin hmuhmi nunau hnawi karlak: *That new gown shows a large amount of (her) cleavage!*

cleave¹ /kli:v/ *v* (pt **cleaved** /kli:vɪd/, **clove** /kləʊv/ or **cleft** /kleft/, pp **cleaved**, **cloven** /'kləʊvən/ or **cleft**) **1** [I] a khiing, a kek: *This wood cleaves easily.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] ceek kuai: *cleave a block of wood in two* ○ *cleave a man's head open with a sword.* **3** [Ipr, tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** **through sth** ~ **sth** (**through sth**) pah suak: *The ship's bows cleaved (through) the waves.* ○ *cleave a path through the jungle* ○ (fig) *cleaving one's way/a path through the crowd.* **4** (idm) **be (caught) in a cleft stick** mangbang vansannak.
□ **cleft palate** ka-rapcong kuai (suahkeh, suahpi).

cleave² /kli:v/ *v* (pt **cleaved** /kli:vɪd/ or **clave** /kleiv/ pp **cleaved**) (*arch*) [Ipr] ~ **to sb/sth** bet, kop ringring; mi pakhat hnenah felte ih um ringring; rinsan ringring.

cleaver /'kli:və(r)/ *n* namtong tumpi.

clef /klef/ *n* (*music*) rin panga thawn tanbo (staff note) ngan tik ih aw sang/aw niam theihtheinak dingah a hmuhtu zuk: *treble/bass/alto clef.*

cleft¹ /kleft/ *n* (leikhing, lungkhing); a khiing.

cleft² *pt, pp* of **CLEAVE**¹.

clematis /'klemətɪs, US klə'meɪtɪs/ *n* [U, C] a rang le sendup ih parmi thingpar zaam pangpar.

clement /'klemənt/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** a tawkfah (ni khua). **2** zangfah thiam.
▷ **clemency** /'klemənsɪ/ *n* [U] (*fml*) **1** nikhua ðha. **2** cawhkuan awl ding zangfahnak: *He appealed to the judge for clemency.*

clementine /'klemənti:n/ *n* dawh-hlei pum fate zet phun.

clench /klentʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn] thil pahnih khoh zet ih cip/tum (kaa cip, kuttum tivek): *clench one's fist/ jaws/teeth* ○ *a clenched-fist salute.* **2** [Tn Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (**in with sth**) fek remrem ih kai: *clench the railings (with both hands)* ○ *money clenched tightly in one's fist.*

clerestory /'kli:ɛstɔ:ri/ *n* biakinn tumpi phar

tlunlam, sangkate tlunlam.

clergy /'klɜ:dʒɪ/ *n* [*pl v*] kut-suan cia Khristian pastor pawl: *All the local clergy attended the ceremony.* ○ *The new proposals affect both clergy and laity.* Cf **LAITY** 1.
□ **clergyman** /'klɜ:dʒɪmən/ *n* (*pl* **-men** /-mən/) church of England ih pastor.

cleric /'klerɪk/ *n* (*dated*) pastor.

clerical /'klerɪkl/ *adj* **1** cazi thawn a pehpar aw mi: *clerical work* ○ *a clerical error*, ie one made in copying or calculation sth. **2** pastor thawn a pehpar awmi: *clerical collar*, pastor hngawng-khih ie one that fastens at the back, worn by clergymen.

clerihew /'klerɪhju:/ *n* hnihsuakza bezaai.

clerk /klɜ:k/ *US* klɜ:k/ *n* **1** zung, dawr ih cangantu/ cazi: *a bank clerk* ○ *a filing clerk.* **2** khawnsil zung, thuðhennak zungih thuhla khumtu cazi (bawi): *the Town Clerk* ○ *the Clerk to the Council* ○ *the Clerk of the Court* ○ *clerk of (the) works*, ie person responsible for materials, etc for building work done by contract. **3** (*US*) **(a)** (also **desk clerk**) hotel cazi. **(b)** dawr zuar bawmtu. **4** (*arch*) pastor.
▷ **clerk** /klɜ:rk/ *v* [I] (*US*) cazi ðuan.

clever /'klevə(r)/ *adj* (**-er** /'klevərə(r)/, **-est** /'klevərɪst/) **1** **(a)** thil thiam, thil thei rang: *clever at arithmetic* ○ *a clever student* ○ *Clever girl!* **(b)** hman thiam: *be clever with money, a needle, one's hands* ○ *be clever at making excuses* ○ *How clever of you to do that!* **2** thiam le fim a tel mi: *a clever scheme* ○ *a clever little gadget.* **3** (*infml derog*) depde deuh ih fimvar: *Are you trying to be clever?* ○ *He was too clever for (ie outwitted) us.*
▷ **cleverly** *adv.* **cleverness** *n* [U].
□ **clever-clever** *adj* [*usu pred*] (*infml derog*) fim vekih lang tum.

clever Dick (*infml derog*) dik leh thil hmuahhmuah theitu ih ruat awtu: *She's such a clever Dick.*

clew /klu:/ *n* **1** (*nautical*) rang hnakpawng bawm ih thlaihmi thir-kual; lawng puan ih thlaihmi thir-kual. **2** puan pepawk ðemnak thirkual.
▷ **clew** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**up/down**) (*nautical*) lawng puan thlak/tar.

cliché /'kli:ʃeɪ/ *US* kli:'ʃeɪ/ *n* **(a)** [C] hman tamtuk ruangih san a man nawn lomi ðong dan, ðongkam: *a cliché-ridden style.* **(b)** [U] cuti ih hmanmi ðongkam: *Cliché is a feature of bad journalism.*

click¹ /klɪk/ *n* ðik, asilole ðak ti ih awn mi aw — nazipi awn vek: *the click of a switch* ○ *He saluted with a click of his heels.*

click² /klɪk/ *v* **1** [La, I, Ipr, Tn] tawh on, sangka khar tivek tikih ðik ti ih awnmi, ðakðak (lei awnter): *The door clicked shut.* ○ *The new part clicked into place.* ○ *a clicking noise* ○ *click one's tongue/heels/fingers.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb**)

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(**Brit infml**) (a) rualpi that, rual aw lohli: *We met on holiday and just clicked immediately.* (b) hminthang: *The film has really clicked with young audiences.* 3 [I] (*infml*) a fiang lohli (thuhla): *I puzzled over it for hours before it finally clicked.*

client /klaɪənt/ *n* 1 sibawi, sihni, lambawi tivek a pantu; thu a rontu; bomnak a latu. 2 thil leitu (dawr ih thil ra leitu).

clientele /kli:ən'tel/ *US* /klaɪən'tel/ *n* [Gp, U] 1 thil leitu pawl khat: *an international clientele.* 2 hotel, baisakup ih ratu pawl.

cliff /klɪf/ *n* lungpang, khaam.

□ **cliff-hanger** *n* a cem, a theh tik lam lawngah nganmi a fiang theimi thuanthu, zuamawknak.

cliff-hanging *adj.*

climacteric /klaɪ'mæktərɪk/ *n* tar lam pan caan, a bik in nunau dan neih cem tikcu; thazang der a thok tikcu, *the menopause.*

climactic /klaɪ'mæktɪk/ *adj* a sannakbik, a thupitnakbik, a nuambik, a vawrtawp.

climate /klaɪmɪt/ *n* 1 (a) nikhua (khawhlum, khawdai, ruah le thli um dan): *Britain has a temperate climate.* (b) hmun le hma (khawhlumnak, khawsinak tivek): *She moved to a warmer climate.* 2 thinlung um dan, boruak; lungput: *a climate of suspicion* ○ *the present political climate* ○ *current climate of opinion*, ie the general or fashionable attitude to an aspect of life, policy, etc. 3 (idm) a change of air/climate ⇒ CHANGE².

▷ **climatic** /klaɪ'mætɪk/ *adj* nikhua lam.

climatically /-klɪ/ *adv.*

climatology /klaɪmət'ɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] nikhua thuhla zirnak.

climax /klaɪmæks/ *n* 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (in/with sth) theih nuam bik caan: *the climax of his political career* ○ *The climax of the celebration was a fireworks display.* (b) a sang bik, a nasa bik tikcu (lehnak, music, tivek pawl): *The music approached a climax.* ○ *His intervention brought their quarrel to a climax.* 2 nu le pa pawl-awh ih a riambik laifangte, vawrtawp.

▷ **climax** *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (in/with sth) a sang bik hmun thleng: *Her career climaxed in the award of an Oscar.* 2 [I] a nuambik hmun/a riambik tikcu thleng (nu le pa pawl awk ah).

climb /klaɪm/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn] kai — kut le ke hman in a sannak ah kai; van kai: *climb a wall, a mountain, a tree, a rope, the stairs* ○ *The car slowly climbed the hill.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] kaiso; tumsuk: *climb up/down a ladder, along a ridge, into a car, out of bed, over a gate, through a hedge, etc* ○ *climb into/out of one's clothes*, ie get dressed/undressed ○ *This is where we start climbing*, ie upwards. ○ *Monkeys can climb well.* 2 [I] (a) tlang par kai (nomnak ah): *He likes to*

go climbing at weekends. (b) van ah kai: *The plane climbed to 20 000 feet.* (c) so ah a kai (lampi): *the road climbs steeply for several miles.* (d) thuam etc ah a hung zam: *a climbing rose.* 3 [I] hnaʔuan kai. 4 [I] a man kai: *The dollar has been climbing steadily all week.* 5 (idm) **climb/**

jump on the bandwagon ⇒ BANDWAGON (BAND).

6 (phr v) **climb down (over sth)** (*infml*) mawh coawter; thu el-awh baang: *As new facts became known, the government was forced to climb down over its handling of the spy scandal.*

▷ **climb** *n* 1 so kai, kai dingmi: *an exhausting climb* ○ *a rapid climb to stardom.* 2 sokai ding: *It's an hour's climb to the summit.*

climber *n* 1 tlang kaitu. 2 (*infml*) mi bang zuamtu: *a social climber.* 3 pharpar, thingpar hri zaam kai.

□ **climb-down** *n* theh ti ih ti.

climbing-frame *n* nauhak kai dingih tuahmi pumdon.

clime /klaɪm/ *n* (usu pl) (*arch or joc*) (hlan ʔong) ram pakhat khat; nikhua.

clinch /klɪntʃ/ *v* 1 [Tn] khencih; tlawngkhen a zim lam kuul ter ih khencih. 2 [Tn] (*infml*) nemhnget, hngetter: *clinch a deal/an argument/a bargain.* 3 [I] (*esp boxer*) buan-awh tik ih fek remrem ih pom aw: *The boxers clinched and the referee had to separate them.* ○ (*infml*) *The scene ended as the lovers clinched.*

▷ **clinch** *n* (a) pom fekaw: *get into a clinch* ○ *break a clinch.* (b) (*infml*) kuah-awh.

clinch *n* (*infml*) thu-el-awh cemternak ʔong.

cline /klaɪn/ *n* (*biology*) thil bang-aw lomi pawl a sangsang ih retmi.

cling /klɪŋ/ *v* (pt, pp **clung** /klʌŋ/) 1 [Tpr, Ip] ~ (on) to sb/sth; ~ on: ~ together pakhat khat fekzet ih rak kai (kut in): *survivors clinging to a raft* ○ *They clung to each other/clung together as they said goodbye.* ○ *Cling on tight!* 2 [Ipr] ~ (on) to sth thlah duh lo, thleng duh lo, pom ringring; pawk ringring: *cling to a belief, an opinion, a theory, etc* ○ *cling to one's possessions* ○ *She clung to the hope that he was still alive.* 3 [I, Ipr] ~ (to sth) a taap: *The smell of smoke clings (to one's clothes) for a long time.* ○ *a dress that clings to (ie fits closely so as to show the shape of) the body.* 4 [Ipr] ~ to sb/sth naih, ben-aw: *The ship clung to the coastline.* ○ *Don't cling to the kerb when you're driving.* 5 [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (*esp derog*) ben aw, pom fetfet: *Small children cling to their mothers.* 6 (idm) **cling/stick to sb like a leech** ⇒ LEECH.

▷ **clinging** *adj* 1 (puan) taksa ih a bekmi. 2 mi pawk hman; mi rinsan hman: *a clinging boyfriend.*

clingy *adj* (*infml*): *a shy, clingy child.*

□ **cling film** rawl funnak thil pat fe. Cf SHRINK-WRAP (SHRINK).

clinic /klɪnɪk/ *n* 1 bulpak tuahmi sizung: *He is*

being treated at a private clinic. **2** natnak a hleice ih zoh le tuamhlawnnak hmun: a dental, diabetic, fracture, etc clinic ○ She is attending the antenatal clinic. **3** thiam hleicetnak a nei sibawi pa in ziangtin mina a zoh ih a tuamhlawn ti zir le zohnak hmun (sizung sungah): the clinical style of some modern architecture.

▷ **clinically** adv: clinically dead, ie judged to be dead from the condition of the body.

□ **clinical thermometer** taksa hlum dan le daih dan tahnak.

clinical /'klɪnɪkl/ adj **1** [attrib] mina zoh le tuamhlawnnak lam thawn pehpar-aw mi: clinical medicine ○ clinical training, ie the part of a doctor's training done in a hospital. **2** ziang poisalo: He watched her suffering with clinical detachment. **3** a menmen, ceimawi lomi: the clinical style of some modern architecture.

▷ **clinically** adv: clinically dead, ie judged to be dead from the condition of the body.

□ **clinical thermometer** (mina) a ruang sat dan tahnak thil.

clink¹ /klɪŋk/ thir le thir khawn-awk aw: the clink of coins, keys, glasses.

▷ **clink** v [I, Tn] thir tangka fai tivek khawng-aw: coins clinking in his pocket ○ They clinked glasses and drank each other's health.

clink² /klɪŋk/ n [sing] (sl) thawng inn: be (put) in (the) clink.

clinker /'klɪŋkə(r)/ n [U] lungto meihol kang ðeh hnu-ih rung tangmi lungto ðiak.

clinker-built /'klɪŋkə bɪlt/ adj (lawng ah) thingtlep, thir tlep a zim hlei um ih tuah.

clip¹ /klɪp/ n [C] **1** (esp in compound) thir thawih tuahmi thil cehnak: a paper-clip ○ a hair-clip ○ bicycle-clips. **2** (also **cartridge clip**) a retnak ih sanmi zandawng. **3** puan parih benmi lungmankhung: a diamond clip.

▷ **clip** v (-pp-) [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (on) to sth; ~ (sth) on; ~ (A and B) together cep; hmunkhat ah cep: Do you clip those ear-rings on/Do those ear-rings clip on? ○ There was a cheque clipped to the back of the letter. ○ clip documents together.

□ **clipboard** n cahnah cehnak a ummi cangannak cahnah sah/thing tlep.

clip-on n (usu pl), adj [attrib] cehnak thawn cehmi thil: Are your ear-rings clip-ons? ○ a clip-on bow-tie.

clip² /klɪp/ v **1** [Tn, Cn-a] cehrep (kaih-ci) thawn met, tan/ceptan: clip a hedge, one's finger-nails ○ clip a sheep, ie cut off its hair for wool ○ The dog's fur was clipped short for the show. **2** [Tn] ongko vit (cahnah). **3** [Tn] ðongkam hrekhat taan ih tong: a clipped accent ○ He clipped his words when speaking. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] (infml) nasazet in thawi: clip sb's ear/clip sb on the ear. **5** (idm) **clip sb's wings** caang thei nawn lo ih tuah; mah duh mi tuah thei lo ih ret: having a

new baby to look after has clipped her wings a bit. **6** (phr v) **clip sth out of sth** ceptan, attan: clip an article out of the news paper.

▷ **clip** n **1** ceptan. **2** cehtanmi tuuhmul. **3** (infml) thong, cum. : She gave him a clip round the ear. **4** film tanmi. **5** (idm) **at a fair, good, etc clip** (infml) khulrang: The old car was travelling at quite a clip.

clipping n **1** (usu pl) tanmi: hair, nail, hedge clippings. **2** (esp US) = CUTTING¹ 1.

□ **clip-joint** n (sl) zan ih laamnak hmun (man tam).

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **clip**, **pare**, **prune**, **trim** and **shave**. These verbs refer to cutting off an unwanted part to make an object smaller, tidier, etc. Note that with all except **pare** the direct object can be either (a) the main body that is made smaller, smoother, etc or (b) the part that is cut off. **Shave** is generally used of hair on the body: (a) Monks shave their heads. (b) She shaved the hairs off her legs. We **trim** something to make it tidy: (a) trim one's beard, a hedge. (b) She trimmed the loose threads from her skirt. **Clip** can relate to cutting off an unwanted part or to removing a part in order to keep it: (a) Have you finished clipping the hedge? (b) I want to clip that picture from the magazine. We **prune** plants to make them grow stronger: (a) The roses need pruning. (b) I've pruned all the dead branches off the tree. **Pare** indicates removing the outer layer or edge of something: She pared the apple with a sharp knife.

clip-clop /'klɪp klɒp/ n klip-klop ti ih awnmawi — rang ke feh awn.

clipper /'klɪpə(r)/ n **1** clippers [pl] kut tin, sam, hrampi, hruang cehtannak thil, cehrep (kaihci): (a pair of) nail clippers. **2** a khulrangmi puanzar lawng.

clique /kli:k/ n [CGp] (sometimes derog) tumtah nei mimalte pawlkom (an pawl ah midang luh an siang lo ding), pawlkom fate: The club is dominated by a small clique of intellectuals.

▷ **cliquy** (also **cliquey**, **cliquish**) (adj) (derog) (a) pawl fate a dang ih tuah duh: Our department is very cliquy.

clitoris /'klɪtərɪs/ n fir (nunau zahmawh ih ummi).

▷ **clitoral** /'klɪtərəl/ adj.

Cllr abbr (Brit) Councillor: Cllr Michael Booth.

cloak /kləʊk/ n **1** [C] baan nei lo lengta bik hrukmi kor fual. **2** [sing] a rak thuptu/khuhtu: They left under (the) cloak of darkness. ○ The spy's activities were concealed by the cloak of diplomacy.

▷ **cloak** v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (in sth) (usu fig) thup; langlo dingih khuh: The negotiations were cloaked in secrecy.

□ **cloak-and-dagger** *adj* [attrib] (phiarawk tel mi baiskup) thupte ih phiarawk le thah awk.

cloakroom /'kləʊkrʊm/ *n* **1** lukhuh, korfual, thawng pawl retnak hmun ih zapi hmanmi inn dan. **2** (*Brit euph*) nunau pawng thawh hmun: *the ladies' cloakroom*.

clobber¹ /'klɒbə(r)/ *v* [Tn] (*infml*) **1** nasazet ih vuak/thawi: (*fig*) *The police intend to clobber drunk drivers*, ie punish them severely. ○ *The new tax laws will clobber small businesses*, ie harm them financially. **2** sung vuarvi: *Our team got clobbered on Saturday*. **3** soi nasa.

cloche /kloʃ/ *n* **1** lenglam ih phunmi thingkung pawl tlunkhuh (plastic, thalang). **2** darkhing (khawnglawng) pianhmang nunau lukhuh.

clock¹ /klɒk/ *n* **1** nazi (kut khih lomi). **2** (*infml*) tikcu siar lo thil dang tahnak: *a second-hand car with 20 000 miles on the clock*. **3** (idm) **around/round the clock** sun le zan in: *Surgeons are working round the clock to save his life*. ○ [attrib] *Doctors must provide a round-the-clock service*. **4** **beat the clock** ⇨ **BEAT**¹. **put the clock back** dungkir saal: *The new censorship law will put the clock back (by) 50 years*. **put the clock/clocks forward/back** tikcu khi nazi pakhat rangter, hnuter... (*USA* ramthen feh vivo tiki tuah tulmi): *Remember to put your clocks back (one hour) tonight*. **watch the clock** ⇨ **WATCH**². **work against the clock** tikcu kim hlan theh dingih tuan, zamrang zetin.

▷ **clockwise** *adv, adj* nazi kut feh vekin, keh lam in vorh lam ah: *turn the key clockwise/in a clockwise direction*. Cf **ANTICLOCKWISE**.

□ **clock-face** *n* nazi hmai.

clock golf bial rin laifang um kua sungah golf bawlung thun lehnak.

clock tower nazi retnak inn sangpi.

clock-watcher *n* hnatuan ban cu thlang maw ti ih nazi zoh leuhleuhtu.

clock-watching *n* [U].

clock² /klɒk/ *v* [Tn] nazi thawng tikcu tah, ti thei, thleng thei (tikcu sungah). **2** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (**up**) tikcu sungah thleng thei (tlan zuamah): *He clocked 9.6 seconds in the 100 metres*. ○ *My car has clocked up 50 000 miles*. **3** (idm) **clock sb one** (*Brit infml*) hmai ah thawi, beng: *If you do that again, I'll clock you one*. **4** (phr v) **clock (sb) in/on; clock (sb) out/off** (also **punch in/out**) thlen tik le feh tik hminsin: *Workers usually clock off at 5.30*. ○ *What is clock-in/clocking-in time at your office?*

clock work /'klɒkwɜ:k/ *n* [U] **1** nazi vek, spring (li) le leng thawng a simi: [attrib] *a clockwork toy*, ie one driven by clockwork ○ *with clockwork* (ie absolute) *precision* ○ *as regular as clockwork*, ie very punctual. **2** (idm) **like clockwork** tikcu hmanhman in; a tikcu te'n: *The operation went like clockwork*.

clod /klɒd/ *n* leikhal.

clodhopper /'klɒdhɒpə(r)/ *n* (*infml*) **1** (*derog*) mi ti hnuaiahni. **2** (*joc*) (*usu pl*) kedan phunkhat.

clog¹ /klog/ *n* thing kedan, kedil ah thing a simi kedan.

□ **clog-dance** *n* kedil thing thawng tuahmi kedan hruk ih laam.

clog² /klog/ *v* (-gg-) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ (**sth**) (**up**) (**with sth**) thil beek thawng rak phit/kham: *The pipes are clogging up*. ○ *a drain clogged up with dead leaves* ○ *pores clogged with dirt* ○ *That heavy oil will clog up the machinery*, ie prevent it from working properly. ○ (*fig*) *Don't clog (up) your memory with useless facts*.

cloister /'klɔɪstə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] (*often pl*) biakinn, phungsang tlawng tivek, ih um tlunkhuh um lamzin. **2** (**a**) [C] metilah (nunau phungki umnak) inn. (**b**) cui inn ih nunram: *the calm of the cloister*.

▷ **cloister v** [Tn Tn.p] ~ **oneself/sb (away)** mah le mah kharhkhum aw, mi kom lo: *He cloistered himself away with his books*. **cloistered** *adj* mi kom lo, mahlawng to, um: *a cloistered life*.

clone /kləʊn/ *n* **1** (*biology*) thingkung, hrampi, milai le ramsa ah nu le pa pawlnak um lo ih cithlah mi faa. **2** (*computing*) computer pakhat ih thuhla khumnak dingih tuahmi computer: *an IBM clone*.

▷ **clone v** [I, Tn] mipa pawl lo ih faa neihter.

close¹ /kləʊs/ *adj* (-ir, -st) **1** [pred] ~ (**to sb/sth**); ~ (**together**) nai (hmunhama le tikcu ah) *This station is our closest*, ie the nearest one to our home. ○ *The church is close to the school*. ○ *The two buildings are close together*. ○ *The children are close to each other in age*. ○ *Their birthdays are very close together*. **2** (**a**) thi-sa lam nai-aw: *a close friend* ○ *She is very close to her father/She and her father are very close*. **3** dai zik te: *in close proximity*, ie almost touching ○ *There's a close resemblance/similarity*, ie They are very alike. **4** a sah pit zet: *material with a close texture* ○ *The soldiers advanced in close formation*. **5** bang-aw zik: *a close contest, match, election, etc* ○ *a close finish* ○ *The game was closer than the score suggests*. **6** [attrib] terek, thazet te'n: *On closer examination the painting proved to be a fake*. ○ *pay close attention to sth* ○ *close reasoning*, ie showing each step clearly ○ *a close* (ie exact) *translation*. **7** [attrib] thate'n kil mi: *in close confinement* ○ *be (kept) under close arrest*, ie carefully guarded ○ *keep sth a close secret*. **8** (**a**) nikhua ciin/ciar: *It's very close and thundery today*. (**b**) thli lut lo, a pit: *a close atmosphere* ○ *Open a window — it's very close in here*. **9** (*phonetics*) vowel aw suahdan — lei taldan: *The English vowels /i:/ and /u:/ are close*. **10** [pred] thuthup mi theih lo ding: *be close about sth*. **11** [pred] tirhfak, fahhnat: *He's very close with his money*. **12** tawizet: *a new razor gives a close shave*. **13** (idm) **a close**

call (infml) khawngzikte; tihnung, vansiāt tong zikte: *We didn't actually hit the other car, but it was a close call.* **a close shave** luat fangfang. **a close/near thing** ⇨ THING. **close to/near the bone** ⇨ BONE. **close/dear/near to sb's heart** ⇨ HEART. **at close quarters** naih te: *fighting at close quarters.* **close/near to home** ⇨ HOME¹. **hold/deep one's cards close to one's chest** ⇨ CARD¹. **keep a close eye/watch on sb/sth** rak zohhlih. **keep/lie close** rak relh: *He decided to lie close for a while.*

▷ **closely** adv tha ngaite in; naih zet in: *listen closely*, ie carefully ○ *follow an argument closely* ○ *a closely contested election* ○ *She closely resembles her mother.* ○ *The two events are closely connected.*

closeness n [U].

□ **close season** (also esp US **closed season**) ramsa hrekhat that lo dingih kham tikcu.

close² /kləʊs/ adv **1** naihzet in: *They live quite close.* ○ *hold sb close*, ie embrace sb tightly ○ *follow close behind sb* ○ *She stood close (up) against the wall.* **2** (idm) **close by (sb/sth)** naih te ah. **close on** zikte, dengmang: *She is close on sixty.* ○ *It's close on midnight.* **close up (to sb/sth)** rite (naih te) ah: *She snuggled close up to him.* **run sb/sth close** man zik, ban zik: *We run our competitors close for price and quality.* **sail close/near to the wind** ⇨ SAIL.

□ **close-cropped** (also **close-cut**) adj (of hair, grass, etc) tawite ih tan mi.

close-fitting adj a tawk ciah; a teet nawn.

close-grained thingkung ih a then dan ri a naihawmi.

close-hauled adj (nautical) thli hrannak lam hoih in lawng puan pharh.

close-knit adj zumnak le duhmi ruangih rem zet ih um mi pawlkhat: *the close-knit community of a small village.*

close-run adj [usu attrib] neh-aw fangfang (tlan zuam ah): *The election was a close-run thing.*

close-set adj a pit (a naih aw) zetmi: *close-set eyes, teeth.*

close-up n [C, U] thil/milai a naih zet ih zukmi: *a close-up of a human eye* ○ *a television scene filmed in close-up.*

close³ /kləʊs/ n **1** lampi net a um ti khiihmuhnak: *Brookside Close.* **2** biakinn kimvel ih um inn pawl.

close⁴ /kləʊz/ v **1** [I, Tn] khar (angka): *The door closed quietly.* ○ *This box/The lid of this box doesn't close properly*, ie The lid doesn't fit. ○ *Close a door, a window, the curtains, etc* ○ *If you close your eyes, you can't see anything.* **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb/sth)** phit (kua), sing (mit), pit (dawr, sizung, tlawng, etc): *The shops close (ie stop trading) at 5:30.* ○ *Wednesday is early-closing day*, ie the day when the shops are not open in the afternoon. ○ *The theatres have*

closed for the summer. ○ *The museum is closed (to visitors) on Sundays.* ○ *This road is closed to motor vehicles.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] cemter: *The closing (ie last) day/date for applications is 1 May.* ○ *The speaker closed (the meeting) with a word of thanks to the chairman.* ○ *As far as I am concerned the matter is closed*, ie will not be discussed further. ○ *Steel shares closed at £15*, ie This was their value at the end of the day's business on the Stock Exchange. ⇨ Usage. **4** [I, Tn] fiakter, naih awter: *The gap between the two runners is beginning to close*, ie One runner is catching the other up. **5** (idm) **a closed book (to sb)** zo ih theih lom: *Nuclear physics is a closed book to most of us.* **behind closed doors** zapi theih loin: *The meeting was held behind closed doors.* **close a deal (with sb)** lungkimnak tuah. **close one's eyes to sth** hmu lo vekih um, mit sing: *The government seems to be closing its eyes to the plight of the unemployed.* **close one's mind to sth** thupi ih ruat duh lo. **close (the/one's) ranks (a)** ralkap pawl a tlar in naihaw ih ding. **(b)** mah ih duhnak tan in pawl thatnak humhual kilveng dingih lungual: *In times of crisis party members should close ranks.* **shut/close one's eyes to sth** ⇨ EYE¹. **with one's eyes shut/closed** ⇨ EYE¹.

6 (phrv) **close around/round/over sb/sth** kulh; kai; pom; huam: *His hand closed over the money.* ○ *She felt his arms close tightly around her.* **close down** phit (radio): *It is midnight and we are now closing down.* **close (sth) down** thil tuah bangta: *Many businesses have closed down because of the recession.*

close in (ni) tawi deuh: *The days are closing in now that autumn is here.* **close in (on sb/sth) (a)** rak nor (kap dingah): *The enemy is closing in (on us).* **(b)** kulh, khuh theh: *Darkness was gradually closing in.*

close up (hma) a dam, a reh: *The cut took a long time to close up.* **close (sth) up (a)** hmunkhat ah khawm: *The sergeant-major ordered the men to close up.* **(b)** alangte sung khar, phit: *Sorry, madam, we're closing up for lunch.* ○ *He closes the shop up at 5:30.*

close with sb (a) pekmi cohlang. **(b) (dated)** tang tlang ih ral do.: *close with the enemy.* **close with sth** cohlang (pekmi).

□ **close-down** n phit, cawl, khar.

closing price (usu pl) zungpit tikih (siar) pakhat man zat.

closing-time n zung, dawr tivek pit caan.

NOTE ON USAGE: Generally, **close** means the same as **shut** and is more formal: *Shut/Close the door!* ○ *The box won't shut/close.* When referring to the opening hours of public places, both **shut** and **close** are used: *Shops/Offices shut/close at 5:30.* Note **closed** in the following example:

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Museums are closed to the public on Mondays.

Close can mean 'terminate' and 'make smaller': *The meeting was closed after the demonstrators interrupted it.* ○ *Some politicians aim at closing the gap between rich and poor.* It is also used of roads, railways, etc: *They've closed the road because of an accident.* **Lock** means to close a door, box, suitcase, etc and fasten it with a lock and key.

close⁵ /kləʊz/ *n* [sing] **1** tikcu cemnak: *at the close of the day* ○ *towards the close of the 17th century* ○ *The day had reached its close.* ○ *at close of play*, ie at the end of the day's play in a cricket match. **2** (idm) **bring sth/some/draw to a close** a cem; a neet: *The ceremony was brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.*

closed /kləʊzd/ *adj* **1** (a) mahte um; midang pawl lo: *a closed society, economy.* (b) [esp attrib] mi malte tel: *a closed membership* ○ *a closed scholarship.* **2** ruahnak thar cohlang duh lomi: *He has a closed mind.*

□ **closed-circuit** mi malte hnenah thirhri thawn kuatmi TV zuk.

closed season (esp US) = CLOSE SEASON (CLOSE¹).

closed shop hnaŋuantu pawlkom sungtel um dawr, cetzung: [attrib] *a closed-shop agreement.*

closet /klɒzɪt/ *n* **1** (esp US) thil retnak inndan fate. (arch) thu relkhawm hmun indan fate.

▷ **closet** *adj* [attrib] thuthup, a thupte: *I never knew he was a closet queen*, ie homosexual. ○ *I suspect he's a closet fascist.*

closet *v* [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **A with B**; ~ **A and B (together)** thuthup rel ding khan thup ah: *He was closeted with the manager/They were closeted together for three hours.*

closure /kləʊzə(r)/ *n* [C, U] **1** phih: *pit closures*, eg closing of coal-mines because they are uneconomic ○ *The threat of closure affected the workers' morale.* **2** (US **cloture**) thu relkhawm me pek ih cemter daan (a bikin parliament) meeting ah: *move the closure* ○ *apply the closure to a debate.* Cf GUILLOTINE 3.

clot /klɒt/ *n* **1** a hrek tluk a khal mi (a ti), a khang, eg thikhal: *blood clots.* **2** (Brit *infml* *joc*) mi aa: *You silly clot!*

▷ **clot** *v* (-tt-) [I, Tn] a khal, a khang (thi): *A haemophilic's blood will not clot properly.*

□ **clotted cream** (Brit) khaltermi cawnaw; cawnaw khal.

cloth /klɒθ/ US *klɒθ* / *n* (pl ~s /klɒθs; US *klɒðz*) **1** [U] puanthan, pat, pu, sahmul tahmi puanthan: *enough cloth to make a suit* ○ *good quality woolen cloth* ○ [attrib] *a cloth binding.* **2** [C] (esp in compounds) puan; cabuai khuh puan, pakan puan: *a dishcloth* ○ *a floorcloth* ○ *a table-cloth.* **3** **the cloth** [sing] pastor ih hrukmi hnipuan: *the respect due to his cloth* ○ *a man of the cloth*, ie a clergyman. **4** (idm) **cut one's coat**

according to one's cloth ⇒ COAT.

clothe /kləʊð/ *v* (a) [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/oneself (in sth)** hruk; puan sin; hnipuan hruk: *clothed from head to foot in white* ○ *warmly clothed.* (b) [Tn] hnipuan thuam sak, timzalh sak, hawl sak, lei sak: *He can barely feed and clothe his family.* (c) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth in sth** puan ih khuh vekin khuh: *a landscape clothed in mist.*

clothes /kləʊðz; US *kləʊz* / *n* [pl] hnipuan, angki, sinfen: *warm, fashionable, expensive clothes* ○ *put on/take off one's clothes.*

□ **clothes-basket** *n* sawp ding/sawp cia hnipuan bawm, khengkumpi.

clothes-brush *n* hnipuan hnawtnak bras.

clothes-hanger *n* = HANGER 1.

clothes-horse *n* hnipuan phonak thing tlang.

clothes-line *n* hnipuan phonak hri.

clothes moth = MOTH.

clothes-peg (Brit) (US **clothes-pin**) *n* puan phonak hridai khennak thingzumtete, thirte, puan ceptu.

clothing /kləʊðɪŋ/ *n* [U] **1** hnipuan-angki; sinfen: *articles/items of clothing* ○ *waterproof clothing.*

2 (idm) **a wolf in sheep's clothing** ⇒ WOLF.

cloture /kləʊtʃə(r)/ *n* (US) = CLOSURE.

cloud¹ /klaʊd/ *n* **1** [C, U] meiro, vandur, romei: *black clouds appearing from the west* ○ *There wasn't a cloud in the sky.* ○ *The top of the mountain was covered in cloud.* **2** [C] (a) khuh, lei khu, mei khu. (b) kharbawk rual (a tam zetmi): *a cloud of locusts.* **3** [C] mi phentu thilpaate. **4** [C] (fig) thinlung tisiattu: *A cloud of suspicion is hanging over him.* ○ *Her arrival cast a cloud (of gloom) over the party.* **5** (idm) **every cloud has a silver lining** (saying) harsatnak khat lam ah ruahsan ding a um ve. **have one's head in the clouds** ⇒ HEAD¹. **on cloud nine** (infml) lungawi nasa: *He was on cloud nine after winning the competition.* **under a cloud** mualpho; rinhmai, lunghrin.

▷ **cloudless** *adj* meiro um lo; vanthiang: *a cloudless sky.*

cloudy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) meiro um, khua a dur: *cloudy sky.* (b) a fim lo (tidai). **cloudiness** *n* [U].

□ **cloud-bank** *n* vandur sahpi.

cloudburst *n* ruah sia (thli thawn).

cloud chamber (physics) device containing vapour in which the paths of charged particles, X-rays and gamma rays can be observed by the trail of tiny drops of condensed vapour they produce.

cloud-cuckoo-land *n* thinlung hman lo minungih ruahnak lawngih um, ram nuam/nun nomnak.

cloud² /klaʊd/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] a fianglo, a mal, malter, fianglo ih tuah: *Her eyes clouded with tears.* ○ *Tears clouded her eyes.* ○ *Steam clouded the mirror*, ie covered it with condensation. ○ (fig) *Old age has clouded his judgement.* ○ *Don't cloud*

the issue, ie Don't make it unnecessarily complicated. **2** [I, Ip] ~ (over) mithmai ah riahasiatnak lang: *His face clouded (over) when he heard the news.* **3** [Tn] siatsuah: *cloud sb's enjoyment, happiness, etc* ○ *I hope this disagreement won't cloud our friendship.* **4** (phr v) **cloud over** meero a um (vanah), nikhua a dur.

clout /klaʊt/ *n* (infml) **1** [C] cum, thong (kut ih cum le thongmi): *get a clout across the back of the head.* **2** [U] thuneihnak: *This union hasn't much clout with the Government.*

▷ **clout v** [Tn] (infml) kut thawn cum, thong.

clove¹ *pt* of CLEAVE¹.

clove² /kləʊv/ *n* hmuimer ih hmanmi luang par (kuam sung ih telhmi).

clove³ /kləʊv/ *a* pum ihsin thenmi khasuan-rang tawba ih pumthen: *a clove of garlic.*

clove hitch /kləʊv hɪtʃ/ ʃtuam tem tiki hridai sih dan.

cloven *pp* of CLEAVE¹.

clover /kləʊvə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] ʃek khat ah hnah thum neimi thil kung fate: (a) *four-leaf/-leaved clover*, ie a rare type of clover with four leaves, thought to bring good luck to anyone who finds it. **2** (idm) **in clover** (infml) nun nuam ih um: *be/live in clover.*

□ **clover-leaf** *n* (pl **-leaves** or **-leaves** /li:vz/) mawʔawka lampi hmunli ih a ʃeknak hmun.

clown /klaʊn/ *n* **1** hnihsuah saithiam. **2** mi hnihsuah.

▷ **clown v** [I, Ip] ~ (about/around) (usu derog) hnihsuah saai; mi hniter: *Stop clowning around!*

clownish *adj* hnihsuah-sai thiam mi.

clay /kleɪ/ *v* (dated fml) **1** [I] ning; tu le tu tuah ruangah ning: *The pleasures of idleness soon clay.* **2** [Tn esp passive] ning khop: *clayed with rich food.*

▷ **claying** *adj* nin-um: (fig) *a claying smile, manner.*

cloze test /kləʊz test/ catluan ih a lawngnak ah ʃongfang pawl retter ih hnihsaknak.

club¹ /klʌb/ *n* (esp in compounds) **1** (a) [C] pawlkom: *a cricket, football, rugby, etc club* ○ *a youth club.* (b) [C] cuvek pawlkom ih inn: *have a drink at the golf club* ○ [attrib] *the club bar.* **2** [CGp, C] club sungtel pawl tlanlennak inn: *The club has/have decided to increase subscriptions.* ○ *He's a member of several London clubs.* **3** [C] sumdawng pawlkom: *a book club.* **4** [C] = NIGHT-CLUB (NIGHT). **5** (idm) **in the club** (Brit sl) faa von/ pai. **join the club** ⇨ JOIN.

▷ **club v** (-bb-) (phr v) **club together (to do sth)** thil pakhat tuahnak ah tangka bur cio: *They clubbed together to buy the chairman a present.*

clubbable /klʌbəbl/ *adj* mi pawl thiam.

□ **club car** (US) tlangleng ʃuai nuam bik.

clubhouse *n* golf club, tennis club tivek ih hmanmi inn.

club sandwich (esp US) a lak ih sa le salat hnah

cep cihmi sang (pawngghmuk) tlep.

club² /klʌb/ *n* **1** talh-tum. **2** golf, hockey thawinak fung.

▷ **club v** (-bb-) [Tn] tal: *The soldiers clubbed him (to death) with their rifles.*

□ **club-foot** *n* (a) [C] suahkehpi mi ke ʃha lo. (b) [U] cuvek ke nei. **club-footed** *adj.*

club-root *n* [U] kawpi le a dang pawl natnak.

club³ /klʌb/ *n* (a) **clubs** [sing or pl v] phe parih ciria zuk (a dummi ʃek thum nei): *Clubs is/are trumps.* ○ *the ace of clubs.* (b) [C] cumi phe hnah: *play a club.*

cluck /klʌk/ *n* arpi in a faate a kawh tiki hmanmi aw, ʃuktuk.

▷ **cluck v** **1** [I] a ʃuktuk. **2** [I, Tn] cik cik cik, ti in lungkim lonak langter.

clue /klu:/ *n* **1** ~ (to sth) thu maw, thil maw theih vivo theinak ih hman theihmi; zingzoimi thuhla fiangtertu/langtertu: *The only clue to the identity of the murderer was a half-smoked cigarette.* ○ *We have no clue as to where she went after she left home.* **2** cafang kom lehnak ih thun dingmi ʃongfang. **3** (idm) **not have a clue** (infml) (a) a thuhla zianghman thei lo; ziang tuah ding thei lo: *'When does the train leave?' 'I haven't a clue.'* (b) (derog) fim lo, santlai lo: *'Don't ask him to do it — he hasn't a clue.'*

▷ **clue v** (phr v) **clue sb up (about/on sth)** thu theinter: *She's really clued up on politics.*

clueless /klu:lis/ *adj* (infml derog) zianghman thei lo, santlai lo: *He's absolutely clueless.*

clump¹ /klʌmp/ *n* bur khat (thing, hrampi): *a clump of oak trees.*

▷ **clump v** [Tn, Tn-p esp passive] ~ **sth (together)** peng liaili, a burpi in re: *The children's shoes were all clumped together in a corner.*

clump² /klʌmp/ *v* [Ipr, Ip] ~ **about, around, etc** ke songphah (awn ko pawl ʃhupʃho) ih lam feh: *clumping about (the room) in heavy boots.*

▷ **clump n** [sing] kefeh awn (ʃhupʃho): *the clump of boots.*

clumsy /klʌmzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a ti hnuaiahnmi, cangvaih dan le pianzia mawi lo: *You clumsy oaf — that's the second glass you've broken today!* **2** hman nuam lo (tokheng cabuai pawl); rem lo mi: *a clumsy pair of scissors, sideboard* ○ *It's not easy walking in these clumsy shoes.* **3** fimkhur zet ih tuah lomi: *a clumsy apology, reply, speech, etc* ○ *a clumsy forgery*, ie one that is easy to detect.

▷ **clumsily** *adv.* **clumsiness** *n* [U].

clung *pt, pp* of CLING.

clunk /klʌŋk/ *n* thir le thir khawn awknak awring.

▷ **clunk v** [I] cuh awring tuah.

cluster /klʌstə(r)/ *n* **1** a bur; naih zet ih kho khawmmi thingkung, pangpar tivek pawl: *a cluster of berries, flowers, curls* ○ *ivy growing in thick clusters.* **2** milai, ramsa, thilri penkhawm

clutch

ih retmi: a cluster of houses, spectators, bees, islands, diamonds, stars ○ a consonant cluster, eg *str* in *strong*.

▷ **cluster** *v* (phr *v*) **cluster/be clustered (together) round sb/sth** buur aw, naih tete ih um: *roses clustering round the window* ○ *The village clusters round the church.* ○ *Reporters (were) clustered round the Prime Minister.*

clutch¹ /klatʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] kut thawn kai hruak: *He clutched the rope we threw to him.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] fek zet in pom: *clutch a baby in one's arms.* ○ *Mary was clutching her doll to her chest.* **2** (phr *v*) **clutch at sth** kai dingin zuam: *He clutched at the branch but couldn't reach it.* **3** (idm) **clutch at a straw/straws** luat tum; harsatnak ihsin run tum.

▷ **clutch** *n* **1** (a) [C] kai, pom: *make a clutch at sth.* (b) [sing] kut zung le kut thawn kaihfeknak. **2** **clutches** [pl] thuneihnak, uknak: *be in sb's clutches* ○ *fall into the clutches of sb/sth* ○ *have sb in one's clutches* ○ *escape from sb's clutches.* **3** [C] (a) cet thilri (kom tertu le then tertu): *let in/out the clutch*, ie when changing gear ○ *She released the clutch and the car began to move.* (b) mawṭawka cet hertertu kepal: *take one's foot off the clutch.*

clutch² /klatʃ/ *n* (a) arpi ih khawm (op) mi arti zat. (b) a keuh khatmi arte pawl.

clutter /klatə(r)/ *n* (derog) (a) [U] thil hnoksak pawl: *How can you work with so much clutter on your desk?* (b) [sing] hnok rurinak: *His room is always in a clutter.*

▷ **clutter** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) hnokter; thil hnok zet ih re: *a room cluttered (up) with unnecessary furniture* ○ *Don't clutter up my desk—I've just tidied it.* ○ (fig) *His head is cluttered (up) with useless facts.*

cm abbr (pl unchanged or **cms**) centimetre: 600 cm × 140 cm, ie as a measure of area.

Cmdr abbr = CDR.

Cmdre abbr = CDRE.

CND /si: en'di/ abbr (Brit) Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

co-pref (used fairly widely with *adjs*, *advs*, *ns*, and *vs*) tongfang hmai ih bettu: *co-produced* ○ *co-operatively* ○ *co-driver* ○ *co-star*.

CO /si; 'əu/ abbr Commanding Officer.

Co abbr **1** (esp commerce) company: *Pearce, Briggs & Co* ○ *the Stylewise furniture Co.* (infml) /kəʊ/: *Were Jane and Mary and Co /meəri ən kəʊ/ at the party?* **2** country, ram, khua: *Co Down*, *Northern Ireland*.

c/o /si; 'əu/ abbr (care of) cabawm parih ngan theu mi; rak peksin ding ring in, tinak: *Mr Peter Brown c/o Mme Marie Duval....*

coach¹ /kəʊtʃ/ *n* **1** khualtlawng phurtu dotkhat mawṭawka: *travel by overnight coach to Scotland* ○ [attrib] a *coach station* ○ a *coach tour of Italy*. **2** = CARRIAGE **2**. **3** keli nei rangleng: a *stage-*

coach. **4** (idm) **drive a coach and horses through sth** ⇒ DRIVE¹.

□ **coachman** /kəʊtʃmən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) rangleng mawngtu.

coachwork *n* [U] main outside structure of a road or railway vehicle.

coach² /kəʊtʃ/ *n* **1** leh le pan zirhtu: a *tennis, football, swimming, etc coach*. **2** camibuai tuah ding tlawngta ca zirhtu.

▷ **coach** *v* (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (for/in sth) camibuai hrangih ca zirh; lehnak lam zirh: *coach a swimmer for the Olympics* ○ *coach sb in maths* ○ *She has talent but she will need coaching.* (b) [I] zirh, ti dan hmuh: *She'll be coaching all summer.* ⇒ Usage at TEACH.

coagulate /kəʊ'ægjuleɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] a ti in a khal ah suahter (hak zik te ah): *Blood coagulates in air.* ○ *Air coagulates blood.*

▷ **coagulation** /kəʊ'ægju'leɪʃn/ *n* [U].

coal /kəʊl/ *n* **1** (a) [U] lungmeihol: *put more coal on the fire* ○ [attrib] a *coal fire* ○ *coal dust*. (b) [C] a kang rero mi lungmeihol: *A hot coal fell out of the fire and burnt the carpet.* **2** (idm) **carry coals to Newcastle** ⇒ CARRY. **haul sb over the coals** ⇒ HAUL. **heap coals of fire on sb's head** ⇒ HEAP.

▷ **coal** *v* **1** [Tn] lawng sungah lungmeihol ret. **2** [I] lawng khi lungmeihol thawn khah.

□ **coal-black** *adj* dum zet: *coal-black eyes*.

coal-face (also **face**) *n* leng lam ih a hung lang mi lungmeihol tlangpi: *work at the coal-face*.

coalfield *n* lungmeihol laihsak ram.

coal gas [U] lungmeihol ihsin suakmi dat khu.

coal-hole *n* lungmeihol retnak khaan.

coal-mine (also **pit**) *n* lungmeihol khur. **coal-miner** *n* lungmeihol laitu.

coal oil *n* (US) = PARAFFIN.

coal-scuttle (also **scuttle**) *n* lungmeihol retnak kuang.

coal-seam *n* lei sung um lungmeihol tlang pawl.

coal tar lungmeihol beng (erh thei); kattaya.

coalesce /kəʊə'les/ *v* [I] (fml) pawlkhat ah kom aw: *The views of party leaders coalesced to form a coherent policy.*

▷ **coalescence** /kəʊə'lesns/ *n* [U].

coalition /kəʊə'lɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] pakhat ih kom-aw. **2** [CGp] cozah ṭuan thei dingah paṭi pahnih kha pakhat ah alangte komaw: *form a coalition* ○ *a left-wing coalition* ○ [attrib] a *coalition government*.

coaming /kəʊmɪŋ/ *n* lawng zial ih um tanglam luhnak sangka kimvel ih tidai lut lo dingih khamnak thing.

coarse /kɔ:s/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** (a) a hrawlmi, a dip lo: *coarse sand, salt, etc.* (b) a hrammi, a naal lo mi: *bags made from coarse linen* ○ *a coarse complexion/skin*. **2** (of food, wine, etc) a thaw lo, a sia. **3** (a) a mawilo mi (tong le nuncan): *coarse jokes, humour, language, etc.*

- ▷ **coarsely** *adv* a hrawl pipi in: *chop onions coarsely*, ie into large pieces.
coarsen /kɔːsn/ *v* [I, Tn] hrawlter, bo-ter, hrapter: *The sea air coarsened her skin.*
coarseness *n* [U].
 □ **coarse fish** tiva nga (salmon le trout siar lo).
coarse fishing coarse nga daw, nga kai.
coast¹ /kəʊst/ **1** tipi kap; tiffinriat kap: *The ship was wrecked on the Kent coast.* ○ *islands off the Scottish coast* ○ *a village on the south coast*, eg of England ○ *spend a day by the coast*, ie the seaside ○ [attrib] *a coast road*, ie one that follows the line of the coast. **2** (idm) **the coast is clear** (infml) tih ding umlo: *They waited until the coast was clear before loading the stolen goods into the van.*
 ▷ **coastal** *adj* [usu attrib] tipi kap nai: *coastal waters* ○ *a coastal town, area, etc.* Cf INLAND 1.
 □ **coastguard** *n* [C, CGp] tipi kap vengtu.
coastline *n* tipi kap a tlang.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Coast** and **shore** both indicate land lying beside large areas of water. **Shore** suggests the limits of a lake or sea, or a narrow strip of land next to the water: *They camped on the shore of Lake Bala.* ○ *The survivors swam to the shore.* The land at the edge of a river or stream is a **bank**. **Coast** can refer to a wider area of land or a long stretch of land next to the sea or ocean: *We live at/on the coast.* ○ *the Atlantic coast of South America.* The **beach** is usually the sloping part of the shore often covered by the sea at high tide: *The beach was crowded with sunbathers.* The **seaside** is a coastal area where people go on holiday: *Brighton is a famous seaside resort.* ○ *We're spending August at the seaside.*

- coast**² /kəʊst/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) suk ah zuang (saikal, mawtawka in; ceet tha hmang loin suk): *coast down a hill* (ie in neutral gear) *to save petrol* ○ *coasting along on a bicycle*, ie without pedaling. (b) (fig) tlangso cing: *The Socialists are coasting to victory* (ie winning easily) *in the election.* **2** [I] tipi tlangtluan ah lawng thawn feh.
coaster /kəʊstə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) palang/khuat tawdam puan. (b) zu thawl vek tohna kheng fate. **2** tipi kap ih fehmi lawng.
coat /kəʊt/ *n* **1** kawt angki; a lenglam bik ih hrukmi kor ban sau: *a waterproof, fur, leather, etc coat.* **2** ramsa hmul: *a dog with a smooth, shaggy, etc coat* ○ *animals in their winter coats*, ie grown long for extra warmth. **4** a veikhatnak si thuhmi: *give sth a second coat of paint.* **5** (idm) **cut one's coat according to one's cloth** (saying) maih ti thei taw ih thil tuah: *We wanted to buy a bigger house than this but we had to cut our coat according to our cloth.* **turn one's coat**

mah pawl tan ih pawl dangah va um; pawl tlan, pawl cer.

- ▷ **coat** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (in/with sth) khuh, tuam: *coat fish in batter* ○ *biscuits coated with chocolate* ○ *furniture coated with dust* ○ *a coated tongue.* **coating** *n* **1** [C] tinbawsi thuh zomi parih thuh betmi: *a coating of wax, chocolate, paint.* **2** [U] kawt kor ding puanthan.

□ **coat-hanger** *n* = HANGER. **coat of arms** (also **arms**) mah pawlpi, mah tlawng theihthiamnak ih tuahmi siil (tacik).

coat of mail thir cikcin thawn ih sakmi kor (ral donak ih hmanmi), taksa tlunlam khamawknak ih hrukmi.

coat-tails *n* [pl] kawt angki dung lam mei.

- coax** /kəʊks/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] **1** ~ **sb** (into/out of (doing) sth) leem, thleem: *He coaxed her into letting him take her to the cinema.* ○ *She coaxed him out of his bad temper.* ○ *coax a child to take its medicine* ○ (fig) *coax a fire with* (ie make it burn by adding) *paraffin.* **2** (phr v) **coax sth out of/from sb** leemnak ih ngah: *I had to coax the information out of him.* ○ *She coaxed a smile from the baby.*

▷ **coaxing** *n* [U] leemnak, thleemnak: *It took a lot of coaxing before he agreed.* ○ (fig) *With a little coaxing* (ie After several attempts) *the engine started.* **coaxingly** *adv*: *speak coaxingly.*

- cob** /kɒb/ *n* **1** to-rang (ke niam te). **2** rampai hngawng sau pa (a cang). **3** (also **cob-nut**) hazel tih rah. **4** = CORN-COB, vainim fuu (kawm): *corn on the cob.*

cobalt /kəʊbɔːlt/ *n* [U] **1** (chemistry) thir tivek a phunphun ernhak ih hmanmi vanrang pianzia nei thil. **2** cumi thawn tuahmi vanrang pianzia nei: [attrib] *cobalt blue.*

cobbler /kɒblə(r)/ *n* (Austral infml) pa le pa 'ka rural' ti ih kawh-awknak tlongfang.

cobble¹ /kɒbl/ *n* (also **cobble-stone**) lampi ih phahmi lungto hlum tete: *The cart clattered over the cobble-stones.*

▷ **cobble** *v* [Tn usu passive] lungto phah: *cobbled streets.*

cobble² /kɒbl/ *v* **1** [Tn] rem, belh (kedan). **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (together) thil pahni kom, thil pakhat khulrang in tuah: *The student cobbled together an essay in half an hour.*

cobbler /kɒblə(r)/ *n* **1** (becoming dated) kedan remtu/belhtu. **2** (esp US) thingthei hmuk. **3** (esp US) sabitti, tanphaza ti, cithlum le vurti rawimi, in tha.

cobblers /kɒblə(r)/ *n* [sing v] (Brit sl) thulolak: *What a load of (old) cobblers!*

COBOL (also **Cobol**) *abbr* (computing) common business-oriented language. pursum leilawn-nak hrangih tuahmi computer program tlong.

cobra /kəʊbrə/ *n* tur nei cong-or rul (India le Africa ah a tam).

cobweb /kɒbweb/ *n* (a) maimom bu. (b) maimom

coca

hri. Cf WEB 1.

coca /kəʊkə/ *n* (a) [C] a hnah kuak ih an zualmi belh.

Coca-Cola /kəʊkə 'kəʊlə/ (also *infml* **Coke**) *n* (*propr*) (a) [U] zu telh lomi, in tha. (b) [C] cumi palang.

cocaine /kəʊ'keɪn/ *n* [U] kokein taksa hit sii, rit theinak hmang pawlih hmanmi.

coccyx /'kɒksɪks/ *n* (*pl* ~es or **coccyges** /'kɒksɪdʒi:z/) (*anatomy*) zaangruh tangta bik ruh fate (meifi).

cochineal /kɒtʃi'ni:l/ *n* [U] America fikfa le cucik phunkhat thimi taksa ihsin suak thil sentleu.

cochlea /'kɒkliə/ *n* (*pl* -leae /-lɪ-i:/) (*anatomy*) hnasingih kharkhem kual vek taksa.

cock¹ /kɒk/ *n* 1 [C] (*US rooster*) arcang, a cang, a pa (varit, vavu tivek pawl). Cf HEN. 2 (*esp in compounds*) vate pawl a cang: *cock pheasant* ○ *cock sparrow* ○ *cock robin*. 3 [sing] (*Brit sl*) mipa le mipa kawh-awknak ih hmanmi. 4 (idm) **a cock-and-bull story** a cang thei lomi thu: *He told us some cock-and-bull story about having lost all the money.* **cock of the walk** mi mibur khat sungih mi nehtu bik. **live like fighting cocks** ⇒ LIVE².

□ **cock-a-doodle-doo** /kɒk ə 'du:dl 'du:/ *n* (a) arkhuaw aw (ti-ti-i-ik). (b) arcang tinak (nauhak tong).

cock-a-hoop *adj* [usu pred] lungawi zet: *She's cock-a-hoop about getting the job.*

cock-a-leekie /kɒk ə 'liki/ *n* [U] arsa le hanghnah rawimi tihang.

cock-crow *n* [U] arkhuaw zawng; vang zawng: *wake at cock-crow.*

cock-fight *n* arcang tawng zuam-aw. **cock-fighting** *n* [U].

cock² /kɒk/ *n* 1 [C] tidai pipe phihnak, pep-lu. 2 [C] meithal ai-daar. 3 [C] (Δ *sl*) zang, mipa zahmawh. 4 [U] (*sl*) thulolak: *a load of cock*. 5 (idm) **at half/full cock** meithal li kau cia. **go off at half cock** (*infml*) timtuah ciamciam hlanih thil tuah.

cock³ /kɒk/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) tung, tungter: *The horse cocked (up) its ears when it heard the noise.* ○ *The dog cocked its leg (against the lamppost), ie in order to urinate.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] kaiter, sawnter: *She cocked her hat at a jaunty angle.* ○ *The bird cocked its head to/on one side.* 3 [Tn] (meithal li) kau. 4 (idm) **cock a snook at sb/sth** (a) hnarah kut zungpi ret in mi pakhat kha hmuhsuam. (b) ziang siarlolak hmuh: *cocking a snook at authority.* 5 (phr v) **cock sth up** (*Brit infml*) siatter (thiam lo ruangah): *The travel agent completely cocked up the arrangements for our holiday.* ○ *Trust him to cock it/things up!*

□ **cocked hat** 1 a tlang hmun thum ih a tungmi lukhuh. 2 (idm) **knock sb/sth into a cocked hat** ⇒ KNOCK².

cock-up *n* (*Brit infml*) phit, buainak: *She made a complete cock-up of the arrangements.* ○ *What a cock-up!*

cock⁴ /kɒk/ *n* a tlunlam zum ih penmi hramro.

▷ **cock** *v* [Tn] a tluunta lam zum in hramro pengkhawm.

cockade /kɒ'keɪd/ *n* lukhuh par ih sihmi puan nal.

cockatoo /kɒkə'tu:/ *n* (*pl* ~s) suang tumpi nei kilaw.

cockchafer /'kɒktʃeɪfə(r)/ *n* (also **may-bug**) zan ih zuang ceep phunkhat.

cock⁵ /kɒkə(r)/ *n* (also **cock** **spaniel**) spaniel uico fate a hna bilmi, thlepmi.

cockerel /kɒkərəl/ *n* ar (pa) no (kumkhat kim lomi).

cock-eyed /kɒk aɪd/ *adj* (*infml*) 1 a kaimi: *That picture on the wall looks cock-eyed to me.* 2 mit kaai. 3 a cang thei lomi: *a cock-eyed scheme.*

cockle /'kɒkl/ *n* 1 (a) hawng (hir) nei nga phunkhat. (b) cuih nga hawng. 2 (also **cockle-shell**) vokkuang-lawng fate. 3 (idm) **warm the cockles** ⇒ WARM².

cockney /kɒkni/ *n* 1 [C] London nisuahnak lam kam ih um London mi. 2 [U] cockney awsuah Mirang tong.

▷ **cockney** *adj* [esp attrib] cockney (pawl ih): *a cockney accent* ○ *cockney humour, slang, wit.*

cockpit /'kɒkpɪt/ *n* 1 vanzamleng sungih a mawngtu tohmun khaan. 2 tlan zuamnakh mawtawka mawngtu tokham. 3 ar tawng/do awk hmun. (b) ral do hmun: *Belgium has been called the cockpit of Europe.*

cockroach /'kɒkrəʊtʃ/ (also **roach**) *n* cukcu.

cockscumb /'kɒkskʌm/ *n* ar suang.

cocksure /kɒk'ʃʊ:(r); US kɒk'ʃʊər/ *adj* (*infml*) ~ (**about/of sth**) zum tuk, a si rori ding zum: *He's so cocksure — I'd love to see him proved wrong.*

cocktail /'kɒkteɪl/ *n* 1 [C] zureu le thingthei rawi mi zu: [attrib] *a cocktail party.* 2 [C, U] thingthei thingrah phunphun cawhrawi mi eitha: *prawn cocktail*, ie mixture of prawns and mayonnaise eaten as a first course ○ *fruit cocktail*, ie mixture of small pieces of fruit, usu eaten as a dessert. 3 [C] (*infml*) phun dangdang cawhrawi mi thil: *a lethal cocktail of drugs.*

cocky /'kɒki/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*infml*) puarthau, hngal.

▷ **cockily** *adv.* **cockiness** *n* [U].

coco /kəʊkəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~s) = COCONUT PALM (COCONUT).

cocoa /kəʊkəʊ/ *n* (a) [U] koko ci rialdip mi chocolate. (b) [C, U] cocoa ti (in tha): *a mug of cocoa.*

coconut /kəʊkənʌt/ *n* (a) [C] ung thei, ung rah. (b) [U] ungthei a sung sa: [attrib] *coconut icing.*

□ **coconut matting** ung pher.

coconut palm (also **coco, coco-palm**) ung kung.

coconut shy ung thei dennak hmun thingkhan sang.

cocoon /kə'ku:n/ *n* **1** pu pangang inn. **2** a nemmi thil khuhnak: *wrapped in a cocoon of blankets.*

▷ **cocoon** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] tuam; khuu: *cocooned in luxury.*

cod /kɒd/ *n* **1** [C] (pl unchanged) (also **codfish**) tipi sung um khot ngapi. **2** [U] khot ngasa.

□ **cod-liver oil** *n* [U] khot ngathau — vitamin A le D a tel.

COD /si: əv'di:/ (a) (Brit) cash on delivery. (b) (US) collect (payment) on delivery.

coda /'kəʊdə/ *n* (music) hla fingkhat ih a cemnetnak, a hmaisai lam ih aw-thluk thawn a bang aw lomi.

coddle /'kɒdl/ *v* [Tn] **1** tuamhlawm tha: *He'll need to be coddled after his illness.* **2** arti buh (ti so zikte ah).

code /kəʊd/ *n* **1** [C, U] (often in compounds) (a) a dang can-ai ih nganmi tongfang, cawang pawl: *a letter in code* ○ *break/crack* (ie decipher) *a code* ○ *a post-code/postal code.* (b) rak tawrel ciami vekih thuthup thir-hri cakuat dan: *Morse code.* **2** [C] daan: *the penal code* ○ *the highway code.* (b) um dan (ziaza): *a code of behaviour/honour* ○ *a code of practice*, ie set of professional standards agreed on by members of a particular profession.

▷ **code** *v* [Tn] siar/thei thei hlah seh ti ih cawang thup hman in ngan/kuat: *coded messages.*

codeine /kəʊdi:n/ *n* [U] bing thawn tuahmi sii; nat-tam a kiamter thei; mit a kuhter thei.

codex /kəʊdeks/ *n* (pl **codices** /'kɒdɪsɜ:/) kut ih nganmi khuahlan cabu.

codger /'kɒdʒə(r)/ *n* (infml) milai (a tar, a phundang deuhmi): *He's a funny old codger.*

codicil /kəʊdɪsɪl/ *n* (law) thu pakhat betsal mi rocahnak ca: *She added a codicil to her will just before she died.*

codify /kəʊdɪfaɪ/ *US* /'kɒdɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] thlun dingmi daan pawl khi thate'n finkhawm.

▷ **codification** /kəʊdɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *US* /'kɒd-/ *n* [U].

codpiece /'kɒdpi:s/ *n* zabi 15 le 16 hrawng ih hmanmi zaal.

codswallop *n* [U] (Brit infml) thulolak: *He's talking (a load of) codswallop.*

coed /kəʊəd/ *n* (esp US infml) nunau le mipa hmunkhat ih cazirnak tlawng ih nunau tlawngta.

▷ **coed** *adj* (infml) nunau le mipa hmunkhat ih cazirnak tlawng: *Is your school coed?* ○ *a coed school.*

coeducation /kəʊədʒʊ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U] nunau le mipa hmunkhat ih cazir.

▷ **coeducational** /-'keɪʃənəl/ *adj.*

coefficient /kəʊ'fɪʃnt/ *n* **1** (mathematics) a zat zaai bawmtu: *In 3xy, 3 is the coefficient of xy.* **2** (physics) measure of a particular property of a substance under specified condition: *the coefficient of friction.*

coerce /kəʊ'si:s/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into sth/doing

sth) (fml) titer hramhram: *coerce sb into submission* ○ *They were coerced into signing the contract.*

▷ **coercion** /kəʊ'si:ʃn/ *US* -ʒn/ *n* [U] hramhram ih titernak: *He paid the money under coercion.*

coercive /kəʊ'si:sɪv/ *adj* mi tlerh hman; hramhram ih mi fial hman: *coercive methods, measures, tactics, etc.*

coeval /kəʊ'i:vl/ *adj* ~ (with sb/sth) (fml) kum bangaw; khukthi, khuk khat.

▷ **coeval** *n* (fml) khukthi; khukrual.

coexist /kəʊɪ'gɪzɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/sth) (a) hmunkhat ah nungtlang. (b) a rem-awlo mi ram pawl do aw loih umtlang.

▷ **coexistence** *n* [U] (Naing-ngan-yi = ram hruainak ruahdan a bangmi ram pawl) daite ih umtlangnak: *coexistence.*

C of E /si: əv 'i:/ *abbr* Church of England: *Are you C of E?* Cf CE.

coffee /'kɒfi/ *US* /'kɔ:fi/ *n* **1** [U] khawfi vut, phut: *half a pound of coffee* ○ *instant coffee*, ie coffee powder that dissolves in boiling water ○ [attrib] *a coffee cake*, ie one flavoured with coffee. **2** (a) [U] in dingih tuahmi kawfi: *a cup of coffee* ○ *make some coffee.* (b) [C] khawfi hai khat: *Two black/white coffees, please*, ie without/with milk. **3** [U] khawfi pianzia: [attrib] *a coffee carpet.*

□ **coffee** *abbr* (Brit) khawfi dawr.

coffee bean khawfi mu.

coffee grinder (also **coffee-mill**) khawfi rialnak.

coffee-house *n* (formerly) khawfi dawr.

coffee shop (US) khawfi le rawl dawr.

coffee-table *n* cabuai niam. **coffee-table book** zuk tel, a mankhung zet mi cabu (mi siar ding ah an re theu).

coffee tree khawfi kung.

coffer /'kɒfi/ *US* /'kɔ:fi/ *n* **1** [U] tangka kuang. **2**

coffers [pl] (fml) khawl mi sum le pai: *The nation's coffers are empty.* **3** (architecture) siling (inn) tuahnak ih hmanmi thing ih bencih mi thil mawi. **4** (also **coffer-dam**) tidai sungih khur laihi tikihi hmanmi ti lut thei lo kuang tung saupi.

coffin /'kɒfɪn/ *n* **1** mithi ruak kuang. **2** (idm) **a nail in sb's/sth's coffin** ⇒ NAIL.

cog /kɒg/ **1** uihha (cet ih ta). **2** (idm) **a cog in the machine** (infml) tampi lak ih mi thupi pakhat.

□ **cog-railway** *n* (esp US) = RACK-RAILWAY (RACK¹).

cog-wheel *n* uihha nei leng.

cogent /kəʊdʒənt/ *adj* a khoh mi (thuhla) eel ding har: *He produced cogent reasons for the change of policy.*

▷ **cogency** /kəʊdʒənsɪ/ *n* [U] thupi suahpi mi ih a hmual, a tha. **cogently** *adv*: *The case was cogently argued.*

cogitate /kɒdʒɪteɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] (fml or joc) ~ (about/on) sth thukpi ih ruat (thuhla).

▷ **cogitation** /kɒdʒɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] (fml) thukpi ih ruahnak: *After much cogitation I have decided to resign.*

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cognac /kɒnjæk/ *n* (a) [U] France suak zu. (b) [C] cognac hai khat.

cognate /kɒgneɪt/ *adj* ~ (with sth) **1** (linguistics) tong-hram a bangaw mi: *The German word 'Haus' is cognate with the English word 'house'.* ○ German and Dutch are cognate languages. **2** bangawknak tampi um; pehpar-aw: *Physics and astronomy are cognate sciences.* ▷ **cognate** *n* (linguistics) tonghram khat: 'Haus' and 'house' are cognates.

cognition /kɒgnɪʃn/ *n* [U] (psychology) theihnak, cinkennak.

▷ **cognitive** /kɒgnɪfɪv/ *adj* theihnak lam: a child's cognitive development.

cognizance /kɒgnɪzəns/ *n* [U] **1** (fml) thu theih, rak theihnak: *have cognizance of sth.* **2** (esp law) theih ban zat: *These matters fall within/go beyond the cognizance of this court.* **3** (idm) **take cognizance of sth** (esp law) thu rak thei ban: *take cognizance of new evidence.*

▷ **cognizant** *adj* [pred] ~ of sth (fml) rak theihmi.

cognoscente /kɒnjə'senti/ *n* (pl **cognoscenti**) *n* (Italian) (usu pl) thil ziang maw tha theih sak le lawm thiamtu: *a restaurant favoured by the cognoscenti.*

cohabit /kəʊ'hæbɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (fml) umkhat (nunau le mipa thi-aw lo ih um khat men): *They were cohabiting for three years before their marriage.*

▷ **cohabitation** /kəʊ'hæbrɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* [U].

cohere /kəʊ'hɪə(r)/ *v* [I] **1** ben-aw; pawlkom-aw. Cf COHESION **1**. **2** (ruahnak, thuhla, tivek pawl) pawlkhawm, dunghmai zawn-aw.

▷ **coherent** /kəʊ'hɪərənt/ *adj* a fiangmi; theih olmi (tong) thlengaw lo: *a coherent analysis, argument, description, etc* ○ *The government lacks a coherent economic policy.* ○ *He's not very coherent on the telephone.* **coherence** /-rəns/ (also **coherency**) *n* [U] a fiangnak, dung-hmai zawnawknak. **coherently** *adv*: *express one's ideas coherently.* Cf INCOHERENT.

cohesion /kəʊ'hɪ:ʒn/ *n* [U] **1** lungruualnak ben-aw: *the cohesion of the family unit* ○ *a lack of cohesion.* Cf COHERE **1**. **2** (physics) molecules komtertu thazaang.

▷ **cohesive** /kəʊ'hɪ:sɪv/ *adj* (a) kom aw duh/thei: *a cohesive social unit.* (b) ben-aw, kopawkter theihmi: *cohesive forces.* **cohesively** *adv.* **cohesiveness** *n* [U].

cohort /kəʊhɔ:t/ *n* [CGp] **1** khuahlan Rom ralkap legion pakhat ih 1/10, ralkap 500 lai an um. **2** mi bur khat.

COI /si: əv 'aɪ/ *abbr* (Brit) Central Office of Information.

coif /kɔɪf/ *n* (formerly) tanphaza hawng kauseu pianhmang nei lukhuh.

coiffeur /kwɑ:'fʃjʊə(r)/ (fem **coiffeuse** /kwɑ:'fʃz:(r)/) *n* (French) sammet.

coiffure /kwɑ:'fʃjʊə(r)/ *n* (French) sam tom dan, sam mawih dan.

coil /kɔɪl/ *v* [Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (oneself/ sth) **round sth/up** her kual (kharkhem hawng vekin): *The snake coiled (itself) round the branch.* ○ *coil (up) a length of rope, flex, wire, etc.*

▷ **coil** *n* **1** hri kual, thir kual: *a coil of flex.* **2** hridai kual, kual khat: *the thick coils of python* ○ *a coil of hair.* **3** electric hri coil. **4** = INTRA-UTERINE DEVICE (INTRA-UTERINE).

coin /kɔɪn/ *n* **1** (a) [C] tangka fang: *two gold coins* ○ *a handful of coins.* (b) [U] thir tangka: *£5 in coin.* **2** (idm) **the other side of the coin** ⇒ SIDE¹. **pay sb in his own/the same coin** ⇒ PAY².

▷ **coin** *v* **1** [Tn] (a) tangka fang ah ser. (b) tangka fang ah tuah. **2** [Tn] tongfang thar phuah: *coin words for new products.* **3** (idm) **coin it/money** (infml) tangka ol zet in ngah. **to coin a phrase** (a) tongfang thar, tong thar phuah. (b) (ironic) zaran hmanmi tong a dang deuh ih hman ruangah ngaithiamnak tong ih hmanmi.

coinage /kɔɪnɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [U] (a) tangka fang tuah. (b) tangka fai tuah mi. **2** [U] tangkafai hman daan: *decimal coinage.* **3** (a) [U] tongfang thar phuah. (b) phuah thar mi tongfang: *I haven't heard that expression before — is it a recent coinage?*

coincide /kəʊɪn'saɪd/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) **1** rak dengaw, tong aw ngelcel; a tia aw; cang khat: *Her arrival coincided with our departure.* ○ *Our holidays don't coincide.* **2** tia aw cekci (thil pahnih). **3** bang-aw: *Their stories coincided.* ○ *Her taste in music coincides with her husband's/ Their tastes in music coincide.*

coincidence /kəʊɪnsɪdəns/ *n* **1** [C, U] thil a deng awmi, tikcu khat ih thil a um/a cangmi: *'I'm going to Paris next week.'* *'What a coincidence! So am I.'* ○ *By a strange coincidence we happened to be traveling on the same train.* ○ *The plot of the novel relies too much on coincidence to be realistic.* **2** [U] a dengawmi thilcang, a dengaw mi duhzawng.

coincident /kəʊɪnsɪdəns/ *adj* (fml) a rak deng aw mi (rinlopi'n).

▷ **coincidental** /kəʊɪnsɪ'dentl/ *adj* [usu pred] rinlopi ih rak deng awmi: *The similarity between these two essays is too great to be coincidental,* ie one must have been copied from the other. **coincidentally** *adv.*

coir /kɔɪə(r)/ *n* [U] ung thei hri/bu.

coitus /kəʊɪtəs/ (also **coition** /kəʊɪʃn/) *n* [U] (medical or fml) nunau le mipa ihtlangnak, luk awknak.

▷ **coital** /kəʊɪtl/ *adj.*

coke /kəʊk/ *n* [U] kattaza le daat suahciam i lungmeihol: [attrib] *a coke furnace.*

▷ **coke** *v* [Tn] coke ah tuah.

coke² (also **Coke**) /kəʊk/ *n* [C, U] (propr infml) = COCA-COLA.

coke³ /kəʊk/ *n* [U] (*sl*) cocaine.

col /kɒl/ *n* tlang pahnih lakih lei kuar (zin), tlangbak lan.

cola /kəʊlə/ (also **kola**) /kəʊlə/ *n* **1** [C] W. Africa thingkung. **2** [U] himi thing mu thawih hmuitermi intha ti = kola.

□ **cola-nut** (also **kola-jut**) *n* cola (khawla) rah.

Col abbr Colonel, (*Bo-hmu-gyi*): **Col** (Terence) Lloyd.

col abbr column(3).

colander (also **cullender**) /kələndə(r)/ *n* kho hriik; hriiknak kho.

cold¹ /kəʊld/ *adj* (**-er**, **-est**) **1** a dai (a sa lo): *feel cold* ○ *have cold hands, feet, ears, etc* ○ *a cold bath, climate, day, house, room, wind, winter* ○ *cold weather, water* ○ *It/The weather is getting colder*. Cf **HOT**, **WARD**¹. **2** rawl dai, sat lomi rawl: *Would you like tea or a cold drink?* ○ *have cold meat and salad for supper* ○ *Don't let your dinner get cold*, ie *Eat it while it is still warm*. **3** (a) rualpi that duh lemlo; khualsia: *a cold look, stare, welcome, reception, etc* ○ *cold fury*, ie violent anger kept under control. (b) ihpi paih lemlo, lukawh hiar lo. **4** a dai duamdi: *a cold grey colour* ○ *cold skies*. **5** (nauhak lehnakah) thuh mi tong dingah a naih lo. **6** [pred] (*infml*) lungmit: *knock sb (out) cold*. **7** [pred] thi, thawcem. **8** (idm) **blow hot and cold** ⇒ **BLOW**¹.

cold comfort mi a hnem thei lemlo mi: *after losing my job it was cold comfort to be told I'd won the office raffle*. **a cold fish** (*derog*) ziangpoisa lo mahte ummen milai. **cold turkey** (*sl esp US*) (a) sii a cuaimi hmakhat ih banter dan. (b) thu nuam lemlo fiangteih simnak: *talk cold turkey to/with sb*. **get/have cold feet** (*infml*) nuar, phang; tuah ding tihhrut: *He got cold feet at the last minute*. **give sb/get the cold shoulder** tha te ih zoh duh lo him. **in cold blood** zangfah um lo ih ti him: *kill, murder, shoot, etc sb in cold blood*. **leave sb cold** ⇒ **LEAVE**¹. **make sb's blood run cold** ⇒ **BLOOD**¹. **pour/throw cold water on sth** tha siattre, tha nauter, siatsuah, forh duh lo: *pour cold water on sb's plans, ideas, hopes*.

▷ **coldly** *adv* sopar lemlo in; rualpi-that duh lemloin: *stare coldly at sb*.

coldness *n* [U] rualpi-that duh lonak; khualsia: *his coldness* (ie unfriendly manner) *towards her*.

□ **cold-blooded** /-blʌdɪd/ *adj* **1** (*biology*) thi hlum lo, thi dai (ramsa): *Reptiles are cold-blooded*. **2** (*derog*) mi zangfah neilo: *a cold-blooded murderer, murder*.

cold chisel thir dai tannak thir hak (sauk).

cold cream taksa ih thuhmi hriak phunkhat.

cold cuts (*esp US*) sat ta lo ih pekmi sa.

cold frame thingkung note khuhnak thlang inn fate.

cold-hearted /-hɑ:tɪd/ *adj* zangfah nei lo.

cold-shoulder *v* [Tn] kom duh lo, biak duh lo.

cold snap a dai(nikhua) sutsi caan.

cold storage vurkuang ih thil ret: (*fig*) *put a plan, an idea, etc into cold storage*, ie *decide not to use it immediately but to reserve it for later*.

cold sweat nat le tih tuk ih a pawtmi thlan: *be in a cold sweat* (*about sth*).

cold war thu le hla thawn, sumdawnnak thawn dai te ih ram le ram do-awh: [attrib] *cold war attitudes, diplomacy, rhetoric*.

cold² /kəʊld/ *n* **1** [U] khawdai: *shiver with cold* ○ *the heat of summer and the cold of winter* ○ *Don't stand outside in the cold*. ○ *She doesn't seem to feel the cold*. **2** [C, U] raibur (hnar ti/hnar pit, dang tla naci): *a bad, heavy, slight cold* ○ *have a cold in the head/on the chest* ○ *catch (a) cold*. **3** (idm) (**leave sb/be**) **out in the cold** hnong, telh lo: *When the coalition was formed, the Communists were left out in the cold*.

□ **cold sore** (*infml*) natnak virus ruangah hmur ih puakmi hma.

coleslaw /kəʊlslo:/ *n* [U] paa zet ih ah niarniarni kawpi hnah thil dang rawi in ei ding ih tuahmi.

colic /kɒlɪk/ *n* [U] pum nat phunkhat, naute ah a tam thei.

▷ **colicky** *adj* cuih natnak ngahmi.

colitis /kə'laitɪs/ *n* [U] (*medical*) rilpi thling nat.

collaborate /kə'læbəreɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] **1** ~ (**with sb**) (**on sth**) bawm-aw: *She collaborated with her sister/She and her sister collaborated on a biography of their father*. **2** (*derog*) ~ (**with sb**) ram rak nehtu rak pawl, rak bawm: *He was suspected of collaborating (with the enemy)*.

▷ **collaboration** /kə'læbə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (**with sb**) (**on sth**); ~ (**between A and B**) bomnak: *She wrote the book in collaboration with her sister*, ie *They wrote it together*. **2** ~ (**with sb**) nehtu ral rak bomnak.

collaborator /kə'læbə'reɪtə(r)/ bawmtu.

collage /kɒləʒ; US kə'lɑ:ʒ/ *n* [C, U] cahnah fate te, puan fate te thawn tuahmi zuk.

collapse /kə'læps/ *v* **1** [I] min, cim: *The whole building collapsed*. ○ *The roof collapsed under the weight of snow*. ○ *The wind caused the tent to collapse*. **2** [I, Ipr] tlu, tluk (nat ruangah): *He collapsed in the street and died on the way to hospital*. ○ *collapse in a heap on the floor*. **3** [I] (a) cau, tha cem: *His health collapsed under the pressure of work*. ○ *The enterprise collapsed through lack of support*. ○ *Talks between management and unions have collapsed*. (b) sung, tlasia: *All opposition to the scheme has collapsed*. **4** [I] a man tum vukvi: *Share prices collapsed after news of poor trading figures*. **5** [I, Tn] a bil aw: *a chair that collapses for easy storage*. **6** [I, Tn] a per zam theh: *a collapsed lung*.

▷ **collapse** *n* [sing] **1** min, cim: *the collapse of the building, roof, bridge, etc*. **2** tisuaklonak, tlaksiatnak: *the collapse of negotiations, sb's health, law and order* ○ *The economy is in a*

state of (total) collapse. **3** thil man tumnak: the collapse of share prices, the dollar, the market.

collapsible *adj* a bil thei mi: a collapsible bicycle, boat, chair.

collar /kɒlə(r)/ *n* **1** angki hngawng; kor hngawng: turn one's collar up against the wind, ie to deep one's neck warm ○ grab sb by the collar ○ [attrib] What is your collar size? ○ a stiff collar, ie a starched detachable one, worn with a shirt. **2** rannung hngawng khih savun, thir per: Our dog has its name on its collar. **3** thirtluan, thir dawng pehnak thir per kual. **4** (idm) **hot under the collar** ⇒ HOT.

▷ **collar** *v* [Tn] (a) angki hngawng in kai; kai ngah: The policeman collared the thief. ○ (infml) She collared me (ie stopped me in order to talk to me) as I was leaving the building. (b) (dated infml) mahte thu in laak: Who's collared my pen? □ **collar-bone** *n* vokkuang ruh, awm ruh le liang ruh pehawknak ruh.

collar-stud *n* kor hngawng sih.

collate /kə'leɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] a dan-awknak theih duh ih zohthim (cabu): collate a new edition with an earlier one. **2** [Tn] a sangsang teih ret khawm (cabu, cahmai, thuhla).

▷ **collation** /kə'leɪʃn/ *n* [U] a sangsang te ih thil ret.

collateral /kə'lætərəl/ *adj* **1** sir zawn aw ih um, a zawn aw. **2** a pehpar-aw na'n a thupi lo: collateral evidence ○ a collateral aim. **3** ci khat; ci thlahtu khat a si nan, sungza dang deuhmi: a collateral branch of the family.

▷ **collateral** *n* [U] (also **collateral security**) leiba sam lehnak ih retmi, khammi thilri: The bank will insist on collateral for a loan of that size.

collation /kə'leɪʃn/ *n* (fml) a tikcu lo ih ei mi rawl (malte kuam): a cold collation.

colleague /'kɒliːg/ *n* hnaʔuan-pi: the Prime Minister's Cabinet colleagues ○ David is a colleague of mine/David and I are colleagues.

collect¹ /kə'lekt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ sth (up/together) sar, finkhawm, lakkhawm: collect (up) the empty glasses, dirty plates, waste paper ○ collect together one's belongings ○ the collected works of Dickens, ie a series of books containing everything he wrote. **2** [I] khawm aw, pumkhawm: A crowd soon collected at the scene of the accident. ○ Dust had collected on the window-sill. **3** [I, Tn] harsa bomnak paisa dil, khawl (tangka): He's collecting (money) for famine relief. ○ The Inland Revenue is responsible for collecting income tax. **4** [Tn] duhnak ruangih, lole, zohthim leh dingih khawl: collect stamps, coins, matchboxes, first editions. **5** [Tn, Tn.pr] hnawm hlön: The dustmen collect the rubbish once a week. ○ collect a suit from the cleaners. **6** [Tn] ruahnak thazaang khawl saal: collect oneself/one's wits after a shock ○

collect one's thoughts before an interview. **7** (idm) **collect/gather one's wits** ⇒ WIT.

▷ **collect** *adj, adv* (US) telefon ngaitu ih biak man rak liam sak dingmi telefon biak: a collect call ○ call sb collect, ie transfer the charge.

collected *adj* [pred] mah le mah supaw-mi, thin dai te ih ummi: She always stays cool, calm and collected in a crisis. **collectedly** *adv*.

collect² /kə'lekt/ *n* siarmi thlacamnak tawite (RC le Anglican Church ih hman mi).

collection /kə'lekʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] laak khawmnak: There are two collections a day from this letter-box, ie The postman empties it twice a day. ○ The council is responsible for refuse collection. **2** [C] finkhawm mi, lakkhawm mi (COLLECT¹ 4): a fine collection of paintings, eg in an art gallery ○ a stamp, coin, record, etc collection ○ a collection of poems, ie group of poems published in one volume. **3** [C] hnipuan thar (khawlkhawm); penkhawm mi thilri: You are invited to view our autumn collection. **4** [C] (a) biakkhawm tik ih tangka khonnak/peknak (COLLECT¹ 3): The collection will be taken (up)/made after the sermon. ○ a collection for famine relief. (b) cutivek ih khonmi tangka: a large collection. **5** [C] pen liailiai mi, pen khawm, khawm awmi milai bur: a collection of junk, rubbish, etc ○ an odd collection of people.

collective /kə'lektiv/ *adj* pawlkhawm ih tuahmi: collective action, effort, guilt, responsibility, wisdom ○ collective leadership, ie government by a group rather than an individual. Cf INDIVIDUAL 2.

▷ **collective** *n* **1** (a) [C] hnaʔuantu pawlih tawlrel mi dawr, pawlpi ti pawl: a workers' collective. (b) [CGp] cuh milai pawl. **2** = COLLECTIVE NOUN.

collectively *adv*.

collectivism /-ɪzəm/ *n* [U] khawpi vantlang in lei ram nei khawm ih ʔuan khawm, ei tlang vualvo a ʔha ti ruahnak. **collectivist** *n, adj*.

collectivize, -ise /kə'lektivəɪz/ *v* [Tn] leiram, cetzung pawl Rampi (cozah) neihmi ih tuah ʔhehnak.

collectivization, -isation /kə'lektivəɪzɪʃn; US -vɪz-/ *n* [U].

□ **collective bargaining** hnaʔuantertu le hnaʔuantu karlak ih lakha neep awknak.

collective farm (ahleice in Communist ram pawl ah) cozah in a nei ih hnaʔuan pawl ih thlawh mi loram.

collective noun (grammar) burpi hmin: 'Flock' and 'committee' are collective nouns.

collective ownership zapi (cozah) vantlang ih neihmi (loram le a thlawh dan).

collector /kə'lektə(r)/ *n* (esp in compounds) thil, tangka tivek rak khongtu, rak khawlkhawmtu (COLLECT¹ 4): a stamp-collector ○ a tax-collector ○ a ticket collector; eg at a railway station.

□ **collector's item** (also **collector's piece**)
khawl tlak thil.

colleen /kəli:n/ *n* (Irish) nunau.

college /kəli:dʒ/ *n* 1 [C, U] phunsang tlawng; thilthiam zirnak tlawng: *a college of further education*, ie providing educational and vocational courses for adults ○ *the Royal College of Art* ○ *a secretarial college* ○ *Our daughter is going to college* (ie starting a course of study at a university or a college) *in the autumn*. ○ *She's at* (ie studying at) *college*. ⇒ Usage at SCHOOL¹. 2 (a) [C] (in Britain) phunsang tlawng ih a then; University (tekatu) ih college tlawng: *the Oxford and Cambridge colleges* ○ *New College, Oxford*. (b) (in the US) university, lole, dikari college. 3 [C, U] college tlawng inn pawl: *Are you living in college?* ○ [attrib] *a college chapel*. 4 [CGp] college ih zirhtu, zirtu. 5 [C] (Brit) tlawng (a hmin ih kawhnak): *Eton College*. 6 cathiam pawl ih pawlkom: *the Royal College of Surgeons* ○ *the College of Cardinals*, ie the whole group of them, esp as advisors and electors of the Pope.

collegiate /kə'li:dzjət/ *adj* [usu attrib] 1 college/college tlawngta lam taa, college tel: *Oxford is a collegiate university*.

collide /kə'li:d/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/sth) 1 khawng, thil a hak mi pakhat le pakhat khawng-aw: *As the bus turned the corner, it collided with a van*. ○ *The bus and the van collided* ○ *The ships collided in the fog*. 2 ruahnak khatlo, khawng aw, dodal, kalh aw: *The interests of the two countries collide*.

collie /kəli/ *n* a hmur a sau ih a hmul a thur mi tuukhal uico.

collier /kəliə(r)/ *n* (esp Brit) 1 lungmeihol laitu. 2 lungmeihol phurtu lawng.

colliery /kəliəri/ *n* (esp Brit) lung meihol lai hnak hmun inn pawl um.

collision /kə'li:ʒn/ *n* [C, U] ~ (with sb/sth); ~ (between A and B) 1 khawn-awk: *a (head-on) collision between two cars* ○ *The liner was in collision (ie collided) with an Oil-tanker*. ○ *The two ships were in/came into collision*. 2 lungkim lonak; ruahnak khawn-awknak: *Her political activities brought her into collision with the law*. □ **collision course** mi thawn a khawng aw dingmi thil ti, fehdan: *The government and the unions are on a collision course*.

collocate /kə'ləkeɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) (linguistics) hmunkhat ah hmantlang theihmi (tongfang), kop theih: *'Weak' collocates with 'tea' but 'feeble' does not*. ○ *'Weak' and 'tea' collocate*. ▷ **collocation** /kə'ləkeɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] hmantlang theinak. 2 [C] hmantlangmi tongfang: *'Strong tea' and 'by accident' are English collocations*.

colloquial /kə'ləkwɪəl/ *adj* (of words, phrases etc) (tong thu) zaran hman; biak-awk tik ih hman mi; a dan fekfek vek ih hman lomi tong.

Cf INFORMAL, SLANG.

▷ **colloquialism** *n* khawlak tong ih hmanmi tongfang le tongfang-bur: *'The toaster's on the blink' (ie not working properly) is a colloquialism*. **colloquially** /-kwɪəli/ *adv*.

colloquy /kə'ləkwɪ/ *n* [C, U] (fml) pakhat le pakhat biak-awk.

collude /kə'lud/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) midang bum dingah phiar.

collusion /kə'lʊ:ʒn/ *n* [U] ~ (with sb); ~ (between sb and sb) (fml) mi pahnih maw pathum maw bum duh ih phiarnak: *There was collusion between the two witnesses*, eg they gave the same false evidence to protect the defendant. ○ *She acted in collusion with the other witness*. ▷

collusive /kə'lʊ:sɪv/ *adj*.

collywobbles /kə'lɪwɒblz/ *n* [pl] (infml) 1 sungsia awn. 2 tihphannak: *have an attack of (the) collywobbles*.

cologne /kə'ləʊn/ *n* [U] =EAU-DE-COLOGNE.

colon¹ /kəʊlən/ *n* tawka naih rilpi, tolhru.

colon² /kəʊlən/ *n* (:) himi hminsinnak, colhpi sang. Cf SEMICOLON.

colonel /kə:nl/ *n* (a) buhmuci, ralbawi (mangbawlian). (b) US vanzam ralkap ih cuvek ralbawli.

colonial /kə'ləʊniəl/ *adj* [esp attrib] 1 kawloni thawn a pehpar aw mi: *France was once a colonial power*. ○ *Kenya was under (British) colonial rule for many years*. 2 (esp US) British koloni ram pawl tizia vekih tuahmi: *colonial residences in New England* ○ *a colonial-style ranch*.

▷ **colonial** *n* kolonial ram ih umtu (ramdang mi).

colonialism *n* [U] ramdang uk duhnak.

colonialist *n* ramdang uk duhtu.

colonist /kə'lənɪst/ *n* ram pakhat ah um in koloni tuah cihtu (milai).

colonize, -ise /kə'lənaɪz/ *v* [Tn] midang ram ah vai in ramthar va din, koloni ram din: *Britain colonized many parts of Africa*. ○ *Britain was colonized by the Romans*.

▷ **colonization, -isation** /kə'lənaɪzɪʃn/; US -nɪz-/ *n* [U] koloni ramthar va dinnak: *the colonization of N America by the British and French*.

colonnade /kə'ləneɪd/ *n* lungthuam hlum tlar; a hlummi lung ban tlar.

▷ **colonnaded** /kə'ləneɪdɪd/ *adj* cumi vek thuam nei.

colony /kə'ləni/ *n* 1 (a) [C] ramdang mi pawlin an do neh ih dinsuahmi ram, koloni ram: *a former British colony*, eg Australia. Cf PROTECTORATE 1. (b) [CGp] kawloni ram hmunkhuartu pawl. 2 [CGp] (a) mi ram le mi khua ih va um pawl: *the American colony in Paris*. (b) bang aw, duhzawng bang aw, hmunkhat ih umtlang milai pawl: *an artists' colony* ○ *a nudist colony*. 3 [CGp] (biology) hmunkhat ah um ih thanglian

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tlang ramsa pawl: *a colony of ants* ○ *a seal colony*.

color (US) = COLOUR.

coloratura /kə'lɔərə'tʃuərə/ *n* **1** [U] hla finkhat sungah a hleice ih ceimawinak zawn. **2** [C] (also **coloratura soprano**) cuvek hla a saktu nunau.

colossal /kə'lɔsl/ *adj* a tum hngin, tum zet: *a colossal building, man, price, amount*.

colossus /kə'lɔsəs/ *n* (pl **-lossi** /-lɔsai/ or **-es** /-lɔsəsiz/) **1** a taktak pumrua hnak in tum ih tuahmi milem. **2** milai/thil tum hngin, thupi hngin: *Mozart is a colossus among composers*.

colour¹ (US **color**) /kə'lɔ(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] pianzia, rong: *The garden was a mass of colour*. ○ *You need more colour in this room*. (b) [C] pianzia phunkhat khat: *red, orange, green and purple are all colours*. ○ *'What colour is the sky?' 'It's blue.'* ○ *a sky the colour of lead*, ie a grey sky. **2** (a) [C, U] thil hnih tik ih hman mi ting, rong: *paint in water-colour(s)* ○ *use plenty of bright colour in a painting*. (b) [U] rong pianzia phunphun hmanmi: *Is the film in colour or black and white?* ○ [attrib] *colour photography, television, printing*. **3** [U] hmaisen (harhdam ruangah): *He has very little colour*, ie is very pale. ○ *change colour*, ie become paler or redder than usual ○ *lose colour*, ie become paler ○ *She has a high colour*, ie a very red complexion. ○ *The fresh air brought colour to her cheeks*. **4** [U] miphun thleidannak taksa vun pianzia: *be discriminated against on account of one's colour/ on grounds of colour* ○ [attrib] *colour prejudice*.

5 colours [pl] pawlkom lehnak tim pawlih hmanmi pianzia phunphun nei tacik (tangben tivek). **6 colours** [pl] (Brit) a bik in tlawng ah lehthiam ruangih pek mi: *get/win one's (football) colours*. **7 colours** [pl] tilawng ralkap thantar: *salute the colours*. **8** [U] (a) fiang vurvi nak: *Her description of the area is full of colour*. (b) (awnmawi ih) aw pum, aw per, aw thiang, aw ruum tivek in phun dangdang ih tuahmi aw: *orchestral colour* ○ *His playing lacks colour*. **9** (idm) **give/lend colour to sth** a si vekih umter/a simi bangter, suakter: *The scars on his body lent colour to his claim that he had been tortured*. **lose colour** ⇒ **LOSE**. **nail one's colours to the mast** ⇒ **NAIL** *v*. **off colour** (infml) dam lo: *feel, look, seem a bit off colour*. **one's true colours** ⇒ **TRUE**. **see the colour of sb's money** thilman ding zat tangka a nei maw ti cek fel: *Don't let him have the car until you've seen the colour of his money*. **trooping the colour** ⇒ **TROOP**. **under false colours** ⇒ **FALSE**. **with flying colours** ⇒ **FLYING**.

▷ **colourful** (US **colorful**) /-fl/ *adj* **1** pianzia tampi nei: *a colourful dress, scene* ○ *colourful material*. **2** hmuh-nuam, theih-nuam: *a colourful character, life, story, period of history*. **colourless** (US **colorless**) *adj* **1** a rau-mi, rong nei lo, a thiang, dam lo: *a colourless liquid*, eg

water ○ *colourless cheeks*. **2** duh umlo, a tha lo: *a colourless character, existence, style*.

□ **colour-bar** *n* (US **color line**) miphun pakhat le pakhat thleidannak, hmaidum le hmairang thleidannak.

colour-blind *adj* pianzia ziangvek ti thei thei lo.

colour-blindness *n* [U].

colour code pianzia thawn hmainsinnak. **colour-**

coded *adj* cuti ih hmisinmi.

colour-fast *adj* sawp tikih pianzia kok lomi (puan le a dang), rong hlit lo.

colour scheme inn sung ceimawi tikih pianzia rong ret dan le hman dan: *I don't like the colour scheme in their sitting-room*.

colour² /kə'lɔ(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Cn-a] pianzia thuh: *colour a picture* ○ *colour a wall green*. **2** (a) [I] pianzia thleng aw: *It is autumn and the leaves are beginning to colour*, ie turn brown. (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (up) (at sth) hmaisen (thin nuam lo ruangah): *She coloured (with embarrassment) at his remarks*. **3** [Tn esp passive] siatter: *His attitude to sex is coloured by his strict upbringing*. ○ *Don't allow personal loyalty to colour your judgement*. ○ *She gave a highly coloured (ie exaggerated) account of her travels*. **4** (phr v) **colour sth in** pianzia (rong) thuh, maan: *The child coloured in all the shapes on the page with a crayon*.

▷ **coloured** (US **colored**) *adj* **1** pianzia nei: *coloured chalks* ○ *cream-coloured* ○ *flesh-coloured*. **2** (a) (becoming dated) mirang le midum a si lomi. (b) **Coloured** (in S Africa) kahpia, thirawi.

colouring *n* **1** [U] si thuh dan; sithuh; rong si: *Children enjoy colouring*, eg with crayons. ○ [attrib] *a colouring book*. **2** [U] (a) rong thuh dan. (b) zukuaitu ih rong hman dan. **3** [U] pianzia: *She has (a) very fair colouring*. **4** [C, U] thil ih cawhrawimi pianzia, rong: *This yoghurt contains no artificial flavouring or colouring*.

colt /kəʊlt/ *n* **1** rang faa (kum 4, 5 hrawng). Cf **FILLY**, **GELDING** (**GELD**), **STALLION**. **2** lehnak ih tel pektu milai: *He plays for the colts*, eg the junior team of a football club.

▷ **coltish** /kəʊltɪʃ/ *adj* rang faa vek.

colter (US) = COULTER.

columbine /kə'ləmbaɪn/ *n* hmuan sung khomi hramkung phun khat.

column /kə'ləm/ *n* **1** lungto thawn tuahmi thuam pum sang (kaw, kotka dotu thuampi): *The temple is supported by massive columns*. ○ *Nelson's Column is a famous monument in London*. **2** van lam kaimi meikhu suahnak ong: *a column of smoke*, ie smoke rising straight up ○ *the spinal column*, ie the backbone ○ *a column of mercury*, ie in a thermometer. **3** (abbr **col**) cahnah parih a tungzawng rin: *Each page of this dictionary has two columns of text*. **4** cangantu pakhat ih ngan theunak thuthang ca ih hmun

pakhat: *the fashion, motoring, financial, etc column* ○ *the correspondence column is 'The Times'* ○ *I always read her column in the local paper.* **5 (a)** artlang ih fehmi, mawṭawka/tangphawlawng rual. **(b)** feh rero ralkap, tank rual. **6** a tung zawh ih nganmi nambat pawl: *add up a long column of figures.*

▷ **columnist** /kə'ləmnɪst/ *n* thuthang ca ah hmun pakhat lak ih thu ngan ringringtu: *a political columnist.*

coma /kəʊmə/ *n* ziang thei lo ih um; lungmit nat ruangah: *go into a coma* ○ *He was in a coma for several weeks.*

▷ **comatose** /kəʊmətəʊs/ *adj* **1** lungmit, ziangthei lo. **2** mitkuh, zee: *feeling comatose after a large meal.*

comb /kəʊm/ *n* **1** [C] **(a)** thaithih. **(b)** sam kilh. **2** [C] (usu *sing*) (sam) hriah: *Your hair needs a (good) comb.* **3** [C] thaithih vek hriatnak ih hmanmi thil. **4** [C, U] = HONEYCOMB. **5** [C] ar suang. **6** (idm) **with a fine-tooth comb** ⇒ FINE².

▷ **comb** *v* **1** [Tn] hriat; thaithih thawn sam hriat: *Don't forget to comb your hair before you go out!* **2** [Tn] tuuhmul pawl hriat. **3** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(through) sth (for sb/sth)** hawl ciamco: *He combed through the files searching for evidence of fraud.* ○ *Police are combing the woods for the missing children.* **4** (phr *v*) **comb sth out** a tom, a hnokmi sutfai (sam, pat). **comb sth out (of sth)** **(a)** hriat fai: *She combed the mud out of the dog's fur.* **(b)** duh lo mi hlön (pawlkomp sungin suah hlo).

combat /kəmbæt/ *n* [C, U] do-awk, kah-awk: *armed/unarmed combat*, ie with/without weapons ○ *The troops were exhausted after months of fierce combat.* ○ [attrib] *a combat jacket, mission, zone.*

▷ **combat** *v* [Ipr, Tn] ~ **against/with sb/sth** **(a)** do, tawng: *combat the enemy.* **(b)** malter, tha nauter: *combating disease, inflation, terrorism.*

combatant /kəmbætənt/ *n, adj* do-awk ih a teltu (milai): *In modern wars, both combatants and non-combatants (ie civilians) are killed.*

combative /kəmbətɪv/ *adj* (mi) do hiar, (mi) thu el hiar: *in a combative mood.* **combatively** *adv.*

combination /kəmbɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thil, milai kom, cokrawi-aw: *It is the combination of wit and political analysis that makes his articles so readable.* ○ *The firm is working on a new product in combination with several overseas partners.* **2** [C] kom-mi: *Pink is a combination of red and white.* ○ *A combination of factors led to her decision to resign.* ○ *The architecture in the town centre is a successful combination of old and new.* ○ *What an unusual combination of flavours!* **3** [C] tawh onnak ih hman mi cafang/nambat. **4** [C] (Brit) a siir ih tonak (side-car) bunmi mawṭawsaikal. **5 combinations** [pl] (formerly) kor le bawngbi a peh-aw mi hnipuan.

□ **combination** lock tawh onnak fung merh tik ah hmnsinmi nambat maw, cafang a zawn tik lawng ah a ong-awmi tawh-inn.

combine¹ /kəm'baɪn/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] **(with sth)**; ~ **A and B/A with B** kom; rawi: *Hydrogen and oxygen combine/Hydrogen combines with oxygen to form water.* ○ *Circumstances have combined to ruin our plans for a holiday.* ○ *Combine the eggs with a little flour and heat the mixture gently.* ○ *a kitchen and dining-room combined*, ie one room used as both ○ *Success was achieved by the combined efforts of the whole team.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A and B/A with B** veikhat ah thil pahnih, lole, pahnih hnaki tam tuah; sinak pahnih um/nei: *combine business with pleasure* ○ *He combines arrogance and incompetence in his dealings with the staff.*

□ **combining form** (linguistics) tongfang pakhat suak dingah tongfang dangdang a kom-aw mi: eg *Anglo-, -philia.*

combine² /kəmbaɪn/ *n* **1** sumtuah pawlkomp. **2** (also **combine harvester**) fang atnak le a cilnak a um cihmi cet. Cf HARVESTER (HARVEST).

combustible /kəm'bʌstəbl/ *adj* **1** a hlio thei; kang ol: *Petrol is (highly) combustible.* **2** (fig) thin rang; thin hlio thei: *a combustible temperament.*

▷ **combustible** *n* (usu *pl*) (meisa) a kang theimi thil.

combustion /kəm'bʌstʃən/ *n* [U] **1** a kang a hlio. **2** (chemistry) oxygen, thli le thil pakhat kom ah ih a sa le khawtleu a suahter dan.

□ **combustion chamber** dat kangternak khan.

come /kʌm/ *v* (pt **came** /keɪm/, pp **come**) **1** **(a)** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ **(to...)** **(from...)** ra, ra nai, ra pan: *She came into the room and shut the door.* ○ *She came slowly down the stairs.* ○ *He has come all the way from Leeds to look for a job.* ○ *Come and visit us again soon!* ○ *She comes to work by bus.* ○ *Are you coming out for a walk?* ○ *Our son is coming home for Christmas.* ○ *Come here?* ⇒ Usage at AND. ⇒ Usage at VISIT. **(b)** [I, Ipr] ~ **(to...)** thleng: *They came to a river.* ○ *They came (eg arrived at my house) at 8 o'clock.* ○ *What time will you be coming?* ○ *Have any letters come for me?* ○ *I've come to collect my book/come for my book.* ○ *Help has come at last.* ○ *There's a storm coming*, ie approaching. ○ *Spring came late this year.* ○ *The time has come* (ie Now is the moment) to act. **(c)** [I, Ipr] ~ **(to sth)** **(with sb)** ah ra, (mi) thawn ra: *I've only come for an hour.* ○ *Are you coming (to the cinema) with us tonight?* ○ *'Would you like to come to dinner next Friday?' 'I'd love to.'* ○ *Are you coming to my party?* ○ *Who are you coming with?* ○ *I'll be coming with Keith.* **(d)** cangvaihnak phunkhat ah telve: *Why don't you come ice-skating (with us) tonight?* **2** [I] tlawng, feh suak: *We've come fifty miles since lunch.* ○ (fig) *This company has come a long way* (ie made a lot of

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progress) in the last five years. **3** ziangtievk in a ra ti langternak: *He came hurrying* (ie hurried) to see her as soon as he heard she was ill. ○ *The children came running* (ie ran) to meet us. ○ *She came sobbing* (ie was sobbing as she came) into the room. ○ *Sunlight came streaming through the window.* **4** [La, Ipr] a ra, a cang: *Easter comes early this year.* ○ *She came first* (ie received the highest mark) in the examination. ○ (fig) *His family comes first*, ie is the most important thing in his life. ○ *May comes between April and June.* ○ *‘A’ comes before ‘B’ in the alphabet.* ○ *Her death came as a terrible shock* (to us). ○ *Her resignation came as a surprise/It came as a surprise when she resigned.* **5** [I] a um: *This dress comes in three sizes.* ○ *Do these shoes come in black?* ○ *New cars don’t come cheap*, ie They are expensive. **6** [La] a cang, ahung suak: *My shoe laces have come undone.* ○ *This envelope has come unstuck.* ○ *The handle has come loose.* ○ *It comes cheaper if you buy things in bulk.* ○ *Everything will come right in the end.* **7** [It] thleng (a tikcu): *She had come to see the problem in a new light.* ○ *In time he came to love her.* ○ *I have come to believe that the government’s economic policy is misguided.* **8** [It] thusuhnak ‘how’ thlun ih hmanmi tongfang: *How did he come to break his leg?* ○ *How do you come to be so late?* Cf HOW COME (COME 13). **9** [Ln] ~ sth (with sb) (infml) vek in ra: *Don’t come the bully with me!* ○ *She tried to come the innocent with me.* **10** (infml) tikah, cui hnu ah, a kim: *We’ll have been married for two years come Christmas.* ○ *Come (ie By) next week she’ll have changed her mind.* **11** [I] (infml) diriam. **12** zo, (a si theh zo) tinak, eg *At last winter came to an end*, ie ended; *The trees are coming into leaf*, ie starting to grow leaves; for similar expressions, see entries for ns, eg **come to blows** (→ BLOW). **13** (idm) **be as clever, stupid, etc as they come** (infml) thiamzet, aa zet. **come again?** (infml) theingah lu ruangah simter sal: *‘She’s an entomologist.’ ‘Come again?’ ‘An entomologist — she studies insects.’* **come and go** rung ra, um thul um lo thul: *The pain in my leg comes and goes*, ie Sometimes my leg is painful and sometimes it is not. ○ *Governments come and go* (ie One government is replaced by another) *but does anything really change?* **come easily, naturally, etc to sb** ol-ai te’n tuah thei: *Acting comes naturally to her.* **come over dizzy, faint, giddy, etc** (infml) lungmit, lu zing lohli: *I suddenly came over (all) funny/queer and had to lie down.* **come to nothing; not come to anything** lolak ah a cang: *All her plans have come to nothing.* ○ *How sad that his efforts should come to nothing.* **come to oneself** lungfim sal: *The shock made her hesitate for a moment but she quickly came to herself again.* **come to that: if it comes to**

that (infml) cu vek tho tho in: *He looks just like his dog — come to that, so does his wife!* **come what may** ziangziang khalle, ziangvek harsatnak, buainak ra thlen khalle: *He promised to support her come what may.* **how come** (...?) (infml) ziang tin a si thei?: *If she spent five years in Paris, how come she can't speak a word of French?* ○ *You were an hour late this morning, how come?* **not come to much** thupi a suaipli lo: *He'll never come to much* (ie have a successful career), *he's too lazy.* ○ *I don't think her idea of becoming a journalist ever came to much.* **to come** hmailam ah: *In years to come...* ○ *for some time to come*, ie for a period of time in the future. **when it comes to sth/doing sth** a thuhla a um tikah, a tul tikah: *I'm as good a cook as she is except when it comes to (making) pastry.* (For other idioms containing come, see entries for *ns*, *adjs*, *etc*, eg **come a cropper** ⇨ CROPPER; **come clean** ⇨ CLEAN.) **14** (phr v) **come about** fehnak zin hmaihoinak thleng. **come about** (that...) cang: *Can you tell me how the accident came about?* ○ *How did it come about that he knew where we were?*

come across (also **come over**) (a) mi in thei thiam; aancing: *He spoke for a long time but his meaning did not really come across.* (b) thil phundang te mi lungsung ah taapter: *She comes across well/badly in interviews.* ○ *He came across as sympathetic/a sympathetic person.*
come across sb/sth rinlopi'n tong: *I came across an old school friend in Oxford Street this morning.* ○ *She came across some old photographs in a drawer.* **come across (with sth)** (dated infml) pe (tangka): *He owes me five pounds but I doubt if he'll ever come across (with it).*

come after sb dawi, dung ihsin dawi: *The farmer came after the intruders with a big stick.*
come along (a) thleng; lang: *When the right opportunity comes along, she'll take it.* ○ *'Is she married?'* 'No. She says she's waiting for the right man to come along.' (b) COME ON d. (c) = COME ON e.

come apart kek-kuai t̃heh: *The teapot just came apart in my hands.*

come at sb rak nam (thawi dingah) to/tawng: *She came at me with a rolling-pin.* **come at sth** tong ngah, thei ngah (thu): *The truth is often difficult to come at.*

come around (to sth) = COME ROUND (TO STH).

come away (from sth) a kok: *The plaster had started to come away from the wall.* **come away with sth** (theihhlihnak thawn) hmun pakhat tan: *We came away with the distinct impression that all was not well with their marriage.*

come back (a) kir, tlung: *You came back* (ie came home) *very late last night.* ○ *The colour is coming back to her cheeks.* (b) mi in duh tam saal: *Miniskirts are starting to come back.* (c)

daan, upadi tuahsal: *Some people would like to see the death penalty come back.* **come back at sb** thinheng phah in sawn: *She came back at the speaker with some sharp questions.* **come back (to sb)** thei/cing sal: *It's all coming back to me now, ie I'm beginning to remember everything.* ○ *Your French will soon come back.* **come back to sb (on sth)** rei nawn hnu ah let sal: *Can I come back to you on that one (ie on that subject) later?*

come before sb/sth (a) ruat dingah suahpi: *The case comes before the court next week.* **(b)** a dang hnakin thupi deuh: *fighting poverty and unemployment should come before all other political considerations.*

come between sb and sb thuhla rak thlak ve (siatsuah dingin): *It's not a good idea to come between a man and his wife.* ○ *I'd hate anything to come between us.* **come between sb and sth** rakkham, rak dawn: *He never lets anything come between him and his evening pint of beer.*

come by sth ngah (har zet ih hawl in) **(a)** Jobs are hard to come by these days. ○ *I hope that money was honestly come by.* **(b)** ngah, rinlopi in: *How did you come by that scratch on your cheek?*

come down (a) min, cim: *The ceiling came down.* **(b)** sur (ruah), tla (rial): *The rain come down in torrents.* **(c)** (vanzamleng) tum, tla: *We were forced to come down in a field* ○ *Two of our fighters came down inside enemy lines.* **(d)** (thil man, nikhua satnak, tivek) tum: *The price of petrol is coming down/Petrol is coming down in price.* **come down (from...)** (Brit) phunsang tlawngsuak — cazir theh ah: *When did you come down (from Oxford)?* **come down (from...) (to...)** suk (hmunkhat in hmunkhat ah feh): *We hope to come down to London next week.* ○ *They've recently come down from London to live in the village.* **come down on sb (infml) (a)** soisel nasa: *Don't come down too hard on her.* **(b)** cawh: *The courts are coming down heavily on young offenders.* **come down on sb for sth (infml)** tangka dil (a pek dingmi): *His creditors came down on him for prompt payment of his bills.* **come down to sb** san khat in san khat ah pek, sim vivo: *stories that came down to us from our forefathers.* **come down to sth/doing sth (infml)** duh lo nacing in tuah tul (farah tivek ruangah): *He had come down to begging.* **come down to sth (a)** a ban, a thleng: *Her hair comes down to her waist.* **(b)** hril ding, a rung thleng: *It comes down to two choices: you either improve your work, or you leave.* ○ *The whole dispute comes down to a power struggle between management and trade unions.* **come down with sth** natnak thawn ril: *I came down with flu and was unable to go to work.*

come forward hmai ah suak: *come forward with*

help, information, money ○ *Police have asked witness of the accident to come forward.*

come from... (not used in the continuous tenses) sulphum hmun, suahnak khua, umhmun khua: *She comes from London.* ○ *Where do you come from?*

come from.../sth ih suahmi, tuahmi: *Much of the butter eaten in England comes from New Zealand.* ○ *Milk comes from cows and goats.* **come from sth (also come of sth)** rung suakmi: *She comes from a long line of actresses.* **come from doing sth** = COME OF STH/DOING STH.

come in (a) (of the tide) a thang, leilung lamah feh: *The tide was coming in fast.* **(b)** thleng (pakhatnak maw a paziatnak ah maw): *Which horse came in first?* **(c)** cricket lehnak ah bawlung beeng, a bengnak hmun ah ra: *Who's coming in next?* **(d)** san a deeng: *Long hair for men came in in the sixties.* **(e)** a um, a cu: *English strawberries usually come in in late June.* **(f)** hril-awk ah neh: *The socialists came in at the last election.* **(g)** hlauh ngah: *She has a thousand pounds a month coming in from her investments.* **(h)** rak tel ve: *I understand the plan perfectly, but I can't see where I come in.* **(i)** TV hmunpi, thuthangca zung in thuthang rak ngah: *News is coming in of a serious train crash in Scotland.* **(j)** thurelnak ah thu rak bur ve: *Would you like to come in at this point, Prime Minister?* **come in for sth** rak ngah; co, phurtu ah cang: *The Government's economic policies have come in for much criticism in the newspapers.* **come in on sth** tel ve, hlawn ve: *If you want to come in on the scheme, you must decide now.* **come in with sb (infml)** telve, komve.

come into sth co (roco): *She came into a fortune when her uncle died.*

come of sth = COME FROM STH. **come of sth/doing sth (also come from doing sth)** cang suak, cang: *He promised to help, but I don't think anything will come of it.* ○ *This is what comes of being over-confident.* ○ *No harm can come of trying.* **come off (a)** a tlong, a pong, a kok, phiat: *'Does this knob come off?'* 'No, it's fixed on permanently.' ○ *These stains won't come off, I'm afraid.* **(b)** (infml) a cang suak, tuah suak: *when's the wedding coming off?* ○ *Did your proposed trip to Rome ever come off?* **(c)** (infml) tisuak thei: *Her attempt to break the world record nearly came off.* ○ *The film doesn't quite come off.* **(d)** (infml) a suak: *He always comes off badly in fights.* ○ *Who came off best in the debate?* **come off (sth) (a)** tla, baisakal/rang parin tla: *come off one's bicycle, horse, etc.* **(b)** a tlong: *When I tried to lift the jug, the handle came off (in my hand).* ○ *lipstick often comes off on wine glasses.* ○ *A button has come off my coat.* **come off it (infml)** simmi baang-aw/cawl-aw (a dik lo ruangah): *Come off it! England don't have a chance of*

winning the match. **come off sth** thil man thum: I've heard that ten pence a gallon is coming off the price of petrol.

come on (a) thuanthu cawngtu donsang par ah a feh. **(b)** a thlengtu ah lek: Robson came on in place of Wilkins ten minutes before the end of the game. **(c)** cricket bawlung deng: Botham came on to bowl after lunch. **(d)** (also **come along**) thangso, thiam deuh: The garden is coming on nicely. **(e)** Her baby is coming on well. **(f)** His French has come on a lot since he joined the conversation class. **(g)** (also **come along**) thapeknak tong a si, zuam tento! zamrang aw! tinak: Come on, we'll be late for the theatre. **(h)** Come along now, someone must know the answer. **(i)** a thok: I think I have a cold coming on. **(j)** The rain came on/It came on to rain. **(k)** It's getting colder: winter is coming on. **(l)** (film) hmuh: There's a new play coming on at the local theatre next week. **come on/upon sb/sth (fml)** rinlopi ah tong/hmu: I came upon a group of children playing in the street.

come out (a) hnañuan ngol: The miners have come out (on strike). **(b)** mi hnenah tel: Fiona came out last season. **(c)** a coming-out ball. **(d)** thlapi, arsi, ni suak: The rain stopped and the sun came out. **(e)** an par (pangpar): The crocuses came out late this year because of the cold weather. **(f)** suah (cabu): When is her new novel coming out? **(g)** sim, than: The full story came out at the trial. **(h)** It came out that he'd been telling a pack of lies. **(i)** zuk suak, kholh: Our holiday photos didn't come out, eg because the film was faulty. **(j)** a fiang, fiangte'n a lang: The bride comes out well (ie looks attractive) in the photographs. **(k)** His arrogance comes out in every speech he makes. **(l)** Her best qualities come out in a crisis. **(m)** The meaning of the poem doesn't really come out in his interpretation. **(n)** tong suak, sim suak: My statement didn't come out quite as (ie it appeared to have a different meaning from the one) I had intended. **(o)** tuat suak: I can't make this equation come out. **(p)** pa le pa, nu le nu duhtu (homosexual) ka si ti ih phuang: She's been much happier since she came out. **(q)** camibuai ah a paziatnak: She came out first in the examination. **come out (of sth) (a)** a tlong, a thawn, a pong: The little girl's tooth came out when she bit into the apple. **(b)** I can't get this screw to come out of the wall. **(c)** a kok, a hlo: These ink stains won't come out (of my dress). **(d)** Will the colour come out (ie fade or disappear) if the material is washed? **come out against sth** duh lo thu rak sim ciamco: In her speech, the Minister came out against any change to the existing law. **come out at sth** a kim (a man tangka): The total cost comes out at £500. **come out in sth** a khah, a khuh: Hot weather makes her come out in a rash. **come out with sth**

phunciar, tong supso: He came out with a stream of abuse. **(b)** She sometimes comes out with the most extraordinary remarks.

come over = COME ACROSS. **come over (to...)** = COME ROUND (TO...). **come over (to...)** (from...) rak thawn, rak ra, rung: Why don't you come over to England for a holiday? **(b)** Her grandparents came over (eg to America) from Ireland during the famine. **come over sb** a thleng, a cang: A fit of dizziness came over her. **(c)** I can't think what came over me, ie I do not know what caused me to behave in that way. **come over (to sth)** lamah thawn, hmun dangah tang: She will never come over to our side.

come round (a) lampi sau deuh thlun: The road was blocked so we had to come round by the fields. **(b)** ra thleng/kim: Christmas seems to come round quicker every year. **(c)** (also **come to**) lungfim sal: Pour some water on his face — he'll soon come round. **(d)** Your husband hasn't yet come round after the anaesthetic. **(e)** (infml) lungawi sal: Don't scold the boy; he'll come round in time. **come round (to...)** (also **come over (to...)**) va leng, rak leng: Why don't you come round (to my flat) this evening? **(f)** Do come round and see us some time. **come round (to sth)** (also **come around (to sth)**) khawruah thleng: She will never come round (to our way of thinking). **come round to sth/doing sth (infml)** reipi hnu-ah tuah sal: It was several weeks before I eventually came round to answering her letter.

come through telefon, radio, cakuat tivek in ra (thuhla): A message is just coming through. **(b)** Your posting has just come through: you're going to Hong Kong. **come through (sth)** dam sal: He's very ill but doctors expect him to come through. **(c)** With such a weak heart she was lucky to come through (the operation). **(d)** She came through without even a scratch, eg was not even slightly injured in the accident. **(e)** He has come through two world wars.

come to (a) = COME ROUND. **(b)** (lawng) cawl: The police launch hailed to us to come to. **come to sb (that...)** ruahnak suak: The idea came to him in his bath. **(c)** It suddenly came to her that she had been wrong all along. **come to sth (a)** zat, a bangaw, a thleng: The bill came to £30. **(b)** I never expected those few items to come to so much. **(c)** sinak, tulnak, kannak pakhat khat ah thleng: The doctors will operate if it proves necessary — but it may not come to that. **(d)** 'There's been another terrorist bomb attack.' 'Really? I don't know what the world is coming to.' **(e)** Things have come to such a state in the company that he's thinking of resigning. **(f)** Who'd have thought things would come to this, ie become so bad or unpleasant? **come to sb (from sb)** ro ah co: The farm came to him on his father's death. **(g)** He has a lot of money coming to him when his uncle dies.

come under sth (a) hmun khat ah telh: *What heading does this come under?* (b) bahmi, kahmi ah cang: *We came under heavy enemy fire.*

come up (a) kheu (thlairawl, hrampi tivek pawl): *The snowdrops are just beginning to come up.* (b) ni suak: *We watched the sun come up.* (c) (ralkap pawl an ti rawl pawl) hmai ah not — ral umnak lamah. (d) um, cang suak: *We'll let you know if any vacancies come up.* ○ *I'm afraid something urgent has come up; I won't be able to see you tonight.* (e) a ra pawt, a ra suak: *The subject come up in conversation.* ○ *The question is bound to come up at the meeting.* (f) zung ihsin thu thensak: *Her divorce case comes up next month.* (g) aungbali nambat suak (pauh): *My number came up and I won £100.* **come up (to...)** (Brit) zir thok: *She came up (to Oxford) in 1982.* **come up (to...)** (from...) rung theu (hmunte in hmunpi ah): *She often comes up to London* (eg from Oxford) *at weekends.* ○ *Why don't you come up to Scotland for a few days?* **come up against sb/sth** eel, duh lo: *We expect to come up against a lot of opposition to the scheme.* **come up for sth** hril dingmi ih ruat: *She comes up for re-election next year.* **come up to sth** (a) a ban, a tiang, a thleng: *The water came up to my neck.* (b) ban ding mawi ban thei: *His performance didn't really come up to his usual high standard.* ○ *Their holiday in France didn't come up to expectations.* **come up with sth** ngah, ruat suak: *She came up with a new idea for increasing sales.* **come upon sb/sth** = COME ON SB/STH.

▷ **come** interj fimdeuh/khua ruat deuh dingih forhfiálnak: *Oh come (now), things aren't as bad as you say.* ○ *Come, come, Miss Jones, be careful what you say.*

□ **come-back** n 1 a hlan ih sidahnak dinhmun ah thleng thei sal: *an ageing pop star trying to make/stage a come-back.* 2 (infml) thusia tóng sawn kir. 3 hnemnak, liamsaknak: *If you're not insured and you get burgled, you have no come-back.*

come-down n (usu sing) (infml) upa si cemnak: *Having to work as a clerk is a bit of a come-down after running his own business.*

come-hither adj [attrib] (dated infml) mi lehkhawh hmang: *a come-hither look, smile, etc.*

come-on n (usu sing) (infml) thlemnak: *She gave him the come-on.*

comedian /kə'mi:diən/ n 1 (fem **comedienne** /kə'mi:diən/) (a) hnihsuah sai thiam; thuanthu cawn ih hnihsuah saitau. (b) hnihsuah saitau. 2 hnihsuakza milai.

comedy /kə'mədi/ n 1 (a) [C] lungawinak thawn a cemmi thuanthucawn. (b) cuvek thuanthu lam: *I prefer comedy to tragedy.* Cf TRAGEDY. 2 [U] lung nomnak lam thil: *He didn't appreciate the comedy of the situation.* ○ *the slapstick comedy of silent films.*

□ **comedy of manners** (thei seh ti ah) ziaza, nuncan sia soi duh, umtlandan cawnnak.

comely /'kəmlɪ/ adj (-lier, -liest) (dated or fml) zoh-mawi, iang-nei (nunau).

▷ **comeliness** n [U].

comer /'kəmə(r)/ n 1 a ratu (milai): *The race is open to all comers*, ie Anyone may take part in it. ○ *Late-comers will not be allowed in.* 2 (esp US infml) ruahsan ding nei thei a simi milai.

comestibles /kə'mestəblz/ n [pl] (fml) ei-ṭha (thil).

comet /'kəmit/ n arsi-meinei; ni hel ih a fehmi thil tleu saupi (a bangmi).

come-uppance /kə'mʌpəns/ n (infml) a phumi cawhkuan: *get one's come-uppance.*

comfort /'kəmfət/ n 1 [U] hnangamnak; sambaunak um lo nunnomnak: *live in comfort* ○ *They did everything for our comfort.* 2 [U] hnemnak, topitnak: *a few words of comfort* ○ *The news brought comfort to all of us.* 3 [sing] thin donhar reh tertu, hnemtu: *Her children are a great comfort to her.* ○ *It's a comfort to know that she is safe.* 4 [C] (often pl) taksa nomnak: *The hotel has all modern comforts/every modern comfort*, eg central heating, hot and cold water, etc. ○ *He likes his comforts.* 5 (idm) **cold comfort** ⇒ COLD¹.

▷ **comfort** v [Tn] hnangamter: *comfort a dying man* ○ *The child ran to its mother to be comforted.*

comfortless adj nuamlo: *a comfortless room.*

□ **comfort station** (US euph) zapi dailen hmun, ek-inn.

comfortable /'kəmfətəbl/; US -fərt-/ adj 1 a nuam: *a comfortable bed, position* ○ *She made herself comfortable in a big chair.* ○ *The patient is comfortable* (ie is not in pain) *after his operation.* 2 hnangam mi: *a comfortable life, job.* 3 [pred] (infml) lian: *They may not be millionaires but they're certainly very comfortable.* 4 tam nawn: *a comfortable income* ○ *She won by a comfortable margin.*

▷ **comfortably** /-təblɪ/ adv 1 ol-ai te'n, nuam zet in: *comfortably ensconced in a big armchair.* 2 ol zet in: *The favourite won the race comfortably.* 3 (idm) **comfortably off** tangka tamnawn neih ruangah nunnuam ih nung thei.

comforter /'kəmfətə(r)/ n 1 hnangamtertu; hnemtu. 2 (US) a nem a sahmi ihphah. 3 (Brit) (US **pacifier**) = DUMMY. 4 (dated Brit) tuhmul hngawngngerh.

comfy /'kəmfɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) a nuammi.

comic /'kɒmɪk/ adj 1 [usu attrib] hnihsuakza: *a comic song, performance, etc* ○ *His accident with the hose brought some welcome comic relief to a very dull party.* 2 [attrib] hnihsuak um: *comic opera* ○ *a comic actor.*

▷ **comic** n 1 hnihsuah sai thiam: *a popular TV comic.* 2 (US **comic book**) nauhak hrang zuk

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comical /'kɒmɪkl/ *adj* hnihsuak um: *He looked highly comical wearing that tiny hat.* **comically** /-kli/ *adv*: *Clothes that were almost comically inappropriate.*

□ **comic strip** (also **strip cartoon**) ʔawnʔok cabu.

coming /'kʌmɪŋ/ *n* **1** rak thlennak, ratnak: *the coming of the space age.* **2** (idm) **comings and goings** (infml) thleng le suak: *the constant comings and goings at a hotel* ○ *With all the comings and goings (eg of visitors) I haven't been able to do any work at all.*

comma /kəmə/ *n* (,) hih hmainsinnak, khawma; catluan ngan tikih malte cawlhnak.

command¹ /kə'mɑːnd/ *US* -'mænd/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tf, Dn-t] thu pek, tuah fial: *Do as I command (you).* ○ (fml) *The tribunal has commanded that all copies of the book (must) be destroyed.* ○ *The officer commanded his men to fire.* ⇒ Usage at ORDER². **2** [I, Tn] thu nei, uk: *Does seniority give one the right to command?* ○ *The ship's captain commands all the officers and men.* **3** [Tn no passive] nei thei, ti thei: *command funds, skill, resources, etc* ○ *She commands great wealth, ie is very rich.* ○ *A government minister commands the services of many officials.* ○ (fig) *The house commands a fine view, ie a fine view can be seen from it.* **4** [Tn no passive] ngah phu/tlak: *Great men command our respect.* ○ *The plight of the famine victims commands everyone's sympathy.* **5** [Tn no passive] a uk: *The castle commanded the entrance to the valley.*

▷ **commanding** *adj* **1** [attrib] thu pe theitu, tuah fial theitu: *one's commanding officer.* **2** [usu attrib] kiangkap hmuah uk theinak hmun: *The fort occupies a commanding position.* ○ *One team has already built up a commanding lead.* **3** [usu attrib] hu le ham nei nawn mi: *a commanding voice, tone, look, etc.*

command² /kə'mɑːnd/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thupek, tuah tengteng dingih fialmi: *Her commands were quickly obeyed.* ○ *Give your commands in a loud, confident voice.* (b) (computing) hnaʔuan dingin computer fialnak. **2** [U] (esp military) uknak: *to have/take command of a regiment, etc* ○ *He should not be given command of troops.* ○ *Who is in command (ie in charge) here?* ○ *General Smith is in command of the army.* ○ *The army is under the command of General Smith.* ○ *He has twenty men under his command.* **3** **Command** [C] ralkap uk ram: *Western Command* ○ *Bomber Command.* **4** [U, sing] ~ (of sth) thiam/neh zetnak: *He has (a) good command of the French language, ie can speak it well.* ○ *He has enormous funds at his command.* ○ *He has no command over himself, ie cannot control his feelings, temper, etc.* **5** (idm) **at/by sb's command** (fml) fialmi, khawngmi: *I am here at*

the King's command. **at the word of command**

⇒ WORD. **be at sb's command** mi thu thlun dingih ringcia. **your wish is my command** ⇒ WISH.

□ **command module** vanpar leng (space craft) ih cet pawl le minung pawl umnak khaandan. **command performance** puai ra zohtu bawi ih tuah fialmi thuanthucawn.

command post ralkap zunit umhmun.

commandant /kə'mɑːndənt/ *n* uktu ralbawi (ral kaihmi ralkap umnak, ralkap tlawng tivek uktu ralbawi).

commandeer /kə'mɑːndiə(r)/ *v* [Tn] ralkap hman dingah lak sak (inn, mawʔawka tivek pawl).

commander /kə'mɑːndə(r); *US* -'mæn-/ *n* **1** uktu, khawngtu, thuneitu, thu petu: *the commander of the expedition.* **2** (Brit) (a) ti ralkap bothum tang deuh bawi. (b) London khawpi palik bawi upa.

□ **commander-in-chief** *n* (pl **commanders-in-chief**) ram pakhat ih ralkap (vanzam, lawng, lei) ukʔhehtu ralbawi.

commandment /kə'mɑːndmənt; *US* -'mænd-/ *n* (a) (fml) thupek, fialmi: *obeying God's commandments.* (b) **Commandment** (in the Bible) Moses hnenih Pathian pekmi thukham pahra lak ih thukham pakhat khat: *the Ten Commandments.*

commando /kə'mɑːndəʊ; *US* -'mæn-/ *n* (pl ~s or ~es) ral ram ah luthruak ih mi va dotu, a hleice ih zirhmi ralkap bur.

commemorate /kə'meməreit/ *v* [Tn] (a) upat tlakmi minung/thil thupipa a can lai tikcu cinken ringringnak tuah, hngilhlonak tuah: *We commemorate the founding of our nation with a public holiday.* (b) ciingkengter: *This memorial commemorates those who died in the war.*

▷ **commemoration** /kə'memə'reɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] cinkennak, hngilh lonak: *a statue in commemoration of a national hero.*

commemorative /kə'memə'reɪv; *US* -'meməreit-/ *adj* cingkengtertu a simi: *commemorative stamps, medals, etc.*

commence /kə'mens/ *v* [I, Tn, Tg] (fml) thok: *Shall we commence (the ceremony)?* ○ *After grace had been said, we commenced eating.*

▷ **commencement** *n* [U, C usu sing] **1** (fml) a hramthoknak. **2** (esp US) cathiam dikari pek puai.

commend /kə'mend/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sb** (on/ for sth); ~ **sb/sth** (to sb) porh, lawm: *Her teaching was highly commended.* ○ *I commended the chef on the excellent meal. I later wrote to commend him to his employer, the restaurant owner.* (b) ~ **sb/sth** (to sb) (fml) a ʔa ti ih za-awi, cohlangter: *That's excellent advice; I commend it to you, ie suggest that you accept it.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/itself** to sb (fml) cohlaantlak: *Will this government proposal commend itself to the*

public? **3 ~ sth to sb** (fml) him te'n ret dingah ap: *commend one's soul to God.*

▷ **commendable** /-əbl/ adj porh tlak; thangthat tlak. **commendably** /-əbl/ adv.

commendation /kə'men'deɪʃn/ n (a) [U] porhnak; thangthatnak. (b) [C] ~ (for sth) a hleice thangthatnak: *a commendation for bravery* ○ *Her painting won a commendation from the teacher.*

commensurate /kə'menʃəret/ adj ~ (to/with sth) a phuu, a tlaak aw; kaih-aw: *Her low salary is not commensurate with her abilities.*

comment /kə'ment/ n [C, U] ~ (on sth) **1** ca in maw, ka in maw, mi thiltimi ziangvek a si ti ih rak rel; fiangter: *Have you any comment(s) to make on the recent developments?* ○ *The scandal caused a lot of comment*, ie of talk, gossip, etc. **2** (idm) **no comment** sim ding ka nei lo: *'Will you resign, Minister?'* 'No comment!'

▷ **comment v** [I, Ipr, Tf] ~ (on sth) mah ih ruahnak sim: *Asked about the date of the election, the Prime Minister commented that no decision had yet been made.*

commentary /kə'məntri/ n **1** [C, U] ~ (on/of sth) thil a cang rero mi ka in sim: *a broadcast commentary of a football match.* **2** [C] ~ (on sth) cabu pakhat khat ih thuhla simfiangnak/hrilhfiah: *a Bible commentary.*

commentate /kə'menteɪt/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) (a) simfiang (TV in siseh, radio in siseh, thil a cang rero mi simfiang): *commentate on an athletics meeting.* (b) a tlun ih thusim vek simtu hnaʔuan ʔuan.

▷ **commentator** /kə'menteɪtə(r)/ n ~ (on sth) **1** thu ʔa le ʔa lo mah ruahnak rak simtu. **2** thu ʔa le ʔa lo mah ruahnak ca in rak ngantu: *an informed commentator on political events.* **3** simfiangnak cabu ngantu.

commerce /kə'mɜːs/ n [U] sumdawng (ram khat le ram khat), thil-lei-le-zuar, sumtuah: *We must promote commerce with neighbouring countries.*

commercial /kə'mɜːʃl/ adj **1** (a) sumdawnnak thawn a pehparmi: *commercial law, activity, art.* (b) [usu attrib] sumdawnnak lam a si mi: *doing a commercial course at the local college.* **2** (a) [attrib] a hlawnak lam: *The play was a commercial success*, ie made money. (b) a hlawk laak, a hlawk tuah tum: *commercial theatre, music, etc* ○ *Oil is present in commercial quantities*, ie There is enough to make extraction profitable. ○ *Her novels are well written and commercial as well.* **3** (of TV or radio) thilri tarlang; man lakih suahmi TV, radio: *I work for a commercial radio station.*

▷ **commercial n** sumdawnnak lam, dawr tuah.

commercialism /kə'mɜːʃlɪzəm/ n [U] (often derog) a hlawk hawlnak: *excessive commercialism in the theatre.* **commercialize, -ise** /kə'mɜːʃlaɪz/ v [Tn] (often derog) a hlawk

ngahnak ih canter: *Sport has become much more commercialized in recent years.* **commercially** /-ʃəli/ adv: *Commercially, the play was a failure, though the critics loved it.*

□ **commercial traveler** zuar ding a neihmi zohʔhim ʔa thil keng ih khual a tlawng vivotu. **commercial vehicle** zuar ding thilri phurtu mawʔawka.

commiserate /kə'mɪzəreɪt/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (on/over sth) (fml) zaangfah, thinpem: *I commiserated with her on the loss of her job.*

▷ **commiseration** /kə'mɪzə'reɪʃn/ n [C usu pl, U] ~ (on/over sth) (fml or joc) zaangfah thinpemnak: *I expressed my commiserations on his misfortune.* ○ *'I lost again.'* 'Commiserations (ie I am sorry)!'

commissar /kə'mɪsə(r)/ n **1** (formerly) USSR ih department (zungʔhen) bawi, **2** (formerly) ram hruainak lam kaitu USSR ralbawi.

commission /kə'mɪʃn/ n **1** [C] ~ (to do sth) cangan ih fialmi ʔuanvo pakhat: *She has received many commissions to design public buildings.* **2** (often **Commission**) [C] (a) hnaʔuan pakhat ʔuansuak dingih fialmi, milai bur khat: *the Civil Service Commission*, ie body that selects staff for the Civil Service. (b) ~ (on sth) thu pakhat zingzoi dingih fialmi, mi pawl khat: *a Royal Commission on* (ie reporting on) *betting and gambling.* **3** [U] ~ (of sth) (fml) thilsual tuah: *the commission of a crime* ○ *a sin of commission* (ie actually doing sth wrong) rather than omission. **4** [C, U] thilri zuarsak man: *You get (a) 10% commission on everything you sell.* ○ *earn £2 000 (in) commission* ○ *She's working for us on commission*, ie is not paid a salary. **5** [C] ralbawi hnaʔuan peknak ca: *He resigned his commission to take up a civilian job.* **6** (idm) **in/into commission** (tanglawng) hmang: *Some wartime vessels are still in commission.* **out of commission** (a) hmang nawn lo: *With several of their planes temporarily out of commission, the airline is losing money.* (b) (fig) hna ʔuan lo: *I got flu and was out of commission for a week.*

▷ **commission v 1** (a) [Tn, Dn-t] ʔuanvo pek: *commission an artist to paint a picture.* (b) [Tn] mi pakhat khat thil pakhat tuah fial: *He commissioned a statue of his wife.* **2** [usu passive: Tn, Cn-n, Cn-n/a] ~ sb as sth ralbawi hnaʔuan pek: *She was commissioned (as a) lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps.* **3** [Tn] ceet, lawng tivek pawl hmang thok: *The nuclear plant now being built is expected to be commissioned in five years' time.*

□ **commissioned officer** bawinak ca ngah ralbawi.

commissionaire /kə'mɪʃə'neə(r)/ n (esp Brit) thuam hruk sangka kiltu.

commissioner /kə'mɪʃənə(r)/ n (usu **Commissioner**) **1** komisin (*commission*) sungtel: *the*

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Commissioners of Inland Revenue, ie those who are in charge of tax collection in Britain ○ *the Civil Service examinations in Britain*. **2** Mangki bawi: *The London police force is headed by a commissioner*. ○ *In British India, district commissioners had judicial powers*.

□ **Commissioner for Oaths** (Brit) cuk-camter theitu sihni.

commit /kə'mɪt/ v (-tt-) **1** [Tn] tuah (sualnak, thil tha lo): *commit murder, suicide, theft, a blunder, an unforgivable error, etc*. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth to sth** kilkhawiter; pe: *commit a man to prison*, ie have him put in prison ○ *commit sth to paper/to writing*, ie write sth down ○ *The body was committed to the flames*, ie was burnt. ○ *commit a list to memory*, ie memorize it. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb/oneself (to sth/to doing sth)** kam aw; ka ti ding ti ih pe-aw: *I can't come on Sunday: I'm already committed*, ie I've arranged to do sth else. ○ *commit oneself to a course of action* ○ *Signing this form commits you to buying the goods*. ○ *The company has committed funds to an advertising campaign*. ○ *This regiment is already committed to* (ie It has been settled that they will fight on) *the eastern front*. ○ *He has committed himself to support his brother's children*. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **oneself (on sth)** thinlung then aw; simzo hnuhnu thleng sal a har ding ti thei cingin thu sim: *I asked her what she thought, but she refused to commit herself*. Cf NON-COMMITTAL. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** thuthentu zung sang deuh ah kuat: *The magistrates committed him for trial at the Old Bailey*.

▷ **committal** /kə'mɪtl/ n [U] thawng inn ih kuatnak: [attrib] *At the committal proceedings the police withdrew their case*.

committed adj (usu approv) tuah ding/ti dingih a pe-aw mi: *a committed Christian, doctor, teacher, communist*. Cf UNCOMMITTED.

commitment n **1** [U] ~ **(to sth)** peknak, pe: *the commitment of a patient to a mental hospital* ○ *the commitment of funds to medicine*. **2** [C] ~ **(to sth/to do sth)** tuah dingih kam awknak: *I'm overworked at the moment—I've taken on too many commitments*. ○ *a commitment to pay £100 to charity*. **3** [U] (approv) thil pakhat khat ah thinlung pek: *We're looking for someone with a real sense of commitment to the job*.

committee /kə'mɪti/ n [CGp] thu pakhat reltu dingih hrilmi, milai burkhat kawmiti: *be/sit on a committee* ○ *The committee has/have decided to dismiss him*. ○ *the transport committee* ○ *This was discussed in committee*, ie by the committee. ○ [attrib] *a committee meeting, member, decision*.

commod /kə'məʊd/ n **1** zinbel tokheng. **2** ansuai ummi bizu.

commodious /kə'məʊdiəs/ adj (fml) a kaumi

hmunlawng, a lawng zetmi: *a commodious house, cupboard, suitcase*.

commodity /kə'mɒdəti/ n **1** inn hman ding dawr ihsin leimi thilri: *household commodities*, eg pots and pans, cleaning materials, etc ○ (fig) *I lead a very busy life, so spare time is a very precious commodity to me*. **2** (finance) lei le zuar mi thilri (sum tuahnak ah): *Trading in commodities was brisk*. ○ [attrib] *the commodity/commodities market*.

commodore /kə'mədɔ:(r)/ n **1** British ti-ralkap bawi (captain le rear-admiral lak). **2** puanzar lawng pawlkom hotu. **3** thilri le milai phurtu tangphawlawng pawl khawngtu kepten: *the commodore of the Cunard Line*.

common¹ /kəmən/ adj **1** a hmunkhat mi (mi 2 hnak ih tam) zaran; hmuh le ton reromi: *a common flower, sight, event* ○ *the common cold* ○ *Is this word in common use?* ie Is it commonly used? ○ *Robbery is not common in this area*. ○ *Pine trees are common throughout the world*. Cf UNCOMMON. **2** [attrib] ~ **(to sb/sth)** tawm mi, zapi hman vualvo mi: *common property, ownership* ○ *We share a common purpose*. ○ *He and I have a common interest: we both collect stamps*. ○ *He is French, she is German, but they have English as a common language*, ie they can both speak English. ○ *measures taken for the common good*, ie for the benefit of everyone ○ *A fruity quality is common to all wine made from this grape*. **3** [attrib] a menmen: *He's not an officer, but a common soldier*. ○ *the common people, officer, but a common soldier*. ○ *the common people*, ie the average citizens of a country ○ *common salt*. **4** (infml derog) (milai) nauta, cin le daan nei lemlo: *common manners, accents, clothes* ○ *She's so common, shouting like that so all the neighbours can hear!* **5** (mathematics) nambat pahnih, lole, pahnih hnakh tam ih an neih tlang mi: *a common denominator/factor/multiple*. **6** (idm) **(as) common as dirt/muck** (infml derog) mi menmen, minauta. **be common/public knowledge** ⇒ KNOWLEDGE. **common or garden** lamdang lo; a menmen: *It isn't a rare bird, just a common or garden sparrow*. **the common touch** mi menmen nautat loin thate'n biak: *A politician needs the common touch*. **make common cause (with sb)** (fml) tumtahmi tuah tlang: *The rebel factions made common cause (with each other) to overthrow the regime*.

▷ **commonly** adv **1** theu, ti tlang: *That very commonly happens*. ○ *Thomas, commonly known as Tom*. **2** (infml derog) daan nei lemlo in.

□ **common decency** mifim pakhat ih neih dingmi ziaza: *You'd think he'd have the common decency to apologize for what he said*.

common ground [U] a bang-awmi thu; thu hmunkhatnak: *The two rival parties have no common ground between them*.

common land [U] tlang ram; khua ih neihmi ram. Cf COMMON².

common law [U] (*in England*) rampi tlangbawi ih tuahmi upadi siloin pupa rak neihmi le thuṭhentu pawl ih thuṭhen dan ih suakmi upadi (daan). Cf CASE LAW (CASE¹) STATUE LAW (STATUE).

common-law wife, husband daan vekih thi-aw lemlo ih umtlangmi nupi, pasal.

the Common Market (also **the European Economic Community**) Belgium, Britain, Denmark, Germany, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal le Spain ram pawl tel ih tuahmi pursum-leilawnnak pawlkom.

common noun (*grammar*) hmin-zaran (eg cabu lole *naam* tivek pawl).

common-room *n* college tlawng ih zirhtu saya, a silole, tlawngta pawl tokhawm hmun inndan.

common sense nitin hmuhtonnak ih ngahmi ruahnak (ngian); zapi theih theimi khawruahnak: [attrib] *I like her common-sense approach to everyday problems.*

common time (*music*) bar khat sungah vuak hnih, lole, vuak li a um mi (a hleicein vuak li a si deuh).

common² /kəmən/ *n* **1** kulh lomi zapi tlanlennak hmun tualrawn, laam-mual: *Saturday afternoon cricket on the village common.* Cf COMMON LAND (COMMON¹). **2** (idm) **have sth in common** (with **sb/sth**) duhmi bang-aw: *Jane and I have nothing in common.* ○ *I have nothing in common with Jane.* **in common** neikhawm: *land owned in common by the residents.* **in common with sb/sth** hmun khat ah: *In common with many others, she applied for a training place.*

commoner /kəmənə(r)/ *n* mi nauta, phun-u lo. Cf ARISTOCRAT, NOBLEMAN (NOBLE).

commonplace /kəmənpleɪs/ *adj* (often derog) a menmen: *He's not at all exciting, in fact he's really rather commonplace.*

▷ **commonplace** *n* **1** rel menmenmi thu: *a conversation full of mere commonplaces* ○ *He uttered a few commonplaces about peace and democracy.* **2** rel tammi, ti tammi: *Air travel is a commonplace nowadays.*

commons /kəmənz/ *n* [pl] **1** **the commons** (*arch*) mi zaran. **2** **the Commons** (*Brit*) (a) = THE HOUSE OF COMMONS (HOUSE). (b) nauta rampi tlangbawi sungtel: *the Lords and the Commons.* **3** (idm) **short commons** ⇒ SHORT¹.

commonwealth /kəmənwelθ/ *n* **1** (a) mahte uk-aw mi ram, lole, mi pawl khat: *measures for the good of the commonwealth.* (b) ram hruainak thu (*politic*) lam ih a pawl-aw mi rampawl: *the Commonwealth of Australia.* **2** **the Commonwealth** UK le a uk dah mi ram pawl — pawlkom.

commotion /kə'məʊʃn/ *n* [U, C] awn celcelnak, caang rurinak: *The children are making a lot of*

commotion. ○ *Suddenly, there was a great commotion next door.*

communal /kəmjuːnl/ *adj* **1** (a) hlawmawkmi; zapi hman ding mi: *communal land, facilities* ○ *The flat has four separate bedrooms and a communal kitchen.* (b) zapi ih, zapi hrang: *communal life, work.* **2** zapi karlak: *communal strife, disturbances, etc* ○ *communal riots between religious sects.*

▷ **communally** *adv.*

commune¹ /kəmjuːn/ *n* [CGp] **1** thei-aw zet ih biak aw, naih zet ih pawl-aw: *commune with one's friends* ○ *commune with God in prayer* ○ *walking in the woods, communing with nature* ○ *friends communing together.*

commune² /kəmjuːn/ *n* [CGp] **1** sungkhat si lo, hmunkhat ih nungcang tlangmi, mi pawlkhat. **2** (France, Belgium, Italy le Spain ram ih) khawte uktu khonsil.

communicable /kə'mjuːnikəbl/ *adj* sim theihmi; cawn theihmi; a pehzom awmi, a suanawmi: *complex ideas not easily communicable to non-experts* ○ *a communicable disease.*

communicant /kə'mjuːnikənt/ *n* **1** Bawipai' Zanriah hmang(ringring)tu. **2** (fml) thu thantu.

communicate /kə'mjuːniket/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb/sth)** (a) thu theihter: *This poem communicates the author's despair.* ○ *The officer communicated his orders to the men by radio.* (b) natnak suan aw: *communicate a disease.* **2** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb**) thu le hla sim aw ton: *The police communicate (with each other) by radio.* (b) [I] mai' ruahnak le thinlung midang sim: *A politician must be able to communicate.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sth**) peh-aw: *My garden communicates with the one next door by means of a gate.* ○ *communicating rooms, ie rooms with a connecting door.*

communication /kə'mjuːniketʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thu theih ter-awk; thuruah-awk; nat suan-awk: *the communication of disease* ○ *Being deaf and dumb makes communication very difficult.* **2** [C] (*usu fml*) thu theihter-awknak; thucah: *to receive a secret communication.* **3** [U] (also **communications**) [pl] khat le khat thu theihter-awknak, pehzom awknak (lampi, vanzam, thirhri, radio hmangih thu theihter-awk, le pehzom awk): *Telephone communications between the two cities have been restored.* ○ *The heavy snow has prevented all communication with the highlands.* ○ [attrib] *a communication satellite, link, etc* ○ *a world communications network.* **4** (idm) **be in communication with sb** pakhat le pakhat thu than aw ringring (ca in siseh, telefon in siseh).

□ **communication cord** thu poipeng um tiki dirh dingmi tlangleng sung um hridai (tlangleng colhternak ih tuahmi).

communicative /kə'mjuːniketiv/ *US -ketiv/ adj*

thu sim duh, mi thu theihter duh: *I don't find Peter very communicative.* Cf RESERVED.

communion /kə'mju:niən/ *n* **1** **Communion** (also **Holy Communion**) [U] (Khristian thil ti mi) Bawipai' Zanriah: *go to Communion*, ie attend church for this celebration ○ [attrib] *Communion wine*. Cf EUCHARIST. **2** [C] zumnak a bang-aw mi milai pawl: *We belong to the same communion.* **3** [U] ~ (with sb/sth) (fml) ruahnak le lungsung tuarnak ɬawm awk/hlawm-awk: *poets who are in communion with nature.*

communiqué /kə'mju:niker; US kə'mju:nə'keɪ/ *n* zung thuthan; thuthang ca suah dingih pekmi zung thuthan: *A government communiqué, issued this morning, states that....*

communism /'kɒmjʊnizəm/ *n* [U] **1** nuncan khawsakdan ah leiram le thilri tuahnak thil pawl bulpak kut ah re loin zapi neih ih ret. **2** **Communism** (a) communist nuncan khawsak dan ih um ding thuzirhnak. (b) communist cozah.

▷ **communist** /'kɒmjʊnist/ *n* **1** komiunist, communism tha petu. **2** **Communist** communist sungtel. — *adj* communist a simi: *have communist ideals* ○ *a Communist country, government, régime, etc.* **communistic** /,kɒmjʊnistik/ *adj*.

□ **the Communist Party** **1** communism paɬi. **2** ram uktu communist paɬi.

community /kə'mju:nəti/ *n* **1** **the community** [sing] hmunkhat ih khawsa milai pawl (peng khat, ramkhat um pawl a huap) khawsa tlang; hmunkhat um senpi-vantlang: *work for the good of the community* ○ [attrib] *community service.* **2** [CGp] biaknak, phun le hnaɬuan a bang-aw mi, milai pawl khat: *the British community in Paris* ○ *a community of monks*, ie a group of the same order living together. **3** [U] hlawm-aw, nei tlang, bang-aw: *community of interests* ○ [attrib] *a community spirit*, ie a feeling of sharing the same attitudes, interests, etc.

□ **community centre** seenpi tonkhawmnak hmun.

community chest (US) sumpai lam harsa bomnak tangka.

community home (Brit) nauhak suaksual retnak inn (thawng thawn a bang-aw zikte).

community singing a ra suakmi zapi hla sak.

commutator /'kɒmjʊteɪtə(r)/ *n* ilektrik (electric) tha feh dan pialtertu thil.

commute /kə'mju:t/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] mawɬawka, tlangleng to in, zung le hnaɬuannak karlak hlehka ih feh ringring: *She commutes from Oxford to London every day.* ○ *She lives in Oxford and commutes (in).* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (to sth) a dem deuh ah thleng, a airawl (cawhkuan): *commute a death sentence (to one of life imprisonment)* ○ *She was given a commuted sentence.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (for/into

sth) tangka pek dan thleng sak: *commute one's pension* ○ *commute an annuity into a lump sum.*

▷ **commutable** /kə'mju:təbl/ *adj* ~ (for/into sth) phundang ih thleng theih, pek theih: *A pension is often commutable into a lump sum.*

commutation /kɒmjʊ'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] a kiam deuh mi cawhkuan (dantat) ih thlengsaknak: *He appealed for (a) commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment.* **2** (a) [U] tangka pek dan thlengsaknak. (b) [C] cuti tangka peknak. **commutation ticket** (US) mawɬawka, tlangleng tonak lethmat. Cf SEASON TICKET (SEASON).

commuter *n* hnaɬuan tlung-feh pawl: *The five o'clock train is always packed with commuters.* ○ [attrib] *the commuter belt*, ie area around a large city, from which people commute to work.

compact¹ /kəm'pækt/ *adj* **1** (a) khoh zet, fek zet ih sawhmi: *a compact mass of sand* ○ *Stamp the soil down so that it's compact.* (b) hmun a fiakte sungih benmi: *a compact flat, car, kit, etc* ○ *The computer looks compact and functional.* **2** a mal ih a kim fawn (cangan dan).

▷ **compact** *v* [Tn usu passive] sawh khoh: *The compacted snow on the pavement turned to ice.*

compactly *adv*.

compactness *n* [U].

□ **compact disc** /also ,kɒmpækt 'disk/ CD khui (disc) fate; hla, aw/zuk tivek khumnak khui.

compact² /'kɒmpækt/ *mi* pawl hnih karlak ih lungkimnak: *The two states made a compact to co-operate against terrorism.*

compact³ /'kɒmpækt/ *n* **1** hmaithuh podar kuang. **2** (esp US) mawɬawka fate.

companion /kəm'pæniən/ *n* **1** (a) rualpi, fehpi, koppi: *my companions on the journey* ○ *A dog is a faithful companion.* ○ (fig) *Fear was the hostage's constant companion.* (b) siat ɬat tuarpitu milai: *companions in arms*, ie fellow soldiers ○ *companions in misfortune*, ie people suffering together. (c) duhmi le hiarmi a bangaw milai: *She's an excellent companion.* ○ *They're drinking companions.* ○ *His brother is not much of a companion for him.* **2** mi zohkhen dingih fialmi, milai: *to take a post as a paid companion.* **3** a khuahkimtertu thil pakhat-ta: [attrib] *The companion volume will soon be published.* **4** kutkaih cabu, cabu: *the Gardener's Companion.* **5** **Companion** upat mi (cozah ih ca thawn upat mi): *Companion of Honour.* **6** (idm) **a boon companion** ⇨ BOON².

▷ **companionable** *adj* pawl nuam, kom theih. **companionship** *n* [U] rualpit-awknak: *the companionship of old friends* ○ *She turned to me for companionship.*

companion-way /kəm'pæniən/ (also **companion**) *n* lawng zial ihsin, ihsin khaan lam ih fehnak kailawn.

company /'kʌmpəni/ *n* **1** [U] hmunkhat umnak,

kom-awknak: *I enjoy his company*, ie I like being with him. ○ *be good, bad, etc company*, ie be pleasant, unpleasant, etc to be with. **2** [U] milai burpi, inn leng bur: *She told the assembled company what had happened.* ○ *We're expecting company* (ie guests, visitors) *next week.* **3** (often **Company**) [CGp] sumtuah pawlkom, sumtuah dingih pawlkom-awmi: kampani: a *manufacturing company*. Cf FIRM 2. **4** [CGp] hnaṭuan khat, thil ti khat pawl: a *company of players*, ie a number of actors regularly performing together ○ *a theatrical company* ○ *the ship's company*, ie the crew. **5** [CGp] ralkap kampani pakhat (ralbawi pakhat ih ukmi ralkap buur). **6** (idm) **the company one keeps** pawlkom mi milai pawl: (saying) *You may know a man by the company he keeps*, ie judge his character by his friends. **for company** fehpi, umpi: *I hate going out alone: I take my daughter for company.* **get into/keep bad company** miṭha lo va kom, va pawl. **in company** mi lak ah: *It's bad manners to whisper in company.* **in company with sb** pakhat khat thawn hmunkhat ah: *I, in company with many others, feel this decision was wrong.* **in good company** midang vekih tuah ve, ti ṭha deuh: *'I'm late again!'* *'Well, you're in good company. The boss isn't here yet.'* **keep sb company** umpi ringring: *I'll stay here and keep you company.* **part company** ⇨ PART². **present company excepted** ⇨ PRESENT¹. **two's company (three's a crowd)** (saying) midang tel loin mah pahnih umtlang cu a ṭha sawn (a ngai-aw mi ih hman mi ṭong).

comparable /kəmpərəbl/ *adj* ~ (to/with sb/sth) thildang thawn ṭhim theihmi: *The achievements of an athlete and a writer are not comparable.* ○ *His work is comparable with the very best.*

comparative /kəmpərətɪv/ *adj* **1** taṭṭhimnak lam: *comparative linguistics, religion, etc* ○ *a comparative study of the social systems of two countries*, ie one that analyses the similarities and differences between them. **2** a dang thawn ṭhim in: *living in comparative comfort*, eg compared with others, or with one's own life at an earlier period ○ *In a poor country, owning a bicycle is a sign of comparative wealth.* **3** (grammar) (ṭha) deuh (sia) deuh (har) deuh, eg *better, worse, slower, more difficult*. Cf SUPERLATIVE 2.

▷ **comparative** *n* (grammar) sawn, deuh tinak 'Better' cu 'good' ih comparative a si, ṭha deuh cu 'ṭha' ih comparative a si: *'Better' is the comparative of 'good'.*

comparatively *adv* a dang thawn ṭhim in: *comparatively wealthy, small, good, old.*

compare /kəmpeə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (A with/ to B) (abbrs **cf**, **cp**) ṭhim; bang-awknak le dan-awknak ṭhim: *Compare (the style of) the two poems.* ○ *If you compare her work with his/If*

you compare their work, you'll find hers is much better. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **A to B** a bang-awknak hmuh, bang-awter: *Poets have compared sleep to death.* ○ *A beginner's painting can't be compared to that of an expert*, ie is very different in quality. **3** [Ipr] ~ **with sb/sth** tluk, thil dang thawn taṭṭhim: *This cannot compare with that*, ie No comparison is possible because they are so different. ○ *He cannot compare with* (ie is not nearly as great as) *Shakespeare as a writer of tragedies.* **4** [Tn] (grammar) deuh, bik ah tuah (eg strong kha stronger, strongest ah tuah tivek). **5** (idm) **compare notes (with sb)** ruahnak ṭawm aw, thleng aw, hmuhdan ruahdan sim aw cio: *We saw the play separately and compared notes afterwards.*

▷ **compare** *n* (idm) **beyond compare** (fml) taṭṭhim rual lo: *She is lovely beyond compare.*

comparison /kəm'pærɪsn/ *n* **1** [U] ṭhim theinak, ṭhim dingmi: *He showed us a good tyre for comparison (with the worn one).* **2** [C] ~ (of A and/to/with B); ~ (between A and B) ṭhimnak: *the comparison of the heart to/with a pump* ○ *It is often useful to make a comparison between two things.* **3** (idm) **bear/stand comparison with sb/sth** ṭhim tlak: *That's a good dictionary, but it doesn't bear comparison with this one.* **by/in comparison (with sb/sth)** ṭhim tikah: *The tallest buildings in London are small in comparison with those in New York.* **comparisons are odious** (saying) milai cu an sinak vek ih hmuh ding, a dang thawn ṭhim lo ding. **there's no comparison** a dang-aw tuk ih ṭhim a ṭul lo: *'Is he as good as her at chess?'* *'There's no comparison'*, ie She is much better.

compartment /kəm'pɑːtmənt/ *n* danmi, a dang te ih retmi, a khan: *The first-class compartments are in front.* ○ *a case with separate compartments for shoes, jewellery, etc.*

▷ **compartmentalize, -ise** /-mentəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (into sth)** a dan a dan ih re; a pawl a pawl ih ṭhen: *Life today is compartmentalized into work and leisure.*

compass¹ /kəmpəs/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (also **magnetic compass**) a zawn hawltu thil, khampas; sak, thlang, nisuah, nitlaknak lam zawn hawlnak ih hman mi thil (amah cu saklam zawn dingte'n a sawh ringring): *a radio compass.* **2** [C] (also **compasses**) [pl] geometry ah — thil bial zuknak thilri: *a pair of compasses.* **3** [U] ban thei zat: *beyond the compass of the human mind* ○ *the compass of a singer's voice*, ie the range from the lowest to the highest note that he can reach.

compass² /kəmpəs/ *v* [Tn] (arch) = ENCOMPASS 2, huap ṭheh.

compassion /kəm'pæʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (for sb) lainatnak, zawnruahnak: *be filled with compassion* ○ *a woman of great compassion* ○ *The plight of the refugees arouses our compassion.*

compatible

○ *Out of (ie Because of) compassion for her terrible suffering they allowed her to stay.* ○ *They took compassion on her children and offered them a home.*

▷ **compassionate** /kəm'pæʃənət/ *adj* lainat thiam; zawnruah thiam. **compassionately** *adv.* **compassionate leave** (Brit) zangfahnak ih pekmi khuan: *She was allowed compassionate leave from work to attend her father's funeral.*

compatible /kəm'pætəbl/ *adj* ~ (with sb/sth) (a) a kaihaw thei, um khat thei (milai, ruahnak, thlun ding thu-hram, tivek pawl): *The couple separated because they were not compatible.* ○ *driving a car at a speed compatible with safety*, ie at a safe speed. (b) (thilri) hmang khat theih: *This printer is compatible with most microcomputers.*

▷ **compatibility** /kəm'pætə'bɪləti/ *n* [U] ~ (with sb/sth); ~ (between A and B) um khat theinak. **compatibly** /-əbli/ *adv.*

compatriot /kəm'pætriət; US -'pɛr-/ *n* kan ram kan minungpi, miphunpi, khawpi vangpi.

compeer /kəm'piə(r)/ *n* (fml) upa sinak a bangaw mi (milai): *be much respected by one's compeers.*

compel /kəm'pel/ *v* (-II-) **1** [Cn-t] (fml) tuahter hram, titer hram, a hramhram in tuah/ti-ter, hnek: *We cannot compel you to (do it), but we think you should.* ○ *I was compelled to (ie I had to) acknowledge the force of his argument.* Cf IMPEL. **2** [Tn no passive] (fml) (a) tuahter hrimhram: *You can compel obedience, but not affection.* ○ *Circumstances have compelled a change of plan.* (b) (not in continuous tense) (fig) sup thei lo tiang in thazang ngah: *His courage compels universal admiration.*

▷ **compelling** *adj* (a) huam a um zetmi, thinlung a thoteri: *a compelling novel, account, story.* (b) cohlan a tulmi: *a compelling reason, argument.* Cf COMPUSSION.

compendious /kəm'pendiəs/ *adj* (fml) thuhla kim, tawi: *a compendious writer, handbook, catalogue.*

compendium /kəm'pendiəm/ *n* (pl ~s or -ia) ~ (of sth) **1** thuhla kim, tawi: *This encyclopedia is truly a compendium of knowledge.* **2** (Brit) thingpheng parih lehnak phun dangdang kuang pakhat ah ret ih zuarnak kuang.

compensate /kəm'pesneɪt/ *v* [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb) (for sth) airawl, ruul (a siatmi): *Nothing can compensate for the loss of one's health.* ○ *The animal's good sense of smell compensates for its poor eyesight.* ○ *She was compensated by the insurance company for her injuries.*

▷ **compensatory** /kəm'pen'seɪtəri; US kəm'pensətəri/ *adj* rulh mi: *compensatory payments.*

compensation /kəm'pen'seɪʃn/ *n* ~ (for sth) (a) [U] rulhnak: *Compensation of injured workers has cost the company a lot.* (b) [U, C] rulhmi thil/

sumsaw: *receive £5 000 in compensation/by way of compensation/as a compensation for injury* ○ *My job is hard, but it has its compensations*, ie pleasant aspects that make it seem less bad.

compère /kəm'peə(r)/ *n* (Brit) laam, puai le TV ih hmeltheihnak tuahtu.

▷ **compère** *v* [Tn] (Brit) hmeltheihnak tuah.

compete /kəm'pi:t/ *v* [I, Ipr, It] ~ (against/with sb) (in sth) (for sth) neh zuam; zuam aw: *Several companies are competing (against/with each other) for the contract/to gain the contract.* ○ *a horse that has competed in the Grand National four times* ○ *We have limited funds and several competing claims, so it is hard to choose between them.*

competence /kəm'pɪtəns/ *n* [U] **1** ~ (for/as/in sth); ~ (in doing sth/to do sth) thil ti theinak; thilti thiamnak: *No one doubts her competence as a teacher.* ○ *competence in solving problems.* **2** ~ (to do sth) ti theinak: *matters within/beyond the competence of the court*, ie ones that it can/cannot legally deal with.

competent /kəm'pɪtənt/ *adj* **1** ~ (as/at/in sth); ~ (to do sth) a thiam mi, a tawi mi, thil ti thei mi: *a highly competent driver* ○ *competent at/in one's work* ○ *He's not competent to look after young children.* **2** a tha pam, a tha zet cu silo: *a competent piece of work* ○ *The novel may be a best-seller, but it's no more than a competent piece of writing.*

▷ **competently** *adv.*

competition /kəm'pɪtɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] zuam-awknak (tlan zuam-awknak, buan zuam-awknak tivek pawl): *boxing, chess, beauty competitions* ○ *He came first in the poetry competition.* ⇨ Usage at SPORT. **2** [U] ~ (between/with sb) (for sb) (for sth) zuam-awknak: *Competition between bidders for this valuable painting has been keen.* ○ *We're in competition with (ie competing against) several other companies for the contract.* **3** the competition [sing or pl v] zuam-awknak ih a teltu pawl: *She had a chance to see the competition (ie the other people who were trying to get the same job as she was) before the interview.*

competitive /kəm'petɪtɪv/ *adj* **1** zuam-awknak thawn a pehparmi: *competitive examinations for government posts* ○ *competitive sports* ○ *the competitive spirit*, ie enjoying competition. **2** ~ (with sb/sth) (mi) zuam duh zet, neh tum zet: *Our firm is no longer competitive in world markets.* ○ *a shop offering competitive prices*, ie as low as in any other shop. **3** nehnak nei duh zet mi: *You have to be highly competitive to do well in sport nowadays.*

▷ **competitively** *adv*: *competitively priced goods.*

competitor /kəm'petɪtə(r)/ *n* zuamtu; zuamnakk ih teltu: *The firm has better products than its competitors*, ie than rival firms. Cf CONTESTANT (CONTEST).

compile /kəm'pail/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] (a) ~ **sth** (for) **from sth** (thuhla) khaikhawm in cabu, cazin, thuthan, tivek ah tuah: *compiling statistics for a report on traffic accidents.* (b) ~ **sth** (from sth) cabu ah khaikhawm; thuthan, cazin, cabu tuah: *The police have compiled a list of suspects.* ○ *a guidebook compiled from a variety of sources.* 2 [Tn] (computing) theih harmi thu pawl kha pumpak computer ih theihtheih le ti theih ah thleng.

▷ **compilation** /kəm'prɪ'leɪʃn/ n (a) [U] khaikhawmmi: *Her latest album is a compilation of all her best singles.*

compiler n 1 khaikhawmtu. 2 (computing) computer in theih thei dingmi ih thlengtu (program ah cangter).

complacency /kəm'pleɪnsɪ/ (also **complacence** /-'pleɪnsɪ/) n ~ (about sb/sth) (usu derog) mahte rak lungkimnak; mah thilti mi lungkim zetnak: *There's no room for complacency; we must continue to try to improve.*

complacent /kəm'pleɪsnt/ adj ~ (about sb/sth) (usu derog) mahte rak lungkim men mi: *a complacent smile, manner, tone of voice* ○ *We must not be complacent about our achievements; there is still a lot to be done.*

▷ **complacently** adv.

complain /kəm'pleɪn/ v 1 [I, Ipr, Tf, Dpr-f] ~ (to sb) (about/at sth) (often derog) phunzai, mawhsiat (lungkim lo thu sim): *You're always complaining!* ○ (infml) 'What was the weather like on your holiday?' 'Oh, I can't complain', ie zum vek zat in a tha ko. ○ *She complained to me about his rudeness.* ○ *He complained (to the waiter) that his meal was cold.* 2 (phr v) **complain of sth** (mah natnak tivek) mi hnenah sim: *The patient is complaining of acute earache.*

▷ **complainingly** adv: 'Why me?'; he asked complainingly.

complainant /kəm'pleɪnənt/ n (law) = PLAINTIFF, zuar(hek)tu; zungih thukhingtu.

complaint /kəm'pleɪnt/ n 1 [U] lungkim lo ih phunciarnak; zungih thu va neihnak: *The road-works caused much complaint among local residents.* ○ *You have no cause/grounds for complaint.* 2 ~ (about/of sth); ~ (that...) [C] (a) phunzainak: *I have a number of complaints about the hotel room you've given me.* (b) zungah ca ngan in lungkim lonak sim: *She lodged a complaint about the noise.* ○ *submit a formal complaint* ○ *We've received a lot of complaints of bad workmanship.* ○ *Management ignored our complaints that washing facilities were inadequate.* ○ [attrib] *follow the complaints procedure.* 3 [C] (sometimes euph) natnak, damlonak: *a heart complaint* ○ *childhood complaints*, ie illnesses common among children.

complaisance /kəm'pleɪzəns/ n [U] (fml) midang

lungawinak thil tuah; mi thin nomter ding tuah hiarnak.

▷ **complaisant** /-zənt/ adj (fml) lungawiter thiam: *a complaisant husband.*

complement /kəm'plɪmənt/ n 1 ~ (to sth) kimtertu: *Rice makes an excellent complement to a curry dish.* 2 a ʔul zat: *We've taken on our full complement of new trainees for this year.* ○ *the ship's complement*, ie all the officers and other sailors. 3 (grammar) verb 'be' le 'become' dung thlun ih hmanmi adjectives tongfang pawl: *In the sentence 'I'm angry', 'angry' is the complement.*

▷ **complement** v [Tn] kimter: *His business skill complements her flair for design.* Cf COMPLIMENT.

complementary /kəm'plɪməntəri/ adj ~ (to sth) kimter thei, kom aw ih kim thei: *They have complementary personalities, pakhat ih a neih lomi pakhat sawn in a nei.* ○ *His personality is complementary to hers.* **complementary angle** an pahnih kom in 90° a kimmi a kel pahnih lakih a kel pakhat sangsang. **complementary colour** khawtleu rang suak dingih betmi rong.

complete¹ /kəm'pli:t/ adj 1 a kim mi; a pumpuluk a simi: *a complete set, collection, etc* ○ *a complete edition of Shakespeare's works*, ie one that includes all of them ○ *a radio complete with a carrying case*, ie having it as an additional feature. 2 [pred] theh, cem: *When will the building work be complete?* 3 [usu attrib] pumhlum in: *a complete stranger; idiot, nonentity* ○ *It was a complete surprise to me.*

▷ **completely** adv a kim in; a zate'n; a pumpah in: *completely innocent, happy, successful.*

completeness n [U].

complete² /kəm'pli:t/ v [Tn] 1 (a) kimter, famkimter: *I only need one volume to complete my set of Dickens's novels.* ○ *A few words of praise from her would have completed his happiness.* (b) theh: *When will the railway be completed?* 2 pungsan (caa) ah ngan: *Complete your application in ink.*

completion /kəm'pli:ʃn/ n [U] 1 (a) thehnak; kim thehnak: *Completion of the building work is taking longer than expected.* (b) ti thehnak/tuah thehnak: *the film is nearing completion.* ○ [attrib] *its completion date.* 2 (commerce) theh: *You may move into the house on completion.*

complex¹ /kəm'pleks/ n 1 (a) thil then tampi a cokkalhmi: *a complex system, network, etc* ○ (grammar) *a complex sentence*, ie one containing subordinate clauses. (b) a hnokmi, theih har: *a complex argument, theory, subject, etc.* Cf COMPLICATED (COMPLICATE).

▷ **complexity** /kəm'pleksəti/ n (a) [U] a hnok zetnak, theih harnak: *a problem of great complexity.* (b) [C] theih harmi thil: *the complexities of higher mathematics.*

complex² /kəm'pleks/ n 1 a pehzom-awmi, asilole,

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a bang-aw mi thil pawl: a big industrial complex, ie a site with factories, etc ○ a sports/leisure complex, ie a set of buildings or facilities for sports/leisure. **2 (a)** (psychology) duhmi sup tuk ruangih a suakmi thinlung kimlonak: a persecution complex ○ an inferiority complex. **(b)** (infml) tihnak, phannak: He has a complex about his weight/has a weight complex.

complexion /kəm'pleksɪn/ *n* **1** vun (hmai vun), taksa vun: a good dark, fair, sallow, etc complexion. **2** (usu sing) a hmui-hmel; umtuzia: Her resignation puts a different complexion on things, ie changes one's view of the affair. ○ a victory that changed the complexion of the war, ie made the probable result different, gave hope of an early end, etc.

compliance /kəm'plaɪəns/ *n* [U] ~ (with sth) **1** thu thlunnak; fial vekih tuahnak: Compliance (with the rules) is expected of all members. ○ In compliance with your wishes (ie As you have requested) we have withdrawn our suggestion. **2** (usu derog) mi duhdan vekih tuah a hmangmi. Cf COMPLY.

compliant /kəm'plaɪənt/ *adj* ~ (with sb/sth) (usu derog) thu lun ol, fial-ol (tuk): The government, compliant as ever, gave in to their demands.

complicate /kəm'plɪkeɪt/ *v* [Tn] hnokter; theih harsater, buaiter: Her refusal to help complicates matters.

▷ **complicated** *adj* **(a)** (often derog) cokkalh aw-mi: complicated wiring, machinery ○ a complicated diagram. **(b)** a hnok, theih har: a complicated situation, process, relationship, plot ○ He's married to her, and she's in love with his brother-in-law, and...ah, it's too complicated to explain! Cf COMPLEX¹.

complication /kəm'plɪkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] hnoknak, harsatnak, theihharnak: I have enough complication in my life without having to look after your sick pets! **2** [C] hnoknak: A further complication was Fred's refusal to travel by air. **3 complications** [pl] (medical) tuamhlawm dan harter sintu natnak thar: Complications set in, and the patient died.

complicity /kəm'plɪsəti/ *n* [U] ~ (in sth) rak telvenak: He was suspected of complicity in her murder.

compliment /kəm'plɪmənt/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (on sth) porhnak, tihzahnak le lomnak: One likes to hear compliments on one's appearance. ○ She paid me a very charming compliment on my paintings, ie praised them. ○ (fig) These beautiful flowers are a compliment to the gardener's skill, ie show how skilful he is. **2 compliments** [pl] (fml) cibaibuk: My compliments to your wife, ie Please give her a greeting from me. ○ Compliments of the season, eg said at Christmas or the New Year. ○ The flowers are with the compliments of (ie are a gift from) the management. **3** (idm) a left-

handed compliment ⇒ LEFT-HANDED (LEFT²).

▷ **compliment** /kəm'plɪmənt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (on sth) porh; lawm: I complimented her on her skilful performance. Cf COMPLEMENT.

□ **compliment slip** man loin ka lo pek tinak cahnah te.

complimentary /kəm'plɪməntəri/ *adj* **1** porh le lom thu langtermi: a complimentary remark, review, pat on the back ○ She was highly complimentary about my paintings. **2** then mi, man lo ih then: a complimentary seat, ticket, copy of a book.

compline /kəm'plɪn/ *n* [sing] Roman Catholic biakinn le High Anglican biakinn ih sun khat sungih biakkhawm netabik: attend compline.

comply /kəm'plaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp complied) [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) fial vekih tuah; thu thlun: She was told to pay the fine, but refused to comply. ○ The rules must be complied with, ie obeyed. Cf COMPLIANCE.

component /kəm'pəʊnənt/ *n* a then a then; thil tuahnak ih telhve mi: the components of an engine, a camera, etc ○ a factory supplying components for the car industry ○ (fig) Surprise is an essential component of my plan.

▷ **component** *adj* [attrib] a pumpuluk sungih pakhat a si mi: analyzing the component parts of a sentence.

comport /kəm'pɔ:t/ *v* (fml) [Tn-pr] ~ oneself with sth nungcang: comport oneself with dignity/in a dignified manner/well.

▷ **comportment** *n* [U] (fml) nuncan, ziaza.

compose /kəm'pəʊz/ *v* **1** **(a)** [I, Tn] phuah (hla, awthluk, thuanthucawn): She began to compose (songs) at an early age. **(b)** [Tn] (fml) ca in ngan (bezai, thu sim ding): I'm composing a formal reply to the letter. **2** [Tn no passive] (not in the continuous tenses) (fml) telh ve: the short scenes that compose the play. ⇒ Usage at COMPRISE. **3** [Tn no passive] sup-aw, daiter (thinlung): His mind was in such a whirl that he could hardly compose his thoughts. ○ Please compose yourself; there's no need to get excited! Cf COMPOSURE. **4** [Tn] canamnak (press) ih cafang pawl kom ciamco. Cf COMPOSITOR.

▷ **composed** *adj* **1** [pred] ~ of sth tel ih tuahmi, telhmi: Water is composed of hydrogen and oxygen. ○ The committee was composed mainly of teachers and parents. ⇒ Usage at COMPRISE. **2** thinlung daimi: a composed person, manner, look. **composedly** /kəm'pəʊzɪdli/ *adv*: she talked composedly to reporters about her terrible ordeal.

composer /kəm'pəʊzə(r)/ *n* phuahthu (a hleice in hla).

composite /kəm'pəzɪt/ *n, adj* [attrib] thilri phun dangdang thawn tuahmi: The play is a composite of reality and fiction. ○ a composite substance ○ a composite illustration, ie one made by putting together two or more separate pictures.

composition /kəmpəzɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] phuahmi (hla, biazai, thuanthu): 'Swan Lake' is one of Tchaikovsky's best-known compositions. **2** [U] (a) ca-nganmi, hla phuahmi tivek pawl: He played a piano sonata of his own composition, ie that he himself had composed. (b) hla phuahmi: studying composition at music school. **3** [C] tlawng ih thuhla an nganmi. **4** [U] tuahthatnak; umzia: the composition of the soil ○ (fig) He has a touch of madness in his composition, ie He is a little mad. **5** [U] sii rong dangdang rawi dan: Her drawing is competent, but her composition is poor. **6** [C, U] thil (tuah copmi): a composition used as flooring material ○ [attrib] a composition floor.

compositor /kəm'pɒzɪtə(r)/ *n* canamnak ih cafang komtu, cafang buntu.

compos mentis /kəmpəs'mentis/ (also **compos**) *adj* [pred] (Latin *infml* or *joc*) fimhring; mah thinlung uk-awmi: He's not quite compos mentis, a lung a fim tuk lemlo, a aa nawn tinak.

compost /kəmpəst/ *n* [U, C] hrampi le thinghnah ʔawt-dawm.

▷ **compost** *v* [Tn] (a) ʔawtter, dawm ah canter: composting the kitchen waste. (b) cumi dawm burh: compost the flower-beds.

composure /kəm'pəʊzə(r)/ *n* [U] thinlung daite ih um: keep/lose/regain one's composure ○ He showed great composure in a difficult situation. Cf COMPOSE 3.

compound¹ /kəm'paʊnd/ *n* **1** (a) thil cokrawi (pahni hnak ih tam). (b) pahni hnak, lole, pahni hnak ih tam dat kommi: Common salt is a compound of sodium and chlorine. Cf ELEMENT 3, MIXTURE 3. **2** (grammar) *noun, adjective etc* ʔongfang pahni hnak, lole, pahni hnak ih tam ʔongfang pakhat ih tuah mi: 'Bus conductor', 'dark-haired' and 'policeman' are compounds.

▷ **compound** *adj* [attrib]: an insect's compound eye ○ compound nouns, adjectives, etc.

□ **compound fracture** ruh a kek/kiakmi.

compound interest [U] tangka hram le a hlawk kom pari hlawkmi. Cf SIMPLE INTEREST (SIMPLE).

compound sentence (grammar) 'and, but' etc thawn ih pehmi catluan. (CO-ORDINATE¹) (linked by and, but, etc).

compound² /kəm'paʊnd/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] cok-rawi: the vat in which the chemicals are compounded. (b) [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (of/from sth) cokrawi in tuah: a medicine compounded of (ie made of) herbs ○ (fig) Her character was compounded in equal parts of meanness and generosity. **2** [Tn] siatter sin: Initial planning errors were compounded by carelessness in carrying the plan out. **3** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (with sb) (for sth) (commerce) pakhat khat lungkim tlang; leiba pek: He compounded with his creditors for a postponement of payment. **4** [Tn] (law) phuang lo dingin lungkim (mawhnak): guilty of

compounding a felony.

compound³ /kəm'paʊnd/ *n* (a) inn ih kulh ʔehmi hmun. (b) hruangkulh sung, inn kulh sung.

comprehend /kəm'pri'hend/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw] theithiam ʔha: failing to comprehend the full seriousness of the situation ○ I cannot comprehend how you could have been so stupid. **2** [Tn] (fml) telh (pakhat khat).

comprehensible /kəm'pri'hensəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb) ʔhate ih theithiam, a theihmi: a book that is comprehensible only to specialists.

▷ **comprehensibility** /kəm'pri'hensə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

comprehension /kəm'pri'hensən/ *n* **1** [U] theithiam: a problem above/beyond sb's comprehension, ie one that he cannot understand. **2** [U, C] ʔong thiam deuh seh, lole, a thiam maw ti theih duh ruangih tuahtermi ca: a French comprehension ○ [attrib] a comprehension test.

comprehensive /kəm'pri'hensɪv/ *adj* **1** a zate a tel thluh zik mi: a comprehensive description, account, report, etc ○ She has a comprehensive grasp of the subject. **2** (Brit) tlawngta nauhak tla bangrep ih fimthiam zirnak.

▷ **comprehensive** *n* (Brit *infml*) thiam deuh le deuh lo ʔhen-aw lo ih a zirnak tlawng.

comprehensively *adv*: We were comprehensively (ie thoroughly) defeated.

comprehensiveness *n* [U].

□ **comprehensive insurance** mawʔawka hrangih retmi amkamnak (meikang, fir, khawn-awki siatsuahnak).

comprehensive school (Brit) thiam deuh le deuh lo thleidang loih cazirnak tlawng.

compress¹ /kəm'pres/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (into sth) **1** reek in hlom ih fate ko tuah: compressed air, ie at higher than atmospheric pressure ○ compressing straw into blocks for burning. **2** tawiter (thu, ruahnak): compress an argument into just a few sentences ○ The film compresses several years into half an hour.

▷ **compression** /kəm'preʃn/ *n* [U] **1** reek ih hlomnak: the compression of gas. **2** engin sungih a alh dingmi thil pawl a zat ʔhum; a alh hlanah a namnak ʔhan.

compressor /kəm'presə(r)/ *n* thli le daat pawl fate ko reektu cet.

compress² /kəm'pres/ *n* thi pawtmi reh seh ti ih namsaknak puan sahpi; natnak nuam deuh seh ti ih nam sak: a cold/hot compress.

comprise /kəm'praɪz/ *v* [Tn] (not in the continuous tenses) (a) tel ve: a committee comprising people of widely differing views. (b) tuah khawm, siter khawm, thil pakhat ih a ʔhen: Two small boys and a dog comprised the street entertainer's only audience.

NOTE ON USAGE: Note the use of **comprise**.

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It can mean **1 consist of** or be composed of ie be formed of: *The British Parliament comprises/consists of/is composed of the House of Commons and the House of Lords.* **2 compose** or **constitute**, ie form: *The House of Commons and the House of Lords comprise/compose/constitute the British Parliament.* This use of **comprise** is less common and careful speakers avoid **be comprised of** in sense 1.

compromise /kəm'prəmaɪz/ *n* (a) [U] khatlam khatlam mah duhmi t̃hum vevenak, thu-lai t̃hen, thulai hawl ih rem-awknak: *Most wage claims are settled by compromise.* ○ [attrib] *work out a compromise agreement.* (b) [C] ~ (between/on sth) cuti vek ih thu relcat: *Can the two sides reach a compromise?* ○ *The final proposals were a rather unsuccessful compromise between the need for profitability and the demands of local conservationists.*

▷ **compromise v** 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) mah duhmi t̃hum veve ih thu lai tan tuah: *I wanted to go to Greece, and my wife wanted to go to Spain, so we compromised on (ie agreed to go to) Italy.* **2** [Tn] atthlak ziaza ruangih mah le mah harnak pe-aw: *He has irretrievably compromised himself by accepting money from them.* ○ *He was photographed in compromising situations (ie ones that showed him behaving immorally) with a call-girl, taksa zuar nu thawn an pawl-awk laifang an rak zuk.* **3** [Tn] t̃hum deuh: *She refused to compromise her principles, a dinpi mi a t̃hum duh lo tinak.*

compulsion /kəm'pʌlʃn/ *n* ~ (to do sth) 1 [U] hnek; tuahter hrammi, hramhram ih tuahternak: *I refuse to act under compulsion, ie because I am forced to.* ○ *You need feel under no compulsion to accept, ie do not have to accept.* **2** [C] tuah hiarnak, tuah t̃engt̃eng duhnak: *a compulsion to destroy things.*

compulsive /kəm'pʌlsɪv/ *adj* 1 [U] lung lut zetmi; mihiip mi: *a compulsive novel about politics.* **2** (a) mi hneek thei; hraamhraam ih mi fial thei; zongsangter thei ruangih tuah: *compulsive gambling, eating, etc.* (b) zongsang, cuai: *a compulsive eater, TV viewer, gambler* ○ *He's a compulsive liar, ie He lies repeatedly.*

▷ **compulsively** *adv*: *a compulsively readable book.*

compulsory /kəm'pʌlsəri/ *adj* tuah lo theih lo; ti hrimhram ding mi: *Is military service compulsory in your country?* ○ *Is English a compulsory subject?*

▷ **compulsorily** /kəm'pʌlsərəli/ *adv.*

compunction /kəm'pʌŋkʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (about doing sth) (fml) sir-awk, hmaisong: *She kept us waiting without the slightest compunction.* ○ *If I could find the people responsible, I would have no compunction about telling the police.*

computation /kəm'pjʊtɪʃn/ *n* (a) [C, U] (fml) computer thawn t̃uatmi: *A quick computation revealed that we would not make a profit.* ○ *Addition and division are forms of computation.* ○ *It will cost £5 000 at the lowest computation.* (b) [U] thil t̃uatnak ah computer hman, computer thawn t̃uat.

▷ **computational** *adj* [usu attrib] computer cet pawlih hmanmi (t̃ong): *computational linguistics.*

compute /kəm'pjʊt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (at sth) **1** computer thawn t̃uat: *Scientists have computed the probable course of the rocket.* **2** (fml) t̃uat cia: *He computed his losses at £5 000.*

▷ **computing** *n* [U] computer hman daan: [attrib] *a computing course.*

computer /kəm'pjʊtə(r)/ *n* computer (kompiuta); amahte thil t̃uat thiam cet, thluak nei cet: *Is the information available on the computer?* ○ *The accounts are processed by computer.* ○ *a digital computer* ○ [attrib] *a computer programmer.*

▷ **computerize, -ise** /-təraɪz/ *v* [Tn] (a) computer t̃uatter: *The accounts section has been completely computerized.* (b) computer ah khawlkhawm: *The firm has computerized its records.*

computerization, -isation /kəm'pjʊtərə'zeɪʃn; US -rɪz-/ *n* [U].

comrade /kəm'reɪd; US -ræd/ *n* **1** sumtuahnak pawlkom sungtel; Communist, Socialist pati sungtel rualpi: *We must fight for our rights, comrades!* **2** (dated) rinsanmi hna t̃uanpi; ralkap t̃uanpi (yebaw): *We were comrades in the war.* ○ [attrib] *an old comrades association, ie of people who had been in the army, etc together.*

▷ **comradely** /kəm'reɪdli/ *adj*: *some comradely advice.* **comradeship** /kəm'reɪdʃɪp/ *n* [U].

□ **comrade-in-arms** *n* (pl **comrades-in-arms**) ralkap-pi: (fig) *They'd long been comrades-in-arms in the Labour Party.*

con¹ /kɒn/ *n* [sing] (sl) bumnak (a si zet vekih bumnak): *This so-called bargain is just a con!* ○ [attrib] *a con trick* ○ *He's a real con artist/merchant, ie swindler.*

▷ **con v** (-nn-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (into doing sth/out of sth) (infml) zumter hnu ah bum: *You can't con me — you're not really ill!* ○ *I was conned into buying a useless car.* ○ *She conned me out of £100.*

□ **con man** /kɒn mæn/ *n* (pl **con men** /kɒn men/) mi bumhmang.

con² /kɒn/ *n* (sl) = CONVICT *n*.

con³ /kɒn/ *n* (idm) **the pros and cons** ⇨ PRO¹.

concatenation /kən,kætɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* ~ (of sth) (fml) a pehp̃eh ih cangmi: *an unfortunate concatenation of mishaps.*

concave /kən'keɪv/ *adj* (sung lam ah) a kuar mi. ▷ **concavity** /kən'kævəti/ *n* (a) [U] a sung lamih kuarnak. (b) [C] a kuar mi hmai.

conceal /kən'si:l/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth/sb (from sb/

sth thup; mi theih lo dingih ret, khuh: a tape recorder concealed in a drawer ○ He tried to conceal his heavy drinking from his family. ○ There's a concealed entrance just round the corner. ○ He spoke with ill-concealed contempt for his audience.

▷ **concealment** *n* [U] thuh mi, thuhnak: Stay in concealment until the danger has passed.

concede /kən'si:d/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb) a singai ti ih sim, a hman a dik ti ih pom: concede a point (to sb) in an argument ○ concede defeat, ie admit that one has lost ○ I was forced to concede that she might be right. ○ It's certainly big, I'll concede you that. **2** [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb) midang pek hlo: We cannot concede any of our territory, ie allow another country to have it. ○ England conceded a goal (to their opponents) in the first minute. **3** [I, Tn] a sung pek; ka sung ti ih thinlung thum aw: The chess-player conceded (the game) when he saw that his position was hopeless. Cf CONCESSION 1.

conceit /kən'si:t/ *n* **1** [U] mah porh-awknak mah le mah zum-awknak: The conceit of the man — comparing his own work with Picasso's! **2** [C] (fml) thiam.

▷ **conceited** *adj* porh-aw; zum-aw; uang-aw: insufferably conceited. **conceitedly** /-ɪdli/ *adv*.

conceive /kən'si:v/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] naupai; naukeng; rai: She was told she couldn't conceive. ○ The child was conceived on the night of their wedding. **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tw, Cn-n/a] ~ **of sth**; ~ **sth** (as sth) thu ruat, khua ruat: It was then that I conceived the notion of running away. ○ I cannot conceive (ie do not believe) that he would wish to harm us. ○ I cannot conceive why you allowed the child to go alone, ie I think you were very foolish to allow it. ○ The ancients conceived (of) the world as (being) flat, ie They thought it was flat. ▷ **conceivable** /-əbl/ *adj* ruat theih, zum theih: It is hardly conceivable (to me) that she should do such a thing. ○ We tried it in every conceivable combination. **conceivably** /-əbli/ *adv*: He couldn't conceivably have (ie I don't believe he could have) meant what he said.

concentrate /kənsntreit/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **(sth)** (on sth/doing sth) thinlung zate hman — a dang ruat lo; pakhat lawng ruat: I can't concentrate (on my studies) with all that noise going on. ○ We must concentrate our efforts on improving education. (b) [Ipr] ~ **on sth** pakhat lawng tuah: Having failed my French exams, I decided to concentrate on science subjects. ○ a firm which concentrates on the European market. **2** [Ipr, Tn-pr] hmunkhat ah ben-aw ih um, khawm-aw, bur khawm: Birds concentrate (in places) where food is abundant. ○ Troops are concentration south of the river. ○ The government's plan is to concentrate now industries in areas of high unemployment. **3** [Tn]

a tha cak sin seh ti ih suang (bel thawn) a ti kangter. **4** (idm) **concentrate the/one's mind** thungaithlak in le zamrang zet in ruatter: The threat of going bankrupt is very unpleasant but it certainly concentrates the mind.

▷ **concentrate** *n* [C, U] tha khoh ko tuahmi thil: an orange concentrate which you dilute with water.

concentrated *adj* **1** tha khoh ko tuahmi, napi, nasa: concentrated study, ziang ruat lo ca lawng zoh, hate, effort, concentrated fire, ie the firing of guns all aimed at one point. **2** a timi a khu suah in khohter: a concentrated solution ○ concentrated food.

concentration /kənsn'treiʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ **(on sth)** hmun khat ih benkhawmnak: Stress and tiredness often result in a lack of concentration. ○ a book that requires great concentration ○ I found it hard to keep my concentration with such a noise going on. **2** [C] ~ **(of sth)** thil, lole, milai buur ciamconak: concentrations of enemy troops, industrial buildings.

□ **concentration camp** (a hleice in Nazi uk Germany ram ah) ral kaihmi pawl hmun khat ih retnak hmun.

concentric /kən'sentrik/ *adj* ~ **(with sth)** lai pakhat lawng nei bial (a kual) thuah (a thuah ih ummi rin bial): concentric rings. Cf ECCENTRIC 2.

concept /kənsɛpt/ *n* ~ **(of sth/that...)** ruahnak, khawruah dan, hmuh dan: the concept of freedom, meaning ○ He can't grasp the basic concepts of mathematics. ○ She seemed unfamiliar with the concept that everyone should have an equal opportunity.

▷ **conceptual** /kən'septʃuəl/ *adj* ruahnak a si mi.

conception /kən'sepʃn/ *n* **1** [U, C] rai, naupai: the moment of conception ○ an unplanned conception. **2** (a) [U] khawruah, ruahnak, zummi: The plan, brilliant in its conception, failed because of inadequate preparation. (b) [C] ~ **(of sb/sth/that...)** ruahnak, tuah tummi: The new play is a brilliant conception. ○ I have no conception of (ie do not know) what you mean.

concern¹ /kən'sɜ:n/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) pehpar aw: Don't interfere in what doesn't concern you. ○ The loss was a tragedy for all concerned, ie all those affected by it. ○ Where the children are concerned..., ie In matters where one must think of them... ○ To whom it may concern..., eg at the beginning of a public notice or a testimonial of sb's character, ability, etc. (b) thuhla peh: a report that concerns drug abuse. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself with/in/about sth** poiter thupiter: There's no need to concern yourself with this matter; we're dealing with it. **3** [Tn] thin bangter: Our losses are beginning to concern me. **4** (idm) **as/so far as sb/sth is concerned** ⇨ FAR².

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be concerned in sth pehparaw, tuanvo nei: *He was concerned in the crime.* **be concerned to do sth** mah tuanvo ih re. **be concerned with sth** thuhla thawih a pehpar aw mi: *Her latest documentary is concerned with youth unemployment.*

▷ **concerned** *adj* ~ (about/for sth/that...) thinbang, thinphang mi: *Concerned parents held a meeting.* ○ *We're all concerned for her safety.* ○ *I'm concerned that they may have got lost.* **concernedly** /-sɜːnɪdli/ *adv.*

concerning *prep* pehpar-aw in: *a letter concerning your complaint.*

concern² /kən'sɜːn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ~ (for/about/over sth/sb); ~ (that...) thinphan; thlaphan: *There is no cause for concern.* ○ *There is now considerable concern for their safety.* ○ *public concern about corruption* ○ *There is growing concern that they may have been killed.* (b) [C] thinphannak: *Our main concern is that they are not receiving enough help.* **2** [C] thupit termi: *What are your main concerns as a writer?* ○ *It's no concern of mine,* ie I am not involved in it or I have no responsibility for it. ○ *What concern is it of yours?* ie Why do you take an interest in it or interfere with it? **3** [C] kampani sumtuah: *a huge industrial concern* ○ *Our little corner shop is no longer a paying concern,* ie is no longer profitable. **4** [C] ~ (in sth) asuhsia tangka: *He has a concern in* (ie is a part-owner of) *the business.* **5** (idm) **a going concern** ⇒ GOING.

concert /kɒnsət/ *n* **1** awnmawi puai; hlasak puai: *an orchestral concert* ○ *give a concert for charity* ○ [attrib] *a concert pianist, hall, performance.* Cf RECITAL. **2** (idm) **at concert pitch** timtuah thepthepp. **in concert** milai rori ih hmuh aw siloin: *Frank Sinatra in concert at the Festival Hall.* **in concert (with sb/sth)** (fml) midang thawn tuah/tuan tlang: *working in concert with his colleagues.*

□ **concert-goer** *n* awnmawi puai zawhtu.

concert-master (US) = LEADER 2.

concerted /kən'sɜːtɪd/ *adj* [usu attrib] midang thawn țangrual ih tuah mi/ti mi: *a concerted effort, attack, campaign* ○ *concerted action by several police forces.*

concertina /kɒnsə'tiːnə/ *n* kut ih tum mi a-kaw-dian (bazaa).

▷ **concertina** *v* (pt, pp **concertinaed**, pres p **concertinaing**) [I] a sawng thluh: *The lorry had concertinaed after crashing into the tree.*

concerto /kən'tʃeɪtəʊ, US -tʃɜːt-/ *n* (pl ~s) pakhat lawng, lolé, pakhat hnakin a tam sawn ih tum thei dingin phuahmi aw-thluk: *a piano concerto* ○ *a concerto for two violins.*

concession /kən'seɪʃn/ *n* **1** ~ (to sb/sth) (a) [U] a si ngai timi: *There is a call for the concession of certain rights.* (b) [C] thumsaknak (thuhla ah): *Employers made concessions to the workers in*

negotiations. ○ *As a concession to her inexperience they allowed her to have some help.* Cf CONCEDE. **2** [C] man thumnak: *special concessions on all bus fares for old people.* **3** [C] ~ (to do sth) tuah siannak: *oil/mining concessions,* ie allowing oil or minerals to be extracted from the ground ○ *a concession to drill for oil.*

▷ **concessionary** /kən'seɪʃənəri/ *US -neri/ adj* man thummi: *concessionary rates/prices.*

concessionaire /kən'seɪʃə'neə(r)/ *n* (thil tuah) sianmi; leiram le sumtuah siannak ngahtu.

concessive /kən'sesɪv/ *adj* (grammar) as, although, even if thawn a thok mi tongtluan: *a concessive clause,* eg one introduced by as, although or even if, indicating a contrast with the main clause.

conch /kɒntʃ/ *n* (a) tidai kharkhem (a tumpi pawl).

▷ **conchology** /kɒŋ'kalədʒi/ *n* [U] kharkhem le kep pawl thuhla zirnak.

conciliate /kən'sɪliet/ *v* **1** [Tn] thinheng daiter: *conciliate outraged customers.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (between sb and sb) remtuah, rem-awknak: *conciliate (between) the parties in a dispute.*

▷ **conciliation** /kən'sɪli'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] remtuahnak: [attrib] *A conciliation service helps to settle disputes between employers and workers.*

concise /kən'saɪs/ *adj* tawi-le-kim: *a concise summary, account, etc.*

▷ **concisely** *adv.* **conciseness, concision** /kən'sɪzn/ *ns* [U].

conclave /kɒŋ'klæv/ *n* thupte tonkhawm: *sit/met in conclave,* ie hold a private meeting.

conclude /kən'kluːd/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) (usu fml) cemter, netter: *a few concluding remarks* ○ *The meeting concluded at 8 o'clock.* ○ *The story concludes with the hero's death.* ○ *He concluded by saying that...* ○ *She concluded her talk with a funny story.* **2** [Tn-pr, Tf] ~ sth from sth zum: *Those are the facts; what do you conclude from them?* ○ *The jury concluded, from the evidence, that she was guilty.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sb) lungkimnak (ca) tuah: *Britain concluded a trade agreement with China.* ○ *Once the price had been agreed, a deal was quickly concluded.* **4** [Tf no passive, Tf] (esp US) thu rel cat (ruahtlang hnu-ah): *We concluded to go out/that we would go out.*

conclusion /kən'kluːzn/ *n* **1** [C usu sing] a cemternak; a netternak, cemnak: *at the conclusion of his speech* ○ *bring sth to a speedy conclusion.* **2** [C] ~ (that...) a si, ti ih zumnak: *I came to/reached the conclusion that he's been lying.* ○ *What conclusions do you draw (from the evidence you've heard)?* **3** [U] lungkim dingih tawlrelnak: *Hostilities ended with the conclusion of a peace treaty.* **4** (idm) **a foregone conclusion** ⇒ FOREGONE. **in conclusion** netnak:

In conclusion I'd like to say that.... **jump to conclusions** ⇒ JUMP².

conclusive /kən'klu:siv/ *adj* eel ding um lo mi; cemko; netnak ah: *Her fingerprints on the gun were conclusive proof of her guilt.*

▷ **conclusively** *adv*.

concoct /kən'kɒkt/ *v* [Tn] (*often derog*) **1** a rem-aw lo mi cokrawi: *concoct a drink out of sherry and lemon juice.* **2** (*derog*) phuah (thu, thuanthu): *She'd concocted some unlikely tale about the train being cancelled.*

▷ **concoction** /kən'kɒkʃn/ *n* (**a**) [U] a cokrawi-mi. (**b**) [C] thil cokrawi: *Do you expect me to drink this vile concoction?*

concord /kən'kɔ:d/ *n* [U] **1** (*fml*) (milai karlak ih) remnak: *living in concord (with neighbouring states).* Cf DISCORD. **2** (*grammar*) *verb* le plural noun rem-aw ih ngan.

concordance /kən'kɔ:dəns/ *n* cafang feh dan (ABC...) vek ih retmi ðongfang khawm: *a Bible concordance* ○ *a concordance to Shakespeare.*

concordant /kən'kɔ:dənt/ *adj* ~ (**with sth**) (*fml*) rem-awmi, remcangmi: *practice concordant with our principles.*

concordat /kən'kɔ:dæt/ *n* lungkimnak (cozah le Khristian pawlpi karlak).

concourse /kən'kɔ:s/ *n* **1** inn tual kaupi; mi senpi pumkhawm hmun: *The ticket office is at the rear of the station concourse, ie its main hall.* **2** (*fml*) mi buurpi, thil buurpi: *a vast concourse of pilgrims.*

concrete¹ /kən'kri:t/ *adj* **1** thilri ih um; thamtheih ih um: *Physics deals with the forces acting on concrete objects.* Cf ABSTRACT. **2** a si rori mi, a si hrimhrim mi: *concrete proposals, evidence, facts* ○ *The police have nothing concrete to go on.*

▷ **concretely** *adv*.

□ **concrete music** thli hrang, tidai luang, khawri, etc awn pawl khum tahrat in rem sal ih phuahmi music.

concrete poetry hmual nei seh ti ah cahmai parah zuk cuangih nganmi bezai.

concrete² /kən'kri:t/ *n* [U] mirang leilung, vunnel le lungtiak le tidai rawi ih khaltermi thil: *a slab of concrete* ○ *modern buildings made of concrete* ○ [attrib] *a concrete path, wall, etc.*

▷ **concrete** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**over**) kongkrit thawn khuh/tuam: *concrete a road (over).*

□ **concrete mixer** kongkrit cawhnak cet.

concretion /kən'kri:ʃn/ *n* (*fml*) thil-khal.

concubine /kən'kjubam/ *n* nu-suun; nupi nauta: *The sultan's wives and concubines live in the harem.*

concupiscence /kən'kju:pisns/ *n* [U] (*fml often derog*) hurnak, hur.

concur /kən'kɜ:(r)/ *v* (---) (*fml*) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb/sth**) (**in sth**) lungkim: *she has expressed her opposition to the plan, and I fully concur (with her) (in this matter).* **2** [I, It] cangkhat, a rak

deng aw: *Everything concurred to produce a successful result.*

▷ **concurrence** /kən'karəns/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U, sing] lungkimnak: *With your concurrence (ie If you agree), I will confirm the arrangement.* ○ *a concurrence (ie similarity) of ideas, views, etc.* **2** [sing] a deng-aw ih a cangmi thil: *an unfortunate concurrence of events.*

concurrent /kən'karənt/ *adj* ~ (**with sth**) caan a tuah awmi hmun khat, caan khat ih thil cangmi: *developments concurrent with this.* **concurrently** *adv*: *He was given two prison sentences, to run concurrently.*

concuss /kən'kʌs/ *v* [Tn esp passive] lu vuak sak, cum sak ruangah thluak hnin: *He was badly concussed in the collision.*

concussion /kən'kʌʃn/ *n* [C, U] (**a**) khawn ruangih thluak natnak: *The patient is suffering from severe concussion following a blow to the head.* (**b**) khawn-awknak: *a mighty tremor followed by minor concussions.*

condemn /kən'dem/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (**for/as sth**) duh lo; a tha lo ih ret, mawhter: *We all condemn cruelty to children.* ○ *The papers were quick to condemn him for his mistake.* ○ *She is often condemned as uncaring.* **2** [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth** (**as sth**) hman tha lo ih re, hnong: *The meat was condemned as unfit for human consumption.* ○ *a condemned building.* **3** (**a**) [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb to sth/to do sth** thuðhennak pek dingmi relcat: *condemn sb to death/hard labour* ○ *He was found guilty and condemned to be shot.* (**b**) [Tn] mawh vekin um: *His nervous looks condemned him.* **4** [esp passive: Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ **sb to sth/to do sth** duh lo cingin a tha lomi tuahter: *an unhappy worker, condemned to a job he hates* ○ *As an old person, one is often condemned to live alone.*

▷ **condemnation** /kɒndem'neiʃn/ *n* (**a**) [U] mawhternak. (**b**) [C] hnonnak, hnnonmi: *many condemnations of her action.*

□ **condemned cell** thah dingih cawhkuan pek mi thawngto retnak khaan.

condensation /kɒnden'seiʃn/ *n* **1** [U, C] tidai ah thleng-awk, ti ih cannak: *the condensation of steam to water* ○ *The report is a brilliant condensation of several years' work.* **2** [U] ruah hmai fatete: *His shaving mirror was covered with condensation.*

□ **condensation trail** = VAPOUR TRAIL (VAPOUR).

condense /kən'dens/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (**sth**) (**into/to sth**) (**a**) sahter, khal deuh ah tuah: *Soup condenses when boiled, ie by taking out most of the water.* ○ *condensed milk, soup, etc.* (**b**) a ti ah cangter: *steam that condenses/is condensed into water when it touches a cold surface.* ⇒ Usage at WATER¹. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**into sth**) tawiter, ðongkam mal deuh ah tuah, malter: *condense a long report into a brief summary.*

condenser /kən'densə(r)/ *n* **1** a khu ti ih canternak cet. **2** electric thazang khawltu. **3** khawtleu finkhawmtu thlalang, eg zuk hmuhnak projector ih thlalang vek.

condescend /kəndr'send/ *v* **1** [It] (often derog) nautat, zahpi: *She actually condescended to say hello to me in the street today.* ○ (ironic) *Perhaps your father would condescend to help with the washing-up!* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (derog) mah hnakh mi nauta mah canran ih kom: *I do wish he wouldn't condescend to the junior staff in his department.*

▷ **condescending** *adj*: a condescending person
○ *condescending behaviour* ○ *She's so condescending!* **condescendingly** *adv*.

condescension /kəndr'senʃn/ *n* [U] nauta ternak.

condign /kənd'am/ *adj* (fml) a phumi, a nasa mi (cawhkuan).

condiment /kəndimənt/ *n* [C esp pl, U] thil siat lo tertu le thawtert (cite tivek pawl).

condition ¹ /kən'dɪʃn/ *n* **1** thil umtuzia, thil um dan: *the human condition* ○ *the condition of slavery*, ie being a slave. **2** [sing, U] (a) a tu rori ih thil um dan: *be in good, poor, excellent, etc condition* ○ *the rusty condition of the cycle* ○ *The ship is not in a condition/is in no condition* (ie is unfit) *to make a long voyage.* (b) hardam: *He's in excellent condition for a man of his age.* ○ *I've had no exercise for ages; I'm really out of condition*, ie unfit. ○ *She's in no condition* (ie is not well enough) *to travel.* **3** [C] (a) a fulmi thil: *One of the conditions of the job is that you should be able to drive*, ie In order to get the job you must be able to drive. ○ *He was allowed to go out, but his parents made it a condition that he should get home before midnight.* ○ *I'll let you borrow it on one condition: (that) you lend me your bicycle in return.* (b) lungkimnak tuah tiki telhehmi thu le hla: *the terms and conditions of the lease.* **4 conditions** [pl] thil um dan: *under existing conditions* ○ *poor working conditions* ○ *firemen having to operate in very difficult conditions.* **5** [C] natnak; damlonak: *a heart, liver, brain, etc condition* ○ *What is the treatment for this condition?* **6** [C] (dated) hnaʔuan upa/ nauta sinak: *people of every condition/of all conditions.* **7** (idm) **in mint condition** ⇨ MINT².

on condition (that)... tik lawng ah, si lawng ah: *You can go out on condition that you wear an overcoat.* **on no condition** (fml) hrimehrim hlah: *You must on no condition tell him what happened.*

condition ² /kən'dɪʃn/ *v* **1** [Tn] sinak nekhuh, lai a rel; thu a then; thil ziangmaw a umter (pakhat khat hnenah): *Environment conditions an animal's development.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-t] ~ sb/ sth (to sth/to do sth) zongsangter: *We have all been conditioned by our upbringing.* ○ *It didn't take them long to become conditioned to the new*

environment. ○ *Animals can be conditioned to expect food at certain times.* **3** [Tn] duhmi vek thlenter: *leather conditioned by a special process* ○ *a lotion that conditions the skin*, ie keeps it healthy.

▷ **conditioner** /kən'dɪʃənə(r)/ *n* [C, U] duhmi vekih umtertu.

□ **conditioned reflex** pakhat khat pek/hmuh tik ih thungrulnak.

conditional /kən'dɪʃənl/ *adj* (a) ~ (on/upon sth) thlun ding a tel mi; ...tik lawngah: *conditional approval, acceptance, etc* ○ *Payment of the money is conditional upon delivery of the goods*, ie If the goods are not delivered, the money will not be paid. (b) (esp grammar) if (lekhaw), unless (lo ahcun, ti ih a thok mi ʔong tluan): *a conditional clause*, ie one beginning with *if* or *unless*.

▷ **conditionally** /kən'dɪʃənl/ *adv*.

condole /kən'dəʊl/ *v* [Ipr] ~ with sb (on sth) (fml) hnem, topi (riahsiatnak, thih le hloh ton tikh).

▷ **condolence** /kən'dəʊləns/ *n* [U, C often pl] hnemnak, topinak: *a letter of condolence* ○ *Please accept my condolences.*

condom /kəndəm/ (also esp US prophylactic) *n* pawlawk tiki mipa zahmawh tuamnak thil (rabar) (nau seem hlah seh, nat suan-aw hlah seh ti duh ih hmanmi).

condominium /kəndə'mɪniəm/ *n* **1** ramdang pahnih maw, cu hnakh tam ih ukmi ram. **2** (US) tlakrawh inn tumpi sungih bulpak neihmi innkhan.

condone /kən'dəʊn/ *v* [Tn, Tg, Tsg] mawh ngaithiam; mawhnak khi thupi zet ih lak sak lo, ngaithiam men: *condone violence, adultery, fraud, etc* ○ *Not punishing them amounts to condoning their crime.*

▷ **condonation** /kəndəʊneɪʃn/ *n* [U] (fml).

condor /kəndɔ:(r)/ *n* S America langta (mu) phunkhat.

conduce /kən'dju:s/ US -du:s/ *v* [Ipr] ~ to/towards sth (fml) thlenter, umter, ʔahnem santlai: *A good diet conduces to good health.*

▷ **conductive** /kən'dju:sɪv/ US -du:s-/ *adj* [pred] ~ to sth thlenter thei; umter thei: *These noisy conditions aren't really conducive to concentrated work.*

conduct ¹ /kəndʌkt/ *n* [U] **1** ziaza (thinlung lam): *the rules of conduct* ○ *The prisoner was released early because of good conduct.* **2** ~ of sth khawkhan dan: *There was growing criticism of the government's conduct of the war.*

conduct ² /kən'dʌkt/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] hruai, lamzin hmuh: *I asked the attendant to conduct him to the door/conduct him out.* ○ *A guide conducted the visitors round the museum.* ○ *We were given a conducted (ie guided) tour of the cathedral.* **2** (a) fial, uk: *conduct business, a meeting, negotiations, etc* ○ *She was appointed*

to conduct the advertising campaign. (b) hlasak, awnmawi tum tiki (kut) vai, (hla vai): a concert by the Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Sir Colin Davis. 3 [Tn-pr] ~ oneself well, badly, etc (fml) umdan thiam/thiam lo: conduct oneself honourably, with dignity, like a gentleman ○ How did the prisoner conduct himself? 4 [Tn] a satnak fehter: Copper conducts electricity better than other materials do.

▷ **conduction** /kən'dʌkʃn/ n [U] thirhri ah electric daat fehter; a satnak fehter nak.

conductive /kən'dʌktɪv/ adj a satnak le electric daat fehter thei. **conductivity** /kəndʌk'tɪvəti/ n [U] cumi pawl fehternak.

conductor /kən'dʌktə(r)/ n 1 choir, awnmawi tum ih hlavaitu, lakhawmtu. 2 (a) (Brit) mawṭawka toman khawtu. (b) (US) (Brit guard) tlangleng khawngtu: a lightning conductor ○ Wood is a poor conductor.

▷ **conductress** /kən'dʌktrɪs/ n mawṭawka toman diltu nu.

□ **conductor rail** tlangleng zin ih phahmi thir tluan.

conduit /'kɒndɪt/ US 'kɒndjuːt, US -dwɪt/ n (a) tidai luannak peep (pipe) tumpi. (b) electric hridai tuamtu peep.

cone /kəʊn/ n 1 a tawlam a bial ih a lu lam ah a zum vivo-mi thil. 2 kadawh vek thil ziancing, vutcam ti (al-ti) thlornak vek thil. 3 far-thing rah.

▷ **cone** v (phv) **cone sth off** kadawh vek thil thawn rak kham: cone off a section of motorway during repairs ○ cone of parking spaces that must not be used.

coney = CONY.

confab /'kɒnfæb/ n (dated infml) bul thu relkhawmnak.

confection /kən'fekʃn/ n (fml) cithlum rawi ih tuahmi eiṭha pawl; keik thlum.

▷ **confectioner** n cithlum (miṭhai) le keik pawl tuah le zuartu: I bought it at the confectioner's (shop). **confectionery** /kən'fekʃənəri/ US -ʃənəri/ n (a) [U] cithlum hlum, chokaleit, keik tivek pawl. (b) [C] hite pawl zuarnak dawr.

confederacy /kən'fedərəsi/ n 1 ramṭhen (state) pawl ṭankhawmnak. 2 the (Southern) Confederacy Conferderate States pawl.

confederate¹ /kən'fedərət/ adj lungkimnak tuah ih kom-aw mi: The Confederate States of America.

▷ **confederate** n 1 phiarpi (thuṭha lo ih): his confederates in the crime. 2 Confederate Conferderate States ṭantu.

□ **confederate States** 1960-61 ah United States ram ihsin rak suaktu state 11 pawl.

confederate² /kən'fedərət/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/ sth) khatlam khatlam ṭahnem ngai ih kom-aw; ṭangkawm.

▷ **confederation** /kən'fedərəʃn/ n (a) [U]

ṭankhawmnak, komawknak.. (b) [C] a kom aw mi: the Confederation of British Industry.

confer /kən'fɜː(r)/ v (-rr-) 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (on/ about sth) thu ron: She withdrew to confer with her advisers before announcing a decision. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (on sb) cathiamnak dikari, hminṭhatnak pek: The Queen conferred knighthoods on several distinguished men. ○ (fig) He behaves as if high rank automatically confers the right to be obeyed.

▷ **conferment** n [U, C] (fml) dikari, sunlawihnak pekknak.

conference /'kɒnfərəns/ n [C, U] thu-ron pumkhawmpi: Many international conferences are held in Geneva. ○ The Director is in conference now.

confess /kən'fes/ v 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf, Dn-pr] ~ (to sth); ~ (sth) (to sb) tuah sual mi phuang: The prisoner refused to confess (his crime). ○ She finally confessed (to having stolen the money). ○ He confessed that he had murdered her. (b) [Ipr, Tf, Tnt, Cn-a] sinak phuang: She confessed to (having) a dread of spiders, ie admitted that she was afraid of them. ○ I'm rather bored, I must confess. ○ He confessed himself (to be) totally ignorant of their plans. 2 (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Dpr-f] ~ (sth) (to sb) mah sualnak phuang (RC siangbawi hnenah): He confessed (to the priest) that he had sinned. (b) [Tn] sual phuangter: The priest confessed the criminal.

▷ **confessedly** /-ɪdli/ adv phuang phah in.

confession /kən'feʃn/ n 1 [C, U] sual phuannak: to make a full confession of one's crimes. 2 [C, U] (Roman Catholic Church) ih tuahmi siangbawi hnenih sual phuannak: The priest will hear confessions in English and French. ○ I always go to confession on Fridays. 3 [C] biaknak lam ih mah zummi phuannak: a confession of faith.

confessional /kən'feʃən/ n bulpak, thu phuannak hmun; sualphuan hmun biakinn khan fate: the secrets of the confessional.

confessor /kən'fesə(r)/ n sual phuanmi ngaitu siangbawi (pastor).

confetti /kən'feti/ n [sing v] thit-um tik ih monu le moneitu luu parih theh sak mi cahnah fate-te; cahnah ṭiak vorhmi.

confidant /kɒnfɪdənt/ n zummi; rinmi (thuthup le thu dangdang tla sim le ruahpi ngammi milai).

confide /kən'faɪd/ 1 (a) [Tf, Dn-pr, Dpr-f] ~ sth to sb mah ih thuthup mi sim: She confided her troubles to a friend. ○ He confided (to me) that he had applied for another job. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ sb/ sth to sb/ sth (fml) kilkhawi sak dingih ap: Can I confide my children to your care? 2 (phr v) **confide in sb** sim ngam: There's no one here I can confide in.

▷ **confiding** adj [usu attrib] thu phuang thei:

She was a practiced swindler and took advantage of the old man's confiding nature. confidently adv.

confidence /kən'fɪdəns/ *n* **1** [U] **(a)** ~ **(in sb/sth)** zumngamnak; rinngamnak: *to have/lose confidence in sb* ○ *I have little confidence in him.* ○ *Don't put too much confidence in what the papers say.* ○ *There is a lack of confidence in the government, ie People do not believe that its policies are wise.* **(b)** mah le mah rinsanawknak: *He answered the questions with confidence.* ○ *You are too shy: you should have more confidence (in yourself).* **2** [C] mi hnenih sim mi mah ih thuthup: *The two girls sat in a crowd exchanging confidences.* **3** (idm) **in (strict) confidence** thuthup vekin: *I'm telling you this in (strict) confidence — so don't breathe a word of it.* **take sb into one's confidence** mah ih thuthup midang sim.

□ **confidence trick** zum dingih tuah hnu-ah bum. **confidence trickster** (also *infml conman*) mi bum hman.

confident /kən'fɪdənt/ *adj* ~ **(of sth/that...)** mah le mah zum-aw, rinsan-aw: *a confident smile, manner, speech, etc* ○ *feel confident of succeeding/that one will succeed* ○ *He is confident of victory.*

▷ **confidently** *adv.*

confidential /kən'fɪdənl/ *adj* **1** thuthup thuh dingmi, midang theihter lo dingmi thu: *confidential information, files, letters.* **2** [attrib] thuthup sim mi, thuthup theih termi: *a confidential secretary.* **3** rin um zet in: *to speak in a confidential tone.*

▷ **confidentiality** /kən'fɪdənlə'ti/ *n* [U]. **confidentially** /-fə'lɪ/ *adv*: *He told me confidentially that he's thinking of resigning next year.*

configuration /kən'fɪgə'reɪʃn/; US -fɪgʊ'reɪʃn/ *n* a hmuihmel; a lenglam hmel: *the configuration of the earth's surface, the vocal tract, the solar system.*

configure /kən'fɪgə(r)/ *v* [Tn] (esp computing) a dang thawn a rem-aw dingih thil rak tuah cia.

confine /kən'faɪn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (in/to sth)** hmunkhat ah kharhkhum, kharkhip, hreng: *Is it cruel to confine a bird in a cage?* ○ *After her operation, she was confined to bed for a week.* ○ *I should hate to be confined in an office all day.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth to sth** ritek neihter: *I wish the speaker would confine himself to the subject.* ○ *Confine your criticism to matters you understand.*

▷ **confined** *adj* **1** kharhkhummi; ritekmi: *It was difficult to work efficiently in such a confined space.*

confinement **1** [U] kharkhumnak; thawng thlaknak: *to be placed in confinement, ie in a prison, mental hospital, etc* ○ *The prisoner was*

sentenced to three months' solitary confinement, ie khaan dangte ah mah pakhat lawng thawng thlak. **2** **(a)** nau hrin/suah tikcu: *Her confinement was approaching.* **(b)** [C] nauhrin: *The doctor has been called to a home confinement, ie a birth taking place at the mother's home rather than in hospital.*

confines /kən'faɪnz/ *n* [pl] (*fml*) ritek, ban tawk; ramri: *beyond the confines of human knowledge* ○ *within the confines of family life.*

confirm /kən'fɜ:m/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf] thungai a si ti ih nemhnget: *The rumours of an attack were later confirmed.* ○ *The announcement confirmed my suspicions.* ○ *Please write to confirm your reservation, ie send a letter to support a booking made by telephone.* ○ *When asked, she confirmed that she was going to retire.* **2** [Tn, Cn-n/a, Cn-pr] ~ **sb (in sth)** thu relcatmi/ lungkim tuahnak nemhnget, fektek: *The new minister will be confirmed in office by the Queen.* ○ *After a six-month probationary period, she was confirmed in her post.* ○ *The incident confirmed him in (ie established more firmly) his dislike of dogs.* **3** [Tn] kawhhran sungtel ih cohlan: *She was baptized when she was a month old and confirmed when she was thirteen.*

▷ **confirmed** *adj* [attrib] thil pakhat tuah dingih um, cuti um dingih zapi hmuhmi: *a confirmed bachelor, ie a single man who is unlikely to marry* ○ *a confirmed drunkard, gambler, etc.*

confirmation /kən'fɜ'meɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] nemhngetnak, hngetternak: *We are waiting for confirmation of our onward reservations, ie waiting to be told that our further travel bookings are still valid.* ○ *The bishop conducted a number of confirmations at the service.*

confiscate /kən'fɪskeɪt/ *v* [Tn] (thil) laksak, long; lonsak: *The headmaster confiscated Tommy's pea-shooter.* ○ *If you are caught smuggling goods into the country, they will probably be confiscated.*

▷ **confiscation** /kən'fɪskeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U].

conflagration /kən'flə'greɪʃn/ *n* (*fml*) meikang (a nasa mi) ram mei tivek pawl.

conflate /kən'fleɪt/ *v* [Tn usu passive] thu pahnih finkhawm: *The results of the two experiments were conflated.* ○ *Can these two definitions be conflated, or must they be kept separate?*

▷ **conflation** /kən'fleɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

conflict /kən'flɪkt/ *n* [C, U] **1** **(a)** ral do-awk: *soldiers involved in armed conflict.* **(b)** (fig) khat le khat tuai-awk, remlonak: *a long and bitter conflict between employers and workers.* **2** ral sannak; thu khatlonak: *the conflict between one's duty and one's desires* ○ *a conflict of interests, ie between the achievement of one aim and that of another* ○ *your statement is in conflict with the rest of the evidence.*

▷ **conflict** /kən'flɪkt/ *v* [I, Ipr] **A and B ~A ~s with B** ralsan; kalhkeh aw, dodal; a khawng aw:

.....
The statements of the two witnesses conflict. ○
Their account of events conflicts with ours.

confluence /kənfluəns/ *n* **1** tiva pahnih komawknak hmun: *the confluence of the Blue Nile and the White Nile.* **2** (fml) a pumkhawm-awmi (milai tampi).

▷ **confluent** /kənfluənt/ *adj* (fml) a kom-aw mi.
conform /kən'fɔ:m/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (to sth) thlun (a si vekin): *her refusal to conform (to the normal social conventions)* ○ *The building does not conform to safety regulations.* **2** [Ipr] ~ with/to sth rem: *His ideas do not conform with mine.*

▷ **conformist** /kən'fɔ:mɪst/ khawpi vantlang daan, biaknak daan thluntu: *She's too much of a conformist to wear silly clothes.*

conformity /kən'fɔ:məti/ *n* [U] (fml) **1** ~ (to/with sth) thlun ding daan. **2** (idm) in conformity with sth daan le upadi vek thlun in: *act in conformity with the rules, law, etc* ○ *in conformity with your request, instructions, wishes, etc.*

conformation /kən'fɔ:'meɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] (fml) thil ti suak dan, saktuah dan; pumruang.

confound /kən'faund/ *v* **1** [Tn] (dated or fml) mangbang, khawruahhar: *His behaviour amazed and confounded her.* ○ *I was confounded to hear that....* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) (dated) buai, hnok. **3** [Tn] (dated or fml) (a) neh: *confound an enemy, rival, critic, etc.* (b) rak kham, sianglo: *confound a plan, attempt, etc.* **4** [Tn] (infml) thinheng langter tikih hman mi ʔongfang: *Confound it!* ○ *Confound you!*

▷ **confounded** *adj* [attrib] (infml) hnaihok in! tinak: *You're a confounded nuisance!*
confoundedly *adv* (infml) ...zet, ...tuk: *confoundedly hot.*

confront /kən'fraund/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr] ~ sb with sb/sth hmaiton-aw: *They confronted the prisoner with his accusers.* ○ *When confronted with the evidence of her guilt, she confessed.* **2** [Tn] (a) eng; ralsan; rak dodal tum: *the problems confronting us* ○ *Confronted by an angry crowd the police retreated.* (b) luh lo mi ʔong: *A soldier often has to confront danger.*

▷ **confrontation** /kən'fran'teɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] thinheng ih hmai le hmai ton-awk; khat le khat eng-awk: *a confrontation between the government and the unions.*

Confucian /kən'fju:ʃn/ *adj, n* Confucius (551–479 BC) thluuntu.

confuse /kən'fju:z/ *v* **1** [Tn usu passive] lung-aa; buai, ziang tuah ding thei lo: *They confused me by asking so many questions.* **2** [Tn] hnok theh: *Her unexpected arrival confused all our plans.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ A and/with B theih palh/sual: *I always confuse the sisters: they look so alike.* ○ *Don't confuse Austria and/with Australia.* ○ *This construction should not be confused with the regular passive.* **4** [Tn] hnokter; fianglo ih tuah: *a confused argument* ○ *Don't confuse the issue,*

eg by introducing irrelevant topics.

▷ **confused** *adj* **1** fiangte'n ruat thei lo; lung-aa: *All your changes of plan have made me totally confused.* ○ *The old lady easily gets confused.* **2** cok kalh/hnok theh mi: *a confused account of what happened.* **confusedly** /-ɪdli/ *adv.*

confusing *adj* theih-har mi; a hnok mi: *a most confusing speech* ○ *The instructions on the box are very confusing.* **confusingly** *adv.*

confusion /kən'fju:ʒn/ *n* [U] **1** thin hnaihoknak, thin buainak: *gazing in confusion at the strange sight.* **2** hnok/buainak: *Her unexpected arrival threw us into total confusion.* **3** theihusualnak (milai, thil): *There has been some confusion of names.* **4** theih-hliah lonak: *There is some confusion about what the correct procedure should be.*

confute /kən'fju:t/ *v* [Tn] (fml) a si lo ti ih simfiang (milai thu-hla).

▷ **confutation** /kən'fju:'teɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

conga /kən'dzi:l/ *n* hlawptlo le rang deuh ih laamnak dingih tuahmi music aw.

congeal /kən'dzi:l/ *v* [I, Tn] dai ih khangter/khalter: *The blood had congealed round the cut on her knee.* ○ *Use hot water to rinse the congealed fat off the dinner plates.*

congenial /kən'dzi:niəl/ *adj* **1** lung rem zawng/duh zawng, rem zawng: *a congenial companion.* **2** ~ (to sb) mah duh zawng: *a congenial climate, environment, hobby* ○ *I find this aspect of my job particularly congenial.*

▷ **congeniality** /kən'dzi:ni'æləti/ *n* [U]. **congenially** /-iəl/ *adv.*

congenital /kən'dʒenɪtl/ *adj* **1** suah hlan/suah hnu ih um (natnak): *congenital defects, blindness, etc.* **2** [attrib] natnak, taksa himlo ih suakmi (naute): *a congenital idiot, syphilitic, etc.*

conger /'kɒŋgə(r)/ *n* (also **conger eel**) tipi um nga-rul tumpi.

congested /kən'dʒestɪd/ *adj* **1** ~ (with sth) a tet, khattuk: *streets congested with traffic.* **2** (a) thi thawn a pitmi (cuap). (b) a pitmi (hnar): *He had a cold and was very congested.*

congestion /kən'dʒestʃən/ *n* [U] a tettuknak, khattuknak, a pitnak: *traffic congestion* ○ *congestion of the lungs.*

conglomerate /kən'glɒməɾət/ *n* **1** hlom-hlummi thil. **2** lungtiak hlum tete mirang leilung thawn ben khawmmi. **3** (commerce) dawr tumpi-pi pawlkhawm: *a mining, chemical, etc conglomerate.*

▷ **conglomeration** /kən'glɒmə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C] (infml) a phunphun hmunkhat ih finkhawmmi thil: *a conglomerate of rusty old machinery.* **2** [U] hmunkhat ih finkhawmdan.

congratulate /kən'græʃuleɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] **1** ~ sb (on sth) lawm: *congratulate sb on his marriage, new job, good exam results, etc.* **2** ~ oneself (on/upon (doing) sth) mah le mah

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vanṭha ih zum-aw: *You can congratulate yourself on having done a good job.*

▷ **congratulatory** /kən'grætʃʊlətəri/; US -tɔːrɪ/ *adj* [usu attrib] lomnak a telmi/a simi: *congratulatory words, letter, telegram, etc.*

congratulation /kən'grætʃʊləʃn/ *n* **1** [U] lomnak: *a speech of congratulation for the winner.* **2** **congratulations** [pl] (a) kan/ka lo lawm ti ih cibai buknaq tɔng: *offer sb one's congratulations on his success.* (b) ka lo lawm! tinak: *You've passed your driving test? Congratulations!*

congregate /'kɒŋgrɪgeɪt/ *v* [I] pum-aw, hmun khat ah khawm-aw: *a crowd quickly congregated (round the speaker).*

congregation /'kɒŋgrɪ'geɪʃn/ *n* [CGp] **1** biak khawmnak ih a ratu mizapi pawl (puithiam le choir saktu tel lo). **2** biakinn ih khawm theutu pawl.

▷ **congregational** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a pumkhawm-aw lam. **2** Congregational Khristian kawhhran tampi a kom-aw mi.

congress /'kɒŋgres/; US -grəs/ *n* [CGp] **1** thlahmi palai thu relkhawmnak: *a medical, international, etc congress* ○ *the Church Congress.* **2** Congress upadi tuahtu rampi thlangsuak pawl (USA ram hlutdaw). Cf SENATE **1**.

▷ **congressional** *adj* /kən'greʃənəl/ Congress lam: *a congressional investigation, committee, etc.*

□ **Congressman** /-mən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/), **Congresswoman** *n* (pl -women) US Congress sungtel.

congruent /'kɒŋgruənt/ *adj* **1** (geometry) a tum/a seen le a pianzia a bang-aw mi: *congruent triangles.* **2** (also **congruous**) ~ (with sth) (fml) a remcang; kaih aw: *measures congruent with the seriousness of the situation.*

congruous /'kɒŋgruəs/ *adj* ~ (with sth) (fml) = CONGRUENT **2**.

▷ **congruity** /kən'gruːəti/ *n* [U].

conic /'kɒnɪk/ *adj* (geometry) kadawh pian.

▷ **conical** /'kɒnɪkl/ *adj* kadawh vek: *a conical hat, shell, hill.*

conifer /'kɒnɪfə(r)/, US 'kəʊn-/ *n* kadawh pian rah nei thingkung, farkung.

▷ **coniferous** /kə'nɪfərəs/; US kəʊn-/ *adj* kadawh pian nei.

conjecture /kən'dʒektʃə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf] ~ (about sth) (fml) sihmang ti ih ruat: *It was just as I had conjectured.* ○ *Don't conjecture about the outcome.* ○ *What made you conjecture that?*

▷ **conjecture** *n* **1** [C] sihmang ti ih ruahnak: *I was right in my conjectures.* **2** [U] ruahdamnak: *What the real cause was is open to conjecture.* ○ *Your theory is pure conjecture.*

conjectural /kən'dʒektʃərəl/ *adj* a si hmang ti ruahnak bunmi.

conjoin /kən'dʒɔɪn/ *v* [I, Tn] (fml) peh-aw; kom-aw.

▷ **conjoint** /kən'dʒɔɪnt, 'kɒndʒɔɪnt/ *adj* (fml) komawmi, pehawmi. **conjointly** *adv*.

conjugal /kɒndʒʊɡl/ *adj* (fml) nupi le pasai sinak: *conjugal life, bliss, rights.*

▷ **conjugally** /-gəli/ *adv*.

conjugate /kɒndʒʊɡeɪt/ *v* (grammar) **1** [Tn] *verb* hi a tam hrang le tense vekih then. **2** [I] *verb* phun then: *How does this verb conjugate?*

▷ **conjugation** /kɒndʒʊ'geɪʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] *verb* phun thennak: *a verb with an irregular conjugation.* **2** [C] a pehtlai awmi *verb* phun: *Latin verbs of the second conjugation.*

conjunction /kən'dʒʌŋkʃn/ *n* **1** [C] (grammar) tɔng pakhat le pakhat pehzomtu tɔngfang, and, but, or tivek pawl. **2** (fml) (a) [C] kom khawmnak: *an unusual conjunction of circumstances.* (b) pehzom-awknak: *the conjunction of workmanship and artistry in making jewellery.* **3** (idm) in conjunction with sb/sth hmunkhat ah komkhawm in: *We are working in conjunction with the police.*

conjunctive /kən'dʒʌŋktɪv/ *adj* (esp grammar) peh zom thei, komkhawm thei: *a conjunctive adverb.*

▷ **conjunctive** *n* conjunction(1).

conjunctivitis /kɒŋdʒʌŋktɪ'vʌtɪs/ *n* [U] mit-mu tuamtu vun nat.

conjunction /kən'dʒʌŋktʃə(r)/ *n* (fml) a kom-aw mi (thu le hla hmuahhmauh).

conjure¹ /'kændʒə(r)/ *v* **1** [I] mitkher hmuh (kut thiamnak thawn): *learn how to conjure.* **2** (idm) a name to conjure with ⇒ NAME. **3** (phr v) **conjure sth up** (a) mitthlam ah cuanter: *a tune which conjures up pleasant memories.* (b) mithi cia thlarau langter: *conjure up the spirits of the dead.* **conjure sth up; conjure sth (up) from/out of sth** mitkher vekih suak-hruak: *I had lost my pen, but she conjured up another one for me from somewhere.* ○ *conjuring a delicious meal out of a few unpromising ingredients.*

▷ **conjurer** (also **conjurator**) /'kændʒərə(r)/ *n* mitkher thiam; mitkher hmuhtu. Cf MAGICIAN (MAGIC).

conjuring /'kændʒərɪŋ/ *n* [U] mitkher hmuh: [attrib] a conjuring trick.

conjure² /kən'dʒʊə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Dn-t] (fml) ralringter: *Be on your guard, I conjure you.* ○ *I conjure you most earnestly to reconsider your position.*

▷ **conjunction** /kɒndʒʊ'reɪʃn/ *n* [U].

conk¹ /kɒŋk/ *n* (Brit sl) hnar.

conk² /kɒŋk/ *v* (phr v) **conk out** (infml) **1** (cet) a cawl: *The car conked out at the crossroads.* **2** (minung) thazaang cem ih cawl/bang, itthat, thi: *Granddad usually conks out (ie sleep) for an hour or so after lunch.*

conker /'kɒŋkə(r)/ *n* (infml esp Brit) rangkha (thil thing phun).

con man /kɒn mæn/ ⇒ CON.

connect /kə'nekt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p]

~ (sth) (up) (to/with sth) peh: *The wires connect (up) under the floor.* ○ *Where does the cooker connect with the gas-pipe?* ○ *The two towns are connected by a railway.* ○ *A railway connects Oxford and/with Reading.* ○ *Connect the fridge (up) to the electricity supply.* ○ *The thigh bone is connected to the hip bone.* ○ *The two rooms have a connecting door, ie so that you can go straight from one room into the other.* ○ *an ill-connected narrative.* **2 (a)** [Tn, Tn-pr usu passive] ~ **sb (with sb/sth)** pawl, unau aw: *a man connected with known criminals* ○ *The two men are connected by marriage.* ○ *She is connected with a noble family.* **(b)** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (with sb/sth)** unau aw tiuh ruat: *I was surprised to hear them mentioned together: I've never connected them before.* ○ *People connect Vienna with waltzes and coffee-houses.* **3** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/sth) khuatlawng pawl an tomi vanzam/ mawṭawka tivek thleng aw thei dingih tuah: *These two planes connect.* ○ *The 9.00 am train from London connects with the 12.05 pm from Crewe.* ○ *There's a connecting flight at midday.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (with sb)** telefon thawn biak awkter: *Hold on, I'll just connect you (with Miss Jones).* **5** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/sth) (infml) dai ngah, tong ngah: *a wild swing which failed to connect (with his chin).* Cf WELL-CONNECTED (WELL³).

□ **connecting rod** piston le crankshaft pehtu thir.

connection (Brit also **connexion**) /kə'nekʃn/ n **1** (a) peh-awknak: *How long will the connection of the telephone take?* ie How long will it take to install a telephone and connect it to the exchange? **(b)** [C] ~ **between sth and sth; ~ with/to sth** peh-awknak: *There's a faulty connection in the fuse box* ○ *What is the connection between the two ideas, ie how are they linked?* ○ *Is there a connection between smoking and lung cancer?* ○ *His dismissal has no connection with (ie is not due to) the quality of his work.* **2** [C] pehzom ih to dingmi mawṭawka, tlangleng, vanzam: *The train was late and I missed my connection.* **3** [C usu pl] (sumtuahnak ih) kommi, rualpi: *I heard about it through one of my bessiness connections.* **4** **connections** [pl] unau, hrinza: *She is British but also has German connections.* **5** (idm) **in connection with sb/sth** thawn pehpar aw in: *I am writing to you in connection with your job application.* **in this/that connection** (fml) himi/ khami thawn pehpar awmi.

connective /kən'nektiv/ adj a peh theimi; peh zom thei mi: *connective tissue.*

▷ **connective** n a pehtu, tongkam pehtu.

conning-tower /kɒnɪŋ təʊ(r)/ n tising-lut lawng parih durbing retnak inn fate.

connive /kə'naɪv/ v [Ipr] ~ **at sth** (derog) hmu lo, thei loter; mit siing awter: *Not to protest is to*

connive at the destruction of the environment.

▷ **connivance** /kə'naɪvəns/ n [U] ~ (at/in sth) thei lo/hmu loternak, mitsing awkternak: *a crime carried out with the connivance of/in connivance with the police.*

conniving adj mi siatsuah duh, depde: *You conniving bastard!*

connoisseur /kənə'sɜ:(r)/ n zuk suaيمي: a connoisseur of painting, old porcelain, antiques, wine.

connote /kə'nəʊt/ v [Tn, Tf] a ti can/sullam hlei ah tican dang neihter bet: *a term connoting disapproval/that one disapproves of sth.*

▷ **connotation** /kənə'teɪʃn/ n tican neihter betnak: *The word 'hack' means 'journalist' but has derogatory connotations.*

connubial /kə'nju:biəl; US -nu:-/ adj (fml or joc) nupi le pasal lam, innsang lam: *connubial life, bliss, etc.*

conquer /kɒŋkə(r)/ v [Tn] **1 (a)** laak (do aw in): *The Normans conquered England in 1066.* **(b)** (fig) neh (upatnak, duhdawtnak tivek pawl): *He set out to conquer the literary world of London.* ○ *She has conquered the hearts of many men, ie they have fallen in love with her.* **2 (a)** neh (ral, zuamawknak, tivek pawl): *England conquered their main rivals in the first round of the competition.* **(b)** (fig) neh (hmuhnak, ruahnak, tivek pawl): *The mountain was not conquered (ie successfully climbed) until 1935.* ○ *Smallpox has finally been conquered.* ○ *You must conquer your fear of driving.*

▷ **conqueror** /kɒŋkwɛst/ n nehtu, ral nehtu: *William the Conqueror, ie King William I of England.*

conquest /kɒŋkwɛst/ n **1** [U] nehnak: *the Norman Conquest ie of England by the Normans in 1066* ○ *the conquest of cancer.* **2** [C] **(a)** neh lakmi: *the Roman conquests in Africa.* **(b)** cainei mi, ai zelhngah mi: *He is one of her many conquests.* ○ *You've made quite a conquest there, ie he likes you!*

conquistador /kɒŋkwɪstədɔ:(r)/ n (pl ~s or ~es) kum zabi 16 lai ih Mexico le Peru ram latu Spain mi pakhatkhat kawhnak.

Cons abbr (Brit politics) Conservative: *James Crofton (Cons).*

consanguinity /kɒnsæŋ'ɡwɪnətɪ/ n [U] (fml) thi le sa ih unau sinak: *close ties of consanguinity.*

conscience /kən'fəns/ n [C, U] **1** sia le ṭha theihnak: *have a clear/guilty conscience, ie feel one has done right/wrong* ○ *After she has committed the crime, her conscience was troubled, ie she felt very guilty.* ○ *She cheerfully cheats and lies; she's got no conscience at all.* ○ *I must go. It's a matter of conscience, ie I think it would be morally wrong not to go.* ○ *prisoners of conscience, ie imprisoned because they believe it is wrong to support a political system,*



etc. **2** (idm) **ease sb's conscience/mind** ⇒ EASE².
have sth on one's conscience tuah/tuah lo ruangih phuhrung aw: *He has several murders on his conscience.* **in all conscience** ziangti zawn tiang hman in: *You cannot in all conscience regard that as fair pay.* **on one's conscience** tuah ta, ti ta lo ruangih phuhrung aw: *It's still on my conscience that I didn't warn her in time.* **search one's heart/conscience** ⇒ SEARCH.

□ **conscience money** pek ding asinan, pe loih um ruangah phuhrung aw reromi rehter dingih pekmi tangka; mawhnak kiam deuh seh ti ruat ih pekmi tangka.

conscience-stricken /-stri:kən/ sir-awknak thawn a khatmi.

conscientious /kən'si:ənʃəs/ adj **1** tuanvo thei; tuah ding le dinglo a theitu: *a conscientious worker, pupil, attitude.* **2** (of actions) ralring zet le tha zet ih ti/tuahmi: *This essay is a most conscientious piece of work.*

▷ **conscientiously** adv. **conscientiousness** n [U].

□ **conscientious objector** thil tha a si lo ti ih ruah ruangah ralkap lut duh lotu. Cf PACIFIST (PACIFISM).

conscious /'kɒnʃəs/ adj **1** mi lungfim, thangphawk, a thei-awmi: *He was in a coma for days, but now he's (fully) conscious again.* ○ *She spoke to us in her conscious moments.* **2** ~ of sth/that... rak thei: *be conscious of being watched/that one is being watched* ○ *Are you conscious (of) how people will regard such behaviour?* **3** tuah hrim, ti hrimmi: *One's conscious motives are often different from one's subconscious ones.* ○ *I had to make a conscious effort not to be rude to him.* **4** rak thei: *trying to make the workers more politically conscious* ○ *Teenagers are very fashion-conscious.*

▷ **consciously** adv.

consciousness /kənʃənsɪs/ n [U] **1** (a) theihnak, lungfimnak: *The blow caused him to lose consciousness.* ○ *recover/regain consciousness after an accident.* (b) ~ (of sth/that...) rak theithiamnak: *my consciousness of her needs* ○ *class consciousness*, ie awareness of the struggle between social classes and strong attachment to one's own class. **2** thinlung ih theihnak—ruahnak, tuarnak, etc: *attitudes that are deeply ingrained in the English consciousness.*

conscript /kən'skript/ v [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ sb (into sth) ralkap luhter (cozah thu in): ralkap ah lak (luh lo theih lo) tivek: *conscripted into the army* ○ (fig) *I got conscripted into the team when their top player was injured.* Cf DRAFT.

▷ **conscript** /kən'skript/ n ralkap luhtermi milai: [attrib] *conscript soldiers/army.* Cf VOLUNTEER **2**.

conscription /kən'skripʃn/ n [U] ram mi pawl ralkap lutternak thu.

consecrate /kənsə'kreɪt/ v **1** [Tn, Cn-n] biaknak hrangih hlan (ap): *The new church was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester.* ○ *He was consecrated Archbishop last year.* **2** [Tn.pr] ~ sth/sb to sth pum pe aw: *consecrate one's life to the service of God/to the relief of suffering.* Cf DEDICATE **3**.

▷ **consecration** /kənsə'kreɪʃn/ n [C, U] hlannak (biaknak hrangah) apnak: *the consecration of a bishop*, ie the ceremony at which a priest is made a bishop.

consecutive /kən'sekjʊtɪv/ adj pakhat hnu pakhat a pehpheh ih ra-mi: *on three consecutive days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.*

▷ **consecutively** adv.

consensus /kən'sensəs/ n [C, U] ~ (on sth/that...) lungkim tlangnak: *The two parties have reached a consensus.* ○ *There is broad consensus (of opinion) in the country on this issue.* ○ [attrib] *consensus politics*, ie the practice of proposing policies which will be given support by (nearly) all parties.

consent /kən'sent/ v [I, I.pr, It] ~ (to sth) lungkim: *She made the proposal, and I readily consented (to it).* ○ *She won't consent to him staying out late/to his staying out late.* ○ *They finally consented (ie agreed) to go with us.* ○ *sex between consenting adults*, ie who both agree to it.

▷ **consent** n [U] **1** ~ (to sth) lungkimnak, siannak: *Her parents refused their consent to the marriage.* ○ *He gave his consent for the project to get under way.* ○ *She was chosen as leader by common consent*, ie one is assumed to agree if one remains silent. **2** (idm) **with one consent** (arch) zate lungkim in.

consequence /kənsəkwəns; US -kwens/ n **1** [C] (usu pl) a hnuthlun, ngahmi, thil pakhat tuah ruangih a ra suakmi: *Her investment had disastrous consequences: she lost everything she owned.* ○ *be ready to take, suffer, bear the consequences of one's actions*, ie accept the bad things which happen as a result. ○ *recent developments which could have far-reaching consequences for the country's economy.* **2** [U] (fml) a thupi mi: *It is of no consequence.* ○ *He may be a man of consequence (ie an important man or man of high rank) in his own country, but he's nobody here.* **3** (idm) **in consequence (of sth)** (infml) ti/tuah ruangah: *She was found guilty, and lost her job in consequence (of it).*

consequent /kənsəkwənt/ adj ~ (on/upon sth) (fml) ti/tuah ruangih suak mi: *his resignation and the consequent public uproar* ○ *the rise in prices consequent upon the failure of the crops.* ▷ **consequently** adv cuihruangah: *My car broke down and consequently I was late.*

consequential /kənsə'kwentʃl/ adj (fml) **1** ti, tuah ruangih cangmi/suakmi: *She was injured and*

suffered a consequential loss of earnings. **2** (a) thupi zet mi. (b) (derog) mah le mah thupitter aw mi.

▷ **consequently** /-felz/ *adv.*

conservancy /kən'sɜ:vənsɪ/ *n* (Brit) **1** [CGp] (often **Conservancy**) tiva, thingram, lawng cawlh hmun tivek pawl uktu bawi upa: *the Thames Conservancy* ○ *the Nature Conservancy*. **2** [U] zung thu in, tuuthing, tiva tivek zuahnak.

conservation /kən'sə'veɪʃn/ *n* [U] siat lo dingih zuah-tha: *the conservation of forests, water resources, old buildings, etc* ○ *wildlife conservation* ○ (physics) *the conservation of energy*, ie the principle that the total quantity of energy in the universe never varies. **2** kiangkap siat lo dingih zuahnak hnaʔuan: *She is very interested in conservation*.

▷ **conservationist** /-fənɪst/ *n* kiang le kap zuahʔha duhtu.

□ **Conservation area** (Brit) siat lo dingih zuah mi ram (ram hual).

conservatism /kən'sɜ:vətɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** rin lo ih thlengawh duh lo, thil thar uar lo (ram ukdan thu): *people's innate conservatism*. **2** (usu **Conservatism**) Britain ram ih Conservative Party pawl ih daan pawl.

conservative /kən'sɜ:vətɪv/ *adj* **1** thleng-aw hlukhli duh lo remrem, thleng-awh dodal: *Old people are usually more conservative than young people*. **2** (usu **Conservative**) Britain ram ih Conservative Party: *Conservative principles, candidates, voters*. **3** a hlawk lo lam in, a saang tuk lo lam in.: *There must have been a thousand people there, at a conservative estimate*, ie a low one. ○ *She is conservative in the way she dresses*.

▷ **conservative** *n* **1** thleng awk tuk duh lotu **2** (usu **Conservative**) British conservative pati sungtel.

conservatively *adv.*

□ **Conservative Party** Britain ram ih paʔi pakhat. Cf LABOUR PARTY (LABOUR¹), SOCIAL AND LIBERAL DEMOCRATS (SOCIAL).

conservatoire /kən'sɜ:vətwa:(r)/ (also **conservatory**) *n* Europe ram ih um awnmawi le lemcawn (drama) tivek pawl zirnak tlawng.

conservatory /kən'sɜ:vətɪrɪ; US -tɔ:rɪ/ *n* **1** thingkung pawl vur le ni in thiter hlah seh ti ih zuahnak hmun thlang inn tumpi. **2** = CONSERVATOIRE.

conserve /kən'sɜ:v/ *v* [Tn] zuah; siat hlah seh, thleng-aw hlah seh, hlo hlah seh ti ih ret-ʔha, zuah-ʔha: *conserve one's strength, health, resources, etc* ○ *new laws to conserve wildlife in the area*. Cf PRESERVE.

▷ **conserve** /kən'sɜ:v/ *n* [C usu pl U] (jem) thingthei cithlum thawn suanmi. Cf PRESERVE *n*.

consider /kən'sɪdə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tw, Tg] ~ **sb/sth (for/as sth)** ruat-ʔha; ziangtin ka tuah pei ti ih ruat-ʔha, ruat ciamciam: *We have considered*

your application carefully, but cannot offer you the job. ○ *consider sb for a job/as a candidate* ○ *Have you considered how to get there?* ○ *We are considering going to Canada, ie we may go there*.

2 [Tf, Cn-a, Cn-n, Cn-n/a, Cn-t] ~ **sb/sth as sth** ruat: *We consider this (to be) very important*. ○ *Do you consider it wise to interfere?* ○ *He will be considered a weak leader*. ○ *a painting previously considered as worthless, but which now turns out to be very valuable* ○ *He's generally considered to have the finest tenor voice in the country*. ○ (fml) *He's very well considered* (ie people have a high opinion of him) *within the company*. ○ *Consider yourself* (ie You are) *under arrest*. **3** [Tn] zawnruat sak: *We must consider the feelings of other people*. ○ *In judging him you should consider his youth*. **4** [Tn] (fml) zohʔha: *He stood considering the painting for some minutes*. **5** (idm) **all things considered** ⇨ **THING**. **one's considered opinion** ruat ciamciam ih relcat mi: *It's my considered opinion that you should resign*.

considerable /kən'sɪdərəbl/ *adj* tumpi, tampi: *a considerable quantity, sum, distance, etc* ○ *bought at considerable expense*.

▷ **considerably** /-əblɪ/ *adv* zet, ngaingai: *It's considerably colder this morning*.

considerate /kən'sɪdərət/ *adj* ~ (**towards sb**); ~ (**of sb**) (**to do sth**) zawnruah thiam, khawruah thiam: *a considerate person, act, attitude, etc* ○ *considerate towards her employees* ○ *It was considerate of you not to play the piano while I was asleep*.

▷ **considerately** *adv*. **considerateness** *n* [U].

consideration /kən'sɪdə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ruah dingmi ruahnak: *Please give the matter your careful consideration*. ○ *The proposals are still under consideration*, ie being considered. **2** [U] ~ (**for sb/sth**) khawruah saknak: *He has never shown much consideration for his wife's needs*. ○ *Out of consideration for the bereaved family's feelings the papers did not print the story*. **3** [C] ruahcih ʔulmi thil, khurkhua ruahmi: *Time is an important consideration in this case*. ○ *Several considerations have influenced my decision*. **4** [C] (fml) ʔuanman, nihlawh: *I will do it for you for a small consideration (of £50)*. **5** (idm) **in consideration of** (fml) hrangah, ruangah: *a small payment in consideration of sb's services*. **leave sth out of account/consideration** ⇨ LEAVE¹. **take sth into consideration** ruat telh ci: *I always take fuel consumption into consideration when buying a car*.

considering /kən'sɪdərɪŋ/ *prep, conj* ruat in, ruat sak in: *She's very active, considering her age*. ○ *Considering he's only just started, he knows quite a lot about it*. ○ *You've done very well, considering*, ie in view of the adverse

circumstances, etc.

consign /kən'saɪn/ *v* **1** [Tn.pr] (*fml*) (**a**) ~ **sb/sth to sb/sth** pek, ap: *consign a child to/into its uncle's care* ○ *consign one's soul to God* ○ (*fig*) *The body was consigned to the flames*, ie burned. (**b**) ~ **sth/sb to sth** ret hlo, thawn hlo: *an old chair that had been consigned to the attic*. **2** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** thilri kuat — a leitu hnenah: *The goods have been consigned (to you) by rail*. ▷ **consignee** /kənsa'ni:/ *n* thilri an kuatmi pa/nu, thil kuatmi rak ngahtu ding milai (CONSIGN 2).

consigner, consignor /-nə(r)/ *ns* thilri kuattu.

consignment *n* **1** [U] kuatmi, pekmi **2** [U] kuatmi thilri: *a consignment of wheat bound for Europe*. **3** (idm) **on consignment** kuatmi thil ngahtu ih a zuar khong hnu-ih a man pek ding-mi thil: *take/send/ship goods on consignment*.

□ **consignment note** thilri kuatnak ca.

consist /kən'sɪst/ *v* (not in the continuous tenses) (*phr v*) **consist of sth** (**a**) tel: *The committee consists of ten members*. ○ *a mixture consisting of flour and water*. ⇨ Usage at COMPRISE. (**b**) **consist in sth** (*fml*) a thupi bik thil ih tel: *The beauty of the plan consists in its simplicity*.

consistence /kən'sɪstəns/ *n* [U] = CONSISTENCY **1**.

consistency /kən'sɪstəns/ *n* **1** (also **consistence**) [U] (*approx*) khawruah, um dan pengter loih umnak; dunglam thu, hmailam thu bangawknak, khawruah pakhat ih tūnghmunnak: *His views lack consistency: one day he's a conservative, the next he's a liberal*. **2** [C, U] a khal, a sah zia: *Mix flour and liquid to the right consistency*. ○ *mixtures of various consistencies* ○ *It should have the consistency of thick soup*.

consistent /kən'sɪstənt/ *adj* **1** (*approx*) a hmun mi; a thlengaw lomi, mahkel ih um ringringmi: *You're not very consistent: first you condemn me, then you praise me*. **2** [*pred*] ~ (**with sth**) a remcang, a bangaw: *What you say now is not consistent with what you said last week*. ○ *The pattern of injuries is consistent with* (ie could have been caused by) *an attack with a knife*. ○ *I left as early as was consistent with politeness*. ▷ **consistently** *adv*.

consolation /kənsə'leɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] hmemnak, topinak; riahasiat ninghan daiternak: *a few words of consolation* ○ *Money is no consolation when you don't like your work*, ie does not make up for not liking it. **2** [C] hmemtu: *Your company has been a great consolation to me*. ○ *At least you weren't hurt — that's one consolation*, ie one good aspect of an otherwise bad situation.

□ **consolation prize** a neh ziktetu le neta bik ngahtu thilthen (laksawng): (*fig*) *She missed out on the top job, but as a consolation prize was made deputy chairman*.

consolatory /kən'sɒlətəri/ *US* -tɔːri/ *adj* hmem thei, thin daiter thei: *a consolatory letter; remark,*

etc.

console¹ /kən'səʊl/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb (for/on sth)** hmem (riahsia ninghang mi): *Nothing could console him when his pet dog died*. ○ *console sb for/on a loss* ○ *He consoled himself with the thought that it might have been worse*.

▷ **consolable** *adj* hmem theihmi.

console² /kənsəʊl/ *n* **1** electric le cet thilri. **2** TV, radio tohkham. **3** keyboard retnak theng **4** zaute domtu thing/thir

consolidate /kən'sɒlɪdeɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] hlom khalter, cakter, himter: *The time has come for the firm to consolidate after several years of rapid expansion*. ○ *With his new play he has consolidated his position as the country's leading dramatist*. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn.pr] ~ (**sth**) (**into sth**) (*commerce*) kom-aw: *All the debts have been consolidated*. ○ *The two companies consolidated for greater efficiency*.

▷ **consolidation** /kən'sɒlɪdeɪʃn/ *n* [U] kom-awknak: *the consolidation of the party's position at the top of the opinion polls*.

□ **consolidated annuities** [pl] British cozah stok. **the Consolidated Fund** (in Britain) siah ihsin ngahmi cozah sumpai.

consols /kənsɒlz/ *n* [pl] Bristish cozah ih stok lethmat (a pung malmi).

consommé /kən'sɒmeɪ/ *US* /kənsə'meɪ/ *n* [U] sa tihang, sahang fim.

consonance /kənsənəns/ *n* [U] (*fml*) **1** a remcang-awmi; a rem-awmi. **2** (*fig*) ~ (**with sth**) lungkimnak: *actions which were not in consonance with his words*.

consonant¹ /kənsənənt/ *n* (*phonetics*) (**a**) kaa ihsin a suakm thaw (thli) malte rak kham ih suakmi aw. (**b**) kaa sung suak tōng aw hminsinak cawang b, c, d, f. Cf VOWEL.

consonant² /kənsənənt/ *adj* ~ **with sth** (*fml*) remcang awmi, kaih-awmi: *behaving with a dignity consonant with his rank*.

consort¹ /kənsɔːt/ *n* mi uktu lal ih nupi, lole, pasal, thainu, mangpa: *the prince consort*, ie the reigning queen's husband.

consort² /kən'sɔːt/ *v* (*fml*) **1** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **with sb/ together** (*esp derog*) um tlang, pawl: *He'd been consorting with known criminals*. **2** [Ipr] ~ **with sth** kaih aw, a remcang aw: *dubious practices which consort ill with* (ie contradict) *his public statements on morality*.

consortium /kən'sɔːtɪəm/ *US* -sɔːrʃɪəm/ *n* (pl -tia /-tɪə/ *US* -ʃɪə/) ram, kampani, tangka zung tivek pawl alangte ih komawk: *A consortium of construction companies will build the power station*.

conspicuous /kən'spektəs/ *n* (pl -es) (*fml*) thuhla pakhat a zate ih ruat le zoh dan.

conspicuous /kən'spɪkjʊəs/ *adj* **1** ~ (**for sth**) lang, hmuh keukeu theih, a fiang: *If you're walking along a badly-lit road at night you should wear*

conspicuous clothes. ○ (ironic) *She wasn't exactly conspicuous for her helpfulness*, ie wasn't helpful. ○ *make oneself conspicuous*, ie attract attention by unusual behaviour, wearing unusual clothes, etc. **2** (idm) **conspicuous by one's absence** um ding mawi sinain um lo a fiang keukeu: *When it came to cleaning up afterwards, the boys were conspicuous by their absence.*

▷ **conspicuously** *adv*: *conspicuously absent.*
conspicuousness *n* [U].

conspire /kən'spaɪə(r)/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, It] ~ (with sb) (against sb); ~ (together) (against sb) thupte ih phiar (thil sual tuah dingah): *conspire with others against one's leader* ○ *They conspired to overthrow the government.* **2** [Ipr, It] ~ against sb/sth phiar tlaang: *circumstances conspiring against our success* ○ *events that conspired to bring about his downfall.*

▷ **conspirator** /kən'spɪrətə(r)/ *n* phiartu, phiar sawmtu.

conspiratorial /kən'spɪrətɔːriəl/ *adj* phiar duhnak lam: *She handed the note to me with a conspiratorial air.*

constable /'kɒnstəbl/ *n* [U] (kən-/ *n* = PLICE CONSTABLE (POLICE): [attrib] *Constable Johnson.*

▷ **constabulary** /kən'stæbjʊləri/ *US* -ləri/ *n* [Gp] hmun pakhat hrangih retmi palik pawl: *the Royal Ulster Constabulary.*

constancy /'kɒnstənsi/ *n* [U] (approv) **1** hmun ringringnak; thlengawk lonak, hnget: *constancy of purpose.* **2** felnak: *a husband's constancy.*

constant /'kɒnstənt/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] hmun ringring mi; a pehpeh ih ummi; tu le tu um/cangmi: *constant chattering, complaints, interruptions* ○ *This entrance is in constant use; do not block it.* **2** bangrep: *a constant speed, value, etc* ○ *Pressure in the container remains constant.* **3** [usu attrib] (approv) hnget, rin um: *a constant friend, companion, supporter, etc.*

▷ **constant** *n* (mathematics or physics) a zat a thleng lomi nambat. Cf VARIABLE *n*.

constantly *adv* a pehpeh in; cat lo bang loin: *He's constantly disturbing me.* ○ *She worries constantly.*

constellation /kɒnstə'leɪʃn/ *n* **1** arsi bur (siruk-rawlɔawm tivek pawl). **2** (fig) a bang aw mi thil/milai bur: *a constellation of Hollywood talent.*

consternation /kɒnstə'neiʃn/ *n* [U] vansang mangbang: *filled with consternation* ○ *To her consternation, he asked her to make a speech.*

constipated /kɒnstɪpeɪtɪd/ *adj* sungpit; ek suak duh lo: *If you're constipated you should eat more roughage.*

▷ **constipation** /kɒnstɪ'peɪʃn/ *n* [U] sungpit nat.

constituency /kən'stɪtjuənsi/ *n* [CGp] (a) rampi tlangsuak hrilnak me thlaktu bial. (b) rampi tlangsuak sungtel me thlaktu (hriltu) pawl: *Mr Jones has a natural constituency among steel*

workers.

constituent /kən'stɪtjuənt/ *adj* [attrib] a kim tertu thil, a sung um thil: *Analyse the sentence into its constituent parts.*

▷ **constituent** *n* **1** me thlaktu bial sungtel. **2** thil pakhat kim dingih an telchihmi thil: *the constituents of the mixture.*

□ **constituent assembly** uk-awk dan thuhram thlengtheinak thuneitu pumkhawmpi.

constitute /'kɒnstɪtjuːt/ *v* **1** [Tn] (fml) telh (a zate ah): *Twelve months constitute a year.* ○ *The committee is constituted of members of all three parties.* ○ (fig) *He is so constituted* (ie His nature is such) *that he can accept criticism without resentment.* ⇒ Usage at COMPRISE. **2** [Ln] siar: *My decision does not constitute* (ie should not be regarded as) *a precedent.* ○ *The defeat constitutes a major set-back for our diplomacy.* **3** [Tn] mi pawlkhat khi thuneihnak pek, dinsuah: *The committee had been improperly constituted, and therefore had no legal power.* **4** [Cn-n] (fml) upa hnaʔuan pek: *He seemed to have constituted himself our representative.*

constitution /kɒnstɪ'tjuːʃn/ *US* -tuːʃn/ *n* **1** [C] uk-awk dan thuhrampi; dindaan hrampi (upadi): *Britain has an unwritten constitution, the United States has a written constitution.* **2** (a) [U] (fml) ruangrai (milai): *the constitution of an advisory group.* (b) [C] (fml) thil pakhat ih saktuah daan, ruangrai: *the constitution of the solar spectrum.* **3** [C] thinlung le a sinak pawl: *Only people with a strong constitution should go climbing.*

constitutional /kɒnstɪ'tjuːʃənl/ *US* -tuː-/ *adj* **1** uk-awk dan thuhrampi vekih tuahmi/timi: *constitutional government, reform, etc* ○ *a constitutional ruler*, ie controlled or limited by a constitution ○ *They claimed that the new law was not constitutional*, ie not allowed by the constitution. **2** mi pakhat ih harhdamnak, thinlung le ruangrai sinak tla: *constitutional weakness, robustness, etc.*

▷ **constitutional** *n* (dated or joe): *go for/take a constitutional.*

constitutionally /-ʃənəli/ *adj.*

constitutionalism /-ʃənəlizəm/ *n* [U] uk-awk dan thuhrampi thawn uk-awk a ʔa ti ih zumtu.

constitutive /'kɒnstɪtjuːtɪv, kən'stɪtjuːtɪv/ *US* also 'stɪtu-/ *adj* (fml) tuah theinak, thu nei mi: *a constitutive committee.*

constrain /kən'streɪn/ *v* [Tn, Cn-t] (fml) tuah, titer hramhram (thu, thazaang hmanin): *As an artist he didn't consider himself constrained* (ie restricted) *by the same rules of social conduct as other people.* ○ *I feel constrained to write* (ie I feel I must write) *and complain in the strongest possible terms.*

▷ **constrained** *adj* titer hramhrammi.

constrainedly /-ɪdli/ *adv.*

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constraint /kən'streɪnt/ *n* **1** [U] titer hramnak: *act under constraint*, ie because one is forced to do so. **2** [C] ~ (on sth) rak dawntu le ri-tek saktu thil: *There are no constraints on your choice of subject for the essay*, ie You can choose whatever subject you like. **3** [U] (fml) pawl duh lo, kom duh lonak: *I was aware of a certain constraint on their part when they were in my presence.*

constrict /kən'strɪkt/ *v* [Tn] rek; dip, thepter: a tight collar that constricts the neck ○ administering a drug that constricts the blood vessels ○ (fig) *Our way of life is rather constricted* (ie We cannot do so many things) *now that our income is so reduced.*

▷ **constriction** /kən'strɪkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] reknak. **2** [C] (a) taksa reknak: *a constriction in the chest.* (b) tetsong zet ih umnak: *the constrictions of life on a low income.*

construct /kən'strʌkt/ *v* [Tn] **1** sak, saktuah: *construct a factory, an aircraft, a model, a sentence, a theory* ○ *a hut constructed (out) of branches* ○ *a well-constructed novel.* **2** (geometry) rin.

▷ **constructor** *n* thil saktuahutu; saktu: oil-rig constructors.

construction /kən'strʌkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] saktuahnak, saktuahdan, sakdan: *the construction of new roads* ○ *The new railway is still under construction*, ie being constructed. ○ *The wall is of very solid construction*, ie is solidly constructed. ○ [attrib] *the construction industry*, ie the building of roads, bridges, buildings, etc. **2** [C] sakmi thil, inn, lilawn tivek pawl: *a complex construction of wood and glass* ○ *The shelter is a brick construction.* **3** [C] catluan, tongtluan si dingih tongfang pawl saktuah/retkhawm dan, din dan: *This dictionary gives the meanings of words and also illustrates the constructions they can be used in.* **4** [C] (fml) tongfang, tongtluan ihsin duhmi theihtheinak: *What construction do you put on his actions?* ie How do you understand their purpose? ○ *The sentence does not bear such a construction*, ie cannot be understood in that way. Cf CONSTRUE 1.

constructive /kən'strʌktɪv/ *adj* thahnem santlai mi: *constructive criticism, proposals, remarks, etc.*

▷ **constructively** *adv.*

construe /kən'stru:/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tw, Cn-n/a] ~ sth (as sth) (fml) a tican let; a sullam lak, simfiang: *How do you construe what he did?* ○ *Her remarks were wrongly construed*, ie were misunderstood. ○ *I construed his statement as a refusal.* Cf CONSTRUCTION 4. **2** (a) [Tn] (grammar) catluan ngan dan zohfel. (b) [I, Tn] (dated) tong let.

consul /kɒnsəl/ *n* **1** khonsal, maih ram hrangah ramdang ih hnaŋuantu cozah bawi: *the British Consul in Marseilles.* Cf HIGH COMMISSIONER

(HIGH¹). **2** khuahlan Rom bawi kawhnak. **3** khuahlan France upa kawhnak.

▷ **consular** /kɒnsjələ(r)/; US -səl-/ *adj* consul bawi, consul lam a simi.

consulship /-ʃɪp/ *n* **1** consul hnaŋuan: *appointed to the consulship.* **2** consul hnaŋuan sung caan.

consulate /kɒnsjələt/; US -səl-/ *n* **1** consul zung: *the British consulate in Marseilles.* Cf EMBASSY 1, HIGH COMMISSION (HIGH¹). **2** the Consulate France ram ih consul bawi uk caan sung.

consult /kən'sʌlt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (about sth) ron; ruahnak dil, lak: *consult one's lawyer, a map, a dictionary, etc* ○ *a consulting engineer*, ie one who has specialized knowledge and gives advice ○ *I consulted a doctor about my pains.* **2** [Ipr] ~ with sb midang thawn ruatkhawm: *consult with one's partners.*

□ **consulting room** mina zohnak innkhan.

consultant /kən'sʌltənt/ *n* **1** ~ (on sth) thil thiam bik — si lam, upadi lam tivek thu ah mi ih va ron theumi: *a firm of management consultants* ○ *the president's consultant on economic affairs.* **2** ~ (in sth) (in Britain) sibawi upa: *a consultant in obstetrics* ○ [attrib] *a consultant surgeon.* Cf REGISTRAR 2.

consultation /kɒnsəl'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ron-awak; ron-awnak: *acting in consultation with the director*, ie with his advice and agreement ○ *consultation of a dictionary.* **2** [C] (a) thu ron-awak pumkhawm: *top-level consultations between the US and Soviet delegations.* (b) mina thuhla ronkhawmnak.

consultative /kən'sʌltətɪv/ *adj* ron mi: *a consultative committee, document, etc.*

consume /kən'sju:m/; US -'sʊm/ *v* [Tn] **1** (a) hman cem: *consume resources, time, stores, etc* ○ *The car consumes a lot of fuel.* ○ (rhet) *He soon consumed his fortune*, ie spent the money wastefully. (b) siat theh, kaang ciam theh: *The fire quickly consumed the wooden hut.* ○ (fig) *He was consumed (ie filled) with envy, hatred, greed, etc.* **2** (fml) ei, in.

▷ **consuming** *adj* [attrib] luahkhak; nekhkuh: *Building model trains is his consuming passion.*

consumer /kən'sju:mə(r)/; US -su:-/ *n* thilri lei le hman tu: *Consumers are encouraged to complain about faulty goods.* ○ *electricity consumers* ○ [attrib] *consumer rights, protection, etc.* Cf PRODUCER.

▷ **consumerism** /ɪzəm/ *n* [U] thil hman tu pawl tanpinak.

□ **consumer durables** = DURABLE.

consumer goods [pl] hman tu ih leimi le hmanmi thilri pawl. Cf CAPITAL GOODS (CAPITAL²).

consummate /kən'sʌmət/ *adj* [attrib] (fml) a thiam tawp; a famkim: *a consummate artist, performance, piece of work* ○ *She dealt with the problem with consummate skill.* ○ (derog) *a consummate liar.*

consummate² /kɒnsəməɪt/ v [Tn] (fml) **1** kimter, thakimter: *This award consummates my life's work.* **2** nupa ittlang ih thitumnak famkimter.

▷ **consummation** /kɒnsə'meɪʃn/ n [C, U] famkimternak, thlenternak: *the consummation of her life's work, one's ambitions, a marriage.*

consumption /kən'sʌmpʃn/ n [U] **1** (a) rawl, thing le leilung sungsuak thilri pawl ei le hman: *The meat was declared unfit for human consumption.* ○ *conspicuous consumption which is an affront to people on low incomes.* (b) hmanzat: *We have measured the car's fuel consumption.* **2** (dated) TB cuap nat, tuberculosis of the lungs.

consumptive /kən'sʌmptɪv/ adj (dated) TB nat nei.

▷ **consumptive** n cuapnat neitu.

cont abbr **1** contents. **2** (also **contd**) continued: *cont on p 74.*

contact /kɒntækt/ n **1** [U] ~ (with sb/sth) (a) ton-awknak; dai-awkw: *The two substances are now in contact (with each other), and a chemical reaction is occurring.* ○ *His hand came into contact with (ie touched) a hot surface.* ○ *The label sticks on contact, ie when it touches a surface.* ○ (fig) *The troops came into contact with (ie met) the enemy.* ○ *Pupils must be brought into contact with (ie exposed to) new ideas.* (b) pehtlaihnak: *in constant radio/telephone contact (with sb)* ○ *Beyond a certain distance we are out of contact with our headquarters.* ○ *She's lost contact with her son, ie no longer hears from him, knows where he is, etc.* ○ *two people avoiding eye contact, ie avoiding looking directly at each other.* **2** [C] ton-awkw le pehtlaihn-awkw: *extensive contacts with firms abroad.* **3** [C] ton mi/ton dingmi milai: *I have a useful contact in New York.* **4** [C] (a) electric tha pehawknak: *A poor contact causes power to fail occasionally.* (b) electric tha pehtertu thil: *The switches close the contacts and complete the circuit.* **5** [C] (medical) mi suan thei natnak neitu (milai). **6** (idm) **make contact (with sb/sth)** biak ngah, tong ngah: *They made contact with headquarters by radio.* ○ *I finally made contact with her in Paris.* **make/break contact** electric tha catter.

▷ **contact** /kən'tækt, 'kɒntækt/ v [Tn] biak, (telefon, radio, ca thawn): *Where can I contact you tomorrow?*

□ **contact lens** /kɒntækt 'lenz/ mitmu tlun ih bencihmi mitkharh (khua hmu thei deuh dingin).

contact print negative le paper daiter ih zuk suahnak.

contagion /kən'teɪdʒən/ n **1** [U] dai-awkw le tham-awkw ih nat sawnawkw. **2** [C] dai-awkw le tham-awkw tikih suanaw theimi natnak: *Fear spread through the crowd like a contagion, ie quickly and harmfully.* Cf **infection**.

contagious /kən'teɪdʒən/ adj **1** (a) a suan theimi:

Scarlet fever is highly contagious. (b) suan theimi natnak neitu. **2** (fig) milai pakhat hnu pakhat suan theimi: *contagious laughter, enthusiasm, etc* ○ *Yawning is contagious.*

▷ **contagiously** adv. Cf **infections**.

contain /kən'teɪn/ v [Tn] (not in the continuous tenses) **1** (a) a tel, tlem: *The atlas contains forty maps.* ○ *Whisky contains a large percentage of alcohol.* ○ *What does that box contain?* ○ *Her statement contained several inaccuracies.* (b) a tlem: *This barrel contains 50 litres.* **2** (a) suup: *I was so furious I couldn't contain myself, ie had to express my feelings.* ○ *Please contain your enthusiasm for a moment.* ○ *She could hardly contain her excitement.* (b) a nasa dingmi, lole, siatnak thleng dingmi rak kham: *Has the revolt been contained?* **3** (geometry) neih mi: *the angle contained by two sides of a triangle.* **4** (mathematics) a hlei um lo ih nambat pakhat ih zem thei nambat: *12 contains 2, 3, 4, and 6.*

▷ **containment** n [U] siatsuahnak thleng lo dingih ritek sungih khumnak, darhsarh lo le at lo dingih rikham sungih khumnak: *Until we'd built up sufficient forces to drive the invaders back, we pursued a policy of containment.*

container /kən'teɪnə(r)/ n **1** kuang, thawl vek thil thunak: *The radioactive material is stored in a special radiation-proof container.* **2** tangphawlawng, mawtawka, tlangleng ih phurh mi thirkuang tumpi: [attrib] *a container train/ship/lorry, ie one designed to transport such containers* ○ *container traffic, depot, etc.*

▷ **containerize, -ise** /kən'teɪnəraɪz/ v [Tn] **1** kuang sungah san. **2** thil khumnak kuangpi pi nei ko tuah (lawng). **containerization, -isation** /kən'teɪnəraɪzeɪʃn; US -rɪz-/ n [U].

contaminate /kən'tæmɪteɪt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (with **sth**) mi a nater theimi thil cok-rawi, cuih thil in balter; nattertu cok bal: *contaminated clothing, eg by radioactive material* ○ *a river contaminated by chemicals* ○ *Flies contaminate food.* ○ (fig) *They are contaminating the minds of our young people with these subversive ideas.*

▷ **contaminant** /kən'tæmɪnt/ n (fml) cok-baaltertu.

contamination /kən'tæmɪneɪʃn/ n [U] cok-baal ternak; riim-baal ternak: *contamination of the water supply.*

contd abbr = **CONT 2**.

contemplate /kɒntempleɪt/ v **1** (a) [Tn, Tw] ruat-tha, ruat ciamco: *She stood contemplating the painting.* ○ *He contemplated what the future would be like without the children.* (b) [I, Tn, Tw] thuk zet in ruat (biaknak lam): *a few quiet minutes in the middle of the day to sit and contemplate* ○ *contemplating the death of Our Lord.* **2** [Tn, Tg, Tsg] cang thei le cang thei lo ding thu ruat: *She is contemplating a visit to (ie may visit) London.* ○ *I'm not contemplating*

retiring (ie do not intend to retire) *yet*. ○ *We don't contemplate him opposing our plan*, ie do not expect that he will oppose it.

▷ **contemplation** /kəntem'pleɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ruat ciamconak: *He returned to his contemplation of the fire*. (b) [U, C] khawruat reronak: *He sat there deep in contemplation*. ○ *I'm sorry to interrupt your contemplations, but....* **2** [U] tuahtummi: *the government's contemplation of new measures*.

contemplative /kən'templətɪv, 'kɒntemplətɪv/ *adj* **1** khawruah tam: *a contemplative person, manner, look, etc.* **2** biaknak thu ruat tam: *a contemplative order of nuns*.

contemplatively *adv*.

contemporaneous /kən'tempə'reɪniəs/ *adj* ~ (with sb/sth) (fml) a cang khat mi; caan khat ih a cang mi; khukthi: *contemporaneous events, developments, etc.*

▷ **contemporaneously** *adv*.

contemporary /kən'tempərəi; US -pərəri/ *adj* **1** ~ (with sb/sth) caan khat sungih a umtlangmi; a si tlang-mi, khukthi, pawlkhat: *Many contemporary writers condemned the emperor's actions*. ○ *a contemporary record of events*, ie one made by people living at that time ○ *Dickens was contemporary with Thackeray*. **2** tuih san; tu san; tu-lai: *contemporary events, fashions* ○ *furniture of contemporary style*. ⇒ Usage at NEW.

▷ **contemporary** *n* nung khat, um khat: *She and I were contemporaries at college*.

contempt /kən'tempt/ *n* [U] **1** (a) ~ (for sb/sth) hmuhsuamnak, nautatnak: *I feel nothing but contempt for people who treat children so cruelly*. ○ *I shall treat that suggestion with the contempt it deserves*. (b) (fml) zahthlak santlai lo ziaza: *behaviour which is generally held in contempt*, ie despised. **2** ~ of/for sth ziangpoi lonak; ziangsiar lonak: *She rushed forward in complete contempt of danger*. ○ *remarks which betray a staggering contempt for the truth*, ie are completely untrue. **3** (idm) **beneath contempt** ziangsiar tlak lo, tihzah tlak lo: *Such conduct is beneath contempt*. **familiarity breeds contempt** ⇒ FAMILIARITY.

▷ **contemptible** /kən'temptəbl/ *adj* nautat tlak, hmuhsuam tlak: *contemptible cowardice*.

contemptuous /kən'temptʃʊəs/ *adj* ~ (of sth/sb) mi nautat hmang, hmuhsuam hmang: *a contemptuous person, attitude, etc* ○ *He threw it away with a contemptuous gesture*. ○ *be contemptuous of public opinion*.

contemptuously *adv*.

□ **contempt of court** (also **contempt**) thuθhentu zungih thu pekmi ziangsiar lo ih thlun lonak: *She was jailed for contempt (of court)*.

contend /kən'tend/ *v* **1** [Ipr] ~ with/against sb/sth; ~ for sth neh dingah zuam ciamco; zuam

(neh ding, ngah/co thei dingin): *Several teams are contending for (ie trying to win) the prize*. ○ *She's had a lot of problems to contend with*. ○ *the captains of the contending (ie rival) teams*. **2** [Tf no passive] el (thu); mai' ruahnak suahpi: *I would contend that unemployment is our most serious social evil*.

▷ **contender** *n* cuhtu: *the two contenders for the heavyweight title*.

content¹ /kən'tent/ *adj* [pred] ~ (with sth); ~ to do sth lungkim, lung-awi: *Are you content with your present salary?* ○ *Now that she has apologized, I am content*. ○ *He is content to stay in his present job*. ○ *He is content to remain where he is now*. Cf CONTENTED.

▷ **content** *n* [U] **1** lungkimnak, lungawinak: *the quiet content of a well-fed child*. **2** (idm) **to one's heart's content** ⇒ HEART. — *v* [Tn-pr] ~ oneself with sth lungkim; tawk ti: *As there's no cream, we'll have to content ourselves with black coffee*.

contented *adj* lungkim mi, lungawi mi: *a contented person, cat, smile, etc*.

contentedly *adv*.

contentment *n* [U] lungkimnak: *with a smile of contentment*.

content² /kəntent/ *n* **1** **contents** [pl] a sung um thil: *the contents of a room, box, bottle, pocket* ○ *The drawer had been emptied of its contents*. ○ *She hadn't read the letter and so was unaware of its contents*. ○ *At the front of the book is a table of contents, giving details of what is in the book*. **2** [sing] ca nganmi; simmi sung um thu: *The content of your essay is excellent, but it's not very well expressed*. **3** [sing] (preceded by a *n*) telhmi: *the silver content of a coin* ○ *food with a high fat content*.

contention /kən'tenʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (for sth/to do sth) zuam-awk; thil cuh-awknak: *two teams in contention for the title/to win the title*, ie competing for it. **2** [U] hautawknak; lungkim-awk lonak: *It is my contention that....* **4** (idm) **a bone of contention** ⇒ BONE.

contentious /kən'tenʃəs/ *adj* **1** lungkim thei lomi; thu-el hmang. **2** el-awknak a suakter theimi: *a contentious book, law, speech* ○ *a contentious clause in a treaty*.

contest /kən'test/ *v* [Tn] **1** el (thu el): *contest a statement, point, etc* ○ *contest a will*, ie try to show it was not properly made in law. **2** zuam: *As a protest, the party has decided not to contest this election*. ○ *contest a seat in Parliament* ○ *a hotly contested game*, ie one in which the participants play very hard and the result is close.

▷ **contest** /kəntest/ *n* **1** mi pakhat le pakhat zuam-awknak: *a boxing, archery, dancing, beauty, etc contest* ○ (fig) *The election was so one-sided that it was really no contest*, ie only one side had a chance to win. ⇒ Usage at SPORT.

2 ~ (for sth) neh dingih zuamnak: *a contest for the top job in the union.*

contestant /kən'testənt/ *n* ~ (for sth) mi zuamtu.

context /'kɒntekst/ *n* [C, U] **1** ðongfang pakhat kiang le kap um a dang ðongfang pawl; ðongfang buur pawl: *Can't you guess the meaning of the word from the context?* ○ *Don't quote my words out of context, eg so as to mislead people about what I mean.* **2** thil cang mi thawn a pehpar aw mi thu: *In the context of the present economic crisis it seems unwise to lower taxes.* ○ *You have to see these changes in context: they're part of a larger plan.*

▷ **contextual** /kən'tekstʃuəl/ *adj* kiang le kap thawn a pehpar-awmi: *Contextual clues can help one to find the meaning.*

contiguous /kən'tɪɡjʊəs/ *adj* ~ (to/with sth) (*fml*) a dai-aw, a ri-awmi; kiang: *the northern province and contiguous areas* ○ *The garden is contiguous to the field.*

▷ **contiguity** /kɒntɪɡjuːti/ *n* [U] (*fml*) daiaw, naihaw.

contenance /'kɒntɪnəns/ *n* [U] **1** (*fml*) mah le mah sup-awknak (taksa hiarnak lam ah). **2** (*medical*) zun, ek supnak.

continent¹ /'kɒntɪnənt/ *n* **1** kontinent; leilung ðhen *Europe continent* tivek. **2 the Continent** [*sing*] (*Brit*) *Europe* ram (England tivek tikulh pawl tel lo): *holidaying on the Continent.*

▷ **continental** /kɒntɪnəntl/ *adj* **1** kontinent ih: *a continental climate.* **2** (also **Continental**) (*Brit*) *British Isle* tel lo *Europe* (rampi): *continental wars, alliances, etc.*

continental *n* (*Brit* often *derog*) *Europe* kontinent mi pawl.

□ **continental breakfast** khawfi le sangzawl thawhhlam. Cf **ENGLISH BREAKFAST** (**ENGLISH**).

continental drift kontinent pakhat le pakhat hlatawk wivonak-san tampi hnu-ah. **continental quilt** (*Brit*) = **DUVET**.

continent² /'kɒntɪnənt/ *adj* **1** (*fml*) taksa hiarnak sup-awknak. **2** (*medical*) zun, ek sup-awknak.

contingency /kən'tɪndʒənsi/ *n* um khal um thei, um lo khal si thei thu poipeng: *Be prepared for all possible contingencies, ie for whatever may happen.* ○ [attrib] *contingency plans/arrangements.*

contingent¹ /kən'tɪndʒənt/ *adj* (*fml*) **1 ~ on/upon sth** a hlah lomi thu ring: *Our success is contingent upon your continued help.* **2** rin um lo; rinlopi ih cangmi: *a contingent advantage, effect, etc.*

contingent² /kən'tɪndʒənt/ *n* [CGp] **1** ralkap burpi sung ihsin ðhensinmi ralkap pawlkhat: *a small British contingent in the UN peace-keeping force.* **2** tualkhat um milai pawl: *A large contingent from Japan was present at the conference.* ○ *There were the usual protests from the anti-abortion contingent.*

continual /kən'tɪnjuəl/ *adj* (*esp derog*) catbang lomi; a pehpeh ih a ummi, camcin: *continual rain, talking, interruptions* ○ *How do we prevent these continual breakdowns?*

▷ **continually** /-juəli/ *adv* a pehpeh in, catbang loin: *They're continually arguing.* ○ *I continually have to remind him of his responsibilities.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **continual** and **continuous**. **Continual** usually describes an action which is repeated again and again: *Please stop your continual questions.* ○ *He was continually late for work.* **Continuous** indicates that the action or object carries on without stopping or interruption: *They chattered continuously for an hour* ○ *a continuous flow of traffic.*

continuance /kən'tɪnjuəns/ *n* [*sing*] (*fml*) peh reronak, um tlaitluannak: *Can we hope for a continuance of this fine weather?* ○ *We can no longer support the President's continuance in office.*

continuation /kən'tɪnju'eɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U, *sing*] (**a**) a pehpeh ih tuahmi: *He argued for a continuation of the search.* (**b**) thok sal: *Continuation of play after the tea interval was ruled out by rain.* **2** [C] a peh, a zom: *This road is a continuation of the motorway.* **3** [C] (*US law*) thurel cawllaw (thuðhen zungah).

continue /kən'tɪnjuː/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] feh peh; feh zom, peh zom: *How far does the road continue?* ○ *The desert continued as far as the eye could see.* ○ *We continued up the mountain on horseback.* ○ *They continued down until they came to some pockets of natural gas.* ○ *It's been decided to continue the motorway (to the coast), ie build more of it until it reaches the coast.* **2** [La, I, Ipr, Tn, Tt, Tg] ~ (with sth) baanglo, pehzom vivo: *Circumstances continue (to be) favourable.* ○ *Wet weather may continue for a few more days.* ○ *We will continue (with) the payments for another year.* ○ *In spite of my efforts to pacify it the baby continued to cry/continued crying.* ○ *How can you continue to work/continue working with all that noise going on?* **3** [Ipr] hrih ding: *He is to continue as manager.* ○ *continue at school, in one's job, etc.* **4** (**a**) [I, Tn, Tt, Tg] a peh: *The story continues/is continued in the next issue of the magazine.* ○ *We continued to rehearse/continued rehearsing the chorus after the break.* (**b**) [I, Tn] cawlh hnu-ah ðong peh sal: *Please continue; I didn't mean to interrupt.* ○ *'And what's more,' he continued, 'they wouldn't even let me in.'*

▷ **continued** *adj* [attrib] catbang lo: *continued opposition, resistance.*

continuity /kɒntɪnjuːəti/ *US* -'nuː-/ *n* [U] **1** a pehaw-mi, catbang lo ih um: *We must ensure*

continuity of fuel supplies. **2** *thuhla pehzomawk: This article lacks continuity; the writer keeps jumping from one subject to another.* **3** *(cinema or TV) cangvaihnak a sangsang ih umnak: Continuity is ensured by using the same props in successive scenes.* ○ [attrib] *a continuity girl*, ie one who makes sure the correct sequence is kept. **4** *(broadcasting) thansuah mi pakhat le pakhat karlak ih tuahmi le thil tarlangnak: [attrib] a continuity announcer.*

continuous /kən'tɪnjuəs/ *adj* a peh-aw vivomi; catbang lo mi: *Is this a continuous flight, or do we stop off anywhere?* ○ *Our political institutions are in continuous evolution.* ○ *A continuous belt feeds components into the machine.* ○ *Continuous assessment*, ie evaluation of a student's progress throughout a course of study (instead of by examination alone), camibuai pakhat lawng ring loin, zir dingmi sungih a ca siar dan zoh ih tlawngta pakhat ih thiam le thiam lo zingzoinak/hniksagnak. ⇨ Usage at CONTINUAL.

▷ **continuously** *adv.*

□ **continuous tense** (also **progressive tense**) (grammar) cangvai rero ti hmuhtu ðong eg coming.

continuum /kən'tɪnjuəm/ *n* (pl ~s or -ua /-uə/) cat lo ih umnak.

contort /kən'tɔ:t/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (with sth) hmuimel sia, mithmai sur ciamco, a kel lo ih tuah: *Her face contorted/was contorted with pain.* ○ *contorted branches, limbs, etc* ○ (fig) *a contorted* (ie too complicated) *explanation, excuse, etc.*

▷ **contortion** /kən'tɔ:ʃn/ (a) [U] mithmai, titsa sur/siatnak. (b) [C] hmai surnak: *the contortions of a yoga expert.* **contortionist** /-ʃənɪst/ *n* mah taksa pum duhduh ih merh thiamtu, umter thiamtu.

contour /kəntʊə(r)/ *n* **1** tipi kap, tlang, taksa tivek pawl parih a pheikham rin: *the smooth contours of a sculpture.* **2** (also **contour line**) leilung hmai a sanlam bangrepmi a pheikham rin.

▷ **contour** *v* [Tn] **1** ram zuk parah contour rin thawn hmsin. **2** tlang hrap a sannak bangrepmi thlun in lampi cek.

□ **contour map** contour ram zuk.

contra- *comb form* against, ðongfang dang thawn pehzom ih hmanmi ðongfang: *contraflow.*

contra- *pref* **1** (with *vs* and *ns*) a si lo lam: *contradistinguish* ○ *contra-indication* ○ *contraflow.* **2** (music) (with *ns*) bass aw hnakin octave pakhat niam: *contra-bassoon.*

contraband /kəntɹəbænd/ *n* [U] daan lo in ramleng ih zuarmi le ramleng ih sin leimi thil: [attrib] *contraband goods.*

contraception /kəntɹəsepʃn/ *n* [U] naupaikham. ▷ **contraceptive** /kəntɹəseptɪv/ *n* naupai khamnak thil. —*adj* naupai khamnak: *a contraceptive pill, device, drug, etc.*

contract¹ /kən'tɹækt/ *n* **1** ~ (with sb) (for sth/to do sth) mi pakhat le pakhat karlak, ram khat le ram khat karlak, pawl khat le pawl khat karlak ih tuah mi lungkimnak cakhen: *You shouldn't enter into/make a contract until you have studied its provisions carefully.* ○ *We have a contract with the government for the supply of vehicles/to supply vehicles.* ○ *When the legal formalities have been settled, the buyer and seller of a house can exchange contracts*, ie to complete their agreement legally. ○ *He has agreed salary terms and is ready to sign a new contract*, ie of employment. ○ *I'm not a permanent employee; I'm working here on a fixed-term contract.* ○ [attrib] *the contract price, date, etc*, ie price, date, etc agreed to ○ *a contract worker*, ie employed on a contract. **2** (idm) **be under contract (to sb)** tuah ding/ðuan dingih thukam mi, lungkim cia mi: *a pop group that is under contract to one of the big record companies.* **put sth out to contract** hnaðuan ding, thilri zuar ding lungkimnak tuah ding sawm: *We haven't the resources to do the work ourselves, so we'll put it out to contract.*

▷ **contractual** /kən'tɹæktʃuəl/ *adj* lungkimnak ih a tel mi thuhla: *contractual liability, obligations, etc.*

□ **contract bridge** pheleh dan phunkhat.

contract² /kən'tɹækt/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, It] ~ with sb for sth kontrek (kantala) lak; lungkimnak lak: *contract with a firm for the supply of fuel*, ie agree to buy fuel from it ○ *Having contracted (with them) to do the repairs, we cannot withdraw now.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sb) (fml) lungkimnak tuah: *She had contracted a most unsuitable marriage.* ○ *contract an alliance with a neighbouring state.* **2** [Tn] (a) nat ngah: *contract measles, a cold, etc.* (b) (fml) ngah: *contract debts, bad habits.* **3** (phr v) **contract out (of sth)** (Brit) bang sal; tuul sal: *You can contract out (of the pension scheme) if you wish.* **contract sth out (to sb)** mah in tuah loin kampani dang tuahter.

▷ **contractor** *n* thil ti/tuah dingih kantrek latu/ lungkimnak tuahtu: *a building contractor* ○ *a firm of defence contractors*, ie who make weapons, etc ○ *Who were the contractors on the new motorway?* ie Who built it?

contract³ /kən'tɹækt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sth) **1** a com, a tawi: *Metals contract as they get cooler.* ○ *'I will' can be contracted to 'I'll'.* ○ (fig) *Our business has contracted a lot recently.* **2** com, fiak: *contract a muscle* ○ *The tunnel contracts to a narrow passageway as you go deeper.* Cf EXPAND.

▷ **contractible** *adj* a com thei, a tawiter thei.

contractile /kən'tɹæktail/ *US -tl/adj* (fml) comter theimi, tawiter theimi: *contractile tissue.*

contraction /kən'tɹækʃn/ *n* **1** [U] comnak: *the contraction of a muscle.* **2** [C] (medical) nau hrin

zawngih nau-inn com. **3** [C] tawitermi: 'Can't' is a contraction of 'cannot'.

contradict /kɒntrə'dɪkt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] rak kalhkeh; a si lo ti ih rak ti, dodal (simmi, nganmi): *That is true, and don't you dare contradict (me).* ○ *The speaker had got confused, and started contradicting himself.* **2** [Tn, Tw] bang-aw lo, a kalh-aw, dodal: *The two statements contradict each other.* ○ *The report contradicts what we heard yesterday.*

▷ **contradiction** /kɒntrə'dɪkʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] a kalhkeh aw mi, a kalh-awknak: *She will permit no contradiction.* (b) [C] kalhnak, dodalnak, elnak: *That's a flat contradiction of what you said before.* **2** ~ (between sth and sth) (a) [U] bang-aw lonak; a khat lonak: *I find no contradiction between his publicly expressed opinions and his private actions.* ○ *His private actions are in direct contradiction to/with (ie directly contradict) his publicly expressed opinions.* (b) [C] rem-aw lonak: *It's a contradiction to love animals and yet wear furs.* **3** (idm) a contradiction in terms a kalh-awmi thu simnak: *'A generous miser' is a contradiction in terms.*

contradictory /kɒntrə'dɪktəri/ *adj* a kalhkeh aw mi: *contradictory statements, reports, etc.*

contradistinction /kɒntrədɪ'stɪŋkʃn/ *n* (idm) in contradiction to sth/sb (fml) kalhkeh aw in: *I refer specifically to permanent residents, in contradistinction to temporary visitors.*

contraflow /kɒntrə'fləʊ/ *n* [U, C] lampi an rem ruangah mawṭawka khi amah ih thlun dingmi zin ah mawng lo in khatlam (hmailto ih a ra lam) mawṭaw fehnak ih an fehternak: [attrib] *While repairs are being carried out on this part of the motorway, a contraflow system is in operation.*

contra-indication /kɒntrə'ndɪkeɪʃn/ *n* (medical) a ṭhenkhat sii cu ṭih a nung thei ti hmainsinnak: *The contra-indications listed for the pills meant that she could not take them.*

contralto /kən'træltəʊ/ (alto) *n* (pl ~s) **1** hla sak tikiḥ nunau thlunmi aw niam bik: *She sings contralto.* **2** cuvek aw thawn hla saktu nunau: *A gifted young contralto.*

contraption /kən'træltəʊ/ *n* (infml) sersiam copmi thuamthil: *a peculiar contraption for removing seeds from oranges.*

contrapuntal /kɒntrə'pʌntl/ *adj* (music) a bang-aw lomi, a kalhkeh mi aw thluk.

contrariwise /kɒntrəriwaɪz; US -trəri-/ *adv* **1** zummi vek siloin; siding mi vek siloin, a linglet-aw lam in, a kalh zawngin, a dodal zawngin, a si lo zawngin: *He always gives permission; she, contrariwise, always refuses it.* ○ *'Don't you find him very rude?' 'Contrariwise! I think he's most polite.'* **2** a linglet lam in: *I work from left to right, he works contrariwise.* **3** /kən'treəriwaɪz/

a let-ta lam: *They know they're not allowed to park there, but, contrariwise, they always do.*

contrary¹ /kɒntrəri; US -trəri/ *adj* [usu attrib] si ding vek si lo mi, a kalh-awmi: *contrary beliefs* ○ *traffic moving in contrary directions* ○ *'Hot' and 'cold' are contrary terms.* ○ *The ship was delayed by contrary winds, ie blowing against the direction of travel.*

▷ **contrarily** /-rəli; US -rəli/ *adv.*

contrary to prep thawn kalhaw in, vek siloin: *be contrary to the law, rules, etc* ○ *The results were contrary to expectation.* ○ *Contrary to the doctor's orders, he had gone back to work.*

contrary² /kɒntrəri; US -trəri/ *n* **1** the contrary [sing] kalh-awmi, a linglet-awmi; vek siloin: *The contrary of 'wet' is 'dry'.* ○ *I've never opposed it. The contrary is true: I've always supported it.* **2** (idm) by contraries zummi vek thawn phundang pipi: *Many events in our lives go by contraries.* on the contrary lamlam hlah/lo: *It doesn't seem ugly to me; on the contrary, I think it's rather beautiful.* to the contrary a si lo lam sawn, a ralden ah: *I will come on Monday unless you write to the contrary, ie telling me not to come.* ○ *I will continue to believe it until I get proof to the contrary, ie that it is not true.*

contrary³ /kən'treəri/ *adj* lungruh, thu lung lo: *He's an awkward, contrary child.*

▷ **contrarily** *adv.* **contrariness** *n* [U].

contrast¹ /kən'traɪst; US -træst/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ A and/with B taḥṭhim; taḥṭhim ih an danawknak thei ngah: *It is interesting to contrast the two writers.* ○ *contrast his work and/with hers.* **2** [I, I.pr] ~ (with sb/sth) a danawknak lang: *Her actions contrasted sharply with her promises.* ○ *Her actions and her promises contrasted sharply, ie She did not do as she had promised.*

contrast² /kɒntræst; US -træst/ *n* ~ (to/with sb/sth); ~ (between A and B) **1** [U] taḥṭhimnak: *Careful contrast of the two plans shows up some key differences.* ○ *His white hair was in sharp contrast (ie was very noticeably different from) to his dark skin.* ○ *She had almost failed the exam, but her sister, by contrast, had done very well.* ○ *In contrast with their system, ours seems very old-fashioned.* **2** [C, U] dan-awknak: *The white walls make a contrast with the black carpet.* ○ *There is a remarkable contrast between the two brothers.* ○ *The work you did today is quite a contrast to (eg noticeably better/worse than) what you did last week.* ○ *The contrast of light and shade is important in photography.*

contravene /kɒntrə'veɪn/ *v* [Tn] **1** pah (daan, upadi): *You are contravening the regulations.* ○ *Her actions contravene the rules.* **2** a bang-aw lo, a kalh-aw: *The evidence contravenes the theory.*

▷ **contravention** /kɒntrə'venʃn/ *n* [C, U] daan pahbalnak: *a blatant contravention of the treaty*

contretemps

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- acting in direct contravention of (ie against) my wishes.

contretemps /kɒn'trɛtm/ *n* (pl unchanged) (French fml or joc) vansiatak, bawngsiatak.

contribute /kən'tribju:t/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tw] ~ (sth) (to/towards sth) bomnak tangka pek, thilri pek: contribute (ten pounds) to a charity collection ○ contribute aid for refugees ○ Everyone should contribute what he or she can afford. ○ The chairman encourages everyone to contribute to (ie take part in) the discussion. **2** [Ipr] ~ to sth beet, karhter: Her work has contributed enormously to our understanding of this difficult subject. **3** [Ipr] ~ to sth bawm, cangter: Does smoking contribute to lung cancer? **4** [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) to sth cahram ngan (mekazin, thuthang ca ah): She has contributed (several poems) to literary magazines.

- ▷ **contributor** *n* bomnak petu; makazin, thuthang ca ih cahram ngantu.

contribution /kən'tribju:ʃn/ *n* ~ (to/towards sth) (a) [U] bomnak tangka (farah zonzai le thil dang hrang): the contribution of money to charity. (b) [C] bommi, peksuakmi: a small contribution (ie of money) to the collection ○ The editor is short of contributions (ie articles) for the May issue. ○ (fig) The signing of such a treaty would be a major contribution towards (ie would help bring about) world peace.

contributory /kən'tribjutəri; US -tɔ:ri/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** cang dingih a rak bawmtu; a rak bawmtu: a contributory factor, cause, etc ○ contributory negligence, eg that helped to cause an accident. **2** khuanmi: a contributory pension scheme, ie paid for by both employers and employees.

contrite /kən'trait/ *adj* sual ruangih a sir-aw mi: a contrite apology, manner, etc ○ She was contrite the morning after her angry outburst.

- ▷ **contritely** *adv*.

contrition /kən'triʃn/ *n* [U] sualsirnak.

contrivance /kən'traɪvəns/ *n* **1** [C] ~ (for doing sth/to do sth) (a) thil pakhat tuahnak ih sercop mi hriamhre: a contrivance for cutting curved shapes ○ He erected some contrivance for storing rainwater. (b) a hnokmi, bumnak tel: an ingenious contrivance to get her to sign the document without reading it. **2** [U] tibannak, ruahbannak: Some things are beyond human contrivance. **3** [U] tuahsuaknak, sersiamnak: the contrivance of an effective method.

contrive /kən'traɪv/ *v* (fml) **1** [Tn] ser, a thar seem suah: contrive a device, an experiment, a means of escape ○ contrive a way of avoiding paying tax ○ Their sudden outburst was obviously genuine; it couldn't have been contrived. **2** [Tt] teima suak: contrive to live on a small income ○ (ironic) He contrived to make matters worse, ie unintentionally made them worse by what he

did.

▷ **contrived** *adj* (derog) **1** tuah cia, tuah hrimmi: a contrived incident intended to mislead the newspapers. **2** tuahcop, sercop: a novel with a very contrived plot.

control¹ /kən'trəʊl/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (of/over sb/sth) uknak, thuneihnak: children who lack parental control, ie are not kept in order by their parents ○ He has no control over his emotions. ○ In the latest election our party has got/gained control (of the council). ○ She managed to keep control of her car on the ice. ○ A military government took control (of the country). ○ The city is in/under the control of enemy forces. ○ The pilot lost control of the plane. ○ He got so angry he lost control (of himself), ie started to behave wildly. ○ Due to circumstances beyond/outside our control, we cannot land here. **2** [U] thu pek; tawlrlnak; lamhruiainak: control of traffic/traffic control ○ control of foreign exchange ○ She argued for import control, ie restriction of imports. ○ [attrib] arms-control talks. **3** [C] ~ (on sth) riteeksak: government controls on trade and industry ○ The arms trade should be subject to rigorous controls. **4** [C] tahthimnak ih retmi: One group was treated with the new drug, and a second group was treated with the old one as a control. ○ [attrib] a control group. **5** [C usu pl] vanzam tivek sungih um electric peknak, a niam/a sang ih zuanternak, tivek: the controls of an aircraft, ie for direction, height, etc ○ The pilot is at the controls. ○ the volume control of a radio, ie the one which regulates loudness ○ a studio with an array of electronic controls ○ [attrib] a control panel, board, lever, etc. **6** [sing] thupeknak hmunkhur: Mission control ordered the spacecraft to return to earth. ○ Our papers are checked as we go through passport control at the airport. **7** (idm) **be in control (of sth)** uk, thupek, lamhmuh: She may be old, but she's still in control (of all that is happening). ○ Who's in control of the project? ○ Enemy forces are in control of the city. **be/get out of control** uk theih nawn lo, neh theih nawn lo: The children are out of control. ○ Inflation has got out of control. **bring/get sth/be under control** neh, uk, suup: You must get your spending under control. ○ The fire has been brought under control. ○ Don't worry; everything's under control, ie all difficulties are being dealt with.

□ **control tower** vanzamleng zam ding le tum ding thupeknak khawcuan hmun inn saang.

control² /kən'trəʊl/ *v* (-II-) [Tn] **1** uk, thu pek, lamhmuh: a dictator who controlled the country for over 50 years ○ Can't you control that child? ie make it behave properly? ○ an aircraft which is hard to control at high speeds ○ I was so furious I couldn't control myself, and I hit him. **2** thlun ding daan tuah sak: control traffic,

immigration, supplies, prices ○ *This knob controls the radio's volume.* ○ *government efforts to control inflation*, ie stop it getting worse. **3** zingzoi, cek: *regular inspections to control product quality.*

▷ **controllable** *adj* uk theih; neh theih: *Drugs can make violent patients controllable.*

controller *n* uktu, thupetu, lamhmuhtu: *the controller of BBC Radio* ○ *an air-traffic controller.*

□ **controlling interest** (*finance*) kampani ah stock (sumbur) tam nei ih thuneihtheinak: *have a controlling interest in a company.*

controversial /kɒntrə'vɜːʃl/ *adj* el-awk theih; el-awk reromi, duh lomi: *a controversial person, decision, organization, book.*

▷ **controversialist** /-ʃəlɪst/ *n* (fml) thu eel duh, thiamtu.

controversially /-ʃəli/ *adv.*

controversy /kɒntrə'vɜːsi, kən'trɒvəsi/ *n* [U, C] ~ (about/over sth) mipi ih el mi, lungkim lonak, duh lonak: *The appointment of the new director aroused a lot of controversy*, ie many people publicly disagreed with it. ○ *a bitter controversy about/over the sitting of the new airport.*

controvert /kɒntrə'vɜːt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) thutak rak el; kamcu: *a fact that cannot be controverted.*

contumacious /kɒntju:'meɪʃəs; US -tuː-/ *adj* (fml) mi thu lung lo, thu-el hmang; thu thlun lo.

▷ **contumaciously** *adv.*

contumacy /kɒntjʊməsi; US kən'tu:məsi/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] thu lun lonak; thu thlun lonak. (b) [C] lungruh, lun lonak.

contumely /kɒntju:mlɪ; US kən'tu:məli/ *n* (fml) (a) [U] nautatnak, mi ziangsiar lonak. (b) [C] ningzah thlak ih nautatnak.

contuse /kən'tjuːz; US -tuːz/ *v* [Tn esp passive] (*medical*) thi suak loin hma hliam; a dup/durh/a pilh.

▷ **contusion** /kən'tjuːʒn; US -tuː-/ *n* (*medical*) hmadurh; hmadup.

conundrum /kə'nʌndrəm/ *n* **1** sawn kir ding har thusuhnak (hnihsuah ih suhmi). **2** mangbangza thu harsa: *an issue that is a conundrum for the experts.*

conurbation /kɒnɜː'beɪʃn/ *n* khua fate tampi kommi khawlipi.

convalesce /kɒnvə'les/ *v* [I] nat hnu-ah dam sal, thazang tlung sal; kaltho: *She went to the seaside to convalesce after her stay in hospital.*

▷ **convalescent** /kɒnvə'lesnt/ *n, adj* mina dampek: *a convalescent home*, ie sort of hospital where people convalesce.

convalescence /kɒnvə'lesns/ *n* [sing, U] dampek, thazang tlung sal caan; kaltho pek.

convection /kən'vekʃn/ *n* [U] a ti mi thil ih a satnak luan dan.

convector /kən'vektə(r)/ *n* (also **convector heater**) innsung hlumtertu cet.

convene /kən'viːn/ *v* **1** [Tn] kokhawm (thurel dingah): *convene the members, a committee, etc.* **2** [I] pumkhawm (thurel dingah): *The tribunal will convene tomorrow.*

▷ **convener** (also **convenor**) *n* (a) pumkhawm dingih mi kotu/sawmtu. (b) (Brit) cetzung hnaʔuan pawl hotu: *the works convenor.*

convenience /kən'viːniəns/ *n* **1** [U] remcannak: *a library planned for the users' convenience* ○ *I keep my reference books near my desk for convenience.* ○ *It was a marriage of convenience*, ie they married for material advantage, not for love. **2** [C] (a) remcang tertu thil: *It was a great convenience to have the doctor living near us.* ○ *The house has all the modern conveniences*, eg central heating, hot water supply, etc. (b) (Brit euph) zapi dailen hmun inn: *There is a public convenience on the corner of the street.* **3** (idm) at one's convenience mah remcan tik poh ah: *With a caravan, you can stop at your own convenience; you're not dependent on hotels.* at your earliest convenience ⇒ EARLY. a flag of convenience ⇒ FLAG¹.

□ **convenience food** ei ol ih tuahmi rawl

convenient /kən'viːniənt/ *adj* ~ (for sb/sth) **1** a remcang; harsat a pe lomi: *I can't see him now; it's not convenient.* ○ *Will it be convenient for you to start work tomorrow?* ○ *We must arrange a convenient time and place for the meeting.* ○ *A bicycle's often far more convenient than a car in busy cities.* **2** a naihmi; feh olmi: (infml) *a house that is convenient for* (ie is near) *the shops* ○ *It's useful to have a convenient supermarket.* ▷ **conveniently** *adv* remcang in: *My house is conveniently near a bus-stop.*

convent /kɒnvənt; US -vent/ *n* metilah (nunau phungki) pawl umnak inn: *enter a convent*, ie become a nun ○ [attrib] *a convent school*, ie one run by nuns. Cf MONASTERY, NUNNERY (NUN).

convention /kən'venʃn/ *n* **1** [C] biaknak lam siseh; sibawi, saya pawl siseh, paʔi sungtel pawl siseh, an thurel pumkhawmpi: *a teachers', dentists' convention* ○ *hold a convention* ○ *the US Democratic Party Convention*, ie to elect a candidate for President. **2** (a) [U] zapi lungkim mi (umtu ziaza): *Convention dictates that a minister should resign in such a situation.* ○ *By convention the deputy leader is always a woman.* ○ *defy convention by wearing outrageous clothes* ○ *a slave to convention*, ie sb who always follows accepted ways of doing things. (b) [C] hman rero mi daan: *the conventions which govern stockmarket dealing.* **3** [C] ram khat le ram khat lungkimnak: *the Geneva Conventions*, ie about the treatment of prisoners of war, etc.

conventional /kən'venʃənl/ *adj* **1** (a) (often derog) mi zapi ih a mawi a ʔha a si an timi um dan, sinfen, etc: *conventional clothes, behaviour* ○ *She's so conventional in her views.* ○ *He made*

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a few conventional remarks about the weather.

○ The conventional wisdom is that high wage rises increase inflation, ie that is the generally accepted view. (b) pupa dan kel, ti dan kel: a conventional design, method. 2 (esp of weapons) nuclear tel lo ral hriamhrei: conventional missiles, warfare, etc ○ a conventional power station, ie fuelled by oil or coal, rather than being powered by a nuclear reactor.

▷ **conventionality** /kən'venʃən'æləti/ n (a) [U] dan kel sinak zapi ih thlun vualvonak: the timid conventionality of his designs. (b) [C] tuah kel a simi.

conventionalize, -se // v [Tn] conventional ter **conventionally** /-ʃənəli/ adv: conventionally dressed, designed, etc.

converge /kən'vɜ:dʒ/ v 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb/sth); ~ (at sth) hmun khat ah tong-aw: armies converging on the capital city ○ Parallel lines converge at infinity. ○ Enthusiasts from around the world converge on (ie come to) Le Mans for the annual car race. 2 [I] (fig) bangaw sal vivo; bangawknak lam pan: Our previously opposed views are beginning to converge. ○ Some say that capitalism and socialism will eventually converge.

▷ **convergence** /kən'vɜ:dʒəns/ n [U].

convergent /kən'vɜ:ʒənt/ adj: convergent lines, opinions, etc.

conversant /kən'vɜ:snt/ adj [pred] ~ with sth (fml) a thiammi, a theimi: thoroughly conversant with all the rules.

conversation /kən'vesəʃn/ n ~ (with sb) (about sth) (a) [C] thunuum-rel, biak-awk: having a quiet conversation with a friend ○ She tended to monopolize the conversation. (b) [U] rualpi le rualpi biak-awk: He was deep in conversation with his accountant. ○ It can be very difficult, making conversation at a party, ie trying to think of things to say. ⇒ Usage at TALK¹.

▷ **conversational** /-ʃənəl/ adj (a) [attrib] mi biak paih, ʔong paih: her limited conversational powers. (b) ʔong mawi, sim mawi: a conversational tone, manner, etc.

conversationalist /ʃənəlist/ n ʔongtu, betu: a fluent conversationalist.

converse¹ /kən'vɜ:s/ v [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (with sb) (about sth); ~ (together) (fml) ʔong: She sat conversing with the President.

converse² /kən'vɜ:s/ the converse n 1 a ral khat-lam, a si lo lam, ralsan lam: He says she is satisfied, but I believe the converse to be true: she is very dissatisfied. 2 a ralsan lam, a let lam: 'He is happy but not rich' is the converse of 'He is rich but not happy'.

▷ **converse** adj [usu attrib] a ralsanmi; a si lo lam: They hold converse opinions.

conversely adv: You can add the fluid to the powder or, conversely, the powder to the fluid.

conversion /kən'vɜ:ʃn; US kən'vɜ:rʒn/ n ~ (from sth) (into/to sth) 1 [U] thleng-awk: the conversion of a barn into a house, of pounds into dollars ○ the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons by Christian missionaries ○ Conversion to gas central heating will save you a lot of money. ○ [attrib] a metric conversion table, ie showing how to change metric amounts into or out of another system, by calculation. 2 [C] thlengawknak: a building firm which specialized in house conversions, eg converting large houses into several flats ○ He kicked a penalty goal and two conversions. ○ He used to support monetarist economics, but he underwent quite a conversion (ie changed his opinion) when he saw how it increased unemployment.

convert¹ /kən'vɜ:t/ v 1 (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (from sth) (into/to sth) 1 [U] thleng — thil phunkhat in phunkhat ah thleng: Britain converted to a decimal currency system in 1971. ○ a ferry that was converted to carry troops during the war ○ a converted flat, ie made by dividing up a large house ○ convert rags into paper, a house into flats, pounds into francs ○ The room was converted from a kitchen to a laundry. (b) [Ipr] ~ into/to sth phundang ah thleng theih: a sofa that converts (in) to a bed. 2 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb) (from sth) (to sth) biaknak thleng: He's converted to Catholicism. ○ convert sb from atheism to Christianity. 3 [Tn] (in rugby football) kaw! bat in neh bet. 4 (idm) preach to the converted ⇒ PREACH.

▷ **converter, convertor** n 1 (physics) (a) AC tha DC ih thlengtertut thil (DC tha in AC ah khal). (b) radio hlaing (wave) a saunak thlengtu thil. 2 thirti ernak beel/

convert² /kən'vɜ:t/ n ~ (to sth) biaknak thlengtu, thinlung thlengtu: a convert to socialism ○ Already the new newspaper is winning/gaining converts, ie people who used to read other papers.

convertible /kən'vɜ:təbl/ adj ~ (into/to sth) thleng theih mi: a sofa that is convertible (into a bed) ○ convertible currencies, ie that can be exchanged for those of other countries.

▷ **convertible** n a tlunkhuh bil theih mawʔawka. **convertibility** /kən'vɜ:təbɪləti/ n [U].

convex /kən'veks/ adj leng lam ah a pawngmi (bawlung vekin): a convex lens, mirror, etc. Cf CONCAVE.

▷ **convexity** /kən'veksəti/ n [U] a pawnnak (pawng).

convey /kən'vei/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (from...) (to...) (fml) thiar, pakhat hnenin a dang pakhat hnenah pek; hlan-aw; pe-aw sin: Pipes convey hot water from the boiler to the radiators. ○ This train conveys both passengers and goods. ○ a message conveyed by radio. 2 [Tn, Tf, Tw, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] ~ sth (to sb) ruahnak, lungsung

thu midang theiter: *a poem that perfectly conveys (to the reader) the poet's feelings/what the poet feels* ○ *Words cannot convey how delighted I was.* ○ *Please convey my good wishes to your mother.* ○ *Blenkinsop? No, the name doesn't convey anything to me,* ie I do not know or recognize it. **3** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** (law) upadi vekin inn le lo khi mi pakhat hnen ah pek.

▷ **conveyor, conveyer** *n* hlantu/sim sintu/kuattu: *one of the largest conveyors of passenger traffic.* **conveyor belt** (also **conveyor**) a herkual reromi thil kuattu taikap perpi.

conveyance /kən'veiəns/ *n* **1** [U] (fml) kuatnak, leng pawl: *the conveyance of goods by rail.* **2** [C] leng pawl: *old-fashioned conveyances* ○ *a public conveyance.* **3** (law) (a) [U] upadi vekih thil pek sinnak: *an expert in conveyance.* (b) [C] upadi (daan) vekin thil pek sinnak zungca: *draw up a conveyance.*

▷ **conveyancer** *n* thil peknak zung ca ngantu. **conveyancing** *n* [U] thil pek sinnak.

convict /kən'vikt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (of sth)** a sual ti ih thuṭhentu ih thu ṭhensak: *She has twice been convicted (of fraud).* ○ *a convicted murderer.*

▷ **convict** /kən'vikt/ *n* (also **con**) misual ti ih thawngthlakmi; daan pahtu: *an escaped convict.*

conviction /kən'vikʃn/ *n* **1** ~ (for sth) (a) [U] mawhconak: *an offence which carries, on conviction, a sentence of not more than five years' imprisonment.* (b) [C] a sual ti ih thuṭhennak: *She has six convictions for theft.* **2** [U, C] ~ (that...) zum rori-nak; zumnak: *It's my conviction (ie I firmly believe) that complacency is at the root of our troubles.* ○ *Do you always act in accordance with your convictions?* **3** [U] zum tlak sinak nei, zum dingmi: *She'd made such promise before, and they lacked conviction/didn't carry much conviction.* **4** (idm) **be open to conviction** ⇒ OPEN¹. **have/lack the courage of one's convictions** ⇒ COURAGE.

convince /kən'vins/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-f] a singai ti ih zumter; zum thei ding ko in theifangter: *How can I convince you (of her honesty)?* ○ *What she said convinced me that I was mistaken.* ○ *I was convinced (ie sure) I saw you there, but it must have been someone else.* **2** [Cn-t] (esp US) ter hramhram. : *What convinced you to vote for them?*

▷ **convinced** *adj* [attrib] zumnak fekm: *a convinced Christian.*

convincing *adj* mi zumter thei mi; theifangter thei mi: *a convincing speech, argument, liar, etc.*

convincible /kən'vinsəbl/ *adj* a zum thei ih a cohlang theimi.

convivial /kən'vɪviəl/ *adj* (esp fml) **1** mi nun-nuam thei; pawl nuam: *convivial companions.* **2** zu le sa ei ih nom hmang: *a convivial evening, atmosphere, etc.*

▷ **conviviality** /kən,vɪvr'æləti/ *n* [U] **1** kom nomnak, pawl nuamnak. **2** in ei nompi.

convivially /-ləli/ *adv.*

convocation /kən'vəʊkeɪʃn/ *n* **1** [CGp] thurel pumkhawm (Anglican kawhhran ah); phunsang tlawng dikari pek puaipi: *Convocation has/have ruled that....* **2** [U] (fml) kawhkhawmnak (kokhawm).

convoke /kən'vəʊk/ *v* [Tn] (fml) kokhawm (thu relkhawm dingah): *convoke Parliament.*

convoluted /kən'vɒlʊtɪd/ *adj* **1** a kual-awmi, a merh, a ngerh-awmi: *the convoluted folds of the brain.* **2** (fig) thlun har: *a convoluted argument, explanation, etc.*

convolution /kən'vɒluːʃn/ *n* (usu pl) merh, kual, hnoknak: *ornate carving with lots of curves and convolutions* ○ (fig) *the bizarre convolutions of the plot.*

convolvulus /kən'vɒlvjʊləs/ *n* [C, U] (pl ~es) a kuung a ngerh ih tawtawrawt paar vek a paar mi thingkung.

convoy¹ /'kɒnvɔɪ/ *n* **1** (a) a khor-aw ih fehmi mawṭawka, lawng pawl: *a large convoy of coal lorries.* (b) zintlun palik, ralkap ih kilmi mawṭawka khaulṭlawng pawl: *The convoy was attacked by submarines.* **2** (idm) **in convoy** a buur pi in, a rual pi in: *The supply ships traveled in convoy.* **under convoy** ralkap/palik kil in: *The missiles were moved under convoy.*

convoy² /'kɒnvɔɪ/ *v* [Tn-pr, Tn-p] kilveng; lawng dang pawl, mawṭawka dang pawl kilveng ih feh: *The troop-ships were convoyed across the Atlantic.* ○ (fig) *parents taking it in turns to convoy children to and from school while the attacker was on the loose.*

convulse /kən'vʌls/ *v* [Tn usu passive] napi ih caih; thir, thing utsiter: *convulsed with laughter, anger, toothache* ○ *a country convulsed by earthquakes* ○ (fig) *Riots convulsed the cities,* ie caused violent disturbance.

convulsion /kən'vʌlʃn/ *n* **1** (usu pl) tha dirh, caih: *The child reacted to the drug by going into convulsions.* **2** buainak: *The leader's assassination led to political convulsions,* eg an attempt at revolution. **3 convulsions** [pl] bok ko ih hnih-nak: *The story was so funny it had us in convulsions.*

convulsive /kən'vʌlsɪv/ *adj* **1** a dirh, a caih mi: *a convulsive movement, spasm, etc.* **2** buai nasa mi: *convulsive upheavals, such as urban riots.*

▷ **convulsively** *adv.*

cony (also **coney**) /'kəʊni/ *n* (pl **conies**) kor ih tah mi sabek hmul. **2** [C] (arch) sabek/savek.

coo¹ /ku:/ *v* (pt, pp **cooed** /kuːd/, pres p **cooing**) **1** [I] (laileng, thuro) ai. **2** (infml) (a) [I] laileng vekih ai: *a baby cooing.* (b) [Tn] dimte'n ṭong: *'It will be all right', she cooed soothingly.* **3** (idm) **bill and coo** ⇒ BILL².

▷ **coo** *n* (pl **coos**) laileng/thuro awn.

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coo² /ku:/ *interj* (Brit *infml*) mangbang tikiŋ tɔŋ suak mi — Khuu!

cook /kuk/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (for **sb**) suang (rawl): *Where did you learn to cook?* ○ *These potatoes aren't (properly) cooked!* ○ *a cooked breakfast* ○ *He cooked me my dinner.* ○ *I like to cook (Chinese dishes) for my family.* (b) [I] hmin: *The vegetables are cooking.* ○ *The meat cooks slowly.* ○ *These apples cook well,* ie taste good when cooked. ⇨ Usage. **2** [Tn] (*infml derog*) thil pakhat khat bum duh ah rak thleng: *He was sent to prison for cooking the books,* ie dishonestly changing the financial records, esp for personal profit. ○ *cook the accounts, statistics, figures.* **3** [I] phiar (thil tuah tum): *What's cooking?* ○ *Everybody is being secretive: there's something cooking.* **4** (idm) **cook sb's goose** (*infml*) vanduai: *When the police found his fingerprints he knew his goose was cooked,* ie knew that he would be caught. **cook the books** (*infml*) sumpai lam a tha in lang seh ti ah thu le hla le nambat pawl a silopi ih ngan. **5** (phr *v*) **cook sth up** (*infml*) bum duh ah phuahcop: *cook up an excuse, a story, a bizarre theory, etc.*

▷ **cook** *n* **1** rawlsuang; mi rawl suan-saktu: *employed as a cook in a hotel* ○ *I'm not much of a cook,* ie do not cook well. ○ *Were you the cook?* ie Did you cook his food? Cf CHEF. **2** (idm) **too many cooks spoil the broth** (*saying*) thu neitu tam tuk le, thil a tha thei lo tinak a si: *I know they only meant to help, but it was a case of too many cooks, I'm afraid.*

cooking *n* [U] rawlsuan: *She does all the cooking.* ○ *Chinese cooking* ○ [attrib] *cooking apple, sherry, etc,* ie apple, sherry, etc suitable for cooking rather than eating raw or drinking.

□ **cookbook** *n* = COOKERY BOOK, rawlsuan daan cabu.

cookhouse *n* rawlsuan inn.

NOTE ON USAGE: When cooking we generally use **1** boiling water (in a saucepan) or **2** boiling fat/oil (in a frying-pan) or **3** dry heat (in an oven or under a grill). **1** We **boil** vegetables, eggs, rice, etc by covering them with water and heating it. We **steam** fish, puddings, etc by placing the food above boiling water. **2** Meat, fish, vegetables, etc can be **fried** in shallow oil or fat. Chips, chicken pieces, etc can be completely covered by oil and **deep-fired**. We **sauté** vegetables very quickly in a small amount of oil. **3** We **roast** large pieces of meat, potatoes, etc and we **bake** bread, cakes, etc in the oven. Small or flat pieces of meat, fish, etc are **grilled** (US **broiled**) by being placed under direct heat. **Boil, fry, roast** and **bake** can be used in two types of sentence: *We boil potatoes and The potatoes are boiling. Steam, sauté* and *grill* are

generally only used in the first pattern. With **boil** we often use the container to refer to its contents: *The kettle's boiling.*

cooker /'kukə(r)/ *n* **1** rawl suannak: *a gas cooker* ○ *an electric cooker.* Cf STOVE **1**. **2** suan tha thingthei: *These apples are good cookers.* Cf EATING APPLE (EAT).

cookery /'kukəri/ *n* [U] rawlsuan thiamnak: [attrib] *a cookery course, school, etc.*

□ **cookery book** (also **cookbook**) rawl suan dan cabu.

cookie (also **cookie**) /'kuki/ (pl -kies) *n* **1** (US) biskit sang; sangreu. **2** (US *infml*) milai: *He's a tough cookie.* **3** (idm) **that's the way the cookie crumbles** ⇨ WAY¹.

cool¹ /ku:l/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** (a) a dai fangfang; a sa lo, a hlum lomi: *a cool breeze, day, surface* ○ *cool autumn weather* ○ *Let's sit in the shade and keep cool.* ○ *The coffee's not cool enough to drink.* (b) a sa tuk lo: *a cool room, dress, etc* ○ *a cool cotton shirt.* (c) pianzia (a sa tuk lo a langtermi): *a room painted in cool greens and blues.* **2** dai (thinlung): *Keep cool!* ○ *She always remains cool, calm and collected in a crisis.* ○ *He has a cool head,* ie doesn't get agitated. **3** ~ (about **sth**); ~ (towards **sb**) thin tho lemlomi: *She was decidedly cool about the proposal.* ○ *They gave the Prime Minister a cool reception.* **4** ngam zet in: *You should have seen the cool way she took my radio without even asking.* **5** [attrib] (*infml*) tam zet, tum zet tinak: *The car cost a cool twenty thousand.* **6** (dated sl esp US) a tha: *Her guy's real cool.* **7** (idm) **a cool customer** (*infml*) mi thilti ngam zet: *she just took out her purse and paid a thousand in cash: what a cool customer!* (as) **cool as a cucumber** a dai khepkhep mi. **play it cool** (*infml*) daite'n tuah.

▷ **cool** *n* **1** the cool [sing] thli dai; hmun dai: *step out of the sun into the cool* ○ *the pleasant cool of the evening.* **2** (idm) **keep/lose one's cool** (*infml*) daite'n um/thin heng

coolly /'ku:li/ *adv* zuam cuca loin: *He received my suggestion coolly,* ie unenthusiastically.

coolness *n* [U] duh-awk tuk lonak: *I noticed a certain coolness (ie lack of friendliness) between them.*

□ **cool-headed** *adj* ziang poisa tuk lomi; a ciamciam mi, tha a tho-lo mi.

cool² /ku:l/ *v* **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth/sb) (down/off) daiter, dai: *The hot metal contracts as it cools (down).* ○ *Let the hot pie cool (off) before serving.* ○ *A cooling drink is welcome on a hot day.* ○ (fig) *Her unresponsiveness failed to cool his ardour.* **2** (idm) **cool it** (sl) daiter: *Cool it! Don't get so excited!* **cool one's heels** hngakter: *Let him cool his heels for a while: that'll teach him to be impolite.* **3** (phr *v*) **cool (sb) down/off** tinheng reh/daiter: *She's very angry; don't*

.....
 speak to her until she's cooled down a bit. ○ A day in jail cooled him off.

□ **cooling-off period** (in industrial disputes) hnaʔuan pawl an ngol hlan thu remrel caan te sung.

cooling tower ti an hmankir hlan ih daitertu tikuang tumpi.

coolant /ku:lənt/ n [C, U] daitertu thil ti (in nuclear reactors).

cooler /ku:lə(r)/ n 1 [C] thil daiter dingih retnak kuang: a wine cooler. 2 the cooler [sing] (sl) thawnginn: two years in the cooler.

coolie /ku:li/ n (dated Δ derog) kuli; thil phurtu; hnaʔuan hlawhtu.

coon /ku:n/ n 1 (infml esp US) sameingan; sava phun khat: [attrib] a coon-skin cap. 2 (Δ sl derog) midum.

coop /ku:p/ n ar inn, ar bawm.

▷ **coop** v (phr v) **coop sb/sth up (in sth)** (usu passive) kharhkhum: I've been cooped up indoors all day.

co-op /'kəʊ ɒp/ n (infml) 1 tlang dawr, tamahwayama (Kawl): a wine produced by the local growers' co-op. 2 the Co-op (in Britain) thil man-ol ih zuarnak: He does all his shopping at the Co-op.

cooper /'ku:pə(r)/ n pipa pung (thir pungpi) tuahtu.

co-operate /kəʊ'pəreɪt/ v 1 [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) (in doing/to do sth); ~ (with sb) (on sth) midang thawn ʔuan/tuah tlaang, bawm-aw: co-operate with one's friends in raising/to raise money ○ The two schools are co-operating on the project. 2 [I] fial vekih tuah/bawm: 'If you co-operate we'll let you go,' said the policeman.

▷ **co-operator** n.

co-operation /kəʊ'pəreɪt/ n [U] 1 ~ (with sb) (in doing sth/on sth); ~ (between A and B) (in doing sth/on sth) ʔuantlangnak, bomawknak: a report produced by the government in co-operation with the chemical industry ○ co-operation between the police and the public in catching the criminal. 2 bom duhnak: Please clear the gangways, ladies and gentlemen.... Thank you for your co-operation.

co-operative /kəʊ'pərətɪv/ adj 1 [usu attrib] mi thawn ʔuan tlaang duhmi: a co-operative venture, attempt, etc. 2 bom duhmi: The school was very co-operative when we made a film there. 3 [usu attrib] (commerce) tlang ih dawr/tuahmi: a co-operative farm ○ The co-operative movement started in Britain in the 19th century; co-operative societies set up shops to sell low-priced goods to poor people.

▷ **co-operative** n tlang-dawr, uakhawmmi, tlang-lo: agricultural co-operative in India and China ○ The bicycle factory is now a workers' co-operative. ○ a housing co-operative, ie in which a house or group of houses is jointly

owned by those who live there.

co-operatively adv.

co-opt /kəʊ'ɒpt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (onto sth) komiʔi ah midang bet ih telter: co-opt a new member onto the committee.

co-ordinate¹ /kəʊ'ɔ:dɪnət/ n 1 (usu **coordinate**) zuk (graph) rin, asilole, ram zuk par ih hmun pakhat hmainsinnak ih nganmi cawang/nambat pahnih lakih pakhat khat: the x and y coordinates on a graph ○ coordinates of latitude and longitude ○ [attrib] coordinate geometry, ie geometry using coordinates. 2 co-ordinates [pl] dawr ih zuarmi hnipuan hrak tiki a rong a rem/a kaih-awmi.

□ **co-ordinate clause** (grammar) and, or, but ih pehzommi catlang tuan lak ih pakhat. Cf SUBORDINATE CLAUSE (SUBORDINATE).

co-ordinate² /kəʊ'ɔ:dɪneɪt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) thil dangdang rem zet ih tuahtlangter: co-ordinate one's movements when swimming ○ We must co-ordinate our efforts (ie work together) to help the flood victims. ○ The plan was not (ie its parts were not) very well co-ordinated.

▷ **co-ordination** /kəʊ'ɔ:dɪneɪʃn/ n [U] 1 ~ (with sb/sth) n ʔuan tlang vualvonak; peh-awknak: the co-ordination of the work of several people ○ the perfect co-ordination of hand and eye ○ a pamphlet produced by the government in co-ordination with (ie working together with) the Sports Council. 2 cangvaih dan thil ʔat theinak: have good/poor co-ordination ○ You need excellent co-ordination for ball games.

co-ordinator n khatlam le khatlam thurual awtertut; sihkawm (kaikhawmtu): The campaign needs an affective co-ordinator.

coot /ku:t/ n 1 ti-ar. 2 (idm) bald as a coot ⇨ BALD.

cop¹ /kɒp/ n (sl) palik.

cop² /kɒp/ v (-pp-) (sl) 1 [Tn] tuar, ngah: He copped a nasty whack on the head. ○ The heavy rain missed the north of the country altogether, and the south copped the lot. 2 (a) [Tn, Tng] kai ngah: If I cop you cheating again you'll be in trouble. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (for sth) kai: He was copped for speeding. 3 (idm) **cop hold of sth** kut in rak kai fek: Here, cop hold of the screwdriver while I try the hammer. **cop it** cawhtuar, cawh: When he finds out who broke his radio, you'll really cop it! 4 (phr v) **cop out (of sth)** ʔihhrut ruangah thil tuah dingmi tloh: He was boasting about how brave he was at the start, but copped out (of it) at the finish.

▷ **cop** n (sl) (idm) a fair cop ⇨ FAIR¹. not much cop a ʔhatuk lemlo, a thiamtuk lemlo: He's not much cop as a boxer.

□ **cop-out** n (sl derog) hmaiʔha hawlnak: The TV debate was a cop-out: it didn't tackle any of the real issues.

copartner /kəʊ'pɑ:tənə(r)/ n sumtuahpi.

▷ **copartnership** *n* 1 [U] sumtuahtpitnak. 2 [C] a khuah/a bur ih sumtuahtu.

cope¹ /kəʊp/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/sth) harsami tuarsuak thei; tuahsuak thei: *cope with problems, difficulties, misfortune, etc* ○ *Her husband's left her and the kids are running wild, so it's not surprising that she can't cope.* ○ *There was too much work for our computer to cope with.*

cope² /kəʊp/ *n* ni, caan hleice, ni thupi tikiu puithiam hrukmi korfual.

copeck (also **kopeck**) /kəʊpek, 'kɒpek/ *n* Soviet Union tangka rouble ih copeck 100 = 1 rouble.

Copernican /kə'pɜːnɪkən/ *adj* leilung hlum le leilung dang pawl cun ni an hel a si ti Poland rammi, arsi thiam mifim Copernicus /kə'pɜːnɪkəs/ (1473-1543) ih suahpimi thu: *the Copernican system.*

copilot /kəʊ'pɪlət/ *n* vanzamleng-mawng pailot nauta/bawmtu.

coping /kəʊpɪŋ/ *n* (architecture) phahlei dawl a tlunta bik tlang.

□ **coping-stone** *n* (esp Brit) phahlei dawl tlunta bik tlang hrang lungto: (fig fml) *The final scene is the coping-stone of the play, ie the climax, which completes it appropriately.*

copious /kəʊpiəs/ *adj* 1 a tampi, tam liailiai: *copious flowers, tears, words* ○ *She illustrates her theory with copious evidence.* ○ *I took copious notes.* 2 tampi nganmi: *a copious writer of detective stories.*

▷ **copiously** *adv.*

copper¹ /kɒpə(r)/ *n* 1 [U] (chemistry) dar-sen: *the mining of copper in central Africa* ○ *Is the pipe copper or lead?* ○ [attrib] *copper pipe, wire, alloy, etc* ○ *her copper-coloured hair.* 2 [C] (esp Brit) dar-sen thawn tuahmi British tangkawan: *It only costs a few coppers, ie is cheap.* 3 [C] (esp Brit) dar-beel tumpi. Cf BOILER 3.

□ **copper beech** dar-sen vek hnah nei thingkung.

copper-bottomed *adj* (esp Brit) a him: *copper-bottomed guarantee, assurance, deal, etc.*

copper-head *n* thihnak tur nei America rul.

copper-plate *n* kutngan mawi. **copper-plate writing, handwriting** (also **copper-plate**) khuahlan dan in kutpeh ih ngan dan.

copper² /kɒpə(r)/ *n* (infml) palik.

coppice /kɒpɪs/ *n* = COPSE.

copra /kɒprə/ *n* [U] ung rah sung-mu ro.

copse /kɒps/ (also **coppice**) *n* zanthing le hrampi a khatmi tu-ram.

Copt /kɒpt/ *n* 1 Coptic Church sungtel. 2 khuahlan Egypt hnam sung suak milai.

▷ **Coptic** /kɒptɪk/ *adj* copt ih, copt lam: *Coptic language, traditions, etc.* — *n* [U] Coptic kawhhran hmanmi tong.

□ **the Coptic Church** khuahlan Egypt Christian Church — atu aheun Ethiopia le Egypt ram ah an um.

copula /kɒpjələ/ *n* (grammar) subject (Titu) le complements (kimtertu) pehtu tongfang: *In 'George became ill', the verb 'became' is a copula.*

copulate /kɒpjuleɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb/sth) (fml) (esp of animals) a nu ihpi: *The male bird performs a sort of mating dance before copulation with the female.*

▷ **copulation** /kɒpjʊ'leɪʃn/ *n* [U] pawl-awk (nu le pa).

copulative /kɒpjʊlətɪv; US -ləɪtɪv/ *adj* (fml) pehzom thei. — *n* (grammar) pehzomtu: *'And' is a copulative.*

copy¹ /kɒpi/ *n* 1 [C] a bang-awmi thil, cawnmi: *Is this the original drawing or is it a copy?* ○ *a perfect copy* ○ *Make three carbon copies of the letter.* ○ *Photocopies cost 6p per copy.* 2 [C] bukhat, ukkhat tlepkhat: *If you can't afford a new copy of the book, perhaps you can find a secondhand one.* ○ *You receive the top copy of the receipt, and we keep the carbon.* 3 [U] cet thawih nam dingmi ca ngan cia: *The journalist has handed in her copy.* ○ *The government crisis will make good copy, ie will make an interesting or exciting newspaper story.* ○ *We can give you the text on computer disk, or as hard copy, ie as writing or printing on paper.*

□ **copy-cat** *n* (infml derog) mi thu-cawng cawng korh.

copy desk (US) thuthang ca zung ih thusuah dingmi zohfel hmun cabuai.

copy-typist ngancia cuktu cazi.

copy-writer *n* zapi hnenih tarlang dingmi ngantu.

copy² /kɒpi/ *v* (pt, pp copied) 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ sth (down/out) (from sth) (in/into sth) ngan cia vekih ngankhum sal: *copy out a letter, ie write it out again completely* ○ *The teacher wrote the sums on the board, and the children copied them down in their exercise books.* ○ *copy notes (from a book, etc) into a notebook.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] a cekci veki ngankhum: *copy documents on a photocopier.* 2 [Tn] cawng: *She's a good writer: try to copy her style.* ○ *Don't always copy what the others do; use your own ideas.* 3 [I, Ipr] ~ (from sb) mi ih ta rak cawng (fir): *she was punished for copying during the examination.*

▷ **copier** *n* ngan cia ca khumnak cet. **copyist** *n* 1 ca hlun pawl khumtu. 2 (midang ta) cawngtu: *this painting is by a copyist.*

copy-book /kɒpɪbʊk/ *n* 1 kut ngan mawi zirnak cabu. 2 [attrib] famkim, zir ding cabu: *It was a copy-book operation by the police; all the criminals were arrested and all the stolen property quickly recovered.* 3 [attrib] (dated) a tir ta a si lomi tong menmen: *copy-book maxims, sentiments, etc.* 4 (idm) **blot one's copy-book** ⇒ BLOT².

copyright /kɒpraɪt/ *n* [U, C] ~ (on sth) cabu ngantu, thu maw hla phuahtu ngantu ih a cabu

le a hla phuahmi nam ih suah theinak lam ih thuneihnak, cahram neitu, lole, hamtu: *Copyright expires 50 years after the death of the author.* ○ *The poem is still under copyright, so you have to pay to quote it.* ○ *sued for breach of copyright/for infringing copyright* ○ *Who owns the copyright on this song?*

▷ **copyright** *v* [Tn] cahram ham (midang hmang sianglo). —*adj* ham mi: *This material is copyright.*

coquetry /kəkɪtri/ *n* (fml) (a) mipa leemnak. (b) [C] mi leem.

coquette /kə'ket/ *n* (fml often derog) mipa leemtu nunau.

▷ **coquettish** /kə'ketɪʃ/ *adj* mi leem thei: *a coquettish smile, manner, etc.*

coquettishly *adv.*

coracle /kərəkl/ *n* nuang, tlah, le tidai lut thei lo thil thawn tuahmi lawng fate, Irish le Welsh tiva le tili pawl ah ngakai pawlih hmanmi.

coral /kərəl/; *US* /kɔːrəl/ *n* 1 [U] polyps timi ti sung um pangang ruh ihin a ra suakmi tipi sungih lungto tlangtluan, tandar-kyauk (*Kawl*). 2 [C] polyps pangang.

▷ **coral** *adj* coral pianzia (sen, sendup): *coral lipstick.*

□ **coral island** khawral tikulh.

coral reef tipi tlun ih hung langmi khawral tlangtluan.

cor anglais /kɔːr 'ɒŋgleɪ/; *US* ɔːŋ'gleɪ/ (pl **cors anglais**) (*music*) thing phirivau tumpi.

corbel /kɔːbl/ *n* (*architecture*) thing/tlakrawh phar ihsin lenglam ah a pawt/for/hlei termi thil dotu.

cord /kɔːd/ *n* 1 [C, U] hri-hruah femte: *parcels tied with cord.* 2 [C] taksa sungih hri: *the spinal cord* ○ *the vocal cords.* 3 (esp *US*) = **FLEX.** 4 (infml) (a) [U] pat puan: [attrib] *cord trousers, skirt, etc.* (b) **cords** [pl] pat puan bawngbi: *a man wearing blue cords.*

cordage /kɔːdɪdʒ/ *n* [U] lawng ih hmanmi hridai, hrihruah pawl.

cordial /kɔːdiəl/; *US* /kɔːrdʒəl/ *adj* 1 mi lungawi, mi duh thiammi, mi pawl thiam, midik: *a cordial smile, welcome, handshake, etc.* 2 [usu attrib] (of dislike) a nasa, a roh: *cordial hatred, detestation, loathing.*

▷ **cordially** /-diəl/; *US* -dʒəl/ *adv.*

cordiality /kɔːdrɪæləti/; *US* /kɔːrdʒɪ-/ *n* 1 [U] pawlnomnak; khualthiam. 2 **cordialities** [pl] (fml) khualthiamnak langternak: *After the cordialities, we sat down to talk.*

cordial /kɔːdiəl/; *US* /kɔːrdʒəl/ *n* [U, C] (*Brit*) thingthei ti; zu tel lomi ti-thlum: *lime juice cordial.*

cordite /kɔːdaɪt/ *n* [U] a khu um lo kawdait zian.

cordon /kɔːdn/ *n* 1 hri-kulh (palik le ralkap ih kulhmi): *Demonstrators tried to break through the police cordon.* 2 orh mi hri-phiar. 3 a tek hleuh thehmi thingthei kuung.

▷ **cordon** *v* (phr *v*) **cordon sth off** hridai thawn kulh: *Police cordoned off the area until the bomb was defused.*

cordon bleu /kɔːdn 'blɜː/ *adj* [usu attrib] (*French*) rawlsuan thiamnak sang bik: *cordon bleu cuisine.*

corduroy /kɔːdəroɪ/ *n* 1 [U] pat puan sah: [attrib] *a corduroy jacket.* 2 **corduroys** [pl] pat puan bawngbi: *a pair of corduroys.*

□ **corduroy road** (esp *US*) thingluang phah mi lampi.

core /kɔː(r)/ *n* 1 (usu **hard**) a muril, (thingrah, thingthei muril). 2 (a) (*geology*) leilung ih a muril: *The earth has a core and a mantle around it.* (c) (*physics*) nuclear reactor ih a sung laimu. (d) (*computing*) khuahlan ih hmanmi data pawl thunnak computer memory thirkual fate. (e) electric hri ih a laihri 3 thil a thupit biknak zawn: *Let's get to the core of the argument.* ○ *This concept is at the very core of her theory.* ○ [attrib] *English is a subject on the core curriculum,* ie one which all the students have to do. 4 (idm) **to the core** a laifang cekci ah; a pumpuluk in: (*lit or fig*) *rotten to the core*, ie completely bad ○ *He is English to the core*, ie completely English in manner, speech, dress, etc. ○ *Her refusal shocked us to the core*, ie utterly.

▷ **core** *v* [Tn] a muril khek: *core an apple.*

CORE (also **Core**) /kɔː(r)/ *abbr* (*US*) Congress of Racial Equality.

co-religionist /kəʊrɪ'lɪdʒənɪst/ *n* (fml) biaknak khat.

co-respondent /kəʊ rɪ'spɒndənt/ *n* (*law*) (*formerly*) mi nupi fir, mi pasal fir ti ih puhmi: *cite* (ie name) *sb as co-respondent.*

corgi /kɔːgi/ *n* Welsh uico phun khat.

coriander /kɔːrɪ'ændə(r)/; *US* /kɔːr-/ *n* [U] nanan kung.

Corinthian /kə'rɪnθiən/ *adj* 1 (*Corinth*) Korin khua thawn a pehparmi. 2 (*architecture*) Corinth te thil tizia a simi, khuahlan Greek inn sak dan a simi: *Corinthian order/column.* Cf **DORIC**, **IONIC**.

▷ **Corinthian** *n* Corinth mi.

cork /kɔːk/ *n* 1 [U] ti a lut thei lo a zang-zetmi thingphaw: *Cork is often used for insulation.* ○ [attrib] *cork tiles, table mats, etc.* 2 [C] palang-hru: *draw/pull out the cork.*

▷ **cork** *v* 1 [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (up) cork thawn hru: *cork a bottle.* 2 (phr *v*) **cork sth up** (infml) sim lo ih um, thup: *Don't cork it all up: if you feel angry, show it.*

corked *adj* palang hru siat ruangih a siatmi sabitti.

□ **corkscrew** *n* palang hru onnak vokzang (thirngerh).

corkage /kɔːkɪdʒ/ *n* [U] wine palang on man tangka.

corm /kɔːm/ *n* (*botany*) tawba phunkhat — a kung a kheuhnak tawba.

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cormorant /kɔ:mərənt/ *n* ngathur vate phunkhat.

corn¹ /kɔ:n/ *n* **1** [U] (a) (esp Brit) vainim, America ram ah maize an ti, nim le a dangdang pawl kawhnak: *grinding corn to make flour* ○ *a field of corn* ○ *a corn-field* ○ *a sheaf of corn*. (b) (esp US) maize. **2** [U] (infml derog) ngai nuam lo, nin ummi music, drama tivek pawl: *a romantic ballad that is pure corn*.

▷ **corny** /kɔ:ni/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml derog) (a) hna ih theih ringringmi ngai nuam lo: *a corny joke*. (b) duh um lemlo, a menmen: *a corny song*.

□ **corn-cob** *n* vainim fu (a mu umnak).

corn-exchange *n* vainim lei le zuar hmun.

cornflakes *n* [pl] buh cia vainim rialdip sangper tete ih cartermi — cawhnawi sa sungah an ciah ih thawhhlam ah an ei theu, vainim sang per tete.

cornflour (US **cornstarch**) *n* [U] vainim phut — phut ko rialmi.

cornflower *n* vainim lo lak ih khomi pangpar.

the Corn Laws (history) vainim man thanter dingih rak tuahmi British daan, 1946 kum ah an siatbal sal.

corn on the cob vainim pum suan (a kau thawn).

corn pone (US also **pone**) /pəʊn/ = vainim sang.

cornstarch *n* [U] (US) = CORNFLOUR.

corn² /kɔ:n/ ngamit; ke le kut vekih a suak thei taksa hak. **2** (idm) **tread on sb's corns/toes** ⇒ TREAD.

cornea /kɔ:niə/ *n* (anatomy) mit-mu tuamtu vun paate.

▷ **corneal** /kɔ:niəl/ *adj* mitmu tuamtu vun paate vek a simi.

corned /kɔ:nd/ *adj* cite thawn ret-thatmi/ciah mi sa: *corned beef/pork*.

cornelian /kɔ:'ni:liən/ *n* lung mankhung phun khat (a sen, a rang).

corner¹ /kɔ:nə(r)/ *n* **1** a kil; a sir kil, a kel: *A square has four corners; a cube has eight*. ○ *standing at a street corner* ○ *the shop on/at the corner* ○ *In the corner of the room stood a big old chair*. ○ *The address is in the top right-hand corner of the letter*. ○ *When I turned the corner (of the street) he had disappeared*. ○ *He hit his knee on the corner of the table*. ○ [attrib] *the corner shop*, ie on the corner of two streets. **2** (a) a thup lak; a hlatnak: *money hidden in odd corners*. (b) ram, hmun, area: *She lives in a quiet corner of Yorkshire*. **3** vansannak: *Having lied that I still had the money, I was in rather a corner when they asked me to hand it over*. ○ *She'll need luck to get out of a tight corner like that*. ○ *The interviewer had driven her into a corner*. **4** (usu sing) ~ (in sth) (commerce) thil suak kaihhrem (ham) thehnak: *a company with a corner in tin ore, wheat, etc*. **5** (also **corner-kick**) khawna sit. **6** (in boxing and wrestling) (a) boxing lehnak hmun ih a kil: *In the blue corner, Buster Smith*.

(b) [C, Gp] lek zirhtu: *His corner advised him to retire*. **7** (idm) **cut corners** (a) a kil vekin mawng loin, a kual in mawng ih feh. (b) khulrang thei taw in tuah: *We've had to cut a few corners to get your visa ready in time*. **cut (off) a corner** (esp Brit) a kil thlun loin lamtan/pumpel in feh: *The lawn is damaged here because people cut (off) the corner*. **the four corners of the earth** a hlat bik leitlun hmun pawl: *Former students of this school are now working in the four corners of the earth*. **out of the corner of one's eye** mit siir in: *I caught sight of her out of the corner of my eye*. (just) **round the corner** naih zet ah: *Her house is (just) round the corner*. ○ *Good times are just round the corner*, ie will soon happen. **turn the corner** thatlam pan (nat besiatnak in). ▷ **-cornered** (in compound *adjs*) kil nei: *a three-cornered hat*. **2** telmi zat thawn: *The election was a three-cornered fight between Conservatives, Labour and SDP*.

□ **corner-stone** *n* **1** innkil lung. **2** (fig) a hramtohnak: *Hard work was the corner-stone of his success*.

corner² /kɔ:nə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) dengkon; tlan/suak thei loih nor kulh: *The escaped prisoner was cornered at last*. ○ *The runaway horse was cornered in a field*. (b) harsater: *The interviewer cornered the politician with a particularly tricky question*. **2** [I] mawtawka kel (her): *The car corners well*, ie remains steady on curves. ○ *Don't corner so fast!* **3** [Tn] (commerce) kut sungah ret theh, ham, lak theh: *corner the market in silver*.

cornet /kɔ:nɪt/ *n* **1** tawtawrawt phun khat. **2** (Brit) ice-cream tuamtu kadawh pianhmang nei sang patte.

cornice /kɔ:nɪs/ *n* (architecture) **1** inn ceimawinak ih tuahmi phar sunglam tlunta bik ih um a bingbo. **2** innsung, lole innkhuhnak phar tlun lam ceimawinak.

Cornish /kɔ:nɪʃ/ *adj* of Cornwall.

□ **Cornish pasty** sa le hanghnah cawhrawimi sang.

cornucopia /kɔ:nju'kəʊpiə/ *n* **1** (also **horn of plenty**) pangpar, thingrah le vainim thawi' khatmi zuk le ceimawinak ih langtermi saki; (sial-ki-ring-cin ki) a tampi ti langternak. **2** (fml fig) thil tampi ngahnak hram: *The book is a cornucopia of information*.

corolla /kə'rɒlə/ *n* (botany) pangpar a par hnah kheu hmun.

corollary /kə'rɒləri; US 'kɒrələri/ *n* ~ (of/to sth) (fml) amahte'n a ra suakmi: *Neither of them know about it, and the corollary of that is that someone else revealed the secret*.

corona /kə'rəʊnə/ *n* (pl ~s /-nəz/, ~e /-ni:/) (also **aureola**, **aureole**) (astronomy) ni, thlapi kimvel ih suak theumi vangro/khawtleu kual.

coronary /kɒrənəri; US 'kɔ:rənəri/ *adj* (anatomy)

lung ah thi kuattu thihri: *coronary arteries*.
 □ **coronary thrombosis** (also *infrm coronary*) lung ihsin thi kuattu thihri pit ruangih suak mi lungnat.
coronation /kɒrən'eɪʃn/; US /kɔːr-/n siangpahrang sui lukhuh khumternak puai; siangpahrang canternak puai: *the coronation of Elizabeth II* ○ [attrib] *the coronation day, robes, etc.*
coroner /kɒrənə(r)/; US /kɔːr-/n saarthih le rinlopi ih a thi mi thu zingzoitu.
 □ **coroner's inquest** coroner ih thu zingzoinak.
coronet /kɒrənət/; US /kɔːr-/n 1 lal lukhuh fate. 2 pangpar kual lukhuh/lucawi.
Corp abbr 1 (also **Cpl**) Corporal, ralkap sen hnih: *Corp (Simon) Grey*. 2 (US) corporation: *West Coast Motor Corp.*
corporal¹ /kɒrpərəl/ adj (fml) milai tisa lam.
 □ **corporal punishment** tisa lam tuarnak cawhkuan = fung thawi vuak mi cawhkuan.
corporal² /kɒrpərəl/ n ralkap senhnhni.
corporate /kɒrpə'reɪt/ adj 1 zapi ta a simi: *corporate responsibility, action, etc.* 2 corporation taa: *corporate planning, policy, etc* ○ *Corporate executives usually have high salaries.* 3 pum khat ah kom: *a corporate body*.
corporation /kɒrpə'reɪʃn/ n 1 [CGp] (esp Brit) khua uktu tlangsuak, khonsil: *the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London* ○ *the municipal corporation* ○ [attrib] *corporation services, transport, refuse collection, etc.* 2 [CGp] (abbr **corp**) (a) mahte thilti theinak ngahtu mi bur khat: *Broadcasting authorities are often public corporations.* (b) (esp US) sumtuahnak lam ih pawlkom: *large multinational corporations.* 3 [C] (joc esp Brit) pum tum le thau.
 □ **corporation tax** ahlawk parih pekmi siah/ngunkhuai.
corporeal /kɒr'pɔːriəl/ adj (fml) 1 tisa lam-pang: *corporeal needs, eg food and drink.* 2 thilri lam-pang: *He is very religious and the corporeal world has little interest for him.*
corps /kɔː(r)/ n (pl unchanged /kɔːz/) [CGp] 1 (a) division pahnih hnak ih tam ralkap bur: *the 6th Army Corps.* (b) thilthiam lam umkhawmmi ralkap bur: *the Royal Army Medical Corps.* 2 hnatuan phunkhat lawng tūanmi bur: *the Diplomatic Corps*, ie all the ambassadors, attachés, etc of foreign states in a particular country ○ *the press corps*, ie journalists.
 □ **corps de ballet** /kɔːdə'bæleɪ/ (French) hla sak loin, awnmawi lawng tumih a bur ih laam t̄heutu French laam pawl.
corpse /kɔːps/ n mi ruak, mi luang.
corpulent /kɒr'pjələnt/ adj (fml esp euph) a thau.
 ▷ **corpulence** /kɒr'pjələns/ n [U].
corpus /kɒr'pəs/ n (pl **corpora** /kɒr'pərə/) cangan cia khawlkhawmmi: *analyze a corpus of spoken dialect* ○ *the entire corpus of Milton's works.*

corpuscle /kɒr'pʌsl/ n (anatomy) thi-rang, asilole thisen cell.
corral /kə'ræl/; US /-ræl/ n (esp US) 1 (caw, rang, sia) kulh; sumhnam kulh; hruang. 2 mawtawka ih a khuh.
 ▷ **corral** v (-ll-) 1 [Tn] kulh; hruang sungah khum. 2 [Tn] ralkulh ih hmanmi leng pawl.
correct¹ /kə'rekt/ adj 1 a dik; t̄helh lo, a hman: *the correct answer* ○ *Do you have the correct time?* ○ *The description is correct in every detail.* ○ *Would I be correct in thinking that you are Jenkins?* ie *Are you Jenkins?* ○ *'Are you Jenkins?'* *'That's correct.'* 2 zapi tuahkel mi (nuncan, thuam-awk dan, tivek): *Such casual dress would not be correct for a formal occasion.* ○ *a very correct young lady.*
 ▷ **correctly** adv: *answer correctly* ○ *behave very correctly.* **correctness** n [U].
correct² /kə'rekt/ v [Tn] 1 (a) a sual, a t̄helh mi rem sal: *correct spelling, mistakes, misconceptions* ○ *I corrected my watch by the time signal.* ○ *Please correct my pronunciation if I go wrong.* ○ *Spectacles correct faulty eyesight.* ○ *'It was in April — no, May' he said, correcting himself.* (b) canganmi zohfel: *correct an essay, a test, etc.* 2 a t̄helhmi sim, rem: *'Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't that a llama?'* *'No, it's not.'* *'I stand corrected',* ie *You have pointed out my mistake.* 3 tha/hman/dik dingah rem: *Turn the wheel to the right to correct the steering.* ○ *Add salt to correct the seasoning.*
correction /kə'rekʃn/ n 1 [U] zohfelnak: *the correction of exam papers.* 2 [C] a t̄helhmi zawn ah a dik ti ih rin: *a written exercise with corrections in red ink.* 3 [U] (fml) nun simnak, nun remnak: *The correction of young delinquents* ○ (arch) *a house of correction*, ie prison.
corrective /kə'rektɪv/ adj a siat remmi: *corrective training*, eg for young offenders ○ *corrective surgery for a deformed leg.*
 ▷ **corrective** n ~ (to sth) a dik sawn, a ding sawn suahpitu: *These artefacts are correctives to the usual view of these people as completely uncivilized.*
correlate /kɒrəleɪt/; US /kɔːr-/v [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ with sth; ~ A with B; ~ A and B pakhat le pakhat pehzom aw; khat le khat pehpar aw: *The results of this experiment do not correlate with the results of earlier ones.* ○ *Researchers cannot correlate the two sets of figures.* ○ *We can often correlate age with frequency of illness.*
 ▷ **correlation** /kɒrə'leɪʃn/; US /kɔːr-/n [sing, U] ~ (with sth); ~ (between A and B) khat le khat pehawknak: *the correlation between sb's height and weight.*
correlative /kɒrə'leɪtɪv/ adj khat le khat pehpar awknak ummi: *'Either' and 'or' are correlative conjunctions.*
correspond /kɒrɪ'spɒnd/; US /kɔːr-/v [I, Ipr] 1 ~

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(**with sth**) a rem-aw, a kalh-aw lo: *Your account of events corresponds with hers.* ○ *Your account and hers correspond.* ○ *The written record of our conversation doesn't correspond with* (ie is different from) *what was actually said.* ○ *Does the name on the envelope correspond with the name on the letter inside?* **2 ~ (to sth)** a bang-aw: *The American Congress corresponds to the British Parliament.* **3 ~ (with sb)** ca kuat-aw: *We've corresponded (with each other) (ie written to each other) for years but I've never actually met him.*

▷ **corresponding** *adj* a kaih-awmi: *Imports in the first three months have increased by 10 per cent compared with the corresponding period last year.*

correspondingly *adv*: *The new exam is longer and correspondingly more difficult to pass.*

correspondence /kɒrɪ'spɒndəns/ *n* **1** [C, U] ~ (**with sth/between sth and sth**) bang-awknak: *a close/not much correspondence between the two accounts.* **2** [U] ~ (**with sb**) cakuat-awk: *She has a lot of correspondence to deal with.* ○ *I refused to enter into any correspondence (ie exchange letters) with him about it.* ○ *Is commercial correspondence taught at the school?*

□ **correspondence course** carek ihsin cakuat ih cazir — hlawng ihsin cakuat ih tlawngkai.

correspondent /kɒrɪ'spɒndənt/ *US* /kɔːr-/ *n* **1** thuthang ca, radio vekih suah dingmi thuhla rak kuattu: *our Hong Kong, Middle East correspondent* ○ *a foreign, war, cricket correspondent*, ie person gathering news in a foreign country, in a way, about cricket. **2** cakuattu: *He's a good/poor correspondent*, ie writes regularly/seldom.

corridor /kəˈrɪdɔː(r)/ *US* /kɔːr-/ *n* **1** inn khat le inn khat pehtu tlunkhuh nei lamzin. **2** midang ram kan tahrat ih a um ram fiakte. **3** (dim) **the corridors of power** thupi relcattu acozah upa pawl: *an issue much discussed in the corridors of power.*

□ **corridor train** corridor lam ih suaknak um tlangleng khaan.

corrigendum /kɒrɪ'dʒendəm/ *US* /kɔːr-/ *n* (pl **-da** /-də/) a thelh mi remsalnak.

corroborate /kəˈrɒbəreɪt/ *v* [Tn] rak bawm (thu le hla pawl), fekter: *Experiments have corroborate her predictions.*

▷ **corroboration** /kəˈrɒbəˈreɪʃn/ *n* [U] rak bomnak, fekternak: *His possession of the gun is corroboration of his guilt.* ○ *In corroboration of his story (ie to give support to it) he produced a signed statement from his employer.*

corroborative /kəˈrɒbəˈreɪtɪv/ *US* -reɪtɪv/ *adj* rak bom duhnak: *corrob or ative reports, evidence, etc.*

corrode /kəˈrəʊd/ *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (**sth**) (**away**) eikhuar, siat vivo, a tlap: *The metal has corroded*

(away) because of rust. ○ *Acid has corroded the iron (away).* ○ (fig) *a bitter envy that had corroded their friendship.*

▷ **corrosion** /kəˈrəʊʒn/ *n* [U] ei-siatnak, tlap: *clean off any corrosion before applying the paint.*

corrosive /kəˈrəʊsɪv/ *n, adj* mi a ei-siat theimi, tlap thei: *Rust and acids are corrosive.*

corrugate /ˈkɒrəgeɪt/ *US* /kɔːr-/ *v* [I, Tn usu passive] a kor, a kuar, rangva (canphio) tlep vekih kor: *His brow corrugated with the effort of thinking.* ○ *muddy roads corrugated* (ie rutted and furrowed) *by cart-wheels.*

▷ **corrugated** /kɒrəgeɪtɪd/ *adj* a kuar, a kor mi: *corrugated cardboard*, ie used for packing fragile goods ○ *a corrugated roof*, ie made of corrugated iron.

corrugation /ˌkɒrəˈgeɪʃn/ *US* /kɔːr-/ *n* a sawng, a kor.

□ **corrugated iron** rangva (canphio) kuar/kor.

corrupt /kəˈrʌpt/ *adj* **1** (a) nunau le mipa pawl-awk lam ih a sualmi; ziaza sual, tuangtlam lo: *corrupt morals, behaviour, etc* ○ *a thoroughly corrupt novel which young people should not be allowed to read.* (b) nawhthuh ei: *corrupt officials who won't issue permits unless you bribe them* ○ *corrupt practices*, ie esp the offering and accepting of bribes. **2** (languages, texts) thudik lo a telmi cabu, tɔngkam: *a corrupt manuscript.* **3** (arch) a thiang lomi, a balmi, a hnawm: *corrupt air/blood.*

▷ **corruptly** *adv.* **corruptness** *n* [U].

corrupt /kəˈrʌpt/ *v* [I, Tn] sualter, sual (ziaza ah) a tawih: *young people whose morals have been corrupted* ○ *corrupt an official*, ie gain his favour by offering bribes ○ *Pornography is defined by its 'tendency to deprave or corrupt'.*

▷ **corruptible** *adj* sual thei; nawhthuh pek theih, tawihthei: *corruptible young people, government officials, etc.*

corruptibility /kəˈrʌptəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U].

corruption /kəˈrʌpʃn/ *n* [U] **1** siatnak; nawhthuh ei le pek-awk: *officials who are open to corruption*, ie can be bribed ○ *claiming that sex and violence on TV led to the corruption of young people.* **2** (fml) tawih (taksa): *the corruption of the body after death.*

corsage /kɔːˈsɑːʒ/ *n* nunau thuam (hngawng naih lam) ih tonmi pangpar.

corsair /kɔːseə(r)/ *n* (history) Africa saklam tipi ih tangphawlawng suamhmang (damiah).

corselet (also **corslet**) /kɔːsliːt/ *n* pum, taang le zaang khuhtu ralphaw.

corset /kɔːsɪt/ *n* (ruang)pumrua lang seh ti ih tetzet ih hrukmi nunau sinfen.

cortege (also **cortège**) /kɔːˈteɪʒ/ *n* [C, Gp] (French) mithi vui ih fehtu mirual; mi-runpi.

cortex /ˈkɔːteks/ *n* (pl **cortices** /ˈkɔːtɪsiːz/) **1** (medical) thluak, lole, tikasa dang tuamtu lengta deuh taksa: *the cerebral cortex* ○ *the renal*

cortex, ie outer layer of the kidney. **2** thing hawng.

▷ **cortical** /kɔːtɪkl/ *adj* thluak tuamtu thil paate.

cortisone /kɔːtɪzəʊn/ *n* [U] (*propr*) ruh hlikhlok natnak hrangih hmanmi hawmon si (kotizon).

corundum /kəˈrʌndəm/ *n* [U] thil rawt/hnawt tiki hman mi lunghak phut.

coruscate /kɔːrəskeɪt/; *US* ˈkɔːr-/ *v* [I] (*fml*) tleu durhdo, vangpuppi: (*fig*) *coruscating wit/humour*.

▷ **coruscation** /kɔːrəskeɪʃn/; *US* kɔːr-/ *n* [C, U].

corvette /kɔːvet/ *n* **1** thilphur tangphawlawng kilvengtu lawng fate. **2** (*formerly*) pukpi nei puanzar lawng.

cos¹ /kɒs/ *n* (also **cos lettuce**) [C, U] salat hnahsau phun.

cos² /kɒs/ *abbr* of **COSINE**.

cos³ (also **'cos**) /kɒz/ *conj* (*infml*) *contracted form* of **BECAUSE**.

cos /kɒs/ *abbr* (*mathematics*) **Cosine**. Cf **SIN** *abbr*.

cosec /kəʊset/ *abbr* of **COSECANT**.

cosecant /ˈkəʊsɪkənt/ *n* (*abbr* **cosec**) (*mathematics*) a kil bangrep rin thum tontuah kanan tuat dan.

coset /kəʊset/ *n* (*mathematics*) trigo ih ratio.

cosh /kɒʃ/ *n* (*esp Brit*) savun thawn funmi funghreu (mi thawinak).

▷ **cosh** *v* [Tn] (*esp Brit*) funghreu thawn vuak: *The train robbers coshed the guard.*

cosignatory /kəʊˈsɪɡnətəri/; *US* -tɔːrɪ/ *n* ~ (**of/to sth**) hminkar, lethmat-thutpi: *The US and the Soviet Union were co-signatories of/to the treaty.*

cosine /kəʊsaɪn/ *n* (*abbr* **cos**) (*mathematics*) a kil ih khawsain. Cf **SINE**, **TANGENT** **2**.

cosmetic /kɒzˈmetɪk/ *n* (*usu pl*) hmai le taksa ih thuh mi ceimawinak thil: *Lipstick and hair conditioner are cosmetics.*

▷ **cosmetic** *adj* **1** ceimawinak lam: *cosmetic preparations.* **2** (*usu derog*) a pawnlang ceimawini: *The reforms he claims to have made are in fact merely cosmetic.*

cosmetically /-kli/ *adv*.

cosmetician /kɒzˈmetɪʃn/ *n* ceimawinak thil zuartu; ruahnak petu.

□ **cosmetic surgery** hmai/hmel mawi seh ti ih sibawi ih tuahsakanak.

cosmic /kɒzmɪk/ *adj* [*usu attrib*] lei le van lam: *Physics is governed by cosmic laws.* i (*fig*) a disaster of cosmic proportions, ie very great.

□ **cosmic dust** van lenglam ih a khawm-awmi thil phut/vut.

cosmic rays van lenglam ihsin leitlun ih a rathlengmi khawtleu.

cosmogony /kɒzˈmɒɡəni/ *n* (also **cosmology**) lei le van thawhkehnak thuhla.

▷ **cosmologist** /kɒzˈmɒlədʒɪst/ *n*.

cosmology /ˈkɒzmələdʒi/ *n* **1** [U] lei le van thuhla zirnak. **2** [C] = **COSMOGONY**

cosmonaut /ˈkɒzmənɔːt/ *n* Soviet (Russia)

astronaut vanleng mawngtu.

cosmopolitan /ˈkɒzməˈpɒlɪtən/ *adj* **1** (a) leilung tlun hmunkip ih milai telmi, phunzakip tel: *a cosmopolitan city, club, etc* ○ *the cosmopolitan gatherings at the United Nations Assembly.* (b) (*botany zoology*) leilung hmunkip ih um: *a cosmopolitan plant.* **2** (*approx*) ram le phun fan nei lomi (hmuhton tampi neih ruangah): *a cosmopolitan person, outlook, etc.*

▷ **cosmopolitan** *n* ram le phun fan nei lo milai.

cosmos /ˈkɒzmɒs/ *n* [*sing*] **the cosmos** lei le van, hmunlawng pi, tlolak.

cosset /ˈkɒsɪt/ *v* [Tn] (*derog*) fan hleifuan: *industry cosseted by tariffs on foreign imports.*

cost¹ /kɒst/; *US* kɔːst/ *v* (*pt, pp cost*) (the noun phrase indicating price, etc may be preceded by an indirect object) **1** [*In/pr*] (not usu in the continuous tenses) a man: *These chairs cost £40 each.* ○ *How much/What does it cost?* ○ *It costs too much.* ○ *The meal cost us £30.* ○ *It costs (them) £1000 a year to run a car.* **2** [*In/pr*] (*fig*) (not usu in the continuous tenses) (a) sung, liam: *Dangerous driving could cost you your life.* ○ *The scandal cost her career,* ie resulted in her having to resign, being dismissed, etc. (b) tuar; a cem: *Her irresponsible behaviour cost her father many sleepless nights.* ○ *Compiling a dictionary costs much time and patience.* **3** [Tn] (*pt, pp ~ed*) (*commerce*) a man tuat: *Has this project been costed?* **4** [Tn] (*infml*) man tam liam: *You can have the deluxe model if you like, but it'll cost you.* **5** (*idm*) **charge/cost/pay sb the earth** ⇒ **EARTH**. **cost sb dear** tuarter, nater: *That mistake cost him dear: he lost the game because of it.* **6** (*phr v*) **cost sth out** a man zat tuat: *I thought I could afford it, then I costed it out properly and found it was too expensive.*

▷ **costing** *n* [C, U] (*commerce*) a man zat rak tuat cia: *When we had done the costings on the project, it was clear it would not be economical to go ahead with it.* ○ [*attrib*] *costing department, clerk, etc.*

cost² /kɒst/; *US* kɔːst/ *n* **1** [U, C] a man: *the high cost of car repairs* ○ *the costs involved in starting a business* ○ *She built the house without regard to cost,* ie not caring if it would be expensive. ○ *the cost of living/living costs,* ie the general level of prices ○ *the cost-of-living index.* ⇒ Usage at **PRICE**. **2** [U, *sing*] cemliammi, hmanmi: *the cost in time and labour* ○ *The battle was won at (a) great cost in human lives.* **3** **costs** [*pl*] (*law*) zungthu relnak ih sumpai cemmi man: *pay a £50 fine and £25 costs.* **4** (*idm*) **at all costs** ziang tikev in khal: *We must at all costs prevent them from finding out about the plan.* **at cost** a man hram, (ahlawk um lo): *goods sold at cost.* **at the cost of sth** siatnak tuar phah in, hlohnak tuar phah in: *She saved him from drowning, but only at the cost of her own life.* **count the cost** ⇒

COUNT¹. **to one's cost** mah sunnak, mah siatnak: *Wasp stings are serious, as I know to my cost*, ie as I know because I have suffered from them.

□ **cost accountant, clerk** tangka cazin kaitu.

cost benefit (economics) pek man ahlawk.

cost-effective *adj* tangka tawf fang hlawk, hlawk: *It isn't cost-effective to build cars in such small quantities.*

cost price (commerce) thil tuahnak a cem zat man; (thil) zuarnak man zat. Cf SELLING PRICE (SELL).

co-star /kəʊ stɑ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) (cinema or TV) **1** [Tn no passive] thuanthu cawnpi: *The film co-starred Robert Redford (and Paul Newman).* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) midang pakhat thawn thuanthu cawng khat: *Laurence Olivier is in the film, and Maggie Smith co-star (with him).*

▷ **co-star** /kəʊ stɑ:(r)/ *n* thuanthu cawnpitu (min-ta, min-tami): *His co-star in the film was Maggie Smith.*

costermonger /kɒstəmʌŋgə(r)/ *n* (dated Brit) inn lak zinpi ih thingthei-rah zuartu.

costly /kɒstli/; US 'kɔ:st-/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) man tam, tangka tam cemmi: *It would be too costly to repair the car.* ○ *a costly mistake*, ie one involving great loss.

▷ **costlines** *n* [U].

costume /kɒstju:m/; US -tu:m/ *n* **1** [C, U] sinfen, thilthuam (san khat ta, a ʔul tik ih hmanmi): *People wore historical costumes for the parade.*

○ *skiing costume* ○ [attrib] *a costume piece/play/drama*, ie one in which the actors wear historical costume. **2** [C] sinfen, nunau hni le angki (puan phunkhat hmangih ʔhitmi).

▷ **costumier** /kə'stju:miə(r)/; US -stju:-/ *n* sinfen, thilthuam tuahtu; zuar, hlantu: *a theatrical costumier.*

□ **costume jewellery** ngun le fau deu (cawn compi).

cosy /kəʊzi/ *adj* (US **cozy**) (-ier, -iest) (approx) **1** a hlum ih a nuam: *a cosy room, chair, feeling* ○ *a nice cosy little house* ○ *I felt all cosy tucked up in bed.* ○ (fig, derog) *He's had it too cosy in that job; we ought to keep a stricter check on him.* **2** rualremmi, a nuammi: *a cosy chat by the fireside.*

▷ **cosy** *n* (tisa hlum ringring seh ti duh ih) khaza-u tuamnak puan sah pi.

cosiness *n* [U].

cot /kɒt/ *n* **1** (Brit) (US **crib**) naute ihkhun (a sir lam khammi). **2** (US) ihkhun fiakte.

□ **cot-death** *n* [C, U] naute ih lai thih hruaknak (a ruang sim lo).

cotangent /kəʊ'tændʒənt/ *n* (abbr **cot**) (mathematics) angle pekcia kimtertu rin ngil/ding.

cote /kəʊt/ *n* (in compounds) sumhnam, vate zuatnak deuthlam: *a dove-cote* ○ *a sheep-cote.*

cotenant /kəʊ'tenənt/ *n* inn hlangtlangtu; ram

hlangtlangtu.

coterie /'kəʊtəri/ *n* [CGp] (often derog) duhmi bang-aw; tumtahmi bang-awmi pawl fate: *a literary coterie.*

coterminous /kəʊ'tɜ:mɪnəs/ *adj* [usu pred] ~ (with sth) (fml) lori khat, ramri khat.

cottage /'kɒtɪdʒ/ *n* inn fate, Lai khua lam inn fate; lo lak thlam fate: *farm labourers' cottages.*

▷ **cottager** /kɒtɪdʒə(r)/ *n* inn fate ih umtu, thlam te ih umtu.

□ **cottage cheese** cawhnawi khal rang (dingkhe).

cottage hospital (Brit) khaw fate sungih um sizung.

cottage industry inn sungih tuah theimi hnaʔuan (thiamtah, bel tuah, thil sak tivek).

cottage loaf (Brit) a par ah sanghlom fate a thuahmi sang (pawnghmuk) bial sah pi.

cottage pie = SHEPHERD'S PIE (SHEPHERD).

cotter-pin /kɒtə pi:n/ *n* (engineering) cet thilri a umnak kel ah um ringring seh ti ih hmanmi thir/thing khen.

cotton¹ /kɒtn/ *n* [U] **1** (a) patpar: *bales of cotton.* (b) patpar kung: [attrib] *working in the cotton fields.* **2** (a) pat hri, pat puan: *a needle and cotton.* (b) pathri ih tahmi puan: [attrib] *a cotton dress.*

□ **cotton candy** (US) = CANDY-FLOSS (CANDY).

cotton seed oil pat thau; patpar ci in ngahmi thau/hriak.

cottontail *n* N. America sabek phunkhat.

cotton wool a mu telh lomi patpar (hma tuamnak ih hmanmi): (fig) *You shouldn't wrap your children in cotton wool*, ie protect them too much from the world.

cotton² /kɒtn/ *v* (phr v) **cotton on (to sth)** (Brit infml) aan-cing; theithiam: *At last she's cottoned on to what they mean.* **cotton to sb** (US infml) mi pakhat duh/ngaih.

cotyledon /kɒtɪli:dn/ *n* (botany) a mu ihsin a cerh mi hnah no.

couch¹ /kaʊtʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr usu passive] ~ sth (in sth) (fml) ihkhun can hrawng a saumi tokham; zauhmun: *on the psychiatrist's couch.*

couch² /kaʊtʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn-pr usu passive] ~ sth (in sth) (fml) sim suak (ruahnak, lungsung um thu): *His letter was couched in conciliatory terms.* ○ *a carefully couched reply.* **2** [I] (arch) ramsa rel ding, lole, mi deh dingih bok-kun.

couchant /kaʊtʃənt/ *adj* (usu directly after a n) (heraldry) lu tungih dunglam ke thawn tomi (ramsa tacik ih cuangmi): *a lion couchant.* Cf RAMPANT **3**.

couchette /ku:'ʃet/ *n* (French) a bil thei ih tokhengah hman theih mi tlangleng sungih ihkhun.

couch-grass /kaʊtʃ grɑ:s, 'kurtʃ-; US -'græs/ (also **couch**) *n* [U] a hram a zaammi hrampi phunkhat.

cougar /ku:gə(r)/ *n* (esp US) = PUMA.

cough /kɒf; US kɔːf/ **v** **1** [I] khuh (khungheng khuh): *She was coughing (away) all night.* ○ (fig) *The engine coughed and spluttered into life, ie started noisily.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) a khuh, thi a khuh (a suak): *He'd been coughing up blood.* **3** (phr v) **cough** (sth) up (Brit infml) duh lo nacing in sim: *He owes us money, but he won't cough (it) up.* ○ *Come on, cough up: who did it?* ▷ **cough** **n** **1** [C] khuh-heng; khuh-khuh: *She gave a quiet cough to attract my attention.* **2** [sing] khuh-heng nat: *have a bad cough* ○ [attrib] *cough medicine, mixture, etc*, ie taken to relieve a cough.

could¹ /kəd; strong form kʊd/ modal **v** (neg **could not**, contracted form **couldn't** /kʊdnt/) **1** siannak dilnak langtermi tongfang: *Could I use your phone?* ○ *Could I borrow your bicycle?* ○ *Could I come round next week?* ⇒ Usage 1 at MAY¹. **2** (indicating request): *Could you baby-sit for us on Friday?* ○ *Could you type one more letter before you go?* ○ *Do you think I could have a cigarette?* **3** (indicating result): *I'm so unhappy I could weep.* ○ *What's for dinner? I could eat a horse.* **4** (indicating possibility): *You could be right, I suppose.* ○ *My wife's in hospital — our baby could arrive at any time.* ○ *Don't worry — they could have just forgotten to phone.* ○ *Somebody must have opened the cage — the lion couldn't have escaped on its own.* ○ *You could at least have sent a card*, ie It was possible but you didn't do it. ⇒ Usage 2 at MAY¹. **5** (indicating suggestions): *We could write a letter to the headmaster.* ○ *You could always try his home number.* ⇒ Usage 3 at SHALL.

could² pt of CAN².

coulter /kəʊltə(r)/ **n** (US **colter**) tuhmui ha hmaiah a tung lam ih retmi thir hriam.

council /kaʊnsəl/ **n** [C, Gp] **1** khua, peng thu tawltrethu dingih hrilmi, mi bur khat, khonsil: *a city/county council* ○ *The local council is/are in charge of repairing roads.* ○ [attrib] *council services, elections, etc.* **2** thuron dingih hrilmi, mi bur khat, thuron-mi upa pawl (tlangsua): *A council of elders governs the tribe.* ○ *In Britain, the Design Council gives awards for good industrial design.* ○ *a council of war*, ie meeting of leaders, military commanders, etc to discuss tactics.

□ **council-chamber** **n** khonsil ho ton-awknak inndan tumpi.

council estate (Brit) khua ih sak mi inn tla.

council flat/house (Brit) mi hman dingih saktuahmi innkhan pawl.

councilor (US also **councillor**) /'kaʊnsələ(r)/ **n** khonsil sungtel: *Councillor Jones.*

counsel¹ /kaʊnsəl/ **n** **1** [U] (fml) (pekmi) ruahnak: *Listen to the counsel of your elders.* ○ *wise counsel.* **2** [C] (pl unchanged) sihni, upadi lam dinpitu: *counsel for the defence/prosecution* ○

The court heard counsel for both sides. Cf KING's COUNSEL (KING). **3** (idm) **a counsel of perfection** a thazet na'n thlun ding har ruahnak. **hold/take counsel with sb** (fml) thuron. **keep one's own counsel** mah ruahnak tan emem. **take counsel together** (fml) pakhat le pakhat ron-aw.

counsel² /'kaʊnsəl/ **v** (-ll-; US also -l-) **1** [Tn] ruahnak pe (thu harsa neihmi ah): *a psychiatrist who counsels alcoholics.* **2** [Tn] thu sim: *I would counsel caution in such a case.* **3** [Dn-t] (fml) tuah/tuah lo dingih sim: *he counseled them to give up the plan.*

▷ **counseling** /-səliŋ/ **n** [U] ruahnak pekna (mi thiam hnen ihsin): *psychiatric/financial counseling* ○ [attrib] *a student counseling service.*

counsellor (US also **counselor**) /'kaʊnsələ(r)/ **n** **1** ruahnak petu: *a wise counsellor in time of need.* ○ *a marriage guidance counsellor.* **2** (US or Irish) sih-ni, upadi lam ih tanpitu.

count¹ /kaʊnt/ **v** **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) (to sth) siar, pakhat hnu pakhat siar: *He can't count yet.* ○ *count from 1 to 20* ○ *I can count (up) to 100.* **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) a zat siar: *Don't forget to count your change.* ○ *Have the votes been counted up yet?* **3** [Tn] siar ci: *fifty people, not counting the children.* **4** (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) a thupi: *Her opinion counts because of her experience.* ○ *Knowledge without common sense counts for little.* ○ *We've only a few bullets left, so make each one count*, ie use it effectively. (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (as sth) siar, cohlan: *You didn't shut your eyes before you made the wish, so it doesn't count!* ○ *A few lines of rhyming doggerel don't count as poetry.* **5** [Cn-a, Cn-n, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (as) **sb/sth** ruat aw, siar aw: *I count myself lucky to have a job.* ○ *I count him a good judge of character.* ○ *We count her as one of our oldest friends.* **6** (idm) **count one's blessings** neihmi parah lungawi: *Don't complain! Count your blessings!* **count one's chickens (before they are hatched)** keuh hlan in arfa siar cia. **count the cost (of sth)** aat thil tuah ruangih tuar, siat hlauh: *The town is now counting the cost of its failure to provide adequate flood protection.* **7** (phr v) **count against sb; count sth against sb** ruat, hlawsamnak ah telh: *Your criminal record could count against you in finding a job.* ○ *He is young and inexperienced, but please do not count that against him.* **count among sb/sth; count sb/sth among sb/sth** siar ci, ruat ci: *She counts among the most gifted of the current generation of composers.* ○ *I no longer count him among my friends.* **count down** a tikcu thlen ding siar, eg 10, 9, 8, 7... **count sb/sth in** telh ci: *See how many plates we have, but don't count in the cracked ones.* ○ *If you're all going to the party, you can count me in*, ie I will come with you. **count on sb/sth** ring, rinsan: *count on sb's*

C

help/on sb to help ○ *Don't count on a salary increase this year*, ie you may not get one. **count sb/sth out** (a) khat, hnih ti in, nuamte te'n siar: *The old lady counted out thirty pence and gave it to the shop assistant.* (b) boxing puai ih an thong ril mi vei 10 tiang siar - a thawh thei lo asile a sung tinak a si: *The referee counted him out in the first round.* (c) (infml) telh lo: *If it's going to be a rowdy part, you can count me out*, ie I shall certainly not attend. **count towards sth** a tlin ve ti ih telh: *These payments will count towards your pension.* **count up to sth** a kim (zate kom ah): *These small contributions soon count up to a sizeable amount.*

▷ **countable** adj siar theih.

□ **counting-house** *n* (dated) bank ih cazin retnak inndan.

countdown *n* ~ (to sth) (a) [C] rawket (rocket) kah ding tikah sekan a tam lam in a mal lam lolak tiang siarnak. (b) [sing] (fig) thil thupipa a can hlan te tikcu caan: *the countdown to the local election.*

count² /kaunt/ *n* 1 [C] siarnak: *a second count of the votes in an election* ○ *I want you to start on a count of 5*, ie after I have counted up to 5. ○ *By my count* (ie As I have counted them) *that's five cakes you've had already.* 2 [C usu sing] hniksakmi sungih tonmi zate kom: *a high pollen count.* 3 (usu the count) [sing] boxing thong tikih nambat siar: (fig) *Little Jimmy was really out for the count* (ie completely exhausted) *after that long tiring day.* 4 [C] (a) (law) puhmi mawhnak: *two counts of forgery and one of fraud* ○ *She was found guilty on all counts.* (b) reel mi thu: *I disagree with you on both counts.* 5 (idm) **keep/lose count (of sth)** a um zat siar lo, theitheh lo: *So many arrived at once that I lost count (of them).*

□ **count noun** (grammar) siar theih thil: *Count nouns are marked [C] in this dictionary.*

count³ /kaunt/ *n* France ram le Italy ram um mi phunsang kawhnak ih hmanmi ðong — Britain ahcun earl an ti. Cf **COUNTLESS**.

countenance¹ /kauntənəns/ *n* (fml) 1 [C] mithmai, hmel: *a woman with a fierce countenance/of fierce countenance.* 2 [U] rak bomnak, ðannak: *I would not give/lend countenance to such a plan.* 3 (idm) **keep one's countenance** (fml) mithmai sia lo dingih sup. **put/stare sb out of countenance** (dated) mithmai siat (na mawh ti hmuh duh ah)

countenance² /kauntənəns/ *v* [Tn, Tg, Tsg] (fml) bawm, ðan, lungkimpi: *countenance a fraud* ○ *How could you countenance such behaviour?* ○ *They would never countenance lying.*

counter¹ /kauntə(r)/ *n* 1 zial-don fiakte — thil zuar ding retnak, cabuai, zau. 2 (idm) **over the counter** sibawi ih ei fial lomi (si): *These tablets are available over the counter.* **under the counter**

a thupte ih lei le zuarmi thilri pawl: *In Britain pornography was once sold under the counter.*

counter² /kauntə(r)/ *n* 1 phe lehnak le a dang lehnak ih nehzat siarnak ih hmanmi thil per. 2 (used in compounds) cet a her zat siartu thil: *an engine's rev-counter.* 3 thil pakhat thawh thlengnak ih hman theih: *Our missiles will be a useful bargaining counter in our negotiations with the Russians*, ie may be given up in exchange for concessions.

counter³ /kauntə(r)/ *adv* ~ **to sth** si lo lam in, a let lam, dodal lam in: *act counter to sb's wishes* ○ *Economic trends are running counter to the forecasts.*

counter⁴ /kauntə(r)/ *v* [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf] ~ **with sth**; ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** thungrul; si lo lam in lehrul; do sal: *The champion countered with his right*, ie responded to a blow with a right-handed punch. ○ *They countered our proposal with one of their own.* ○ *The minister countered his critics with a strong speech defending his policies.* ○ *I pointed out the shortcomings of the scheme, but he countered that the plans were not yet finished.*

counter- *comb form* (forming *ns*, *vs*, *adjs* and *advs*) 1 a si lo lam; ðongfang dang thawh kom ih hmanmi: *counter-attraction* ○ *counter-productive.* 2 lehrul, ti thung ve (neh dingah): *counter-attack* ○ *counter-espionage.* 3 sinak cangvaihnak a bangawmi thil/milai: *counterpart.* ⇒ Usage at **ANTI-**.

counteract /kauntə'rækt/ *v* [Tn] a lette lam in tuah, si lo lam in tuah: *counteract (the effects of) a poison, sb's bad influence, etc* ○ *We must counteract extremism in the party.*

▷ **counteraction** /kauntə'ræksn/ *n* [U] a ralsan ih thil tinak le a hmual demternak.

counter-attack /kauntə(r)ətæk/ *n* rak do kirnak (ral in a do ruangah).

▷ **counter-attack** *v* [I, Tn] do-kir (ral).

counter-attraction /kauntə'ətræksn/ *n* ~ (to sth) mi rak hip vetu; mi hip ding rak zuam vetu: *there are so many counter-attractions these days that the live theatre is losing its audiences.*

counterbalance /kauntə'bæləns/ *n* ~ (to sth) (also **counterpoise**) a khing, asilole a tha khing a zat-awknak.

▷ **counter-balance** /kauntə'bæləns/ *v* [Tn] a khing zat-awter; cahnak zat-awter: *His level-headedness counterbalances her impetuosity.*

counterblast /kauntə'blæst/ *n* ~ (to sth) nasa zet ih lehrul kir: *Her article was a counterblast to her critics.*

counterclaim /kauntə'kleim/ *n* mi ih cuhmi rak cuh-venak: *Amongst all the claims and counterclaims it was hard to say who was telling the truth.*

counter-clockwise /kauntə'klɒkwəiz/ *adv* (US) = **ANTI-CLOCKWISE**.

counter-espionage /kauntə'espɪənə:z/ *n* [U]

ral pawlih thuthup thlingthlakhnak lehrulhnak.

counterfeit /'kauntəfɪt/ *n*, *adj* cawncop mi (thil): counterfeit money, jewels, etc ○ *This ten-dollar bill is a counterfeit.* Cf FORGERY (FORGE²).

▷ **counterfeit** *v* [Tn] cawng (kut ngan, tangka fai): a gang of criminals counterfeiting ten-pound notes. Cf FORGE² 2.

counterfeiter *n* tangka ca pawl cawng ih tuahtu. Cf FORGER (FORGE²).

counterfoil /'kauntəfɔɪl/ *n* chek lethmat a kauseu (mah hnen ih ret dingmi).

counter-insurgency /'kauntər m'sɜːdʒənsɪ/ *n* [U] ral pawl ram sungah lut hlah seh ti ih tawlrlnak.

counter-intelligence /'kauntər m'telɪdʒəns/ *n* [U] ram ih thuthup ral pawl hnen thleng hlah seh ti tawlrlnak.

counter-intuitive /'kauntər ɪn'tjuːtɪv/ *adj* a si dingmi vek ih a si lomi, a si dingmi thawn a kalh-awmi: *His solution to the problem is counter-intuitive.*

counter-irritant /'kauntər-/ *n* (medical) thahri, taksa ʔam mi reh deuh seh ti ih thuh mi sii.

countermand /'kauntə'maːnd/; US -'mænd/ *v* [Tn] ʔul sal, siat sal (thupekmi, fialmi), a thar pek salmi in a hmaisa thupek a siatter sal.

countermeasure /'kauntəmeɪzə(r)/ *n* (often *pl*) thil ʔha lo, thil ʔhning, suak hlah seh ti ih khawkan cianak: *Countermeasure against a threatened strike.*

counter-offer // *n* sunnak parih pekkirnak.

counterpane /'kauntəpeɪn/ *n* (dated) ih-phah; phah-puan.

counterpart /'kauntəpɑːt/ *n* sinak bang-aw mi (milai thilri): *The sales director phoned her counterpart in the other firm*, ie the other firm's sales director; thilri zuarnak lam hotu in a dang kampani ih amah vek (thilri zuarnak lam hotu) telefon in a biak.

counterplot /'kauntəplɒt/ *n* phiarmi (thu) siatsuah ternak.

▷ **counterplot** *v* (-tt-) [I, Ipr] ~ (against sb/sth) mi thu phiarmi rak siatsuah.

counterpoise /'kauntəpɔɪz/ *n* (fml) **1** [C] = COUNTERBALANCE. **2** [U] khingrih a bang-aw ih umnak; bang-aw ringringnak: *The two nations' nuclear forces are in perfect counterpoise*, ie are equal.

counter-productive /'kauntəprədʌktɪv/ *adj* duh mi thawn a kalh-awmi: *It's counter-productive to be too tough: it just makes the staff resentful.*

▷ **counter-productively** *adv*.

counter-productiveness *n* [U].

counter-revolution /'kauntərevə'lʊːʃn/ *n* [C, U] hlan ih ram uknak thlengmi thleng lehrulhnak, cumi thawn a pehparmi thuhla: *stage a counter-revolution* ○ *the forces of counter-revolution.*

▷ **counter-revolutionary** /-lʊːʃənəri/; US -nerɪ/ *adj* thlengaw duh lonak lam: *counter-revolutionary movement, ideas, etc.* — *n* person

who opposes or tries to overthrow a revolution: cozah thlengaw duh dodaltu.

countersign¹ /'kauntəsɪn/ *v* [Tn] capi ah hmin khen (zungpi nam): *a cheque countersigned on the back.*

countersign² /'kauntəsɪn/ *n* fehluak siang dingih kilvengtu hnenih simmi ʔong thup; password: *give the countersign.*

countersink /'kauntəsɪŋk/ *v* (pt -sank /-sæŋk/, pp -sunk /-sʌŋk/) [Tn usu passive] **1** tlawngkhen lu le zialpheng hmai can aw dingih khen; a lu lawng cuanglo dingih tuah. **2** kua kau ah tlawngkhen tivek khencih.

counter-tenor /'kauntə'tenər/ *n* (music) mipa ih sakmi alto aw; tenor aw hnak ih sang sawn mipa aw.

countervailing /'kauntəveɪlɪŋ/ *adj* [attrib] (fml) cuaithlai bang-aw, cah dan bangawter, do-aw: *all the disadvantages without any of the countervailing advantages.*

countess /'kauntɪs/ *n* **1** count, lole, earl ih nupi. **2** count, asilole, earl thawn an phun upatnak a bangawmi nunau (bawi phun).

countless /'kauntlɪs/ *adj* [esp attrib] siarcaw lo; a tamtuk: *I've told her countless times.*

countrified /'kʌntrɪfaɪd/ *adj* **1** Lai-lam; hramlak lam a simi: *quite a countrified area.* **2** (derog) hramlak mi deuh; Lai-lam mi deuh.

country /'kʌntri/ *n* **1** (a) [C] mahte uk-awmi ram: *European countries* ○ *There will be rain in all parts of the country.* (b) **the country** [sing] ram mi; ram pumpi: *The whole country resisted the invaders.* ⇨ Usage. **2** **the country** [sing] khawlipi ihsin a hlatmi hramlak ram: *live in the country* ○ *a day in the country* ○ *We traveled across country*, ie across fields, etc or not by a main road. ○ [attrib] *country roads, life, areas.* **3** [U] (often with attrib *adj*) hramlak: *rough, marshy, etc country* ○ *We passed through miles of wooded country.* ○ *this is unknown country to me*, ie I have not been here before or (fig) This is an unfamiliar topic to me. **4** [U] (esp US) khawte le nitlaknak lam pawlih awnmawi: [attrib] *country singer, music, etc.* **5** (idm) **a country cousin** (infml esp derog) khawte mi. **go to the country** (Brit) rampi tlangsuak ho phiat tahrat in hril-awnak a thar tuah.

□ **country-and-western** *n* [U] (abbr **C and W**) America ram thlanglam le nitlaknak lam ram ih suakmi awnmawi: [attrib] *country-and-western singer, music, etc.*

country club a lenglam (innpi sung siloin) ih lehnak lam pawlpi.

country dance (esp Brit) pupa san laam dan phunkhat, a khuahkuah in laam a si ih rual hnih ih laam a si.

country-house *n* khawte lam ih um milian pa ih inn tumpi, a kimvel ah hmun kaupi a ummi inn.

countryman

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country seat = SEAT¹ 8.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Country** is the most usual and neutral word for a geographical area identified by a name such as France or China: *We passed through for countries on our way to Greece.* The word **state** emphasizes the political organization of the area under an independent government, and it can refer to the government itself: *the member states of the EEC* ○ *a one-party state* ○ *The State provides free education and health care.* A **state** may also be a constituent part of the larger unit: *There are 13 states in Malaysia.* **Nation** also indicates a political unit and is more formal than **state**: *the United Nations* ○ *the Association of South-East Asian Nations.* In addition, it can suggest a community of people who share a history and language but may not have their own country or state: *The Jewish nation is scattered around the world.* **Land** is more, formal or poetic: *Exiles long to return to their native land.*

countryman /'kʌntri:mən/ *n* (fem **countrywoman** /'kʌntri:wʊmən/, *pl* **-men, -women**) **1** ramsung mi, ram sungih suak le umtu milai: *a hero much loved by his countrymen.* **2** ram sungmi.

countryside /'kʌntrisaɪd/ *n* (usu **the countryside**) [sing] lai khua sung lam, hramlak lam: *The English countryside looks at its best in spring.* ○ *the preservation of the countryside.*

county /'kaʊnti/ *n* **1** Britain ih ram-bial (pengpi), distrist (*Mirang*): *the county of Kent* ○ [attrib] *county boundary, councilor, cricket, etc.* Cf PROVINCE **1**, STATE¹ **3**. **2** ram then.

▷ **county** *adj* (*Brit infml sometimes derog*) (English) miphun-u nun: *She's awfully county.* ○ *He belongs to the county set*, ie people having this life-style.

□ **county council** pengpi uktu khonsil.

county court (*in England*) mi thah tivek sualnak thu si lo pawl thu thennak zung. Cf CROWN COURT (CROWN¹).

county town (*esp Brit*), **county seat** (*esp US*) pengpi zung umnak khua.

coup /ku:/ *n* (*pl* **-s** /kuz/) (*French*) **1** rin lopi ih thil ti suaknak: *She pulled off a great coup in getting the president to agree to an interview.* **2** (also **coup d'état** /ku: de'ta:/) (*pl* **coups d'état** /ku: de'ta:/) rinlopi in/hmakhatte in cozah thleng khupkhi nak (buainak a tel theu): *The army staged a coup (d'état).* ○ *a bloodless coup.*

coupé /ku:peɪ/ *n* **1** (*US coupe*) /ku:p/ sangka pahnih nei — a dunglam a sawlmi mawtawka phunkhat. **2** rangleng phun khat.

couple¹ /'kʌpl/ *n* **1** a khuah, a kop, a tuak (milai, thilri): *married couples* ○ *courting couples* ○ *Several couples were on the dance floor.* ○ *I won't have any more whiskies; I've had a couple*

already. **2** (idm) **a couple of people/things** (a) pahnih: *I saw a couple of men get out.* ○ *I'll stay for a couple more hours.* (b) malte (thilri, milai): *She jogs a couple of miles every morning.* **in two/a couple of shakes** ⇒ SHAKE².

couple² /'kʌpl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **A on (to B)**; ~ **A and B (together)** thil pahnih komter; zom-awter: *The dining-car was coupled on (to the last coach).* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth with sb/sth** thil/milai thawn zom aw, pehpar aw: *The name of Mozart is coupled with the city of Salzburg.* ○ *The bad light, couple with (ie together with) the wet ground, made play very difficult.* **3** [I] (*arch or rhet*) nu le pa pawl-awk.

▷ **coupling** /'kʌplɪŋ/ *n* **1** (a) [U] peh-awk. (b) [C, U] (*arch or rhet*) nu le pa pawlawk. **2** [C] thil peh awk (tlangleng, mawtwaka tivek).

couplet /'kʌplɪt/ *n* aw-thlak a bang-aw ih a can awmi: *a rhyming couplet.*

coupon /'ku:pən/ *n* **1** thilri pakhat khat thawn thleng a theihmi cahnah fate: *petrol coupons* ○ *10p off if you use this coupon.* **2** cahnah pungsan: *fill in a football coupon*, ie for a football pool competition.

courage /'kʌrɪdʒ/ *n* [U] ral̥hatnak; ngamnak: *He showed great courage in battle.* ○ *She didn't have the courage to refuse.* ○ *I plucked up/summoned up my courage (ie controlled my fear) and asked her to marry me.* **2** (idm) **Dutch courage** ⇒ DUTCH. **have/lack the courage of one's convictions** a dik ti ih ruat nain tuah ngam lo. **lose courage** ⇒ LOSE. **pluck up courage** ⇒ PLUCK. **screw up one's courage** ⇒ SCREW. **take one's courage in both hands** tih na cingih tuah hramhram.

▷ **courageous** /kə'reɪdʒəs/ *adj* ral̥tha; ningt̥ih nei lo: *It was courageous of her to oppose her boss.* **courageously** *adv.*

courgette /kə:'ʒet/ *n* (*Brit*) (*US zucchini*) fanghma (zil) phunkhat.

courier /'kʊrɪə(r)/ *n* **1** khualtawng pawl bawmtu. **2** thu phurtu, cakuat thupi phurtu.

course¹ /kɔ:s/ *n* **1** [sing] hmailam fehnak (a tik le a cu ah): *In the course of (ie During) my long life I've known many changes.* ○ *the course of history* ○ *I didn't sleep once during the entire course of the journey.* **2** [C] (a) lawng, vanzamleng ih thlunmi zin; tiva luannak lam: *The plane was on/off course*, ie following/not following the right course. ○ *The course of the ship was due north.* ○ *The captain set a course for (ie towards) New York.* ○ *the course of the River Thames* ○ (*arch*) *the stars in their courses*, ie the way they appear to move ○ (*fig*) *The course of the argument suddenly changed*, ie it turned to a different subject. (b) thil ti dan, thu feh dan: *What courses are open to us?* ○ *The government's present course will only lead to disaster.* ○ *The wisest course would be to ignore it.* **3** [C] (a) ~ (*in/on*

sth (education) zirdingmi: a French, chemistry, art course ○ an elementary course in maths ○ taking a refresher course to improve my driving. **(b) ~ of sth** (medical) ei dingmi si zat: prescribe a course of injections, x-ray treatment, etc. **4** [C] **(a)** golf lehhmun tualrawn: golf-course. **(b)** tlan zuamnak tual kau: a race-course, ie for horse races ○ five-mile rowing course. **5** [C] rawl le hmeh phun: a five-course dinner ○ The main course was a vegetable stew. **6** [C] phahlei thuah: damp (-proof) course. **7** (idm) **a course of action** pakhat khat tuahsuak dingih thufether dan: What is the best course of action we can take? **be par for the course** ⇒ PAR¹. **in course of sth** pakhat khat si lai ah/kar ah: a house in course of construction, ie being built. **in the course of sth** ziangmawlai ah: in the course of our conversation, ie while we were talking, kan biak-awk lai ah. **in (the) course of time** caan a hung liam in: Be patient: you will be promoted in the course of time. **in due course** ⇒ DUE¹. **in the ordinary, normal, etc course of events, things, etc** thil a can theu vekin: In the ordinary course of events, I visit her once a week. **a matter of course** ⇒ MATTER¹. **a middle course** ⇒ MIDDLE. **of course** a si tuk, a ngai in: 'Do you study hard?' 'Of course I do.' ○ 'Did she take it?' 'Of course not.' ○ That was 40 years ago, but of course you wouldn't remember it. **run/take its course** a daankeel vek in a tawp ding: We can't cure the disease; it must run its course. ○ The decision cannot be reversed; the law must take its course, ie the punishment must be carried out. **stay the course** ⇒ STAY.

course² /kɔ:s/ v [Ipr, Ip] (esp rhet) luang (a tii mi): The blood coursed through his veins. ○ Tears coursed down her cheeks.

▷ **coursing** /kɔ:siŋ/ n [U] uico thawn sabek dawi.

court¹ /kɔ:t/ n **1** (a) [C, U] thuthennak zung, zung um milai: a court-room ○ a magistrates court ○ Crown Court ○ court of assize, court of quarter-sessions, ie courts in England and Wales before 1971. ○ A (military or naval) court of inquiry, ie one that deals with cases of indiscipline, etc ○ The prisoner was brought to court for trial. ○ She had to appear in court to give evidence. ○ [attrib] court usher, reporter ○ The case was settled out of court, ie was settled without the need for it to be tried in court. ○ An out-of-court settlement. **(b) the court** [sing] thuthennak zungih um milai pawl: The court rose (ie stood up) as the judge entered. ○ Please tell the court all you know. Cf LAW COURT (LAW). **2** (often **Court**) (a) [C, U] ram ukto lal inn, siangpahrang inn: the Court of St James, ie the court of the British sovereign ○ She had been received at all the courts of Europe. ○ be presented at court, ie make one's first official appearance at the

sovereign's court ○ [attrib] the court jester. **(b) the court** [sing] bawinu/bawipa ih thu ronmi upa, a zung upa pawl: The court moves to the country in the summer. **3** [C] (sport) tennis tivek lehnak tual/hmun: a tennis/squash court ○ Do you prefer grass or hard courts? ○ Players must behave well on court. **4** (also **courtyard**) [C] suum-tual. **5** (idm) **the ball is in sb's/one's court** ⇒ BALL¹. **go to court (over sth)** thu rel le then sak dingah zung ah dil. **hold court** ngaisangtu, duhtu tla ziang maw do/pe: The film star held court in the hotel lobby. **laugh sb/sth out of court** ⇒ LAUGH. **put sth out of court** ruahtlak lo ah ret: The sheer cost of the scheme puts it right out of court. **pay court to sb** ⇒ PAY². **take sb to court** thurelnak zung ah thlenpi (thu khing): I took her to court for repayment of the debt.

□ **court-card** n (also **face-card**) King, Queen, asilole Jack zuk cuang phe hnah/phe ca.

court-house n **(a)** thuthennak zung ummi inn. **(b)** (US) pengpi zung.

court order thuthennak zung ih thupek.

court² /kɔ:t/ v **1** (a) [Tn] (dated) fala dap/leng (thit duh ah): He had been courting Jane for six months. **(b)** [I] (esp dated) thit-awk ding duhah helh-aw (zul-khal aw): The two have been courting for a year. ○ There were several courting couples in the park. **2** [Tn] (a) ziangmaw ngah duh ah ngiar rero: He has been courting the director, hoping to get the leading role in the play. **(b)** (often derog) pakhat khat neh ngah ding zua ciarco: court sb's approval, support, favour, etc ○ court applause. **3** [Tn no passive] thil sual suak theimi tuah (risk): court failure, defeat, death, etc ○ To go on such an expedition without enough supplies would be to court disaster.

courteous /kɔ:tiəs/ adj mi upat thiam, mi zul thiam.

▷ **courteously** adv.

courtesan /kɔ:ti:zæn; US 'kɔ:ti:zn/ n (formerly) milian pawlih hmanmi nunau tawzuar.

courtesy /kɔ:ti:si/ n **1** [U] mi upat thiamnak; um dan thiamnak: They didn't even have the courtesy to apologize. ○ It would only have been common courtesy to say thank you. **2** [C] khawruat thiam: do me the courtesy of listening (ie Please listen) to what I have to say. **3** (idm) **(by) courtesy of sb** khawruah thiamnak in: This programme comes by courtesy of (ie is sponsored or paid for by) a local company.

□ **courtesy title** (Brit) bawifa tivek hnenih pekmi upa hmin.

courtier /kɔ:tiə(r)/ n siangpahrang inn sung hnaquantu: the King and his courtiers.

courtly /kɔ:tlɪ/ adj (-ier, -iest) siangpahrang inn sungih hmantlakmi ziaza nuncan: the old gentleman's courtly manners.

court martial

▷ **courtliness** *n* [U].

court martial /kɔ:t'mɑ:ʃl/ *n* (*pl* **courts martial**)
ralkap upadi pahtu thuʔhennak zung: *He faced a court martial for disobeying orders.*

▷ **court-martial** *v* (-ll-; *US* -l-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**for sth**) ralkap thuʔhennak zung ah thurel: *be court-martialled for neglect of duty.*

courtship /kɔ:tʃɪp/ *n* **1** [U] = COURTING (COURT²).
2 [C] dap-aw: *They married after a brief courtship.*

courtyard /kɔ:tjɑ:d/ *n* = COURT¹ **4**.

cousin /kʌzn/ *n* (also **first cousin**) **1** ni, lole, pu ih faa: *she is my cousin.* ○ *We are cousins,* ie children of each other's aunts/uncles. Cf **SECOND COUSIN** (SECOND¹). **2** (idm) **a country cousin** ⇒ COUNTRY.

▷ **cousinly** *adj* unau vekin: *cousinly affection.*

couture /ku:'tʊə(r)/ *n* [U] (*French*) = HAUTE COUTURE: [attrib] *couture clothes/dresses.*

▷ **couturier** /ku:'tʊəriə/ *n* nunau sinfen phunsang phuah le ʔhittu.

cove¹ /kəʊv/ *n* tipi kel fate.

cove² /kəʊv/ *n* (*dated Brit infml*) mipa: *What a strange cove he is!*

coven /kʌvənənt/ *n* hnam nei pawl tonkhawm-nak.

covenant /kʌvənənt/ *n* **1** (*law*) thukam; mi pahnih karlak ih tuahmi lungkimnak. **2** tangka hlu ringring dingih tiamkamnak.

▷ **covenant** *v* [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tt] ~ **sth** (**to/with sb**); ~ **for sth** tiamkam, kam (thu): *I've covenanted (for) £100/covenanted (with them) to pay/that I'll pay £100 a year.*

Coventry /kəʊvəntri/ *n* (idm) **send sb to Coventry** ⇒ **SEND**, bia duh loh um/hrial.

cover¹ /kʌvə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (**up/over**) (**with sth**) khuh: *Cover the table with a cloth.* ○ *He covered (up) the body with a sheet.* ○ *She covered her knees (up) with a blanket.* ○ *The hole was covered (over) with canvas.* ○ *He covered the cushion with new material.* ○ *He laughed to cover* (ie hide) *his nervousness.* ○ *She covered her face with her hands.* (b) [Tn] langlo in khuh ʔheh: *Snow covered the ground.* ○ *Flood water covered the fields by the river.* ○ *Rubble covered the pavement.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth in/with sth** theh (tidai, ciarbek thawn): *I was covered in/with mud by a passing car.* ○ *The wind blew from the desert and covered everything with sand.*

3 [Tn] a huap: *research that covers a wide field* ○ *her lectures covered the subject thoroughly.* ○ *Is that word covered in the dictionary?* ○ *Do the rules cover* (ie can they be made to apply to) *a case like this?* ○ *the salesman covering the northern part of the country,* ie selling to people in that region. **4** [Tn] (tangka) a daih: *£10 will cover our petrol for the journey.* ○ *The firm barely covers (its) costs; it hasn't made a profit for years.* **5** [Tn] (khual tlawn) thleng thei, baan

thei: *By sunset we had covered thirty miles.* **6** [Tn] thuthang ca ah thuhla rak suah: *cover the Labour Party's annual conference.* **7** [I, Ipr] ~ (**for sb**) thuthang ca ah thuhla rak suah: *I'll cover for Jane while she's on holiday.* **8** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (**against/for sth**) (thu) amkham sak (a-mah-khan): *Are you fully covered against/for fire and theft?* **9** [Tn] (a) ral pawl meithal thawn rak kap ciamco (mi kilhimnak): *Cover me while I move forward.* ○ *The artillery gave us covering fire,* ie shot to protect us. (b) duhdud ih ral kah theinak hmun ah um, hmun ʔha khuar: *Our guns covered every approach to the town.* (c) meithal thawn rak bih ringring: *cover her while I phone the police.* ○ *Keep them covered!* **10** [Tn] (ramsa a pa, a hleicein rang) in a nu a pawl (luk). **11** (idm) **cover/hide a multitude of sins** ⇒ MULTITUDE. **cover one's tracks** hlih philh, umnak thei lo ding le ziang a tuah ti thei lo dingih tuah. **cover oneself with glory** (rhet) hmin than le sunlawihnakh ngah: *The regiment covered itself with glory in the invasion battle.* **12** (phr v) **cover sth in** siat lo dingih ziang maw thawn khuh: *We're having the yard/passage/terrace covered in.* **cover (oneself) up** (a) hlum zet ih hnipuan hrak: *do cover (yourself) up: it's freezing outside.* (b) puan hrak beet (ningzah phen ah). **cover (sth) up** (derog) thu/thil sual thup: *The government is trying to cover up the scandal.* **cover up for sb** midang sualnak, ʔhelhnak thuh sak.

▷ **covered** *adj* **1** ~ **in/with sth** [pred] a khat mi: *trees covered in/with blossom/fruit* ○ (fig) *I was covered in/with confusion,* ie very confused and embarrassed. **2** tlunkhuh nei: *a covered way.* **covered wagon** [US] tlunkhuh nei rangleng tumpi.

covering letter capi thawn kuat cihmi ca.

cover-up *n* (derog) upadi thawn kaih lomi thupheh: *She said nothing was stolen, but that's just a cover-up.*

cover² /kʌvə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] (a) a siin, a khuh: *a plastic cover for a typewriter* ○ *Some chairs are fitted with loose covers.* (b) a siin, a khuh: *the cover of a saucepan.* **2** [U] beu-hmun: *There was nowhere we could take cover* (ie go for protection) *from the storm.* ○ *The land was flat and treeless and gave no cover to the troops.* ○ *The bicycles are kept under cover,* ie in a shelter, shed, etc. Cf **COVERT**². **3** [C] a phaw (cabu): *a book with a leather cover* ○ *The magazine had a picture of a horse on the cover,* ie the front cover. ○ *read a book from cover to cover,* ie from beginning to end. **4** **the covers** [pl] ih puan, zan puan: *push back the covers and get out of bed.* **5** [C usu sing] (a) ~ (**for sth**) thil tungai langter lonak: *His business was a cover for drug dealing.* (b) hmin le sinak bum: *The spy's cover was that she was a consultant engineer.* ○ *The agent's cover had*

been broken/blown (ie revealed), and he had to leave the country. **6** [U] ral pawl meithal kap thei lo dingah rak kap ciamco: *Artillery gave cover (ie fired at the enemy to stop them firing back) while the infantry advanced.* ○ *For this operation we need plenty of air cover*, ie protection by military aircraft. **7** [U] ~ (for sb) hnañuan cemcih (pakhat umlo sung): *this doctor provides emergency cover (for sick colleagues).* **8** [U] ~ (against sth) amahkhan: *a policy that gives cover against fire.* **9** [C] ca-ik, cabawm: *a first-day cover*, ie envelope with a newly issued stamp on it ○ *under plain cover*, ie in an envelope or parcel that does not show the sender, contents, etc ○ (commerce) *under separate cover*, ie in a separate parcel or envelope. **10** [U] tu, thingrul: *cover for game birds* ○ *The fox broke (ie left) cover and ran across the field.* **11** [C] rak leinak tohmun/tonak: *Covers were laid for six.* **12** (a) **the covers** [pl] cricket bawlung thawitu ih a hmai lam le a vorh lam hmun: *fielding in the covers.* (b) [C] cuih hmun ih bawlung rak bawhtu: *The ball went past cover.* **13** (idm) **under cover of sth** (a) langlo dingih khuhmi sungah: *We travelled under cover of darkness.* (b) ti-ter-aw in: *under cover of friendship* ○ *crimes committed under cover of patriotism.* □ **cover charge** hotel rawl man hlei ih pekmi tangka. **cover girl** mekazin phaw ih a zuk ummi nunau. **cover note** (Brit) amahkhan kampani ih peksungmi ca (amahkhan saknak thu). **coverage** /kʌvərɪdʒ/ n [U] **1** thuthang lakkhawm mi: *TV coverage of the election campaign* ○ *There's little coverage of foreign news in the newspaper.* **2** a khuh huap mi: *a thicker paint which gives good coverage* ○ *a dictionary with poor coverage of American words.* **3** = COVER¹ **6**. **coveralls** /kʌvəɹɔ:lz/ n [pl] (US) = OVERALLS. **coverlet** /kʌvəlɪt/ n ihphah, tangphah puan. **covert**¹ /kʌvət/; US 'kəʊvɜ:t/ adj thuh mi; ong lo, thu thup: *covert glances, threats, payments, etc* ○ *the covert activities of a spy.* ▷ **covertly** adv. Cf OVERT. **covert**² /kʌvə(r)/ n hramrul lak; hramrul hmun. Cf COVER² **2**. **covet** /kʌvɪt/ v [Tn] (usu derog) daw, nei duh zet: *covet sb's position, status, possessions, rewards* ○ *this year's winner of the coveted Nobel Prize*, ie which everyone would like to win. ▷ **covetous** adj ~ (of sth) (derog) mi thil daw: *covetous of his high salary* ○ *a covetous look, glance, etc.* **covetously** adv. **covetousness** n [U]. **covey** /kəʊ/ n (pl ~s) [CGp] valah rual. **cow**¹ /kəʊ/ n **1** caw pi: *milking the cows* ○ *a herd of cows.* Cf BULL¹ **1**, CALF, HEIFER. **2** vui nu, zur nu (a pi). Cf BULL¹ **2**. **3** (Δ derog sl) nunau (nautatnak ih hmanmi ðong): *You stupid cow!* **4**

(idm) **a sacred cow** ⇒ SACRED. **till the cows come home** (infml) caan reipi, kumkhua: *You can talk till the cows come home: you'll never make me change my mind.* □ **cowbell** n cawkuang; caw hngawng ih orh mi kuang. **cowcatcher** n tlangleng cet hmai ih sonmi thirfung tluan, thil khamtu. **cowgirl** n cawkhal (nunau). **cowhand** n caw a finkhawitu. **cowherd** n (dated) caw rual khaltu. **cowhide** n **1** [U, C] caw phaw thawn tuahmi savun. **2** [C] caw vun hri (mi thawinak ih hmanmi). **cowman** /-mən/ n (pl -men) caw finkhawitu. **cow-pat** n caw ek-leilung parih a thawh pekmi. **cowshed** n caw inn; cawthlam. **cow**² /kəʊ/ v [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (into sth/into doing sth) duhtawik ih fial (caw vekin): *The men were cowed into total submission.* ○ *a cowed (ie frightened and submissive) look.* **coward** /kəʊəd/ n (derog) ralhrut; ralsia, ðihhrut: *You miserable coward!* ○ *I'm a terrible coward when it comes to dealing with sick people*, ie it scares me and I avoid it. ▷ **cowardice** /kəʊədɪs/ n [U] (derog) ralhrutnak, ralsiatnak: *a battle lost due to the troops' cowardice* ○ *abject cowardice.* **cowardly** adj (derog) ralhrutmi, ðihhrutmi: *cowardly lie, behaviour, action, etc* ○ *It was cowardly of you not to admit your mistake.* **cowboy** /kəʊbɔɪ/ n **1** rangpar to in caw rual khaltu: [attrib] *a cowboy movie*, ie featuring adventures in the American West. **2** (Brit infml derog) a dingfel lo thil tuahtu: *The house has all these defects because it was built by cowboys.* ○ [attrib] *cowboy builders, stockbrokers, etc.* **cower** /kəʊə(r)/ v [I, Ipr, Ip] siip (ðih ruangah dung siip): *He cowered away/back as she raised her hand to hit him.* ○ *The dog cowered (down) under the table.* **cowl** /kəʊl/ n **1** phungki puan-lukhuh. **2** meikhu suahnak lukhuh. ▷ **cowling** n engine khuh (a ongaw theimi). **cow-lick** /kəʊlɪk/ n (infml) cal-sam thur. **cowpox** /kəʊpɒks/ n [U] caw raisenat; sahlah. **cowrie** /kəʊri/ n hol, cui (Kawl). **cowslip** /kəʊslɪp/ n a par aire mi khawhlum ram ih pangpar phunkhat. **cox** /kɒks/ n vokkuanglawng mawngtu (zuam-awknak vokkuanglawng mei kaitu). ▷ **cox** v [I, Tn] lawng mei kai (lawng mawng, merh): *He coxed the Oxford boat.* **coxcomb** /kɒkskəʊm/ n (arch) mi-aa lunghak — sinfen lawng a ruattu. **coxswain** /kɒksn/ n **1** zuamawknak vokkuang-lawng khawngtu. **2** (fml) cox. **Coy** /kɔɪ/ abbr (ralkap) company. **coy** /kɔɪ/ adj (-er, -est) (usu derog) **1** hmaisong

ter-aw mi; ningzakter aw mi: *She gave a coy smile when he paid her a compliment.* **2** mi sawn duh leemlo; thuthup nei: *He was a bit coy when asked about the source of his income.*

▷ **coyly** *adv.* **coyness** *n* [U].

coyote /kəɪ'əʊti/ *US* 'kaɪəʊt/ *n* N America ram um cinghnia fate phun.

coypu /'kɔɪpu:/ *n* S. America ram um sahrem phunkhat.

cozy /'kəʊzi/ *adj* (US) = cosy.

CP /si: 'pi:/ *abbr* Communist Party: *join the CP.*

cp *abbr* compare. Cf **cf**.

Cpl *abbr* = CORP 1 senhnh.

cps /si: pi: 'es/ *abbr* (also **c/s**) (physics) cycles per second.

crab¹ /kræb/ *n* **1** (a) [C] *cang-ai.* (b) [U] *cang-ai sa: dressed crab, ie prepared for eating.* **2 the Crab** [sing] cancer. **3** [C] (*infml*) = CRAB-LOUSE. **4** (idm) **catch a crab** ⇒ CATCH¹.

▷ **crabwise** /'kræbwəɪz/ *adv* a sir zawng in (cang-ai feh vekin): *shuffle crabwise across the floor.*

□ **crab-louse** *n* hrik, sam lak um hrik.

crab² /kræb/ *v* (-bb-) [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth) (*infml derog*) phunzai; soi: *The boss is always crabbing about my work.*

crab-apple (also *crab*) /kræb/ *n* (a) hramlak apple kung. (b) a rah thur.

crabbed /'kræbd/ *or, rarely, 'kræbd/adj* **1** kutngan a fate ih a siarhar. **2** = CRABBY.

crabby /'kræbi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) thintawi.

crack¹ /kræk/ *n* **1** ~ (in sth) (a) khing cat: *a cup with bad cracks in it* ○ *Don't go skating today — there are dangerous cracks in the ice.* ○ (fig) *The cracks (ie defects) in the government's economic policy are beginning to show.* (b) ong fate: *She looked through a crack in the curtains.* ○ *Open the door a crack, ie open it very slightly.* **2** meithal, teek-tla awn: *the crack of a pistol shot* ○ *a crack of thunder.* **3** ~ (on sth) napiin vuak, thong (awn ko): *give sb/get a crack on the head.* **4** ~ (about sth) (*infml*) hnihsan: *She made a crack about his fatness.* **5** ~ at sth/doing sth (*infml*) tum, zuam: *Have another crack at solving this puzzle.* **6** (idm) **the crack of dawn** (*infml*) khawvan vete'n: *get up at the crack of dawn.* **the crack of doom** leilung cemnak: (fig) *To get a bus here you have to wait till the crack of doom, ie an extremely long time.* **a fair crack of the whip** ⇒ FAIR¹. **paper over the cracks** ⇒ PAPER.

▷ **crack** *adj* [attrib] a thiam zet mi: *a crack regiment* ○ *He's a crack shot, ie expert at shooting.*

□ **crack-brained** *adj* (*infml*) thluak kim lo, fim lo; aat-thlak: *a crack-brained idea, scheme, etc.*

crack² /kræk/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] khing; kuai, a kak: *The ice cracked as I stepped onto it.* ○ *You can crack this toughened glass, but you can't break it.* ○ *She has cracked a bone in her arm.* ○ *a cracked*

mug. **2** [Tn, Cn-a] khuai: *crack a nut* ○ *crack a safe, ie open it to steal from it* ○ *crack a casing open.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] **sth (on/against sth)** khawng nasa: *I cracked my head on the low door-frame.* **4** [I, Tn no passive] kut zung khiak ih awnter: *crack a whip, one's knuckles* ○ *The hunter's rifle cracked and the deer fell dead.* **5** [I, Tn] eel nawn lo: *The suspect cracked under questioning.* ○ *They finally cracked the defence and scored a goal.* **6** [Tn] (*fml*) thuhar ti suak: *The calculation was difficult, but we finally cracked it.* ○ *crack a code, ie decipher it.* **7** [I] aw thlengaw; aw thur, aw tek suak: *In a voice cracking with emotion, he announced the death of his father.* ○ *A boy's voice cracks (ie becomes deeper) at puberty.* **8** [Tn] (*infml*) palang hru ong ih a sungih zu, tidai in. **9** [Tn] (*infml*) hnih suah sai. **10** [Tn] (chemistry) thau/hriak tha sin ngah dingah pressure cooker thaw n er bet. **11** (idm) **cracked up to be sth** (usu negative) (*infml*) hmin nei, hminthang ah cang: *He's not such a good writer as he's cracked up to be.* **get cracking** (*infml*) thok (tha tho zet in): *There's a lot of work, so let's get cracking.* **12** (phr v) **crack down (on sb/sth)** napi in thu neih, nangaipi in hrem: *Police are cracking down on drug dealers.* **crack up** (*infml*) tisa le thinlung in tuar thei nawn lo, kek-kuai: *You'll crack up if you carry on working so hard.*

▷ **cracked** /krækt/ *adj* [usu pred] (*infml*) aa, hmukhmak: *His is cracked.*

cracking /'krækiŋ/ *adj* [usu attrib] (*Brit infml*) a tha bik: *That was a cracking shot he played.*

□ **crack-down** *n* ~ (on sb/sth) napi ih thuneihnak, rak khamnak: *a crack-down on tax evasion.*

crack-up *n* (*infml*) thazang le thinlung bang.

cracker /'krækə(r)/ *n* **1** biskit sang caar. **2** (a) phang-phang, biau (Kawl). (b) (also **Christmas cracker**) leknak thil phunkhat a puakawn theimi: *a box of crackers.* **3** (*Brit infml approv*) iang-nei nunau: *What a little cracker she is!* **4 crackers** [pl] = NUTCRACKERS (NUT).

crackers /'krækəz/ *adj* [pred] (*Brit infml*) aa; fimlo: *That noise is driving me crackers/making me go crackers.* ○ *You must be crackers!*

crackle /'krækl/ *v* [I] a puak, (tak tak tak ti in awn): *a crackling camp-fire* ○ *The twigs crackled as we trod on them.* ○ (fig) *The atmosphere crackled with tension as the two boxers stepped into the ring.*

▷ **crackle** *n* [U] a puak, a kiakmi aw: *the distant crackle of machine-gun fire* ○ *Can you get rid of the crackle on my radio?*

crackling /'krækliŋ/ *n* [U] **1** puak aw. **2** vok vun emmi ih vunpuak, vunpawng.

□ **crackle-ware** *n* [U] a khing vek rin tete a neimi hol khuat pakan pawl.

crackpot /'krækpɒt/ *n* (*infml*) mi phundang; a cang thei lomi ruahnak nei milai: [attrib]

- crackpot ideas, schemes, etc.
- cracksman** /'kræksmən/ *n* (pl -men) (dated) innboh hmang rukfir.
- cracy** *comb form* (forming *ns*) òngfang dang thawn kom ih hmanmi òng, cozah, uknak: *democracy* ○ *technocracy* ○ *bureaucracy*. Cf -CRAT.
- cradle** /'kreidl/ *n* **1** naute ihkhun, naute hlumnak bawmte: *The mother rocked the baby to sleep in its cradle.* **2** ~ **of sth** (usu *sing*) (fig) thil thok hmun: *Greece, the cradle of Western culture.* **3** (a) tangphawlawng an rem rero lai ih rak retnak ihkhun vek thil. (b) tlun lam le tanglam ah hridai thawn thawn theihmi phar ih um zaute. **4** telefon kho/tokheng. **5** (idm) **from the cradle to the grave** suah ihsin thih tiang.
- ▷ **cradle** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (in sth)** òang ah cawi, ihkhun ah itter: *cradle a child in one's arms*, ie hold it gently, esp rocking it from side to side.
- craft** /kra:ft/; US *kræft*/ *n* **1** [C] kut-thiam hnañuan; kut-thiamnak: *the potter's craft* ○ *teach arts and crafts in a school* ○ *He's a master of the actor's craft.* **2** (pl unchanged) [C] (a) lawng; vanzamleng; vanleng: *Hundreds of small craft accompany the liner into harbour.* Cf *VESSEL* **1**. (b) vanparleng: *The astronauts piloted their craft down to the lunar surface.* **3** [U] (fml derog) hrokhrawlak, mi bum thiamnak: *achieving by craft and guile what he could not manage by honest means.*
- ▷ **craft** *v* [Tn usu passive] kut thawn òazet te'n tuah: *a beautiful hand-crafted silver goblet.*
- craft** (forming compound *ns*): *handicraft* ○ *needlecraft* ○ *stagecraft*.
- crafty** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (usu derog) hrokhrawl, zer: *a crafty politician* ○ *He's a crafty old fox.*
- craftily** *adv.* **craftiness** *n* [U].
- craftsman** /'kra:ftsmən/; US *'kræfts-/* *n* (pl -men) **1** kut-thiam, zungthiam. **2** thil tuahter tikah ciamciam ih tuahtu: *In symphonic writing he is the master craftsman.*
- ▷ **craftsmanship** *n* [U] **1** thilthiamnak; zungthiamnak.
- crag** /kræg/ *n* lungto hrap sangpi.
- ▷ **craggy** *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a hrap. **2** (usu *approv*) hmai pian òa: *his handsome craggy features.*
- cram** /kræm/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (into sth/in)** sawh lut: *cram food into one's mouth, papers into a drawer* ○ *The room's full; we can't cram any more people in.* (b) [usu passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** sawh khat, khat tuk in thun: *cram one's mouth with food* ○ *an essay crammed with quotations* ○ *The restaurant was crammed (with people).* **2** ~ (for sth) (a) [I, Ipr] (infml) tikcu malte sungah tampi zir (comibuai naih ah): *cram for a chemistry test.* (b) [Tn] thu tamtuk zirh: *cram pupils.*
- ▷ **crammer** *n* (dated infml) tikcu malte sungah ca tampi zirhnak tlawng.
- **cram-full** *adj* [usu pred] (infml) a khat eueu: *cram-full of people.*
- cramp**¹ /kræmp/ *n* **1** [U] titsa com; thahri com, rinlopi thahri dircaih (a dai tuk ruangah; bangtuk ruangih suakmi): *The swimmer got cramp in his legs and had to be helped out of the water.* ○ *writer's cramp*, ie in the muscles of the hand. **2** **cramps** [pl] (esp US) pumpi nat (a nasami).
- cramp**² /kræmp/ **1** [Tn esp passive] caang thei loih tuah; òangso thei loih tuah; tet eueu ih tuah: *All these difficulties cramped his progress.* ○ *I feel cramped by the limitations of my job.* **2** (idm) **cramped for room/space** hmun a daih lo: *We're a bit cramped for space in this attic.* **cramp sb's style** (infml) zalen zet, duhzat in tuah siang lo: *It cramps my style to have you watching over me all the time.*
- ▷ **cramped** *adj* **1** (kutngan) fate zet le naihaw zet ih nganmi; siar har zet. **2** a tet hngin: *Our accommodation is rather cramped.*
- cramp**³ /kræmp/ *n* **1** (also **cramp-iron**) cangkam — thil reknak thir tluan. **2** = CLAMP.
- ▷ **cramp** *v* [Tn] cangkam thawn rek: *cramp a beam, wall, etc.*
- crampon** /'kræmpən/ *n* (usu pl) vur le tikhal par fehnak ih hmanmi hling nei thir kedan.
- cranberry** /'krænbəri/; US -beri/ *n* cranberry thei.
- crane**¹ /krein/ *n* **1** ngathur hngawng sau vate. **2** thilrit khainak ih hmanmi hngawng sau nei cet.
- crane**² /krein/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] hngawng suah ih zoh: *crane (forward) in order to get a better view* ○ *crane one's neck to see sth.*
- crane-fly** /'krein flai/ *n* (also **daddy-long-legs**) thote, kawngsang.
- cranium** /'kreiniəm/ *n* (pl ~s or **crania** /'kreiniə/) (anatomy) luruh, thluak tuamtu ruh.
- ▷ **cranial** /'kreiniəl/ *adj* (anatomy) luruh lam.
- crank**¹ /kræŋk/ *n* (L) pian vek um thil merhnak kut kaih thirfung (handle): *The pedals of a cycle are attached to a crank.*
- ▷ **crank** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up)** merh, herter—a merhnak thawn: *crank (up) an engine*, ie start it with a crank.
- **crankshaft** *n* thil merhnak hertermi leng fung.
- crank**² /kræŋk/ *n* (derog) thu pakhat lawng ruat milai.
- ▷ **cranky** *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml derog) **1** phundang, lamdang: *cranky person, ideas, etc.* **2** rinum lo, a hninmi: *a rattling, cranky old engine.* **3** (US) thintawi.
- cranny** /'kræni/ *n* **1** phar ong. **2** (idm) **every nook and cranny** ⇒ NOOK.
- ▷ **crannied** *adj* ong fate thawn a khatmi.
- crap** /kræp/ *v* (-pp-) [I] (Δ sl) **1** [U] ekthawh: *a dog crapping on the lawn.*

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- ▷ **crap** *n* (Δ *sl*) **1** [U] ek. **2** [sing] ekthawh: *have a crap*. **3** thulolak: *You do talk a load of crap!*
crappy *adj* (*sl*) a sia, tha lo, a man lo, nuam lo: *a crappy book, party, programme*.

crape /kreip/ *n* [U] a sawng mi/a lipmi pu puan dum, asilole, pat puan (mithi kan tha ti hminsinnak ih rak hmanmi). Cf CREPE.

craps /kræps/ *n* [sing *v*] (also **crap-shooting** [U]) (US)aansa-lung (Kawl) pahnih thawih phe lek: *shoot craps*, ie play this game.

- ▷ **crap** *adj* [attrib] aansa-lung thawn lehmi: *a crap game*.

crapulent /kræpjələnt/ *adj* (fml) rawl ri, rawl tamtuk ei ruangih na.

- ▷ **crapulence** /-ləns/ *n* [U].

crash¹ /kræʃ/ *n* **1** (a) (usu *sing*) a ring zet mi thil thluk awn: *the crash of dishes being dropped* ○ *The tree fell with a great crash*. ○ *His words were drowned in a crash of thunder*. (b) khawngaw — mawtaawka pakhat le pakhat an khawngaw: *a crash in which two cars collided* ○ *a car crash/air crash*. **2** sungtheh: *The great financial crash in 1929 ruined international trade*.

- ▷ **crash** *adj* [attrib] ngah zamrang duh ah nasazet ih tuahmi: *a crash course in computer programming* ○ *a crash diet*.

crash *adv* aw ring zet in: *The vase fell crash on the tiles*.

- **crash barrier** hruang, tlak dawn.

crash-dive *n* tisung lut; lawng ti sungih lut hruaknak (ral tih ah), vanzamleng a niamnak lamih a tum hruaknak. — *v* [I] cuti in tum hruak.

crash helmet thir lukhuh (saikal to tiki hmanmi vek).

crash-land *v* [I, Tn] poimawh ruangah si thei tawk in leilung ah tum (vanzamleng). **crash-landing** *n* cuti vekih tum: *make a crash-landing*.

crash² /kræʃ/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ring zet in vua, thawi tla: *The rocks crashed (down) onto the car*. ○ *The tree crashed through the window*. ○ *The dishes crashed to the floor*. ○ *She crashed the plates (down) on the table*. (b) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (into sth) khawng: *The plane crashed (into the mountain)*. ○ *He crashed his car (into a wall)*. ○ *a crashed car, plane*. (c) [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] awn zet ih vuak, thawn, khawng; sut: *an enraged elephant crashing about in the undergrowth* ○ *He crashed the trolley through the doors*. **2** [I] ring zet ih awn: *The thunder crashed*. **3** [I] cozah, kampani tangka sung ciamco: *The company crashed with debts of £2 million*. **4** [Tn] (infml) = GATECRASH (GATE). **5** [Ipr, Ip] ~ (out) (*sl*) (esp US) bang tuk ruangah a lawngmi hmun ah it hruak: *Mind if I crash (out) on your floor tonight?* **6** (idm) **a crashing bore** ninum milai.

crass /kræs/ *adj* (fml derog) **1** [attrib] famkimmi, a kim; nasa zetmi: *crass stupidity, ignorance*,

etc. **2** mi fim lo zet, aa pumpah: *Don't talk to him: he's so crass*.

- ▷ **crassly** *adv*. **crassness** *n* [U].

-crat *comb form* (forming *ns*) cozah phunkhat, uk dan pakhat sungtel asilole tha petu: *democrat* ○ *technocrat* ○ *bureaucrat*.

- ▷ **-cratic** (forming *adjs*): *aristocratic*.

crate /kreit/ *n* **1** (a) thilri kuatnak thingkuang tumpi: *a crate of car components*. **2** (a) (*sl* *joc*) mawtaawka a hlunpi. (b) (*dated air fore sl*) vanzamleng.

- ▷ **crate** *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (up) thingkuang tumpi ah san/re: *crating (up) a machine*.

crater /kreitə(r)/ *n* **1** meisa-tlaang a kakua. **2** bomb puak ruangih a cang mi lei kuar.

- **crater lake** *n* a thizo mi meisa-tlaang ka-kua ih tili.

cravat /kreiv/ *n* mipa hngawng-ngerh puan phun khat.

crave /kreiv/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Tn] ~ (for) sth hiar zet; caak zet: *I was craving for a drink*. ○ *giving her the admiration she craves*. **2** [Tn] (arch) dil hramhram; ngen ciamco: *crave sb's mercy/forgiveness/indulgence*.

- ▷ **craving** *n* [U] ~ (for sth) hiarnak: *a craving for food*.

craven /kreivn/ *adj* (fml derog) ralsia: *craven behaviour, submission, etc* ○ *a craven deserter*.

crawfish /krɔːfɪʃ/ *n* (pl unchanged) = CRAYFISH.

crawl /krɔːl/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] (a) bok vak: *a snake crawling along (the ground)* ○ *A baby crawls (around) before it can walk*. ○ *The wounded man crawled to the phone*. (b) mawtaawka pawl nuamte-te ih feh: *The traffic crawled over the bridge in the rush hour*. **2** [Ipr] ~ with sth (in the continuous tenses) a bok vaak mi (thil) thawn a khat mi: *The ground was crawling with ants*. ○ (fig) *The area was crawling with (ie was full of) police*. **3** [I] taksa zaa (sihte vaak ciamco vekin): *The sight of snakes makes my flesh crawl*. **4** [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) (infml derog) tlon ciamco, duhmi tuah sak: *she's always crawling (to the boss)*. **5** (idm) **make one's/sb's flesh crawl/creep** ⇒ FLESH.

- ▷ **crawl** *n* **1** (a) [sing] (derog) khulfung: *traffic moving at a crawl*. (b) [C] bok-vah: *the baby's laborious crawl*. **2** (often the crawl) [sing] hmailam ah kut hlau ih ti-leuh dan: *Can you do the crawl?*

crawler *n* **1** (infml derog) mi khulfung (CRAWL 4).

2 crawlers [pl] a sung lut theih naute angki — taang thlek lomi.

crayfish /kreifɪʃ/ (crawfish) *n* (pl unchanged) ti thlum (ti al lo) ih um kaikuang fate phun.

crayon /kreiən/ *n* pianzia phunphun ih tuahmi rong nei khedan cafung nem: [attrib] *a crayon drawing*.

- ▷ **crayon** *v* [I, Tn] crayon cafung thawn ngan.

craze /kreiz/ *n* (a) ~ (for sth) caan malte sung tuah

duhmi: a craze for collecting beer-mats ○ the current punk-hairstyle craze. (b) malte sung tuah duh/ti duhmi thil: Skateboards are the latest craze.

crazed /kreizd/ adj (also **half-crazed**) ~ (with sth) thinlung-aa, thin na tukmi: a crazed look, expression, etc ○ She was crazed with grief. ○ drug-crazed fanatics.

crazy /kreizi/ adj (-ier, -iest) 1 (infml) thinlung aa: He's crazy; he ought to be locked up. ○ That noise is driving me crazy/making me go crazy, ie annoying me very much. (b) fim lo, aa: a crazy person, idea, plan, etc ○ You must be crazy to lend him the money. 2 [pred] ~ (about sth) (infml) aatpi: The kids went crazy when the film star appeared. ○ I'm crazy about steam engines. ○ She's crazy about him, ie loves him a lot. 3 [attrib] a hmai a rual aw lo thil pawl remcaangter mi (lung tleep etc): crazy paving. 4 (idm) **like crazy** (used as adv) (infml) zet: work, talk, etc like crazy ○ run like crazy, ie very fast.

▷ **crazily** adv. **craziness** n [U].

creak /kri:k/ v [I] n awn tutto (sangka rem-lo ontik ih awn vekin): The wooden cart creaked as it moved along. ○ the creaking joints of an old man.

▷ **creaky** adj (-ier, -iest) a awn tuttomi: a creaky floor-board ○ (fig) The government's policy is looking rather creaky, ie as if about to fail. **creakily** adv.

cream¹ /kri:m/ n 1 [U] cawhnawi khirh, malai (Kala): peaches and cream ○ put cream in one's coffee ○ whipped cream ○ [attrib] cream buns, cake, etc, ie containing cream. 2 [C, U] cawhnawi khirh rawi ih tuahmi rawl: ice-cream ○ chocolate creams, ie soft chocolate sweets. 3 [U] hmai thuh sii bek, sii bek: face-cream ○ cold-cream ○ antiseptic cream. 4 **the cream** (also **la crème de la crème**) [sing] ~ (of sth) a thiatnak bik: the cream of the crop ○ The cream of this year's graduates will get high-paid jobs.

▷ **cream** adj a raang le aire rawi pianzia, aire nawn: a cream dress, jacket, etc ○ cream paper.

creamery /'kri:məri/ n 1 thawphat, chis (dingkhe) le cawhnawi khirh pawl zuarnak hmun. 2 thawphat le chis tuahnak hmun.

creamy adj (-ier, -iest) a khirh tel mi, a nawi a beek mi: creamy soup, yoghurt, etc.

□ **cream cheese** cawhnawi khirh er khal.

cream of tartar tartaric acid fai; sang (pawnghmuk) tuahnak ih hmanmi sii.

cream tea (in GB) cawhnawi khirh thuhmi sangper le laphak tel rawl.

cream² /kri:m/ v [Tn] 1 suk nawi; nawi ko tuah — aalu tivek nawiko cok-rawi. 2 nawi ko cokrawi: cream butter and sugar. 3 (phr v) **cream sb/sth off** a tha bik pawl hril ih lakhlo: The most able pupils are creamed off and put into special classes. ○ Our best scientists are being creamed off by other countries.

crease /kri:s/ n 1 puan bil tik ih a langmi rin, cahnah bil-rin (a bilnak hmunih a langmi rin): iron a crease into one's trousers ○ crease-resistant cloth, ie that does not easily get creases in it. 2 vun lip vun sawng: creases round an old man's eyes. 3 cricket bawlung thawitu te a dungih um rin rang.

▷ **crease** v 1 [I, Tn] a bil-nak rin lang ih tuah: material that creases easily ○ Pack the clothes carefully so that you don't crease them. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (up) (Brit infml) lung nuamter: Her jokes really creased me (up).

create /kri:'ei/ v 1 [Tn] seemter, sersiam, um lomi umter: God created the world. ○ A novelist creates characters and a plot. ○ create a role, ie (of an actor) be the first to play it ○ create more jobs. 2 [Tn] suakter, umter: His shabby appearance creates a bad impression. ○ The outrageous book created a sensation. ○ create a fuss, ie express anger, annoyance, etc. 3 [Tn, Cn-n esp passive] hnañuan upa pek: create eight new peers ○ He was created Baron of Banthorp. 4 [I] (Brit infml) thinheng, aithok: She really created because she wasn't served first.

creation /kri:'ei/ n 1 (a) [U] sersiamnak, seemsuahnak, seemternak: the creation of the world in seven days ○ the creation of a good impression ○ Economic conditions may be responsible for the creation of social unrest. (b) (usu **The Creation**) [sing] Pathian ih lei le van sersiamnak. 2 (often **Creation**) [U] seemsuahmi thil hmuahhmuah: all of God's creation ○ the biggest liar in Creation, ie a very great liar. 3 [C] (a) seemtermi thil, tharsuahmi thil: the creations of poets and artists ○ The chef had produced one of his most spectacular creations, a whole roasted swan. (b) pianhmang thar tuahmi sinfeen, lukhuh le thil, tharsuah mi thil: the latest creations from London's fashion houses.

creative /kri:'eiv/ adj 1 [attrib] seemter thiam, tuah thiam: the writer described the creative process. ○ He teaches creative writing, ie teaches people to write fiction, plays, etc. 2 sersiam thiam: She's very creative; she writes and paints.

▷ **creatively** adv. **creativeness** n [U].

creativity /kri:'eivəti/ n [U].

creator /kri:'eiə(r)/ n 1 [C] sersiamtu, seemtertu: Shakespeare, the creator of Hamlet. 2 **the Creator** [sing] Pathian.

creature /kri:tʃə(r)/ n 1 rannung; a nungmi: dumb creatures, ie animals ○ Your dog's a ferocious creature! ○ creatures from Mars. 2 milai: What a lovely creature! ie a beautiful woman ○ a poor creature, ie a pitiable person. 3 (idm) **sb's creature/the creature of sb** (fml derog) mi ring ih nungtu, mi fialmi poh tuahtu: The king would appoint one of his creatures to the post. a **creature of habit** tisa caaknak lawng thawn

nitin a nungmi (zu in tivek).

□ **creature comforts** taksa hrangih tūlmi; rawl, tidai, khawhlum, tivek.

crêche /kreɪʃ, kref/ *n* **1** (Brit) nu le pa hñaŋuan feh sung ih nau umnak hmun. **2** (US) = CRIB.

credence /ˈkriːdɪns/ *n* (fml) (idm) **attach/give credence to sth** zummi: *I attach little credence to what she says. lend credence to sth/gain credence* zumtlak ih tuah, zumtlak in um.

credentials /krɪˈdenʃlɪz/ *n* [pl] **1** ~ (for/as sth); ~ (to do sth) ram palai hñaŋuan peknak zung ca; ziang a si ti theiinternak zung ca: *She has the perfect credentials for the job.* **2** fim le thiamnak: *I examined his credentials.*

credible /ˈkredəbl/ *adj* zum tlak; rin tlak: *a credible witness, statement, report* ○ *It seems barely credible*, ie seems almost impossible to believe. ○ *Is there a credible alternative to the nuclear deterrent?*

▷ **credibility** /ˈkredəˈbɪləti/ *n* [U] **1** midang ih rak zumnak. **2** cohlan le rinnak: *After the recent scandal the government has lost all credibility.*

credibly /-əblɪ/ *adv*: *I am credibly informed that...*, ie I have been told by sb who can be believed.

□ **credibility gap** simmi le a ngai ih nun dan-awknak: *the growing credibility gap that crippled Nixon's presidency.*

credit¹ /ˈkredit/ *n* **(a)** [U] a bak ih lei: *refuse/grant sb credit* ○ *No credit is given at this shop*, ie payment must be in cash. ○ *I bought it on credit*, ie did not have to pay for it until some time after I got it. ○ *High interest rates make credit expensive.* ○ *give sb six months' interest-free credit*, ie allow sb to pay within six months, without adding an extra charge for interest ○ [attrib] *a credit period, agreement, limit, etc.* **(b)** bank ih khawl mi tangka zat: *How much do I have to my credit?* ie How much money is in my account? ○ *Your account is in credit*, ie there is money in it. ○ [attrib] *I have a credit balance of £250.* **(c)** [C] midang cawih mi; tangka cawih: *The bank refused further credits to the company.* **(d)** [C] tangka ngahlam: *Is this item a debit or a credit?* Cf DEBIT. **2** [U] ~ (for sth) thangthat; porh: *He got all the credit for the discovery.* ○ *I can't take any credit; the others did all the work.* ○ *She was given the credit for what I had done.* ○ *At least give him credit for trying*, ie praise him, even though he did not succeed. ○ *Give credit where it's due.* ○ *There was little credit for those who had worked hardest.* ○ *His courage has brought great credit to/reflects credit on* (ie strengthen belief in) *to his regiment.* **3** [U] zum, rin: *The rumour is gaining credit*, ie more and more people believe it. ○ *Recent developments lend credit to* (ie strengthen belief in) *previous reports.* **4** **credits** [pl] (also **credit titles**) baisakup (züksin) zuk tik ih a telmi, thuanthu

cawngtu, a khawngtu, a zuktu pawl. **5** [C] (US **education**) hleice thiamnak: *gain credits in Math and English.* **6** [sing] hminthatnak: *this brilliant pupil is a credit to his teachers.* **7** (idm) **be to sb's credit; do sb credit; do credit to sb/sth** thangthat tlaak dingih tuah: *Smith, to his credit, refused to set involved.* ○ *It is greatly to your credit that you gave back the money found; your honesty does you credit.* ○ *His improved performance does credit to his trainer.* ○ *It does her credit that she managed not to get angry.* **have sth to one's credit** thil tuahsuak thei: *He is only thirty, and already he has four films to his credit*, ie he has made four films.

□ **credit account** (US **charge account**) dawr ih a bak ih leimi cazin.

credit card a bak ih thil lei theinak kaat, catlap.

credit note (commerce) thil lei ih khirhmi man zat cekci thil dang lak theinak caken.

credit rating a bak ih thil leitu hnenih pekmi za awinak ca.

credit-side *n* tangka cazin vorhlam kau ih nganmi, a lutlam hmuhtu (a hlawk lam): (fig) *We've lost some experienced players, but on the credit-side* (ie at least there is this favourable aspect), *there are some useful young ones coming into the team.*

credit squeeze tangka ca karh ciamco hlah seh ti ah bank ihsin tangka cawih sian lonak.

credit transfer bank pakhat ihsin bank dangah tangka thawn — check lethmat hman loin.

credit-worthy *adj* a rul sal thei ding ti ih rinsan ruangah paisa cawih tlak ih ruahmi.. **credit-worthiness** *n* [U].

credit² /ˈkredit/ *v* **1** [Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth with sth; sth to sb/sth** (a) mi/thil pakhat in thil pakhat a nei ti ih zum: *Until now I've always credited you with more sense.* ○ *The relics are credited with miraculous powers.* ○ *Miraculous powers are credited to the relics.* **(b)** mi pakhat bank cazin ah zianghmuah a lut ti ngankhummi: *credit a customer with £8* ○ *credit £8 a customer/an account.* **2** [Tn] zum: *Would you credit it?* ie It is incredible. ○ *I can barely credit what she said.*

creditable /ˈkreditəbl/ *adj* ~ (to sb) porh-tlak: *a creditable attempt, performance, etc* ○ *creditable work, progress, etc* ○ *conduct that is very creditable to him.*

▷ **creditably** /ˈkreditəblɪ/ *adv*: *she performed very creditably in the exam.*

creditor /ˈkreditə(r)/ *n* mi ih tangka an bakmi pa/nu: *His creditors are demanding to be paid.*

credo /ˈkriːdəʊ, ˈkreɪdəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) a luarmi zumnak le khawruah: *her extremist political credo.*

credulity /krɪˈduːləti; US -ˈduː-/ *n* [U] zum ol tuknak: *a statement which stretches/strains one's credulity to the limit*, ie is almost impossible to believe.

credulous /ˈkredjələs; US -dʒə-/ *adj* mi thu lung

ol, mi thu zum ol: *credulous people who believe what the advertisements say.*

▷ **credulously** *adv.*

creed /kri:d/ *n* **1** [C] zum dan; rin dan: *people of all colours and creeds*, ie of all sorts ○ What is your political creed? **2 the Creed** [sing] a tawinak ih nganmi Khristian zumnak.

creek /kri:k/ *US krik/ n* **1** (Brit) ram sung lam lut mi tikel fiak. **2 (US)** tiva te. **3 (idm)** **up the creek** (*infml*) harsatnak tuar: *I'm really up the creek without my car.*

creel /kri:l/ *n* nga suurbawm.

creep /kri:p/ *v* (pt, pp **crept**) **1** [Ipr, Ip] bok phah ih vaak, thawmvang um lo te'n: *The cat crept silently towards the bird.* ○ *She crept up to him from behind.* ○ *the thief crept along the corridor.* ○ (fig) *A feeling of drowsiness crept over him.* ○ *Old age creeps up on you* (ie approaches you stealthily) *before you realize it.* ⇒ Usage at PROWL. **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] vak, be hri tivek pawl phar par ih vak/kai: *Ivy had crept up the castle walls.* ○ *a creeping vine.* **3 (idm)** **make one's/sb's flesh crawl/creep** ⇒ FLESH.

▷ **creep** *n* (*infml derog*) in duh seh ti ih fialmi hmuah tuah sak, simmi hmuah ee hluahhlotu milai. **2 (idm)** **give sb the creeps** (*infml*) (a) thinphannak tuah — taksa zater, tuksumter. (b) huatnak, duh lonak: *I don't like him: he gives me the creeps.*

creeping *adj* [attrib] nuamtete in: *The disease results in creeping paralysis.* ○ *creeping inflation in the housing market.*

creeper /kri:pə(r)/ *n* phar parah hridai vekih a vakmi thil kung phunkhat.

creepy /kri:pi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) **1** siarem lomi; tuksum um: *a creepy ghost story* ○ *a sight that makes you feel creepy.* **2** a lamdang mi: *That was a really creepy coincidence.*

creepy-crawly /kri:pi'kro:li/ *n* (*infml esp joc*) mi tuksumtertu cucik kharbok pawl, eg maimom.

cremate /kri'meit/ *v* [Tn] vut ðeh ko ih ur (mithi ruak): *He wants to be cremated not buried.*

▷ **cremation** /kri'mei:n/ *n* [U, C] ruak-ur.

crematorium /kremə'tɔ:riəm/ *n* (pl ~s ro -oria /-ɔ:riə/) (*also esp US crematory*) /kremətəri; US -tɔ:ri/ mithi ruak ur hmun inn.

crème de menthe /krem də'monθ/ *n* **the crème de la crème** [sing] ~ (of sth) (*French*) = CREAM 4.

crème de menthe /krenələitid/ *n* [U, C] (*French*) putinan rim rawimi si-zu.

crenellated (US -elated) /krenələitid/ *adj* ral bihnak inn tete ummi ralruang: *a crenellated castle/wall.*

creole /kri:əul/ *n* **1** [C, U] ðong hnih kom khawm ih hmanmi tlang ðong. Cf PIDGIN. **2** (usu **Creole**) [C] (a) Europe miphun le Africa miphun kahpia (thi rawi), USA thlanglam ram ih vaitu France, asilole, Spain miphun: [attrib] *Creole cuisine.*

creosote /kriəsəut/ *n* [U] khriasout, lung meihol ihsin ngahmi hriak-ti.

▷ **creosote** *v* [Tn] cumi sii thuh.

crepe (also **crêpe**) /kreip/ *n* **1** [U] a kir/a cui a kirmi cahnah. Cf CRAPE. **2** (also **crepe rubber**) [U] rabar kir — kedan ih um vek: *crepe-soled shoes.*

□ **crepe paper** a kirmi cahnah.

crepitate /krepi'teit/ *v* [I] (*fml or medical*) kriap kriap ti ih ring.

▷ **crepitation** /krepi'teɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] kriap ti ih a kuai mi awn: *the telltale crepitation of a broken bone.*

crept *pt, pp of CREEP.*

crepuscular /kri'paskjələ(r)/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** unau hmelpalh hrawngih tlanglengtu: *crepuscular shadows.* **2** thimzawng le vangzawng khawtleu: *Bats are crepuscular creatures.*

crecendo /kri'fendəʊ/ *adj, adv* (*of music*) ring deuhdeuh in: *a crescendo passage.*

▷ **crecendo** *n* (pl ~s) **1** (*music*) hla ring deuhdeuh ih sak mi. **2** (fig) a sang bik mi: *The advertising campaign reached a crescendo at Christmas.* Cf DIMINUENDO.

crescent /kresnt/ *n* **1** [C] (a) thla thar pian. (b) thla thar pian vek a simi inn hmai um lampi kaw: *London's Regency squares and crescents* ○ *11, Park Crescent.* **2 the Crescent** [sing] (fig) Islam biaknak le zumnak: *the Cross* (ie Christianity) *and the Crescent.*

cress /kres/ *n* [U] samung sen.

crest /krest/ *n* **1** vate suanghmul; ar suang. **2** (a) tlang zim. (b) tilet suar a zim. **3** lukhuh parih tonmi ar hmul, vate hmul: *the family crest*, ie one above the family's coat of arms. **4** (a) ralphaw parih zukmi tacik, hminsinnak. (b) (fig rhet) lukhuh. **5** (idm) **on the crest of a wave** thil a ti theinak bik, lungawinak bik: *After its election victory, the party was on the crest of a wave.*

▷ **crest** *v* **1** [Tn] tlang a sannakbik ah thleng: *As we crested the hill, we saw the castle.* **2** [I] arsuang vek ah cang.

crested *adj* [attrib] **1** tuang/suang neimi; hminsinnak tacik neimi: *crested notepaper.* **2** suangnei (vate): *the great crested grebe.*

crestfallen /krestfələn/ *adj* thil ti suak thei lo ruangih riahsia mi.

cretaceous /kri'teɪʃəs/ *adj* (*geology*) **1** thun lungto vek a simi: *cretaceous rock.* **2 Cretaceous** thun lungto suak san: *Cretaceous fossils.*

cretin /kretin; US 'kri:tn/ *n* **1** (*medical*) taksa piansual ruangih khawruahnak a niam zet neimi milai. **2** (Δ offensive) mi-aa: *Why did you do that, you cretin?*

▷ **cretinous** /kretinəs; US 'kri:t-/ *adj.*

cretonne /kretən/ *n* [U] zuk maw, pangpar zuk maw khen betmi puan sahpi (puanzar ih hmanmi).

crevasse /krɪˈvæs/ *n* tikhal khing (a thuk zetmi).
crevice /krevis/ *n* phar, zial khing; ker ong.

crew¹ /kru:/ *n* [CGp] **1** (a) tilawng, vanzamleng sungih hnaŋuantu. (b) cuih hnaŋuan pawl (upa bawi siarlo): *the officers and crew of the SS London*. (c) vokkuang lawng hlautu pawl khat: *the Cambridge crew*. **2** hnaŋuan tlaang pawl: *a track-repair crew* ○ *a camera crew*. **3** (usu derog) milai buur khat, pawl khat: *The people she's invited were a pretty motley crew*.

▷ **crew** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (for sb/on sth) lawng hnaŋuan bawm: *Will you crew for me on my yacht?* ○ *Men are needed to crew the lifeboat*.

□ **crew cut** sam tawite ih met dan.

crew neck angki hngawng kual.

crew² *pt* of CROW.

crib¹ /krib/ *n* **1** [C] fung ih tuahmi sumhnam rawl peknak kuang. **2** [C] (esp US) = cot **1**. **3** (US **crèche**) [C] model, eg in a church at Christmas, representing Christ's birth in Bethlehem. **4** [U] = CRIBBAGE.

▷ **crib** *v* (-bb-) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (up) (arch) a fiakmi hmun sungah khum.

crib² /krib/ *n* **1** midang ih ta khum cop, fir cop, cawn copmi thil, eg camipuai ah: *This answer must be a crib: it's exactly the same as Jones's*. **2** ɬongfang pakhat ciar a tican let ih nganmi.

▷ **crib** *v* (-bb-) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from/off sb) ca fir: *In the exam, I cribbed (an answer) from the girl next to me*.

cribbage /kribidz/ *n* [U] phe leh dan phunkhat.

□ **cribbage board** cuih lehnak zialtlep.

crick /krik/ *n* (usu a **crick**) [sing] hngawng thahri nat: *to have/get a crick in one's neck/back*.

▷ **crick** *v* [Tn] hngawng thahri na: *to crick one's neck/back*.

cricket¹ /krikɪt/ *n* umzir; khuangbai: *the chirping of crickets*.

cricket² /krikɪt/ *n* [U] **1** pawlho khat ah mi hleikhat ciar tel ih bawlung beng lehnak (krikɪt): [attrib] *a cricket match, ball, team, etc*. **2** (idm) **not cricket** (dated Brit sl) a mawi lo; a dinglo: *You can't do it without telling him; it just isn't cricket*.

▷ **cricketer** *n* krikɪt lektu.

cried *pt, pp* of CRY.

crier /kraɪə(r)/ *n* = TOWN CRIER (TOWN), tlang-autu, thuthan autu.

cries **1** 3rd pers sing pres *t* of CRY. **2** *pl* of CRY.

crikey /kraɪki/ *interj* (Brit infml) mangbang le ɬih tiki au aw: *Crikey! what a big dog!*

crime /kraɪm/ *n* **1** (a) [C] upadi daan pahnak: *commit a serious crime* ○ *a minor crime like shoplifting* ○ *convicted of crimes against humanity*. (b) [U] thu sual: *an increase in crime* ○ *The police prevent and detect crime*. ○ *He took to a life of crime*, ie became a criminal. ○ [attrib] *crime prevention, rates, etc* ○ *crime fiction, writers, novels, etc*, ie dealing with crime,

its detection, etc. **2** (usu a **crime**) [sing] aat thu le ziaza ɬha lo thu ih thil tuahnak: *It's a crime to waste money like that*. ○ *It's a crime the way he bullies his children*.

▷ **criminal** /krɪmɪnl/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] upadi daan pahnak a simi: *nunsualnak lam: criminal offences, damage, negligence, etc*. **2** [attrib] daan pahnak lam upadi: *criminal law* ○ *a criminal lawyer*. Cf CIVIL **4**. **3** ningzakza: *a criminal waste of public money* ○ *It's criminal the way she lies and cheats to get what she wants*. — *n* daan upadi pahtu, sualnak tuahtu.

criminally /-nəli/ *adv*: *criminally insane*.

criminology /krɪmɪˈnɒlədʒi/ *n* [U] daan pah sual thuhla zirnak.

▷ **criminologist** /-dʒɪst/ *n* daan pah thuhla zirtu, thiamtu.

crimp /krɪmp/ *v* [Tn] (a) thil, puan a thuahtuah ih bil. (b) sam kirtir.

crimplene /krɪmpliːn/ *n* [U] (propr) a kor lomi puan (hnipuan angki ih ɬhitmi pawl).

crimson /krɪmzən/ *adj, n* [U] sen-dup.

▷ **crimson** *v* [I, Tn] (fml) sen-dup ko tuah: *crimson* (ie blush) *with embarrassment*.

□ **crimson lake** = LAKE².

cringe /krɪndʒ/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (at/from sth) ɬih tuk ah com: *a child cringing in terror* ○ *The dog cringed at the sight of the whip*. ○ (fig) *I cringe with embarrassment* (ie feel very embarrassed) *when I reread those first stories I write*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (to/before sb) (derog) mah hnaki upa hmai ah ti khiokhi ih um: *She's always cringing to the boss*.

crinkle /krɪŋkl/ *n* a kor, a kir (rangva, thirtleptivek ih).

▷ **crinkle** *v* [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) korter, kirtir: *crinkle the tin foil (up) by squeezing it* ○ *the dead plant's crinkled leaves*.

crinkly /krɪŋkli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (a) kor zetin. (b) kir zetin.

crinoline /krɪnəliːn/ *n* nunau hni (skat) parhtertu arbawm vek hni sunghruk.

cripes /kraɪps/ *interj* (dated sl) mangbangnak langter tiki ɬong: *Cripes! It just disappeared!*

cripple /krɪpl/ *n* mizeng; ke, zaangruh pawl siat ruangih feh thei lomi, caang thei lo.

▷ **cripple** *v* [Tn usu passive] **1** zeng ko ih (mi) tuah: *crippled by polio* ○ *crippled with rheumatism* ○ *Their crippled daughter*. **2** (fig) siatsuah: *a ship crippled by a storm* ○ *The business has been crippled by losses*. ○ *The country has crippling* (ie extremely large) *debts*.

crisis /kraɪsɪs/ *n* (pl **crises** /kraɪsɪz/) [C, U] thihle-nun thu (natnak, nunram, santhu ah): *a financial, political, domestic, etc crisis* ○ *come to/reach a crisis* ○ *In times of crisis it's good to have a friend to turn to*. ○ *a government in crisis*, ie going through a difficult period ○ *The fever passed its crisis*, ie its most dangerous point. ○

[attrib] *The government is holding crisis talks with the unions.*

crisp /krɪsp/ *adj* (-er, -est) (usu *approv*) **1** (a) (rawl) a car ih a motmi — biskit vek a zaam ol: a *crisp biscuit* ○ *crisp pastry, toast, etc* ○ *The snow was crisp underfoot.* (b) lak tharmi (thingrah, hanghnah): a *crisp apple, lettuce, etc.* (c) (cahnah) a khoh nawn (cahnah): a *crisp new £5 note.* **2** (thli) a ro ih a daimi: a *crisp winter morning* ○ *the crisp air of an autumn day.* **3** samkir sah. **4** a cekci le relsal ding um lo (tong, thu): a *crisp order* ○ *crisp speech* ○ *a crisp and clear answer.*

▷ **crisp** *n* **1** (also **potato crisp**) (US **potato chip, chip**) pa-tete ih ahmi aalu kio caar. **2** (idm) **burn sth to a crisp** ⇒ **BURN.** — *v* [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) car ko kang/em: *crisp the bread up in the oven.*

crisply *adv* a cekci in.

crispness *n* [U].

crispy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*infml*) = **CRISP** *adj* 1a, b: *crispy bacon.*

criss-cross /krɪskrɒs/; US -krɒs/ *adj* [attrib], *adv* rin pakhat le pakhat tanaw ih ummi: a *criss-cross pattern design* ○ *electricity cables erected criss-cross over the countryside.*

▷ **criss-cross** *v* **1** [I, Tn] rin khat le rin khat tan aw: *Railway lines criss-cross in a dense network.* ○ *Rivers criss-cross the landscape.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr usu *passive*] ~ **sth** (with **sth**) rin, ngan: a *sheet criss-crossed with pencil marks.*

criterion /kraɪtɪəriən/ *n* (pl -ria /-rɪə/) tahnak ih hmanmi thil: *Success in making money is not always a good criterion of success in life.* ○ *What are the criteria for deciding (ie How do we decide) who gets the prize?*

critic /kɪtɪk/ *n* **1** mi soi hmanngu: *I am my own severest critic.* ○ *She confounded her critics by breaking the record, ie they said she would not be able to do so, but she did.* **2** thil soisel, fakseltu: a *music, theatre, literary, etc critic* ○ *a play praised by the critics.*

critical /kɪtɪkl/ *adj* **1** ~ (of **sb/sth**) mawhnak hawl; mi that lonak hawl: a *critical remark, report, etc* ○ *The inquiry was critical of her work.* ○ (*derog*) *Why are you always so critical?* ○ (*approv*) *Try to develop a more critical attitude, instead of accepting everything at face value.* **2** [attrib] calai, zuk nganmi lam faksel thiamnak: *In the current critical climate her work is not popular.* ○ *The film has received critical acclaim, ie praise from the critics.* **3** thih le nun thu; thu lairel dinhmun: *We are at a critical time in our history.* ○ *The patient's condition is critical, ie He is very ill and may die.* ○ *Her help was critical (ie of great importance) during the emergency.* **4** (idm) **go critical** (of a nuclear reactor) reach a state where a nuclear reaction sustains itself.

▷ **critically** /-ɪkl/ *adv*: *speak critically of sb* ○

He is critically ill, thih le nun thei lo ding tiang in a na, a nat a besia tuk.

□ **critical path analysis** a rang bik le a fel bik ih thil tuahsuak theinak lamzin hawl dan.

critical temperature daatkhu (gas) ti thei lo ko a tuahtu khaw daih dan.

criticism /kɪtɪsɪzəm/ *n* **1** (a) [U] soiselnak; mawh hawlnak: a *scheme that is open to criticism* ○ *He hates/can't take criticism, ie being criticized.* (b) [C] thelmi soinak: *I have two criticisms of your plan.* **2** (a) [U] calai le zuk suaimi fakselnak: *literary criticism.* (b) [C] cuti ih fakselnak.

criticize, -ise /kɪtɪsaɪz/ *v* **1** [I, Tn, Tn-pr, Tsg] ~ **sb/sth** (for **sth**) soi, mi ih an that lonak sim suak; mi ih mawhnak sim: *Stop criticizing (my work)!* ○ *He was criticized by the committee for failing to report the accident.* ○ *He criticized my taking risks.* **2** [Tn] calai (a nganmi) le zuk nganmi pawl faksel: *teaching students how to criticize poetry.*

critique /kɪtɪk/ *n* that le siat soiselnak: *The book presents a critique of the government's economic policies.*

croak /krəʊk/ *n* tlakphar ai aw — cuvek aw.

▷ **croak** *v* **1** [I] ai (tlakphar in). **2** [I, Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (out) tlakphar aw vekih tong (or nat ruangah): *She could only croak because of her heavy cold.* ○ *He croaked (out) a few words.* **3** [I] (sl) thi (nunnak cem).

crochet /krəʊʃeɪ/; US krəʊʃeɪ/ *n* [U] (a) thil phiar. (b) puan phiar.

▷ **crochet** *v* (pt, pp ~ed /-ʃeɪd/) [I, Tn] thir fungkhat thawn phiar: *a crocheted skirt.*

crock¹ /krɒk/ *n* (*dated*) **1** tidai retnak totung tumpi. **2** **crocks** [pl] = **CROCKERY.** **3** (usu *pl*) leibeel kuai pawl, hlamphei.

crock² /krɒk/ *n* (*Brit infml*) **1** santlai lo leng hlunpi. **2** santlai nawn lomi, milai, rannung: *What does a young girl like you want with an old crock like me?*

▷ **crooked** *adj* (*Brit infml*) tuahmawhmi, khawnmi, kiakmi: *My arm's crooked.*

crockery /krɒkəri/ *n* [U] beel lei thawn tuahmi beel, hai le khokheng pawl.

crocodile /krɒkədail/ *n* **1** tisartam. Cf **ALLIGATOR.** **2** (*Brit infml*) a khuah a khuah ih fehmi tlawngta nauhak tlar. **3** (idm) **crocodile tears** tisartam mitthli; riahsia-awter: *She shed crocodile tears (ie pretended to be sorry) when sth dismissed him from his job.*

crocus /krəʊkəs/ *n* (pl ~es /-sɪz/) aihre kung.

Croesus /kriːsəs/ *n* kum zabi 6 BC, hrawngih Asia Minor uktu siangpahrang milian: (*saying*) *as rich as Croesus, ie very rich.*

croft /krɒftːsəs/ *n* (*Brit*) **1** Scotland ram ih lo fate. **2** (arch) kulh thepthepmi lo fate.

▷ **crofter** *n* lo fate neitu, lo fate ngahtu.

croissant /krwɑːsɒŋ; US krɑːsɒŋ/ *n* (*French*)

cromlech

thaithawh ih ei mi thlade pian sang, sangkawn.
cromlech /^{krəmlek/} (also **dolmen**) *n* san mureng
 lai ih a bial ih rak phunmi lung (khan bangtuk).

crone /^{krəʊn/} *n* (usu derog) nutar hmel sia.

crony /^{krəʊni/} *n* (derog) lenpi, hawipi: *He spends every evening drinking in the pub with his cronies.*

crook /^{krʊk/} *n* **1** (infml) mi tluangtlam lo, mi hrokhrawl: *The crooks got away with (ie The criminals stole) most of the money.* ○ *That used-car salesman is a real crook.* **2** a kawi mi: *carry sth in the crook of one's arm*, ie on one's arm, at the inside of the bent elbow. **3** (a) khuahlan tuukhal pawlih hmanmi tuu kaihnaq fung kawi. (b) bishop hmanmi fung kawi. **4** (idm) **by hook or by crook** ⇨ **HOOK**¹.

▷ **crook** *v* [Tn] kawiter (baan, funghreu tivek): *She crooked her little finger as she drank her tea.* —adj [usu pred] (Austral infml) dam lo, na: *I'm feeling a bit crook.*

□ **crook-back(ed)** *n*, adj (arch) zaang kun, eel-kun.

crooked /^{krʊkɪd/} adj (-er, -est) **1** a kawimi; a ding lomi: *a crooked lane, branch, table* ○ *a crooked smile*, ie in which the mouth slopes down at one side ○ *You've got your hat on crooked.* **2** (infml) hrokhrawl; daan-lo: *a crooked businessman, deal, etc.*

▷ **crookedly** adv. **crookedness** *n* [U].

croon /^{krʊn/} *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sb) ka ang loih hla sak, tong: *croon soothingly (to a child)* ○ *croon a sentimental tune* ○ *croon a baby to sleep* ○ *'What a beautiful little baby,' she crooned.*

▷ **crooner** *n* kum 1930 hrawng, kum 1940 hrawngih lunglen hla saktu.

crop /^{krɒp/} *n* **1** (a) [C] lo suak thlairawl: *the potato crop* ○ *a good crop of rice* ○ *a bumper* (ie very large) *crop* ○ [attrib] *a crop failure.* (b) **crops** [pl] lo sungih cinmi lo rawlkung pawl: *treat the crops with fertilizer.* **2** [sing] ~ of sth caan khat ih suaktlang milai, lo rawl pawl: *this year's crop of students* ○ *The programme brought quite a crop of complaints from viewers.* **3** [C] tawi te ih metmi sam (lu parih ta). **4** [C] ar-va cur. **5** [C] (also **hunting-crop**) rangto pawl ih hmanmi funghreu (a kutkaih a zawl bialmi). **6** (idm) **neck and crop** ⇨ **NECK**.

▷ **crop** *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn, Cn-a] (a) tawi tete ih atan (sam, rang mei, etc): *with hair cropped (sthort).* (b) tam, pet (caw, rang pawlin an ha hmai in hrampi an tam): *Sheep had cropped the grass (short).* **2** [I] rah: *The beans cropped well this year.* **3** (phr v) **crop up** rak pawt, rak suak (rinlopi in): *All sorts of difficulties cropped up.* ○ *The subject cropped up as we talked.*

□ **crop-dusting, crop-spraying** *ns* [U] dawm si, cucik, kharbawq thahnak si kap.

cropper /^{krɒpə(r)/} *n* **1** (following *adjs*) thlai-rawl

suak tha mi: *a good, bad, heavy, light, etc cropper.*

2 (idm) **come a cropper** (infml) (a) a saannak ihsin. (b) tlaksiat.

croquet /^{krəʊkeɪ/} *n* [U] zanthing sobul thawn le thing-hlum (thing bawlung) thawi lehnak phunkhat.

croquette /^{krəʊket/} *n* aalu bek le ngasa tivek hlum tahrat ih kio-mi hmeh.

crore /^{krɔː(r)/} *n* (Indian) million pahra: *a crore of rupees.*

crosier (also **crozier**) /^{krəʊziə(r)/} *US* 'krəʊzər/ *n* biaknak ih hmanmi bishop kianghrol saupi.

cross¹ /^{krɒs/} *US* ^{krɔːs/} *n* **1** [C] (a) arke ×, +: *The place is marked on the map with a cross.* ○ *make one's cross*, ie put a cross on a document instead of one's signature, eg if one cannot write. (b) cafang ngan tiki h a phei lam rinmi. **2** (a) **the Cross** [sing] thinglamtah — Jesuh an thahnak, Khristian pawl hminsinnak tacik. (b) [C] Khristian tacik: *She wore a small silver cross on a chain round her neck.* (c) [C] thinglamtah pungsan ih tuahmi khan, lungphun. (d) [C] usu sing] thlacam tiki h kut thawn thinglamtah pian tang parah ngan: *the priest made a cross over her head.* (e) **the Cross** [sing] (fig) Khristian biaknak: *The Cross and the Crescent*, ie Christianity and Islam. **3** (usu **Cross**) [C] ralthat ruangih pekmi thir thinglamtah: *the Victoria Cross* ○ *the Distinguished Service Cross.* **4** [C] ~ (between A and B) (usu sing) (a) thi rawi (kahpia): *A mule is a cross between a horse and an ass*, thil pahnih a rawimi. (b) (fig) thil dangdang cokrawimi: *a play that is a cross between farce and tragedy.* **5** [C] riahsiatnak, khwaruah harnak: *We have our cross to bear.* **6** (idm) **cut sth on the cross** tlaitleh in at (puan, cahnah pawl), ie a kil in khat lam kil ah at.

cross² /^{krɒs/} *US* ^{krɔːs/} *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn] ~ (over) (from sth/to sth) kaan-tan: *The river is too deep; we can't cross (over).* ○ *cross from Dover to Calais* ○ *cross a road, a river, a bridge, a desert, the sea, the mountains, etc* ○ *Electricity cables cross the valley.* **2** (a) [I] khat le khat kan-aw: *The roads cross just outside the village.* ○ (fig) *Our paths crossed* (ie We met by chance) *several times.* (b) [I, Tn no passive] khat le khat an tong aw ih an hel aw: *We crossed each other on the way.* ○ *Our letters crossed in the post.* **3** [Tn] a bangawmi thil a kalh-aw ih re: *cross one's legs*, ie place one leg over the other ○ *cross one's arms on one's chest* ○ *a flag with a design of two crossed keys* ○ *a crossed line*, ie interruption of a telephone call because of a wrong connection. **4** [Tn] a pheilam ah rin: *cross the t's* ○ *cross a cheque*, ie draw two lines across it so that it can only be paid through a bank ○ *a crossed cheque*, ie a cheque marked in this way. **5** [Tn no passive] ~ **oneself** maih tang parah thinglamtah a thlam ngan (kut thawn): *He crossed himself as*

he passed the church. **6** [Tn] rak kham, tuah siang lo, rak kalh: *She doesn't like to be crossed.* ○ *He crosses me in everything.* ○ *to be crossed in love*, ie fail to win the love of sb one loves. **7** [Tn, Tn-pr] kahpia ter, a ci rawi: *to cross a horse with an ass* ○ *Varieties of roses can be crossed to vary their colour.* **8** (idm) **cross one's bridges when one comes to them** a thlen ngai hlanah harsatnak rak poisa lemlo: *We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.* **cross my heart (and hope to die)** (infml saying) tiamkammi le simmi a dik rori tinak a si: *I saw him do it: cross my heart.* **cross one's fingers** mai' khawkanmi tuahsuak thei dingah ring aw: *I'm crossing my fingers that my proposal will be accepted.* ○ *Keep your fingers crossed!* **cross one's mind** lung sungah ra suak: *It never crossed my mind that she might lose*, ie I confidently expected her to win. **cross sb's palm with silver** tangka fai kutza parah pe. **cross sb's path** tong (lamzin ah): *I hope I never cross her path again.* **cross the Rubicon** dung kir sal thei lomi thil tuah thok. **cross swords** (with sb) thu elaw: *The chairman and I have crossed swords before over this issue.* **dot one's i's and cross one's t's** ⇒ DOT. **get, have, etc one's lines crossed** ⇒ LINE¹. **get one's wires crossed** ⇒ WIRE. **9** (phr v) **cross sth off (sth)**; **cross sth out/through** hmin cati thawn phiat: *We can cross his name off (the list), as he's not coming.* ○ *Two words have been crossed out.* **cross**³ /kɹɔːs/; US kɹɔːs/ adj (-er, -est) **1** ~ (with sb) (about sth) (infml) thinheng deuh: *I was cross with him for being late.* ○ *What are you so cross about?* ○ *She gave me a cross look.* **2** [attrib] a si lo, a dodal lam zawng (thli hlan dan): *Strong cross breezes make it difficult for boats to leave harbour.* Cf CROSS-WIND.
▷ **crossly** adv. **crossness** n [U].
cross-comb form (forming ns, vs, adjs and advs) pakhat hnu pakhat thil ti dan: *cross-current* ○ *cross-fertilize* ○ *cross-cultural* ○ *cross-country* ○ *cross-Channel ferries*.
crossbar /kɹɔːsbɑː(r)/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ n bawlung kaw! thuum pahnih a pheizawng ih pehtu thir/thing rua (kaw! thuum tlang).
crossbeam /rɔːsbim/; US kɹɔːs-/ n khansuk; kaan, inn liang le liang kaitu thing/thir.
cross-benches /kɹɔːsbentʃɪz/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ n [pl] British parliament ih zo khal ʔan cuca lo pawl tohmun.
▷ **cross-bencher** n cutivek tohmun ih totu rampi tlangsuak palai.
cross-bones /kɹɔːsbəʊnz/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ n [pl] ⇒ SKULL AND CROSS-BONES (SKULL).
crossbow /kɹɔːsbəʊ/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ n meithal kawng ih bunmi li, duli (Kaw! thal le conkiang sainak. Cf LONGBOW (LONG¹)).
cross-bred /kɹɔːsbred/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ adj thi rawi (kahpia); ci dingdang rawimi: *a cross-bred sheep*,

dog, etc.
cross-breed /kɹɔːsbrɪd/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ n rannung, thingkung cirawi (kahpia) — ci-rawi ih suakmi.
▷ **cross-breed** v [I, Tn] ci-rawi sak; kahpiater.
cross-check /kɹɔːs'tʃek/; US kɹɔːs/ v [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (against sth) a thelh maw thelh lo ti zohfel sal, cek sal: *Cross-check your answer by using a calculator.*
▷ **cross-check** n cuti ih zohfel salnak, cek salnak.
cross-country /kɹɔːs'kʌntri/; US kɹɔːs/ adj [usu attrib], adv ram kan in: *a cross-country run, race, etc* ○ *travel cross-country.*
▷ **cross-country** n ram kaupi kan ih tlanzuamaw: *enter for the mile and the cross-country.*
cross-current /kɹɔːs'kʌrənt/; US kɹɔːs/ n **1** pakhat le pakhat a kan awmi tiluang (tipi sung tiluang). **2** (fig) mi tamsawn zummi thawn a kalh-awmi zum dan: *a cross-current of opinion against the prevailing view.*
cross-cut /kɹɔːskʌt/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ adj [usu attrib] (of a saw, etc) thing tannak hluah phunkhat: *a cross-cut saw/blade.*
cross-examine /kɹɔːs'ɪɡzæmɪn/; US kɹɔːs/ v [Tn] **1** (esp law) hlan ih a simmi a dik ngaingai maw ti theih duh ah thusuhn phunphun tuah: *The prosecution lawyer cross-examined the defence witness.* **2** thu tampi sut ciamco: *Whenever he comes in late his wife cross-examines him about where he's spent the evening.* Cf EXAMINE 3.
▷ **cross-examination** /kɹɔːs'ɪɡzæmɪneɪʃn/; US kɹɔːs/ n [U, C] simmi a dik ngaingai maw ti thei duh ih thusuhn: *He broke down under cross-examination* (ie while being cross-examined) and admitted the truth.
cross-eyed /kɹɔːsaɪd/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ adj mitkai (hnar lam ah a kaimi).
cross-fertilize, -ise /kɹɔːs'fɜːtəlaɪz/; US kɹɔːs/ v [Tn] **1** (botany) pangpar vut rawi sak (a phun dang suak seh tiah). **2** (fig) ruahnak thar thawn thazaang pe: *Literary studies have been cross-fertilized by new ideas in linguistics.*
▷ **cross-fertilization, -isation** /kɹɔːs'fɜːtəlaɪzeɪʃn/; US kɹɔːs'fɜːtəlaɪzeɪʃn/ n [U, C].
cross-fire /kɹɔːsfarə(r)/; US 'kɹɔːs-/ n [U] **1** (military) khat lam khat lam veve ihsin pukpi pawl, meithal pawl kap tonaw. **2** (fig) a ralaw, a zuamawmi pahnih karlak ih thil um dan: *when two industrial giants clash, small companies can get caught in the cross-fire*, ie harmed incidentally.
cross-grained /kɹɔːs'greɪnd/; US kɹɔːs/ adj **1** (of wood) zanthing a sa a kalh-awmi, a sa a luttonawmi. **2** lungkim har, pawlkom har.
cross-hatch /kɹɔːs'hætʃ/; US 'kɹɔːs/ v [Tn] a sangsang te'n rin (ram zuk par vekah): *cross-hatch an area on a map.*
▷ **cross-hatching** n [U] cuti ih rin, ngan.

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crossing /krɒsɪŋ; US 'krɔ:s-/ **n** 1 tipi, tiva tannak hmun: *a rough crossing from Dover to Calais*. 2 lamzin tan-awknak hmun; lam ðek, pialtit. Cf LEVEL CROSSING (LEVEL¹). 3 (a) kefeh pawl lamzinpi tan hmun. Cf PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (PEDESTRIAN), PELICAN CROSSING (PELICAN), ZEBRA CROSSING (ZEBRA). (b) zinpi ke ih tannak hmun, ram khat in ram khat lam fehnak hmun: *arrested by guards at the border crossing*.

cross-legged /krɒs'legd; US 'krɔ:s/ **adv** kekalh-aw, ke thuanaw in to: *sitting cross-legged on the floor*.

cross-patch /krɒspætʃ; US 'krɔ:s-/ **n** (dated infml) mi thintawi.

cross-piece /krɒs pi:s; US 'krɔ:s/ **n** khat le khat a kaantan aw ih tuah mi thil.

cross-ply /krɒsplai; US 'krɔ:s-/ **adj** a thuah, a tlep kantan aw ih tuah mi (mawtaw lengke ih rabar thuah awk dan). Cf RADIAL.

cross-purposes /krɒs'pəsɪz; US 'krɔ:s/ **n** (idm) **at cross-purposes** (of people or groups) khat lam le khat lam aancing-awk lonak; theih sual-awk: *We're at cross-purposes: I'm talking about astronomy, you're talking about astrology*.

cross-question /krɒs'kwɛstʃən; US 'krɔ:s/ **v** [Tn] rin lopipi thu sut, thu sutfiang.

cross-reference /krɒs'refrəns; US 'krɔ:s/ **n** ~ (to sth) a dang cabu ih zoh fialnak: *follow up all the cross-references*.

▷ **cross-reference** **v** [Tn usu passive] cabu dangah zoh fial, cabu dang ron fial.

crossroads /krɒsrəʊdz; US 'krɔ:s-/ **n** 1 [sing v] lamzin pahni an tonawknak hmun (lam pali ah an ðek): *We came to a crossroad*. 2 (idm) **at a/the crossroads** a that ding le a siat ding hliah-awknak hmun: *Our business is at the crossroads: if this deal succeeds, our future is assured; if not, we shall be bankrupt*.

cross-section /krɒs'sɛkʃn; US 'krɔ:s/ **n** 1 (picture of the) a tung zawngih (a saan le niam lang in) nganmi ram zuk: *examining a cross-section of the kidney under the microscope* ○ *The girder is square in cross-section*. 2 ai-awhtu pawl ziangvek an si ti zohthimnak: *a cross-section of the electors, population, etc* ○ *a broad cross-section of opinion*.

cross-stitch /krɒs stɪtʃ; US 'krɔ:s/ **n** 1 [C] ðhitnak tongaw, kalhaw ih ðhitdan. 2 [U] cutivek thil ðhit.

cross-talk /krɒs tɔ:k; US 'krɔ:s/ **n** [U] (Brit) zamrang zet ih sonawk, biakawk.

cross-town /krɒstaʊn; US 'krɔ:s-/ **adj** [attrib] (US) khaw sung kantan ih fehmi: *a cross-town bus*.

cross-trees /krɒstri:z; US 'krɔ:s-/ **n** [pl] (nautical) ðuam ah a phei zawngih khenmi thing.

crosswalk /krɒswɔ:k; US 'krɔ:s-/ **n** (US) = PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (PEDESTRIAN), ke feh pawl zin tan hmun.

cross-wind /krɒswɪnd; US 'krɔ:s-/ **n** a fehtu

(lawng, vanzam a hnak lam a sir lam pah ih hrangmi thli): *Strong cross-winds blew the aircraft off course*.

crosswise /'krɒswaɪz; US 'krɔ:s-/ **adj** [attrib], **adv** 1 a tlaitleh zawng, a pheizawng, a sir zawng: *a yellow flag with a red band going crosswise from top left to bottom right*. 2 thinglamtah vek.

crossword /'krɒswɜ:d; US 'krɔ:s-/ **n** (also **crossword puzzle**) cafang kom zuam-awknak phunkhat, suk zawng le phei zawng ih cafang kom zuamnak.

crotch /krɒtʃ/ **n** (also **crutch**) ruangpi le ke a ðeknak hmun.

crotchet /'krɒtʃɪt/ **n** (US **quarter note**) (music) hla vuak siar dan ah *minim* ih a hrek (eg *minim* in vuak hnih a nei asile *crotchet* in vuak khat a nei).

crouchety /'krɒtʃɪtɪ/ **adj** (infml) thintawi, thinsia. **crouch** /kraʊtʃ/ **v** [I, Ip] khuuk tla niamter ih kun, nawp aw (pet dingah): *The cat crouched, ready to leap*. ○ *I crouched behind the sofa*.

▷ **crouch** **n** [sing] taksa kuun niam: *drop down into a crouch*.

croup¹ /kru:p/ **n** [U] nauhak khuhheng nat — thawthawt har, khaak suak duh lo.

croup² /kru:p/ **n** rang tivek rannung pawlih kawng tit (a dunglam tit), cawn tit.

croupier /'kru:piə; US -piər/ **n** phelek hmun cabuai hotu; phe zemtu, anza hlum (dice) dengtu.

crouton /'kru:tɒn/ **n** (French) a tiarep ih tan mi sang em cia.

crow¹ /krəʊ/ **n** 1 tlang-ak (a phunphun awnmi). 2 (idm) **as the crow flies** ding te'n. **stone the crows** ⇒ STONE.

□ **crow's-feet** **n** [pl] mit kil vun sawng.

crow's-nest **n** lawng thuam zim ih khawcuan hmun, khaw thlir hmun.

crow² /krəʊ/ **v** (pt **crowed** or, in archaic use, **crew** /kru:/, pp **crowed**) 1 [I] khuang (ar). 2 [I] naute a hni kerko. 3 [I, Ipr] ~ (over sb/sth) (derog) tluangkawng: *She won the competition and won't stop crowing (over her rival/her rivals' failure)*.

▷ **crow** **n** [sing] ar khuan aw.

crowbar /'krəʊbɑ:(r)/ **n** thirfung kinei; thir fei.

crowd¹ /kraʊd/ **n** 1 [CGp] (a) hmun pakhat ih a khawm-aw mi zapi, mi buurpi: *A crowd had already collected outside the embassy gates*. ○ *He pushed his way through the crowd*. ○ *Police had to break up the crowd*. ○ [attrib] **crowd control**. (b) azohtu: *The match attracted a large crowd*. ○ *The crowd cheered the winning hit*. 2 **the crowd** [sing] (derog) mipi, zapi: *move with/follow the crowd*, ie do as everybody else does. 3 [CGp] (infml) pawl, kom : *I don't associate with that crowd*. 4 (idm) **crowds/a (whole) crowd (of)** mi tampi: *There were crowds of people waiting to get in*. ○ *A whole crowd of us arrived*

at the party uninvited. **follow the crowd** ⇒ FOLLOW.

□ **crowd-puller** *n* (infml) mi tam hiiptu.

crowd² /kraud/ *v* **1** [Ipr, Ip] ~ **around/round** (sb) naihciamco, ra buur ciamco: *People crowded round to get a better view.* ○ *Pupils crowded round (their teacher) to ask questions.* **2** [Tn] tet, khat theh: *Tourists crowded the pavement.* ○ *crowd a restaurant, theatre, beach, etc.* **3** [Tn] (infml) namsan zamrang in titer: *Don't crowd me: give me time to think!* **4** (phr v) **crowd in on sb** khawruah tam: *Memories crowded in on me.* **crowd into sth; crowd in** tet zet in lut: *Supporters crowded through the gates into the stadium.* ○ *We'd all crowded into Harriet's small sitting-room.* ○ (fig) *Disturbing thoughts crowded into my mind.* **crowd sb/sth into sth; crowd sb/sth in** ben ciamco: *They crowd people into the buses.* ○ *Guests were crowded into the few remaining rooms.* ○ *She crowds too much detail into her paintings.* **crowd sb/sth out (of sth)** (a) hmun long theh: *The restaurant's regular customers are being crowded out by tourist.* (b) tuahsuak/ thasuak thei lo ih rak dawn: *Small shops are being crowded out by the big supermarkets.* **5** (idm) **crowd on sail** (nautical) khulrang dingah lawng puanzar tampi thlahi.

▷ **crowded** *adj* **1** tet tuk (mi tam tuk ruangah): *crowded buses, trains, hotels, etc.* **2** (fig) ~ (with sth) a khat tukmi, tam tuk: *days crowded with activity* ○ *We had a crowded schedule on the trip.*

crown¹ /kraun/ *n* **1** (a) [C] siangpahrang lukhuh, lal lukhuh. (b) (the Crown or the crown) [sing] siangpahrang khi lu bik ih retmi ram, cozah: *land owned by the Crown* ○ *a minister of the Crown* ○ *Who appears for the Crown* (ie Who is prosecuting the accused person on behalf of the State) in this case? ○ [attrib] *Crown land, property, etc* ○ *a crown witness*, ie for the prosecution in a criminal case. (c) **the crown** [sing] siangpahrang thuneihnak: *She refused the crown*, ie refused to become queen. ○ *relinquish the crown*, ie abdicate. **2** [C] nehnak lukhuh pangpar kual: *Christ's crown of thorns* ○ (fig) *two boxers fighting it out for the world heavyweight crown*, ie championship. **3** (usu the crown) [sing] (a) sip. (b) thil a sannak bik hmun: *the crown of a hill, tree* ○ *the crown* (ie highest part of the curved surface) of a road ○ *A motor-cycle overtook us on the crown* (ie middle or most curved part) of the bend. **4** [C] (a) hmuh theimi ha (hani ih tuam lomi). (b) tuahcop ha. **5** [C] lal lukhuh cuang tacik: *A major has a crown on the shoulder of his uniform.* **6** [C] khuahlan lai English tangka 5 shillings (25p).

□ **crown colony** British cozah ukmi koloni ram. **crown court** (in England and Wales) thuthen-nak zung. Cf COUNTRY COURT (COUNTRY).

crown jewels siangpahrang hrukmi sui le ngon thuamhnaw, puai tiki hrukmi.

crown prince siangpahrang tuan leh dingmi siangpahrang fapa.

crown princess crown prince ih nupi.

crown² /kraun/ *v* **1** [Tn, Cn-n] siangpahrang lukhuh khumter — siangpahrang tuanter: *She was crowned (queen) in 1952.* ○ *the crowned heads* (ie kings and queens) of Europe. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr usu passive] ~ **sth (with sth)** (a) (rhet) a luthlung a khuh theh: *The hill is crowned with a wood.* ○ *Beautiful fair hair crowns her head.* (b) [Tn] (infml) a famkimter: *The award of this prize crowned his career.* ○ *efforts that were finally crowned with success.* **3** [Tn] (infml) a lu ah vuak: *Shut up or I'll crown you.* **4** [Tn] (also cap) ha parah hadeu khuh ben. Cf CROWN¹ **4**. (idm) **to crown it all** a cemnak ah, a netnak ah: *It was cold, raining, and, to crown it all, we had to walk home.*

▷ **crowning** *adj* [attrib] kimter, famkimter; a tawpnak: *The performance provided the crowning touch to the evening's entertainments.* ○ *the crowning success of her career* ○ *Her crowning glory is her hair.* ○ *The crowning* (ie most extreme) *irony was that I didn't even like her.*

crozier = CROSIER.

crucial /kru:ʃl/ *adj* ~ (to/for sth) thupi zet, a hliah: *a crucial decision, issue, factor* ○ *at the crucial moment* ○ *Getting this contract is crucial to the future of our company.*

▷ **crucially** /-ʃəli/ *adv*.

crucible /kru:sɪbl/ *n* **1** thir le dar pawl ernak beel. **2** (fig rhet) hniksagnak tumpi: *The alliance had been forged in the crucible of war.*

crucifix /kru:sɪfiks/ *n* khencihmi Jesuh zuk a cuangmi thinglamtah.

crucifixion /kru:sɪfɪkʃn/ *n* [U, C] (instance of) thinglamtah ih thahnak: *the Crucifixion*, ie of Jesus.

cruciform /kru:sɪfɔ:m/ *adj* thinglamtah vek.

crucify /kru:sɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] **1** thinglamtah ah khencih ih that. **2** (fig infml) nasazet ih hrem tuarter: *The minister was crucified* (ie very severely criticized) *in the press for his handling of the affair.*

crud /krʌd/ *n* (infml esp US) **1** [U] thil tawne sengman: *all the crud in the bottom of the saucepan.* **2** [C] (offensive) pawl nuam lo milai.

▷ **cruddy** *adj* (infml esp US) nuamlo.

crude /kru:d/ *adj* (-r, -st) **1** [usu attrib] a si dan ngaingai ih ummi; a hran: *crude oil, sugar, ore, etc.* **2** (a) theh hrih lomi, naal lomi, a cian (Kawl): *a crude sketch, method, approximation, etc* ○ *His paintings are rather crude*, ie not skilfully done. ○ *I made my own crude garden furniture.* (b) mawi lo; fim lo: *crude manners* ○ *He made some crude* (ie sexually offensive) *jokes,*

zahmawh thu capoh ah a sim.

▷ **crudely** *adv*: *crudely assembled* ○ *express oneself crudely*.

crudity /kru:di:tɪ/ *n* [U] **1** a hrapnak; kut nal-lonak: *the crudity of his drawing*. **2** fim lonak: *I'd never met such crudity before*.

cruel /kruəl/ *adj* (-lier, -liest) **1** (derog) ~ (to sb/sth) (milai) siava, liansia, puar; mi zawnruah nei lo, zangfah nei lo: *a cruel boss, master, dictator, etc* ○ *people oppressed by a cruel tyranny* ○ *Don't be cruel blow, punishment, disease* ○ *cruel* (ie bad) *luck* ○ *War is cruel*.

▷ **cruelly** /kruəli/ *adv*: *I was cruelly deceived*.

cruelty /kruəlti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (to sb/sth) siatvatnak; zangfah neih lonak: *his cruelty to his children* ○ *He saw a lot of cruelty in the prison camp*. **2** [C] usu pl] zangfah nei lo ih thil tuahnak: *the tyrant's infamous cruelties*.

cruet /kru:ɪt/ *n* **1** rawl einak cabuai parih retmi ti-thur, sahriak retmi palang thawl fate. **2** (also **cruet-stand**) cite, makphek retnak thawl pawl.

cruise /kru:z/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] tangphawlawng khatlam khat lamah mawng (ral pawl ih lawng hawl ah): *a destroyer cruising about (in) the Baltic Sea*. **2** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip] khulrang nawn in mawng: *cruising at 10000 ft/350 miles per hour* ○ *a cruising speed of 50 miles per hour*. (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] lawng a feh (khulrang nawn in): *Taxis cruised about, hoping to pick up late fares*. **3** [I] (sl) (esp of a homosexual) mi luk ding hawl ih vak ciamco.

▷ **cruise** *n* nunnomnak dingih lawng thawn khualtlawng: *go on/for a cruise* ○ *a round-the-world cruise*.

cruiser /kru:zə(r)/ *n* **1** ral donak tangphawlawng tumpi. **2** (also **cabin-cruiser**) ihnak um lawng (nomnak ih tomi).

□ **cruise missile** amai' computer thawn khalhmi nuclear cerek.

crumb /kram/ *n* **1** [C] rawl tilfuan; sang ei-bang til pawl: *sweep the crumbs off the table*. **2** [U] sang a lai-mu, a nemnak hmun. **3** [C] malte kuam: *a few crumbs of information* ○ *I failed my exam, and my only crumb of comfort (ie the only thing that consoles me) is that I can take it again*. **4** [C] (infml esp US) huattlai (heh-awh): *You little crumb!*

crumble /krʌmbəl/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (into/to sth); ~ (sth) (up) a cipciar thluh; a dip theh: *crumble one's bread, a dipter theh* ○ *The bricks slowly crumbled in the long frost*. ○ *crumbling walls*, ie that are breaking apart. **2** (fig) [I, Ipr] ~ (into/to sth) nuamte ih siatbal theh, a cemnak netnak thleng: *The great empire began to crumble*. ○ *hopes that crumbled to dust* ○ *Their marriage is crumbling*. **3** (idm) **that's the way the cookie crumbles** ⇒ WAY¹.

▷ **crumble** *n* [U, C] sang ro dip rawi ih suanmi thingthei: *apple, rhubarb, etc crumble*.

crumbly /krʌmbli/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) kuai zam ol: *crumbly bread, soil, etc*.

crumbs /krʌmz/ *interj* (Brit infml) mangbang tikihi tongmi.

crummy /krʌmi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml) a sia, a tha lo, man nei lo, nuam lo: *a crummy little street in the worst part of town*.

crumpet /krʌmpɪt/ *n* **1** [C] (in Britain) a thlum lo sang per bial. **2** [U] (Brit sexist) ti hiar um ruat menmi nunau: *there's not much crumpet around at this party*. ○ *a nice bit/piece of crumpet*, ie an attractive girl/woman. **3** (idm) **a bit of crumpet/fluff/skirt/stuff** ⇒ BIT¹.

crumple /krʌmpl/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (into sth); ~ (sth) (up) hlom theh, tom theh: *material that crumples easily* ○ *a crumpled (up) suit* ○ *The front of the car crumpled on impact*. ○ *He crumpled the paper (up) into a ball*. ○ (fig) *The child's face crumpled up and he began to cry*. **2** [I, Ip] ~ (up) (fig) a cem, a tlasia: *Her resistance to the proposal has crumpled*.

crunch /krʌntʃ/ *v* (also **scrunch**) **1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) tam ruapro (ha thawn), riapter: *crunch peanuts, biscuits, etc* ○ *The dog was crunching a bone*. **2** [I, Tn] awnter (ke thawn pal tikah) ruap, ruap ti in awnter: *The frozen snow crunched under our feet*. ○ *The wheels crunched the gravel*.

▷ **crunch** *n* **1** (also **scrunch**) (usu sing) hacang thawn tam ruapro mi awn-aw: *There was a crunch as he bit the apple*. **2** (idm) **if/when it comes to the crunch; if/when the crunch comes** relcat ding caan a kim tikah: *He always says he'll help, but when it comes to the crunch, he does nothing*.

crunchy *adj* (-ier, -iest) (often approv) a riap ol: *crunchy biscuits, snow*.

crupper /krʌpə(r)/ *n* **1** rang meidom savun. **2** rang meifi lam, tawvawng.

crusade /kru:'seɪd/ *n* **1** Khrih suahnak hmun ram Muslim pawl kut sung ihsin laksal duh ih raldonak. **2** ~ (for/against); ~ (to do sth) a tha lomi dodalnak/a thami hrangih dodalnak: *a crusade against corruption*.

▷ **crusade** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for/against sth) do sak, dodal ih telve: *crusading for fairer treatment of minorities*.

crusader *n* khruiseit tuahtu, hi donak ih a tel vetu.

crush¹ /krʌʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] kuaiko ih hmet, nam, nen (kut thawn): *Don't crush the box; it has flowers in it*. ○ *Wine is made by crushing grapes*. ○ *Several people were crushed to death by the falling rocks*. **2** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) vut ko, zam theh ko suk: *Huge hammers crush (up) the rocks*. **3** [I, Tn] kor theh (puan): *The clothes were badly crushed in the suitcase*. ○ *Some synthetic materials do not crush easily*. **4** [Tn] neh neknok; namnuai theh: *The rebellion was crushed by*

government forces. ○ Her refusal crushed all our hopes. ○ He felt completely crushed (ie humiliated) by her last remark. **5** (phr v) **crush (sb/sth) into, past, through, etc sth** a fiaknak ah sawh, ben: A large crowd crushed past (the barrier). ○ You can't crush twenty people into such a tiny room. ○ The postman tried to crush the packet through the letter-box. **crush sth out (of sth)** sawr, a ti sawr: crush the juice out of oranges ○ (fig) With his hands round her throat he crushed the life out of her.

▷ **crushing** adj [usu attrib] **1** a cem rualri mi: a crushing defeat, blow, etc. **2** nautatnak, neh duhnak a si mi: a crushing look, remark, etc. **crushingly** adv.

crush² /kraʃ/ n **1** a teet zet mi, mi buurpi: a big crush in the theatre bar ○ I couldn't get through the crush. **2** [C] ~ (on sb) (infml) duhnak: Schoolchildren often have/get crushes on teachers. **3** [U] (Brit) thing thei ti: lemon crush.

□ **crush barrier** mibuur khamtu hruang.

crust /krast/ n **1** (a) [C, U] sang ih a phaw caak, hmuk caar: a white loaf with a crisp brown crust ○ Cut the crusts off when you make sandwiches. (b) [C] (esp rhet) sangtleep car: (fig) He'd share his last crust with you, ie is very unselfish. **2** [C, U] a hakmi thilkhah ih a leng, a leng phaw: a thin crust of ice, frozen snow, etc ○ the Earth's crust, ie the part nearest its surface. **3** [C, U] sabitti thawl ih a ben awmi a ne. **4** (idm) **the upper crust** ⇒ UPPER.

▷ **crust** v (phr v) **crust over** a lengphaw in a khuu: The surface of the liquid gradually crusted over.

crusted adj **1** [usu pred] ~ (with sth) a lenglam a hakmi: walls crusted with dirt. **2** [usu attrib] sabitti phunphun rawimi.

crustacean /kra'steɪʃn/ n hawngphaw hak neimi, ti sung um cang-ai, kai kuang, tivek.

crusty /krast/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** a phaw hakmi: crust French bread ○ a crusty pizza base. **2** (infml) thinheng ol: a crusty old soldier.

crutch /krʌtʃ/ n **1** kebak zak domtu kianghrol, zakdom: a pair of crutches ○ go about on crutches. **2** (fig) rak domtu, bawmtu milai, thil: He uses his wife as a kind of crutch because of his lack of confidence. **3** = CROTCH.

crux /krʌks/ n [sing] a har biknak thuhla: Now we come to the crux of the problem.

cry¹ /krai/ v (pt, pp **cried**) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn no passive] ~ (for/over sth/sb); ~ (with sth) ʔap, mitthli tla: He cried because he had hurt his knee. ○ cry for joy, ie because one is happy ○ The child was crying for (ie because he wanted) his mother. ○ How many tears have I cried over (ie because of) you? ⇒ Usage. **2** (a) [I, Ip] ~ (out) ai (ramsa pawl): The monkeys cry (out) shrilly when they see danger. ○ She cried (out) in pain when her tooth was pulled out. ⇒ Usage at SHOUT. (b) [Ipr,

Ip, Tn no passive] ~ (out) (for sth) napi'n ko; auh: He cried (out) for mercy. ○ 'Help, help!' he cried. ○ (rhet) But what about the workers, I hear you cry, ie say. **3** [Tn] (dated) thil zuar ih au: cry one's wares. **4** (idm) **cry one's eyes/heart out** riahisia zet ih ʔap. **cry over spilt milk** a bung zomi cawhnawi cu ʔah man a um lo; cang sal hlah seh ti in ti theih lomi parah riahisia ih ʔap ciamco: You've broken it now; it's no use crying over spilt milk! **cry wolf** ʔihphan ding a um lo nain a um ti ih au/ti: for crying out loud duh lo, lungkim lo tikih hmanmi ʔong: For crying out loud! Why did you do that? **laugh till/until one cries** ⇒ LAUGH. **5** (phr v) **cry sth down** a thupi lo ti ih sim: Don't cry down her real achievements. **cry off** tiamkammi ʔul sal: I said I would go, but had to cry off at the last moment. **cry out for sth** dil, ngen: People are crying out for free elections. ○ This system is crying out for reform, ie urgently needs to be reformed.

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **cry**, **sob**, **weep**, **wail** and **whimper**. They all indicate people expressing emotions, often with tears. **Cry** has the widest use and may be the result of unhappiness, joy, etc or, especially with babies, of physical discomfort: The little boy was crying because he was lost. ○ Babies cry when they are hungry. **Weep** is more formal than cry and can suggest stronger emotion: The hostages wept for joy on their release. **Sob** indicates crying with irregular and noisy breathing. It is usually associated with misery: He sobbed for hours when his cat died. Children **whimper** with fear or in complaint. **Wail** indicates long noisy crying in grief or complaint: The mourners were wailing loudly. Note that all these verbs can be used instead of 'say' to indicate a way of speaking: 'I've lost my daddy,' the little boy cried/sobbed/wept/whimpered/wailed.

cry² /krai/ n **1** [C] (a) ai-hramnak (nat, riahsiat ruangih): a cry of terror ○ the cry of an animal in pain. (b) au-san ciamco mi thu, ʔong; tlangau mi: angry cries from the mob. (c) (usu sing) vate ai (phundang): the cry of the rook. **2** [sing] ʔah: Have a good long cry: it will do you good. **3** [C] (dated) au ih sim mi: the cry of the night-watchman ○ The old street cries of London, eg 'Fresh herrings!' **4** [C] thlun dingih aupi mi thuhla: a battle-cry ○ a war-cry ○ 'Lower taxes' was their cry (ie their public demand.). **5** (idm) **a far cry from sth/from doing sth** ⇒ FAR¹. **hue and cry** ⇒ HUE². **in full cry** ⇒ FULL.

□ **cry-baby** n (infml derog) ʔah-ben (upa, nauhak ti loin): He's a dreadful cry-baby.

crying /kraɪn/ adj [attrib] **1** (esp of sth bad, wrong, etc) a siava zet mi; a ʔha lo zetmi: It's a crying shame, the way they treat their children.

2 thupi le khulrang ih tuah t̃ulmi thil: *a crying need*.

cryogenics /ˈkraɪəˈdʒenɪks/ *n* [sing *v*] khawdai zet (a dai zetmi) thuhla zirnak.
 ▷ **cryogenic** *adj*.

crypt /kript/ *n* biakinn zial hnuai khan (inn dan).

cryptic /kriptɪk/ *adj* a sullam theih harmi, a tican thuhmi: *a cryptic remark, message, smile, etc.*
 ▷ **cryptically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: 'Yes and no', she replied cryptically.

crypt(o)- *comb form* (forming *ns*) a dang thawn komcih ih hmanmi t̃ongfang; thuhmi, thuthup.

cryptogam /ˈkriptəɡæm/ *n* a par lomi hram kung; lungsam, cavi tivek pawl.

cryptogram /ˈkriptəɡræm/ *n* cafang thup ih nganmi thuchah.

crystal /ˈkristl/ *n* **1** (a) [U] thlalang vek a simi lungvar le leisung suak thil dang pawl. (b) [C] cumi thawn tuahmi t̃hi, ngun le fau pawl: *a necklace of crystals* ○ [attrib] *a crystal bracelet, watch, etc.* **2** [U] t̃hazet ih tuahmi thildang khuat-hai, kheng le pangpar thawl pawl: *The dining-table shone with silver and crystal.* ○ [attrib] *a crystal vase, chandelier, etc.* **3** [C] (chemistry) sir tampi nei a khalmi thil, ie cite, cithlum, vur etc: *sugar and salt crystals* ○ *snow and ice crystals.* **4** [C] (US) nazi hmai thlalang, plastic.
 □ **crystal ball** hmailam ih a ra lai dingmi thu zohnak thlalang hlum.

crystal clear **1** (of glass, water etc) a fim zet mi, tidai thawl, tivek. **2** (fig) a fiang zetmi (thlalang, thuhla): *I want to make my meaning crystal clear.*

crystal-gazing *n* [U] **1** thlalang hlum zoh in tinleng. **2** (fig) hmailam thu pol cia.

crystal set radio suakpek (tuah hmaisai pawl).

crystalline /ˈkristəlaɪn/ *adj* **1** lungvar ih tuahmi: *crystalline structure, minerals, etc.* **2** (fml) a fiang, a fimmi: *water of crystalline purity.*

crystallize, -ise /ˈkristəlaɪz/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] crystal ah canter. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (into sth) (fig) khawkhanmi fiangter: *His vague ideas crystallized into a definite plan.* ○ *Reading your book helped crystallize my views.*
 ▷ **crystallization, -isation** /ˈkristəlaɪz/ *n* [U].

crystallized, -ised *adj* (esp of fruit) cithlum thawn ciahmi (thingrah): *crystallized oranges.*

c/s *abbr* (physics) = cps.

CSE /ˌsi: es ˈi:/ *abbr* (Brit) Certificate of Secondary Education: *have 4 CSEs* ○ *take CSE in 6 subjects.* Cf GCE, GCSE.

CSM /ˌsi: es ˈem/ *abbr* (Brit) Company Sergeant-Major.

CST /ˌsi: es ˈti:/ *abbr* (US) Central Standard Time.

ct *abbr* (pl **cts**) **1** karet sui tahdan; karet pakhat: *an 18 ct gold ring.* **2** cent: *50 cts.*

cu *abbr* cubic: *a volume of 2 cu m, ie 2 cubic metres.*

cub /kʌb/ *n* **1** cinghnia, vom, pawpi, kiosa pawl fano. **2** (a) **the Cubs** [pl] scout nauta: *to join the*

Cubs. (b) **Cub (Scout)** scout nauta sungtel. **3** (dated) nauhak huatsuak: *You cheeky young cub!*
 □ **cub reporter** hmuhton nei hrih lo thuthang khawltu.

cubby-hole /ˈkʌbɪ həʊl/ *n* kulh t̃hatmi a khaan, hmun: *My office is a cubby-hole in the basement.*

cube /kju:b/ *n* **1** (a) (geometry) a tlang sau lam bangrep nei hmai ruk nei thil khal. (b) hmairuk nei thil: *an ice cube* ○ *Cut the meat into cubes.* **2** (mathematics) nambat pakhat amah lala voi hnih zai ih ngahmi: *The cube of 5 (5³) is 125 (5 × 5 × 5 = 125).*
 ▷ **cube** *v* **1** [Tn usu passive] (mathematics) nambat pakhat vei 2 tiang a zai aw: *10 cubed is 1000.* **2** [Tn] ei ding mi rawl hmairuknei ah tan.
 □ **cube root** vei thum tiang karh: *The cube root of 64 is 4 (4 × 4 × 4 = 64).*

cubic /ˈkju:bɪk/ *adj* **1** [attrib] (a) kivi, a saulam ah a tlang a bang awmi hmairuk nei thil khal, kivi ih thil tah dan, kivi pi khat: *a cubic metre of coal* ○ *a car with a 2000cc capacity, ie 2000 cubic centimeters.* (b) kivi ih tahmi: *cubic content.* **2** hmairuk nei: *a cubic figure.*

cubical /ˈkju:bɪkl/ *adj* = CUBIC **2**.

cubicle /ˈkju:bɪkl/ *n* inndan kaupi sungih dan sinmi inndan fate.

cubism /ˈkju:bɪzəm/ *n* [U] rin lawnglawng hmang ih zuk suai dan.
 ▷ **cubist** /ˈkju:bɪst/ *adj* cu vekih suaimi. — *n* cuvek zuk suaitu.

cuckold /ˈkʌkəʊld/ *n* (arch usu derog) a nupi uire mi mipa, uire, t̃angtawm.
 ▷ **cuckold** *v* [Tn] (arch) (a) nupi ihpi sak. (2) pasal sualpi sak.

cuckoo¹ /ˈkʊku:/ *n* uk-aw vate; bu ah ti a tit thei vate.
 □ **cuckoo clock** uk-aw vate aw vek a suahtu nazi.

cuckoo² /ˈkʊku:/ *adj* [usu pred] (infml) aa, fimlo: *He has gone absolutely cuckoo.*

cucumber /ˈkju:kʌmbə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] zil, fanghma: *a huge cucumber* ○ *Have some cucumber.* ○ [attrib] *cucumber salad, sandwiches, etc.* (b) [C] zil kung. **2** (idm) **cool as a cucumber** ⇒ COOL¹.

cud /kʌd/ *n* **1** [U] caw pawl an pum sung ihsin irhsuak salmi rawl. **2** (idm) **chew the cud** ⇒ CHEW.

cuddle /ˈkʌdl/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] pom-aw (duhdawtnak thawn): *The lovers kissed and cuddled on the sofa.* ○ *The child cuddled her doll (to her chest).* **2** (phr v) **cuddle up (to/against sb/sth); cuddle up (together)** naih te ah it: *She cuddled up to her mother.* ○ *They cuddled up (together) under the blanket.*
 ▷ **cuddle** *n* [sing] pom-aw: *have a cuddle together.*

cuddle-some /-səm/, **cuddly** /ˈkʌdli/ (-ier, -iest) *adjs* (infml) pom nuam: *a cuddly teddy bear.*

cudgel /kʌdʒl/ *v* (-ll; US also -l-) [Tn], *n* 1 talhtum thawn tal. 2 (idm) **cudgel one's brains** khua a ruat nasa, thluak hmanh ciamco: *Hard as I cudged my brains, I couldn't remember her name. take up the cudgels for/on behalf of sb/sth* bawm nasa (thuhla ah).

cue¹ /kju:/ *n* 1 ~ (for sth/to do sth) ti/tuah thlang seh ti ih theihternak (mit in maw, kut zap in maw, pakhat khat in): *Actors have to learn their cues* (ie the last words of the speeches just before their own speeches) *as well as their own lines.* ○ *When I nod my head, that's your cue to interrupt the meeting.* ○ (fig) *And they all lived happily ever afterwards — which sounds like the cue* (ie an appropriate moment) *for a song.* 2 cawn dingmi (um dan, tuah dan): *take one's cue from sb*, ie be guided by the way sb does sth ○ *Follow her cue, and one day you'll be a great scholar.* 3 (idm) (right) **on cue** a remcan laifang: *He said she would be back very soon, and, right on cue, she walked in.*

▷ **cue** *v* (pres *p* cueing) [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb** (in) theihnak pe: *I'll cue you in* (ie give you a signal to start) *by nodding my head.*

cue² /kju:/ *n* billiards leh tikih bawlung sawhnak fung.

cuff¹ /kʌf/ *n* 1 [C] angki baan zim (ngel te hrawng ih): *frayed cuffs.* 2 (US) = TURN-UP. 3 **cuffs** [pl] (sl) kut khihnak thirhri. 4 (idm) **off the cuff** rinlopi ah: *make a remark off the cuff* ○ [attrib] *an off-the-cuff joke, remark, etc.*

□ **cuff-link** *n* (usu *pl*) ngelte ih angki bansih: *a pair of cuff-links.*

cuff² /kʌf/ *v* [Tn], *n* cum, thong (kut thawn in) lu cum.

cuirass /kwɪˈræs/ *n* phaw (dunglam le tang khamtu phaw).

cuisine /kwɪˈziːn/ *n* [U] (French) rawl suan dan: *French, Italian cuisine* ○ *a restaurant where the cuisine is excellent.*

cul-de-sac /ˈkʌl də sæk/ *n* (pl **cul-de-sacs**) (French) khatlam neetmi lampi, lam tong, lam pit.

culinary /ˈkʌlɪnəri/; US -nerɪ/ *adj* rawl suan lam: *culinary skill, implements, etc* ○ *a culinary triumph*, ie a very well cooked dish or meal.

cull /kʌl/ *v* 1 [Tn] (a) tamtuk hlah seh tiah hril ih that (ramsa pawl): *Deer are culled by hunters.* (b) malter — cuti vekin: *The herd must be culled.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from sth) tampi lak ihsin hril: *information culled from various reference books.*

▷ **cull** *n* 1 [C] mal seh ti ih thahnak: *an annual seal cull.* 2 [sing] thah dingih hrilmi ramsa: *sell the cull as meat.*

cullender /ˈkʌləndə(r)/ *n* = COLANDER.

culminate /ˈkʌlmɪneɪt/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **in sth** (fml) a netkhawt thlang, a netnak ih ngahmi; suak: *a long struggle that culminated in success* ○ *Her*

career culminated in her appointment as director. ○ *a series of border clashes which culminated in full-scale war.*

▷ **culmination** /ˈkʌlmɪneɪʃn/ *n* [sing] a netnak ih a suakmi/ngahmi: *the successful culmination of a long campaign.*

culottes /kjuːˈlɒts/ *n* [pl] nunau hni bor: *a pair of culottes.*

culpable /ˈkʌlpəbl/ *adj* ~ (for sth) mawhthluk mawi, mawhthluk dingmi: *I cannot be held culpable (for their mistakes).* ○ (law) *culpable negligence*, ie failure to do what one should do.

▷ **culpability** /ˈkʌlpəbɪləti/ *n* [U].

culpably /ˈkʌlpəbli/ *adv*.

culprit /ˈkʌlprɪt/ *n* thilsual tuahtu; misual: *Someone broke a cup: who was the culprit?* ○ *Police are searching for the culprits.*

cult /kʌlt/ *n* 1 (biaknak lam) biak le thawi dan: *the mysterious nature-worship cults of these ancient peoples.* 2 ~ (of sb/sth) (often derog) milai pakhat, lole, thil pakhat lawng sunsak tuknak: *the cult of physical fitness* ○ *a personality cult*, ie admiration of a person rather than of what he does or the office he holds. 3 zapi ih hmanmi le duhmi: *the current pop music cult* ○ [attrib] *a cult word*, ie one used because it is fashionable among members of a particular (usu small) group ○ *an artist with a cult following*, ie who is admired by such a group.

cultivable /ˈkʌltɪvəbl/ *adj* lo ih thlawh theih: *cultivable soil, land, etc.*

cultivate /ˈkʌltɪveɪt/ *v* [Tn] 1 (a) lo ah thlo. (b) thlai-rawl cing. 2 (a) thinlung fimter: *reading the best authors in an attempt to cultivate her mind.* (b) (sometimes derog) upa thawn rualpi si ding zuam: *cultivating the friendship of influential people* ○ *cultivate an air of indifference.* (c) (sometimes derog) bawmtu hawl/tlon: *You must cultivate people who can help you in business.*

▷ **cultivated** *adj* (of people, manner, etc) a fim le nuncan tha (milai).

cultivation /ˈkʌltɪveɪʃn/ *n* [U] lo-thlawh: *the cultivation of the soil* ○ *land that is under cultivation*, ie is being cultivated ○ *bring land into cultivation.*

cultivator /ˈkʌltɪveɪtə(r)/ *n* 1 lo-thlotu cet. 2 lo-thlo (CULTIVATE 1).

cultural /ˈkʌltʃərəl/ *adj* nunphung lam a simi: *cultural differences, activities, etc* ○ *cultural studies*, eg of art, literature, etc ○ *a cultural desert*, ie place with few cultural activities.

▷ **culturally** /-rəli/ *adv*.

culture /ˈkʌltʃə(r)/ *n* 1 [U] (a) zirnak le hmuhton-nak ruangih (pumsa, ruahnak thinlung) thansonak: *a society without much culture* ○ *She is a woman of considerable culture.* ○ *Universities should be centres of culture.* (b) (often derog) calai, zuk le a dang pawl: *tourists*

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coming to Venice in search of culture. **2** [U] mibur khat fimthiamnak ih thansodan: *twentieth-century mass culture* ○ *a period of high/low culture*. **3** [U, C] nunphung, pu le pa thil ti dan hlun: *We owe much to Greek culture*. ○ *She has studied the cultures of Oriental countries*. **4** [U, C] mi pawlkhat ih dan, zuk le khawsak dan: *the culture of the Eskimos* ○ *working-class culture*. **5** [U] zir phah tuah phah ih thansonak (ruangrai): *physical culture*, ie developing one's muscles and fitness by doing exercises ○ *The culture of the mind is vital*. **6** [U] ci tha deuh ngah duh ih ramsa, thingkung pawl zuat tha: *bulb culture*, ie the growing of flowers from bulbs. **7** [C] (biology) sii hrangih zuatmi bacteria pangang: *a culture of cholera germs*.

▷ **cultured** *adj* a fim a nun-nemmi; calai, zuk lam a theithiammi.

□ **cultured pearl** zuat cop ih ngahmi kep-ti.

culture shock midang nunphung, dan in thin hnaihnocter.

culture culture (*infml joc or derog*) nunphung neih a duh tukmi.

culvert /kʌlvət/ *n* lampi tangih tuahmi tiluannak; horkua; electric hri fehnak leitang horkua.

cum /kʌm/ *prep* (used to link two nouns) khal, thawn: *a bedroom-cum-sitting-room* ○ *a barman-cum-waiter*.

cumbersome /kʌmbəsəm/ *adj* **1** a rit ih phurh har: *a cumbersome parcel, overcoat, etc.* **2** khulfung, thiamlo: *the university's cumbersome administrative procedures*.

cumin /kʌmɪn/ *n* [U] rimthaw thil ci.

cummerbund /kʌməbʌnd/ *n* tai tawn puan.

cumulative /kju:mjʊlətɪv/ *US -lətɪv/ adj* nuam tete ih tam vivomi; khawl vivomi: *the cumulative effect of several illnesses*.

▷ **cumulatively** *adv*.

culmus /kju:mjʊləs/ *n* (pl -li/-laɪ/) [U, C] vandur, mero hluumpi.

cuneiform /kju:nɪfɔ:m; *US* kju:'nɪfɔ:rm/ *adj* khenŋio pian vek cafang, khuahlan Persia le Assyria pawl ih cafang: *cuneiform characters*, ie as used in old Persian or Assyrian writing.

cunnilingus /kʌnɪlɪŋəs/ *n* [U] hiarnak suak seh ti ih nunau zahmawh a lenglam ka, lole, lei thawn liah sak: *perform cunnilingus on sb*.

cunning /kʌnɪŋ/ *adj* **1** (a) hrokhrawl, mi bum hman: *a cunning liar, spy, cheat, etc* ○ *He's a cunning old fox*. (b) hrokhrawl tel: *a cunning smile, trick, plot, etc.* **2** thiammi: *a cunning device for cracking nuts*. **3** (US) mi hip: *a cunning baby, kitten, etc*.

▷ **cunning** *n* [U] hrokhrawlak: *When he couldn't get what he wanted openly and honestly, he resorted to low cunning*.

cunningly *adv*: *cunningly concealed*.

cunt /kʌnt/ *n* (Δ *offensive*) **1** (a) nunau zahmawh

sunglam. (b) nunau zahmawh lenglam pawl. **2** (*derog sl*) mi siava: *You stupid cunt!*

cup¹ /kʌp/ *n* **1** [C] hai, khuat-hai: *a teacup* ○ *a cup and saucer* ○ *a cup of coffee* ○ *a paper cup* ○ *She drank a whole cup of milk*. ○ *Use two cups of flour for the cake*, ie used as a measure in cooking. ○ (*fig rhet*) *My cup (of joy) is full/overflowing*, ie I am extremely happy. **2** [C] (a) sui, silole, ngun thawn tuahmi khuathai tumpi (lehzuamnak ih cuhawkmi): *teams competing for the World Cup*, eg in football ○ *He's won several cups for shooting*. (b) cuvek leh zuam: *We got knocked out of the Cup in the first round*. **3** [C] = CHALICE. **4** [C] hai vekih a kuarmi thil: *an egg-cup* ○ *the cup in which an acorn grows* ○ *the cups of a bra* ○ *She wears a D cup*, ie size of bra. **5** [U] sabitti, zu (thil dang thawn rawimi): *claret-cup* ○ *cider-cup*. **6** (idm) **in one's cups** (*dated fml*) zuri. (**not**) **sb's cup of tea** (*infml*) maih paih lomi: *Skiing isn't really my cup of tea*. **there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip** ⇒ SLIP¹.

▷ **cupful** /kʌpfʊl/ *n* hai khat.

□ **cup-final** (usu **Cup-Final**) *n* bawlung leh zuamnak ih puai neta bik.

cup-tie *n* leh zuamnak ih teltu.

cup² /kʌp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Tn] kut khi khuathai vekih tuah, kut kuarer: *she cupped her hands round her mouth and shouted*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**in/with sth**) kut kuar sungah ret: *cup one's chin in one's hands*.

cupboard /kʌbəd/ *n* **1** bizu (thilri retnak): *a kitchen-cupboard* ○ *an airing cupboard*, ie for airing clothes ○ (*fig*) *They ask for more funds, but the cupboard is bare*, ie there is no money to give them. ○ [attrib] *not enough cupboard space*. **2** (idm) **cupboard love** thil ngah duh ruangih mi va duhnak: *It's only cupboard love; he wants some sweets!* **a skeleton in the cupboard** ⇒ SKELETON.

Cupid /kju:pɪd/ *n* **1** Rom pawl ih fala-tlangval duh-awknak pathian. **2** **cupid** thla a nei ih conkiang kai mipa nauhak lem — duh-awknak milem.

cupidity /kju:'pɪdətɪ/ *n* [U] (*fml*) duh-hamnak (tangka le thilri lam duh-hamnak).

cupola /kju:pələ/ *n* (a) inn lu hlum. (b) inn lu hlum ih a siling.

cuppa /kʌpə/ *n* (*Brit infml*) laphak haikhat: *Shall we have a cuppa?*

cupro-nickel /kju:prəʊ'nɪkl/ *n* [U] daar le nikel rawimi, tangka fang tuahnak ih hmanmi.

cur /kɜ:(r)/ *n* **1** ui hrang. **2** mi ralsia santlailo.

curable /kjuərəbl/ *adj* damter theih: *Some types of cancer are curable*.

▷ **curability** /kjuərə'kɪlətɪ/ *n* [U].

curaçao (also **-çoa**) /kjuərə'səʊ; *US* -sau/ *n* [U] dawhhlai hawngti surhmi zu.

curacy /kjuərəsɪ/ *n* curate hnaŋuan: *a curacy at a church in Oxford* ○ *during his curacy*.

curate /kjuərət/ *n* **1** (in the Church of England) bawmtu pastor. Cf VICAR. **2** (idm) **a curate's egg** (Brit usu derog) thil a ʔha lam le a sia lam a nei vevemi.

curative /kjuərətɪv/ *adj* damter theitu; dam bawmtu: *the curative properties of a herb*.

curator /kjuə[reɪtə(r)]/ *US* /kjuərətər/ *n* khuahlan thil retmi kilhawitu.

curb /kɜːb/ *n* **1** ~ (on sth) khamnak, donnak: *put/keep a curb on one's anger, feelings, etc* ○ *government curbs on spending*. **2** rang ka kharh hri. **3** (esp US) = KERB.

▷ **curb** *v* [Tn] **1** kham, dawn: *curb one's anger, feelings, etc* ○ *curb spending, waste, etc*. **2** rang ka kharh hri thawn rang suak ding kham.

curd /kɜːb/ *n* **1** (usu **curds**) [pl] cawhnawi thur khal: *curds and whey* ○ [attrib] *curd cheese*. **2** [U] (in compounds) cawhnawi thur khal vekih tuahmi thil cokrawi: *lemon-curd*, ie made from eggs, butter and sugar, flavoured with lemon, and used like jam ○ *soya-bean curd*.

curdle /kɜːdl/ *v* [I, Tn] (**cause sth to**) a khal thur ah cang/canter: *The milk has curdled*, ie become sour. ○ *Lemon juice curdles milk*. ○ (*fig*) *a scream which was enough to curdle one's blood/make one's blood curdle*, ie fill one with horror.

cure¹ /kjʊə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (of sth) damter: *The doctors cured her of cancer*. (b) [Tn] dam ko tuah: *This illness cannot be cured easily*. **2** (a) [Tn] (*fig*) damter, cemter (thil ʔhalo), bawl: *Ministers hoped that import controls might cure the economy's serious inflation*. (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (of sth) (*fig*) kham, tuahter nawn lo: *That nasty shock cured him of his inquisitiveness for ever*. **3** [Tn] cite thawn ciah (thu hlah seh ti duh ah), ni ah caar ko pho; meisa ah em: *well-cured bacon*. **4** (idm) **kill or cure** ⇒ KILL.

cure² /kjʊə(r)/ *n* **1** nat damtheinak, damnak ding: *The doctor cannot guarantee a cure*. ○ *Her cure took six weeks*. ○ *effect/work a cure*. **2** ~ (for sth) nat damternak thu: *Is there a certain cure for cancer yet?* ○ *a disease with no known cure* ○ *He has tried all sorts of cures, but without success*. ○ (*fig*) *That is the cure for the plight of the homeless?* **3** (fml) phungki/pastor ih tuanvo pawl: *the cure of souls*, ie looking after people's spiritual welfare ○ *obtain/resign a cure*, ie a position as a priest. **4** (idm) **prevention is better than cure** ⇒ PREVENTION, damter hnakin nat hlanih kham a ʔha sawn.

curfew /kɜːfjuː/ *n* inn lenglam suak lo dingih khiahmi caan: *an 11 o'clock curfew* ○ *impose a curfew*, eg under martial law ○ *lift/end a curfew* ○ *You mustn't go out after curfew*.

curio /kjuəriə/ *n* (pl ~s) a mankhung hngin ih a harmi thil terek: *his valuable collection of curios*.

curiosity /kjuəriə'səti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (about sth/to do sth) theihduhnak: *curiosity about distant lands* ○ *her burning curiosity to know what's going on*

○ *He gave in to curiosity and opened the letter addressed to his sister*. **2** [C] thil lamdang, mi lamdang: *She is so eccentric that she is regarded as a bit of a curiosity*. **3** (idm) **curiosity killed the cat** (*saying*) thu sut duh tuknak bang seh ti ih ʔong sanmi a si.

curious /kjuəriəs/ *adj* **1** ~ (about sth/to do sth) (a) (approx) thei duh, hmu duh zet: *curious about the origin of mankind/the structure of atoms* ○ *I'm curious to know what she said*. ○ *He is a curious boy who is always asking questions*. (b) (derog) midang thuhla thei duhtuk, mi thu duh luar: *curious neighbours* ○ *Hide it where curious eyes won't see it*. ○ *Don't be so curious!* **2** a lamdang (milai, thilri): *She looks rather curious with green hair*. ○ *What a curious thing to say*. ○ *Isn't he a curious-looking little man?* ○ *It's curious that he didn't tell you*.

▷ **curiously** *adv*: *She was there all day but, curiously, I didn't see her*.

curl¹ /kɜːl/ *n* **1** [C] thilkir, samkir: *curls (of hair) falling over her shoulder* ○ *hair falling in curls over her shoulders* ○ *the little boy's golden curls*, ie curly hair ○ *a curl of smoke rising from a cigarette* ○ *'Of course not,' he said, with a curl of his lip*, ie expressing scorn. **2** [U] a hnah a kirtertu nat.

▷ **curly** *adj* (-ier, -iest) a kirmi: *curly hair* ○ *a curly pattern* ○ *a curly-headed girl*.

curl² /kɜːl/ **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (up) (a) kir, kirtir: *She has curled (up) her hair*. ○ *Does her hair curl naturally?* (b) a zimlam a zual: *The frost made the leaves curl (up)*. ○ *The heat curled the paper (up)*. **2** [Ip, Ip] zual: *The smoke curled upwards*. ○ *The plant's tendrils curled up the stick*. **3** (idm) **curl one's lip** nautatnak mithmai hmuh. **make sb's hair curl** ⇒ HAIR. **4** (phr v) **curl up** (a) kual (uico kual ih kual): *curl up with a book* ○ *The dog curled up in front of the fire*. (b) kuun: *A blow to the stomach made him curl up*. **curl (sb) up** (infml) (a) hmaisongter: *My father's bad jokes always make me curl up*. (b) hnih suakter: *I just curled up when I saw her dressed as a clown*.

▷ **curler** *n* samkirternak fung.

□ **curling-tongs, -irons** *ns* [pl] sam kirnak fung (a sami).

curlew /kɜːljuː/ *n* hmuur sau zet vate phunkhat. **curling** /kɜːlɪŋ/ *n* [U] Scotland pawl tikhal parih lungtlep fate kah zuam-awknak.

curmudgeon /kɜː'mʌdʒən/ *n* (dated) mi thintawi, thinsia.

▷ **curmudgeonly** *adj*: *a curmudgeonly person, act*.

currant /kʌrənt/ *n* **1** mu nei lo sabit rah caar: [attrib] *a currant bun*. **2** (usu in compounds) ʔongfang dang thawn kom ih hman a si: *blackcurrant* ○ *redcurrant*.

currency /kʌrənsɪ/ *n* **1** [C, U] ram pakhat ih

tangka hmanmi: *gold/paper currency* ○ *trading in foreign currencies* ○ *decimal currency* ○ *a strong currency* ○ [attrib] *a currency crisis, deal, etc.* **2** [U] hman vualvo mi, zaraan hman, ti vualvo mi (used esp with the *vs* shown): *ideas which had enjoyed a brief currency* (ie were briefly popular) *during the eighteenth century.* ○ *The rumour soon gained currency*, ie became widespread. ○ *Newspaper stories gave currency to this scandal*, ie spread it.

current¹ /kəˈrɛnt/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] atu ih a cangmi: *current issues, problems, prices* ○ *the current issue of a magazine* ○ *the current year*, ie this year ○ *current events in India* ○ *her current boyfriend.* **2** zaran hman vualvomi: *current opinions, beliefs, etc* ○ *words that are no longer current* ○ *a rumour that is current* (ie widely known) *in the city.* ⇒ Usage at NEW.

▷ **currently** *adv* a tu ah: *our director, who is currently in London.*

□ **current account** (esp Brit) (US **checking account**) duh tik ih suah sal thei bank ih tangka retmi (a thang um lo in retman pek a si lehlam). Cf DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (DEPOSIT²), SAVINGS ACCOUNT (SAVING).

current affairs atu laifang ummi ram thuhla.

current assets (commerce) thil lei le zuar dan ziri h a thleng-awmi tangka man, thilri man. Cf FIXEX ASSETS (FIX¹).

current² /kəˈrɛnt/ *n* **1** [C] tiluan, thli zuan: *The swimmer was swept away by the current.* ○ *She had to swim against the current.* ○ *Currents of warm air keep the hang-gliders aloft.* **2** [U, sing] electric tha luang — thirhri ih a tha luan dan: *a 15-amp current* ○ *Turn on the current.* ○ *A sudden surge in the current made the lights fuse.* Cf ALTERNATING CURRENT (ALTERNATE²), DIRECT CURRENT (DIRECT¹). **3** [C] thil feh dan, thuhla luangmi: *Nothing disturbs the peaceful current of life in the village.* ○ *We must try to counteract the present current of anti-government feeling.*

curriculum /kəˈrɪkjʊləm/ *n* (pl **-s** or **-la** /-lə/) tlawng ih zirhmi thuhla pawl (thulu ih zoh olnak): *Is German on your school's curriculum?* Cf SYLLABUS.

□ **curriculum vitae** /kəˈrɪkjʊləm ˈvɪtɪ/ (abbr **cv**) (US also **résumé**) mi pakhat ih thuhla tawite (hnaŋuan dil tik ih hmanmi).

curry¹ /kəˈrɪ/ *n* [C, U] hmeh (ar sa, caw sa le a dangdang rawi ih suanmi hmeh): *a chicken, beef, etc curry* ○ *eat too much curry.*

▷ **curried** *adj* [usu attrib] thil thak rawi ih suanmi hmeh, hmeh ih tuahmi: *curried chicken, beef, etc.*

□ **curry powder** hmeh ih rawimi aire, masala le a dang.

curry² /kəˈrɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **curried**) **1** [Tn] curry thaithih thawn rang ruang hnawt sak. **2** (idm) **curry favour (with sb)** (derog) i duh seh ti ih tlon

ciamco.

□ **curry-comb** *n* haa/hling nei rang hnawtnak thaithih, bras.

curse¹ /kɜːs/ *n* **1** [C] tong sia: *angrily muttering curses.* **2** [sing] siatcam: *The witch put a curse on him*, ie used a curse against him. ○ *lift a curse*, ie cancel it. **3** [C] that lonak, tlaksiatnak: *the curse of inflation*, ie inflation is harmful ○ *Gambling is often a curse.* ○ *His wealth proved a curse to him.* **4 the curse** [sing] (dated infml) nunau thlatin neihmi dan, thi: *I've got the curse today.*

curse² /kɜːs/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ (at sb/sth) cam (mi dang cam): *to curse and swear* ○ *He cursed (at) his bad luck* ○ *I cursed her for spoiling my plans.* (b) [Tn] camsiat: *The witch-doctor has cursed our cattle.* **2** [Tn-pr only passive] **be ~ed with sth** daw: *be cursed with bad health, a violent temper, bad luck, etc.*

▷ **cursed** /kɜːsɪd/ *adj* [attrib] (used to show annoyance) huat-tlai, nuamlo: *This work is a cursed nuisance.* **cursedly** *adv.*

cursive /kɜːsɪv/ *adj* (of handwriting) kut nganpeh, a peh-awmi kutngan ca.

cursor /kɜːsə(r)/ *n* (computing) VDU thlalang (screen) parih umhmun hmu thei ih thawn a theihmi thil dum fate (dot).

cursorly /kɜːsəri/ *adj* (usu derog) daithlang zet ih tuah hruakmi: *a cursory glance, look, inspection, etc* ○ *He put aside the papers after a cursory study.*

▷ **cursorily** /kɜːsərəli/ *adv.*

curt /kɜːt/ *adj* (derog) hngalzet mi, mi ziang siar lo: *a curt answer, rebuke, etc* ○ *He's rather curt when he's angry.* ○ *I was a little curt with him*, ie spoke sharply to him.

▷ **curtly** *adv.* **curtness** *n* [U].

curtail /kɜːteɪl/ *v* [Tn] tawiter, malter, thum: *curtail a speech, one's holidays* ○ *We must try to curtail our spending.* ○ *Illness has curtailed her sporting activities.*

▷ **curtailment** *n* [C, U] thumnak, malternak, tawiternak.

curtain /kɜːtn/ *n* **1** [C] (a) (US **drape**) puanzar, sangka, tukvirh ih thlahmi puanzar: *draw the curtains*, ie pull them across the window(s) ○ *lace curtains.* (b) cuvek puanzar: *Pull the curtains round the patient's bed.* ○ *a shower curtain.* **2** [sing] (a) thuanthu cawnnak dungih zarmi puan sahpi: *The curtain rises/goes up*, ie the play/act begins. ○ *The curtain falls/comes down*, ie the play/act ends. ○ (fig) *The curtain has fallen on her long and distinguished career*, ie her career has ended. (b) (fig) cumi puan zar khai le thlak (thuanthu cawn tivek hmu): *Tonight's curtain is at 7:30*, ie the play begins at 7:30. ○ *After the final curtain* (ie After the play had ended) *we went backstage.* **3** [C] (esp sing) (fig) phentu thil: *a curtain of fog, mist, etc* ○ A

curtain of rain swept over the valley. ○ the curtain of secrecy that hides the government's intentions. **4 curtains** [pl] ~ (for sb/sth) (infml) ruahsan ding um lo; thulolak: When I saw he had a gun, I knew it was curtains for me. **5** (idm) **ring up/down the curtain** ⇨ RING².

▷ **curtain v 1** [Tn] puanzar thlaih: *curtained windows* ○ enough material to curtain all the rooms. **2** (phr v) **curtain sth off** puanzar thawm then sak (inn dan): *curtain off part of a room*.

□ **curtain-call** *n* mi ih lom dingah puanzar hmai ih ding: *The performers took (ie made) their curtain-call*.

curtain-raiser n ~ (to sth) (a) thuanthu cawn ngaingai hlan deuh ih malte sung rak cawnmi. (b) thil thupi can hlan ih a suakmi thil: *border incidents that were curtain-raisers to a full-scale war*.

curtsey (also **curtsy**) /kɜ:tsi/ *n* ke khat hmai ah suah ih khu korter in upat pek (nunau pawl ih tuah theumi) upat pek: *make/drop/bob a curtsey (to sb)*.

▷ **curtsey** (also **curtsy**) *v* (pt, pp **curtseyed, curtsied**) [I, Ipr] ~ (to sb) cuti vekin upat: *curtsey to the Queen*.

curvaceous /kɜ:vɪʃəs/ *adj* (sexist) (of a woman) mi hip thei taksa hlum lel-lel nunau.

curvature /kɜ:vətʃə(r); US -tʃʊər/ *n* [U] a kul, a pawng, a kual: *the curvature of the earth's surface* ○ *to suffer from curvature of the spine*.

curve /kɜ:v/ *n* **1** rin kul, rin kingkawi kingkawn, rin: *a curve on a graph*. **2** cuvek thil kingkawi: *a curve in the road* ○ *a pattern full of curves and angles* ○ *her attractive curves*, ie pleasantly rounded figure.

▷ **curve v 1** [I, Tn] kul, a kual: *The road curved suddenly to the left*. ○ *a knife with a curved blade*. **2** [Ipr, Ip] kingkawi in a feh: *The spear curved through the air*.

curvy adj (-ier, -iest) (infml) **1** a kulmi; a king kawimi: *curvy lines*. **2** (nunau) pumrua tha, duhnung zet.

cushion /kuʃn/ *n* **1** tokham nem (dip sungah arhumul, tumpang tivek thunmi). **2** thil nem sahpi: *a cushion of moss on the rock* ○ *A hovercraft rides on a cushion of air*. ○ *a pin-cushion* ○ (fig) *The three goals we scored in the first half give us a useful cushion* (ie protect us against defeat). **3** billiards cabuai phah.

▷ **cushion v 1** [Tn] nemter: *Powerful shock absorbers cushion our landing*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (against/from sth)** (fig) siatnak ihsin kham: *a child who has been cushioned from unpleasant experiences* ○ *Wage increases have cushioned us from the effects of higher prices*.

cushy /kuʃi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (infml often derog) **1** (esp of a job) tuan har lemlomi: *Her job's so cushy: she does next to nothing and earns a fortune*. ○ *It's a cushy life for the rich*. **2** (idm)

a cushy number (infml) tuan nuam, tuankhung lo: *He's got himself a very cushy little number*.

cusp /kʌsp/ *n* a hriammi a hnah zim: *the cusp of a crescent/a leaf*.

cuss /kʌs/ *n* (infml) **1** cam, awrsiat. **2** milai: *He's an awkward/queer old cuss*. **3** (idm) **not give a cuss/damn (about sb/sth)** poisa lo.

cussed /kʌstɪd/ *adj* (infml derog) (milai) lunghak emem mi, lungkimpì duh lomi, mi bawm duh lo: *She's so cussed she always does the opposite of what you ask*.

▷ **cussedly adv**. **cussedness n** [U] (fig): *It rained, with the usual cussedness of the English weather*.

custard /kʌstəd/ *n* [U] sangphut, cithlum le cawhnawi pawl cokrawi ih tuahmi eiṭha thil thlum: *apple pie and custard*.

□ **custard pie** capoh lehnak ah den-awknak ih an hmanmi a ciar ih a nemmi thil.

custodial /kʌ'stəʊdiəl/ *adj* (law) thawngthlak thei/nak.

custodian /kʌ'stəʊdiən/ *n* kilkhawitu: *a self custodian of public morals*.

custody /kʌstədi/ *n* [U] **1** kilkhawinak: *leave one's valuables in safe custody*, eg in a bank ○ *When his parents died, he was placed in the custody of his aunt*. ○ *The court gave the mother custody of the child*, eg after a divorce. ○ *parents involved in a battle over custody*, ie disputing who should have the right to look after the children. **2** thu rel sak lai rero ih thawngih khumnak: *The magistrate remanded him in custody for two weeks*. ○ *be held in custody* ○ *take sb into custody*, ie arrest him.

custom¹ /kʌstəm/ *n* **1** (a) [C, U] dan kel, rei ngaipi ih thok in rak tuah ringringmi, pupa daan: *it is difficult to get used to another country's customs*. ○ *the customs of the Eskimos* ○ *a slave to custom*, ie sb who does what most people do and have always done ○ *procedures laid down by ancient custom*. (b) [C] tikel: *It is my custom to rise early*. **2** [U] thilri lei ringring: *We would like to have your custom*, ie would like you to buy our goods. ○ *We've lost a lot of custom since our prices went up*, ie fewer goods have been bought from us. ○ *I shall withdraw my custom* (ie stop buying goods) from that shop.

custom² /kʌstəm/ *adj* [attrib] mi lei duh zawng: *a custom car*.

▷ **customize, -ise v** [Tn] leitu duh zawngih tuah sak.

□ **custom-built** (also **custom-made**) *adj* a leitu fial vekih tuah: *a custom-built car* ○ *custom-made clothes, shoes, etc*.

customary /kʌstəməri; US -meri/ *adj* dankel vek; pupa dan vek: *Is it customary to tip waiters in your country?* ○ *She gave the customary speech of thanks to the chairman*.

▷ **customarily** /kʌstəmərəli; US ˌkʌstə'meəli/ *adv*.

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customer /kʌstəmə(r)/ *n* **1** a zuartu hnen ihsin thil leitu: *one of the shop's best customers*. **2** (infml) (preceded by an adj) milai: a queer, awkward, rum, tough, etc customer ○ an ugly customer ○ a cool customer, eg one who remains calm in a crisis.

customs /kvstəmz/ *n* [pl] **1** ramdang thilri par ihsin lakmi ngunkhuai (siah): *pay customs on sth*. **2** (also **the customs**) siah khonnak cozah zung: *The Customs have found heroin hidden in freight*. ○ *How long does it take to get through customs?* ie have one's baggage examined by customs officers at a port, airport, etc ○ [attrib] a customs officer, search, check ○ *customs duty, formalities, etc*. Cf EXCISE¹.

□ **customs house** lawng cawlh-hmun ih ngunkhuai laknak zung.

customs union ram khat le ram khat ngunkhuai lak dan lungkimnak.

cut¹ /kʌt/ *v* (-tt-, pt, pp **cut**) **1** [Ipr, Tn] at: *You need a powerful saw to cut through metal*. ○ *He cut himself/his face shaving*. ○ *She cut her finger on a piece of broken glass*. ○ *cut sb's throat*, ie kill sb with a deep wound in the throat. **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)**; ~ **sth (for sb)** tan (namte thawn): *cut some flowers* ○ *How many slices of bread shall I cut* (ie from the loaf)? ○ *She cut a slice of beef from the joint*. ○ *Please cut me a piece of cake/cut a piece of cake for me*. ○ *Cut yourself some pineapple*. ○ *Cut some pineapple for your sister*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (in/into sth)** thil pakhat namte in fate te ih at ih then: *Will you cut the cake?* ○ *If you cut the bread* (ie into slices) *we'll make some toast*. ○ *She cut the meat into cubes*. ○ *cut apples into halves, thirds, quarters, etc* ○ *The bus was cut in half/in two by the train*. (c) [Tn] nam thawn then, tan: *cut a rope cable, thread, etc* ○ *The Minister cut the tape to open a new section of the motorway*. (d) [Tn, Cn-a] tan tawi: *cut one's hair, one's nails, a hedge* ○ *cut* (ie mow) *the grass* ○ *He has had his hair cut (short)*. (e) [Tn, Tn-pr] pian nei dingah at: *cut a diamond* ○ *The climbers cut steps in the ice*. ○ *cut a hole in a piece of paper* ○ *cut one's initials on a tree*. ⇒ Usage. **3** [I] (a) tan ol: *Sandstone cuts easily*. (b) hriam, tan thei: *This knife won't cut*. **4** [Tn] thinlung, taksa natter: *His cruel remarks cut her deeply*. **5** [Tn] at (fang, hrampi): *The wheat has been cut*. **6** [Tn] an kan aw (rin khat le rin khat): *Let the point where AB cuts CD be called E*. ○ *The line cuts the circle at two points*. **7** [I, Tn] phe leh tikah a zemtua thoktu thei duh ih hrilmi phe: *Let's cut for dealer*. ○ *cut the cards/pack*. **8** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] thum (thil man): *cut prices, taxes, spending, production* ○ *His salary has been cut* (by ten per cent). ○ *The new bus service cuts the traveling time by half*. ○ *Could you cut your essay from 10,000 to 5,000 words?* (b) [Tn,

Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** hlon sak, telh lo (ca nganmi thuhla hrekhat): *Two scenes were cut by the censor*. (c) [Tn] (infml) bang, banter: *Cut the chatter and get on with your work!* **9** (a) [Tn] zohfel (zuk/tape). (b) [I] (usu imperative) zuk lai reromi, bang dingin thupek (bang!): *The director shouted 'Cut!'* (c) [Ipr] ~ (from sth) **to sth** (in films, radio or television) hmun khat in a dang hmun khat ah zuk: *The scene cuts from the shop to the street*. **10** [Tn] mei (electric) hmit; ceet baangter. **11** [Tn] (infml) tlawng kai lo ih ngol, thei lo ih umter: *cut a class, lecture, tutorial, etc*. **12** [Tn] (infml) thei lo ih umter: *She cut me (dead) in the street the other day*. **13** [I, Tn] (in cricket) bawlung hmaizawn dinge ah thawi: *He cut the ball to the boundary*. **14** [Tn] ha thar kho. **15** [tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (with sth)** (esp US) a khohnak kiamter (tidai tivek rawiin): *cut whisky with water*. **16** [Tn] hla khum datpiah: *The Beatles cut their first disc in 1962*. **17** (idm) **cut and run** (sl) suak hlo (tlawng sungin, tivek). (For other idioms containing **cut**, see entries for the ns, adjs, etc, eg **cut corners** ⇒ CORNER; **cut it/things fine** ⇒ FINE².)

18 (phr v) **cut across sth** a kaih-aw lo, zawn-aw lo: *Opinion on this issue cuts across traditional political boundaries*. **cut across, along, through, etc (sth)** lam tan thlun: *I usually cut across/through the park on my way home*.

cut at sb/sth saat tan: *His attacker cut at him with a razor*. ○ *She cut at the rope in an attempt to free herself*.

cut sth away (from sth) a tek pawl sat tan: *They cut away all the dead branches from the tree*.

cut sth back sat bul — a hram nail tiang: *cut back a rose bush*. **cut sth back; cut back (on sth)** thum, malter: *If we don't sell more goods, we'll have to cut back (on) production*. Cf CUT-BACK.

cut sb down (fml) (a) thiter; nam maw hriam pakhat hmanin that: *He was cut down by pneumonia at an early age*. **cut sth down** (a) hau, tawiter: *cut down a pair of trousers* ○ *Your article's too long — please cut it down to 1,000 words*. **cut sth down; cut down (on sth)** a zat thum (malter): *cut down one's expenses* ○ *The doctor told him to cut down his consumption of fat*. ○ *I won't have a cigarette, thanks — I'm trying to cut down (on them)*, ie smoke fewer. **cut sb down (to sth)** man thumter: *He was asking £400 for the car, but we cut him down to £350*.

cut sb/sth from sth (a tumpi ihsin) tan: *cut a branch from a tree* ○ *The injured driver had to be cut from the wreckage of his car*.

cut in (on sb/sth) hmai ah maṭawka etc rak cawl hruak: *The lorry overtook me and then cut in (on me)*. **cut in (on sb/sth); cut into sth** rak hnaihnik; rak cawlter: *She kept cutting in on/cutting into our conversation*. **cut sb in (on sth)** (infml) a hlawk then ve: *cut sb in on a deal*.

cut sb off (a) telefon ih tong laifang cawltter/bangter; phiat, pek nawn lo: *We were cut off in the middle of our conversation.* ○ ‘Operator, I’ve just been cut off.’ (b) ro pek lo, ro coter lo: *He cut his son off without a penny.* (c) (usu passive) san/nun tawiter: *a young man cut off in his prime.* **cut sb/sth off** (often passive) peknawn lo ih um: *If you don’t pay your gas bill soon you may be cut off.* ○ *Our water supply has been cut off.* ○ *Her father cut off* (ie stopped paying) *her allowance.* **cut sth off** rak kham: *cut off the enemy’s retreat* ○ *cut off an escape route* ○ *The fence cuts off our view of the sea.* **cut sth off (sth)** at tan: *Mind you don’t cut your fingers off!* ○ *King Charles I had his head cut off.* ○ *He cut off a metre of cloth from the roll.* ○ *The winner cut ten seconds off* (eg ran the distance ten seconds quicker than) *the world record.* **cut sb/sth off (from sb/sth)** (often passive) biak-aw, sawn aw thei lo dingin phiat: *an army cut off from its base* ○ *The children were cut off* (eg stranded on a rock) *by the incoming tide.* ○ *The village was cut off* (from the outside world) *by heavy snow for a month.* ○ *She feels very cut off* (ie isolated) *living in the country.*

cut sth open a pem/a at pem: *She fell and cut her head open,* ie suffered a deep wound to the head.

cut out hnaŋuan nawn lo; cawlaang nawn lo: *One of the aircraft’s engines cut out.* **cut sth out** (a) nam thawn vat, tan: *cut out a path through the jungle* ○ (fig) *He’s cut out a niche* (ie found a suitable job) *for himself in politics.* (b) puan at: *cut out a dress.* (c) (infml) (esp imperative) ti nawn loin baang: *I’m sick of you two squabbling — just cut it out!* (d) (infml) taanta,hmang lo: *You can cut out the unimportant details.* (e) (infml) hmang nawn lo, baang: *cut out sweets in order to lose weight.* **cut sth out (of sth)** (a) at tan (thil tumpi tampi ah): *cut an article out of the newspaper.* **be cut out for sth; be cut out to be sth** (infml) remcang, kaih-aw zetmi, thil pahnih: *He’s not cut out for teaching/to be a teacher.* ○ *Sally and Michael seem to be cut out for each other.*

cut sth through sth thawn a fehnak zin sial: *The prisoners cut their way through the barbed wire and escaped.*

cut sb up (a) (infml) hmahliamter: *He was badly cut up in the fight.* (b) siatsuah: *cut up the enemy’s forces.* (c) (infml) (usu passive) riahsia ninghang: *He was badly cut up by the death of his son.* **cut sth up** fate te ah tan: *cut up vegetables.*

□ **cutaway** n zohtim dingih suaimi inn zuk, ceet zuk: [attrib] *a cutaway model/diagram.* **cut-back** n thumnak; malternak: *cut-backs in public spending.*

cut glass a sungih rin a lang mi thalang thawl:

[attrib] *a cut glass vase.*

cut-off n 1 a cemnak/a netnak; cemtertu, baangtertu thil: [attrib] *reach the cut-off point.*

2 tida,electric daat feh cawlttertu.

cut-out n 1 caannah tannak: *a cardboard cut-out.*

2 electric daat feh cawlttertu.

cut-price (US **cut-rate**) adj [esp attrib] (a) man thum cia: *cut-price goods* ○ *I bought it cut-price.* (b) man thum ih zuarnak: *a cut-price store.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Compare **cut**, **saw**, **chop**, **hack**, **slash** and **tear**. Notice that they are used with a variety of prepositions and particles. **Cut** has the widest use and indicates making an opening in something or removing a part of something with a (usually) sharp instrument or object: *She cut her finger on some broken glass.* ○ *He cut the advertisement out of the newspaper.* We **saw** wood by cutting it with a saw and **chop** it by cutting it with an axe: *We can saw off any dead branches and chop them for firewood.* **Hack** suggests hitting something with violent cutting blows, usually in order to destroy or remove it completely: *The explorers hacked (away) at the undergrowth to make a path.* ○ *Developers have destroyed the landscape by hacking down all the trees.* **Slash** indicates damaging or injuring somebody or something with long swinging cuts of a knife or sword: *The football hooligans had slashed some of the seats in the train.* We **tear** things by pulling them apart with our hands: *Can I tear this article out of the newspaper?* ○ *She tore up his letter in anger.*

cut² /kʌt/ n 1 ah mi hma, nam hma: *a deep cut in the leg* ○ *cuts on the face* ○ *make a cut in sth* ○ *a cut in the edge of the cloth.* 2 (a) tan: *Your hair could do with a cut,* ie is too long. (b) namte, namsau titek thawn sat: *a cut across the hand.* 3 ~ (in sth) tawiter, tan tawi, fate ah tan, malternak: *a cut in expenditure, prices, production* ○ *He had to take a cut in (his) salary.* ○ *a power cut,* ie temporary reduction or stoppage of an electric current. 4 ~ (in sth) baikup hmun hrekkhat hlonsak: *There are several cuts in the film,* ie parts that have been cut out by the censor. ○ *Where can we make a cut in this long article?* 5 sa sem: *a lean cut of pork* ○ *a cut off the joint,* ie a slice from a cooked joint of meat. 6 puan ah dan: *I don’t like the cut of his new suit.* 7 (in cricket) cricket bawlung hmailam ah ding te’n thawi: *a cut to the boundary.* 8 mi ningna seh ti sawh phah ih tongmi: *What she said was a cut at* (ie was directed at) *me.* 9 (infml) a hlawk then: *Your cut will be £200.* 10 (idm) **a cut above sb/sth** (infml) tha deuh: *Her work is a cut above that of the others.* ○ *She’s a cut above the rest* (of her colleagues). **cut and thrust** (of sth) khat le khat

ʔongkam thawn lehrul aw: *the cut and thrust of parliamentary debate*. **a short cut** ⇒ SHORT¹, pumpelh. **the cut of sb's jib** (dated) a hmuil le a hmel: *I must say I didn't like the cut of his jib*.

cute /kju:t/ *adj* (-r, -st) (sometimes derog) **1** duhnung, mi hip, mawi, piang: *Isn't she a cute baby?* ○ *unbearably cute paintings of little furry animals*. **2** (infml esp US) thiam, lungfim: *It was cute of you to spot that*. ○ *I have had enough of your cute remarks*. ○ *Don't be so cute!*

▷ **cutely** *adv*. **cuteness** *n* [U].

cuticle /kju:tɪkl/ *n* tin hram ih taksa; tin hnar, tin vun.

cutlass /kʌtləs/ *n* nam kawm sau nawm — lawng ralkap hmanmi.

cutler /kʌtlə(r)/ *n* nam le a dang hriamhrei pawl ser le zuartu.

▷ **cutlery** /kʌtləri/ *n* [U] rawl einak ih hmanmi namte, thir kut, thir keu pawl: [attrib] *a cutlery box, set, etc*.

cutlet /kʌtlɪt/ *n* **1** sa sem; ngasa sem, pakhat ei dingih tanmi: *a lamb, veal, salmon, etc cutlet*. **2** rialdipmi sasem: *a nut cutlet*.

cutpurse /kʌtpɜ:s/ *n* (arch) thupte in mi zaalpurh hman rukru.

cutter /kʌtə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) attu, tantu (milai, thil): *a tailor's cutter*, ie puan attu. ○ *a cigar cutter*, ie small tool for cutting the end off cigars. (b)

cutters [pl] (esp in compound) thil ahnak hriamhrei: *wire-cutters* ○ *bolt-cutters*. **2** (a) ʔhuam pakhat nei puanzar lawng. (b) lawng tumpi le tikap karlak fehtu lawng fate.

cut throat /kʌtθrəʊt/ *adj* [usu attrib] mi that; zaangfah awk um lo (zuam awk): *cutthroat competition, business practices, etc*.

□ **cutthroat razor** nam patte bunmi kutkaihi nei nam sau.

cutting¹ /kʌtɪŋ/ *n* **1** (US clipping) thuthang ca ih nganmi thuanthu, thuthang lamdang at ih khawlkhawmmi. **2** thinkkung dangih peh ding ah tanmi: *chrysanthemum cuttings* ○ *take a cutting (from a rose)*. **3** (also **cut**) tlunkhuh um lo leivit.

□ **cutting-room** *n* baiskup tivek zohfel hmun khaan.

cutting² /kʌtɪŋ/ *adj* **1** [attrib] (of wind) a dai nasa mi thli (taksa a zuukmi thli dai). **2** mi ningnater mi: *cutting remarks, criticism, etc*.

▷ **cuttingly** *adv* mi thin nater ʔongsia zetin: ... *she said cuttingly*.

cuttlefish /kʌtlɪfɪʃ/ *n* com thei, suah thei kut pahra nei tipi sung um rannung phunkhat.

cutworm /kʌtwɜ:m/ *n* hanghnah, hangrah kung pawl a hram eitu pangang phunphun.

cv /si: 'vi:/ *abbr* mi pakhat ih thuhla tawite (Latin *curriculum vitae*).

cwm /ku:m, kum/ *n* tlaang zim ih a bialmi leilung kuar.

cwt *abbr* (pl **cwts**) hundredweight (Latin *centum*

+ English weight): *a ½ cwt sack of potatoes*.

-cy (also **-acy**) *suff* **1** (with *adjs* and *ns* forming *ns*) 'adj' khi 'noun' tuah tikiu beet mi: *accuracy* ○ *supremacy* ○ *infancy*. **2** (with *ns* forming *ns*) 'noun' le 'noun' kom-aw in a dang 'noun' tuah tikiu beetmi: *baronetcy* ○ *chaplaincy*.

cyanide /saɪənaɪd/ *n* [U] thih si.

cybernetics /saɪbə'netiks/ *n* [sing v] milai, ramsa pawl pakhat le pakhat thuthan-awk dan le finkhaw-i-awk dan zirnak.

▷ **cybernetic** *adj*.

cyclamate /saɪkləmeɪt, 'sɪk-/ *n* sii thawn tuah copmi thil thlumternak.

cyclamen /saɪklə'men; US 'saɪk-/ *n* a par hnah dunglam ah a lipmi pangpar phun pawl.

cycle /saɪkl/ *n* **1** a tikcu tin te pelh loih a her-awmi thil: *the cycle of the seasons* ○ *the cycle of economic booms and slumps*. **2** a phunkim mi hla, bezai: *a Schubert song cycle*. **3** (infml) bicycle =baisakal, thirleng, mawʔaw saikal: [attrib] *a cycled along (the street)*.

cyclic /saɪklɪk/ (also **cyclical** /saɪklɪkl/) *adj* a sangsang ih tikcu pelh loih a cangmi: *the cyclical nature of economic activity*.

▷ **cyclically** *adv*.

cyclist /saɪklɪst/ *n* baisakal totu.

cyclone /saɪkləʊn/ *n* **1** thli-her nasatak, phusing. **2** thlisia: Cf HURRICANE, TYPHOON.

▷ **cyclonic** /saɪklənɪk/ *adj* thlipi her vek, phusiing vek a simi.

Cyclopean /saɪklə'piən/ *adj* **1** **Cyclop** (/saɪkləʊp/) khawsia vek, mit pakhat neimi mi tum mangtara (Greek thuanthu ta). **2** (rhet) tum mangtara, tum roh hnginmi.

cyclostyle /saɪklə'staɪl/ *n* stencil ca rialtu cet.

▷ **cyclostyle** *v* [Tn] ca rial: *some cyclostyled copies of his speech*.

cyclotron /saɪklə'trɒn/ *n* atom vut khulrang zet ih hertertu cet phunkhat.

cyder *n* [U] = CIDER, (apple wain, apple hang).

cygnet /saɪgnɪt/ *n* rampai hngawngsau fa.

cylinder /saɪlɪndə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) (geometry) a khal, lole, a sung a ongmi thil-pum-sau. (b) dawng: *The string is wound round a cardboard cylinder*. ○ *the cylinder of a revolver*, ie in which the cartridges are placed. **2** ʔhuam pum; thing tan pum, ceet sungih piston fehnak hmun: *a six-cylinder engine/car*. **3** (idm) **working/firing on all cylinders** (infml) (operating) thazaang neih mi hmuah thawn tuah: *The office is working on all cylinders to get the job finished*.

▷ **cylindrical** /saɪlɪndrɪkl/ *adj* ʔhuam pum vek.

□ **cylinder block** salinda ummi inzin (CYLINDER 2).

cylinder head inzin(engine) lu.

cymbal /saɪmbl/ *n* (usu pl) sumsel, kop-kop.

cynic /saɪnɪk/ *n* **1** mi thil tuah tin kim hi a ʔhalo lam ih hmutu, soi le hnihsan hmangtu. **2** **Cynic** nomnak le thawvonnak a ʔha lo ti ih ruahnak

neitu khuahlan Greek philosophy tlawng.

▷ **cynical** /ˈsɪnɪkl/ *adj* **1** that lonak zawn lawng hmu thei, midang ziangsiar lo: *a cynical remark, attitude, etc* ○ *They've grown rather cynical about democracy*, ie no longer believe that it is an honest system. **2** mah zawn lawng ruat, duhham: *a cynical disregard for others' safety* ○ *The footballer brought down his opponent with a cynical foul.*

cynically /-kli/ *adv.*

cynicism /ˈsɪnɪsɪzəm/ *n* [U] a sialam lawng ih zoh dan.

cynosure /ˈsɪnəzʃʊə(r); US ˈsɪnəʃʊə/ *n* (*fml*) mi hmuah ih thinlung/ruahnak la thehtu thil: *She was the cynosure of all eyes*, ie everyone looked at her.

cipher *n* = CIPHER.

cypress /ˈsaɪprəs/ *n* far rah vek a rah mi thingkung phunkhat.

Cyrillic /sɪˈrɪlɪk/ *adj* Bulgaria, Russia pawl ih hmanmi facang (alphabet): *a Cyrillic letter, text, etc.* Cf THE ROMAN ALPHABET (ROMAN).

cyst /sɪst/ *n* tidai a paimi tisa kua (dawnng); zun inn, phu, tivek: *an ovarian cyst.*

cystitis /sɪˈstætɪs/ *n* [U] (*medical*) zin inn (phu) thling nat.

czar /zɑː(r)/ *n* = TSAR.

▷ **czarina** /zɑːˈnə/ *n* = TSARINA (TSAR), Rusia siangpahrang (Rusia ram communist a can hlan uktu kumpi bawinu).

Czech /tʃek/ *n* **1** [C] (**a**) Czechoslovakia ram nitlaknak lam um miphun. (**b**) = CZECHOSLOVAK. **2** [U] Czechoslovakia tong.

▷ **Czech** *adj* **1** Czech ih, Czech tong. **2** = CZECHOSLOVAK.

Czechoslovak /ˈtʃekəˈsləʊvæk/ (also **Czechoslovakian** /ˈtʃekəsləˈvækiən/) *n, adj* Czechoslovakia miphun.

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