

# Dd

**D, d** /di:/ *n* (pl **D's, d's** /di:z/) **1** Mirang (*English*) cafang a palinak: *'David' begins and ends with a 'D'/D*. **2** *D* (*music*) C major scale ih a panihnak. **3** D cathiam hmat (a niam bik lam).

**D** abbr (*US politics*) Democrat; Democratic. Cf R 3.

**D** (also **d**) symb Roman nambat 500. Cf D-DAY.

**d** abbr **1** (in former British currency) a hlaan ih British tangka penny; pennies or pence (Latin *denarius*; *denarii*): a 2d stamp ○ 6d each. Cf P 2. **2** thi: *Emily Jane Clifton d 1865*. Cf B.

-d ⇨ -ED.

**DA** abbr **1** deposit account. **2** (*US*) District Attorney.

**dab**<sup>1</sup> /dæb/ *v* (**-bb-**) **1** [Tn] diim te'n nam: *She dabbed her eyes (with a tissue)*. **2** [Ipr] ~ **at sth** tuam fek (hmaa): *She dabbed at the cut with cotton wool*. **3** (phr v) **dab sth on/off (sth)** diimte'n thuh/hnawt: *dab paint on a picture* ○ *dab off the excess water*.

▷ **dab n 1** (a) tuammi, benmi: *One dab with blotting-paper and the ink was dry*. **2** **dabs** [pl] (*Brit sl*) kut zung neh pawl.

**dab**<sup>2</sup> /dæb/ *n* ngavaang, ngapeer phunkhat.

**dab**<sup>3</sup> /dæb/ *n* (idm) (**be**) **a dab (hand) (at sth)** (*Brit infml*) thiam zet: *a dab hand at golf, at rolling cigarettes*.

**dabble** /dæbl/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (in sth)** kut le ke thawn tidai zap vuak ciamco: *She dabbled her fingers in the fountain*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**in/at sth**) rak tel ve meen: *He just dabbles in politics*.

▷ **dabbler** /dæblə(r)/ *n*: *He's not a dedicated musician, just a dabbler*.

**dabchick** /dæbtʃɪk/ *n* ti-aar fate phun.

**dace** /deɪs/ *n* (pl unchanged) tifiim nga phun khat.

**dacha** /dætʃə/ *n* Russia khawte sung inn.

**dachshund** /dækʃhʊnd/ *n* uico fate phun (a ruang sau ih a niam).

**Dacron** /dækron, 'dækrɒn/ *n* [U] (*US propr*) = TERYLENE.

**dactyl** /dækti/ *n* hlaphuah ngandan phunkhat, eg under the /'blossom that /'hangs on the /'bough.

▷ **dactylic** /dæktɪk/ *adj*: *dactylic line/verse*.

**dad** /dæd/ *n* (*infml*) pa, father.

**daddy** /dædi/ *n* (a hleice in nauhak ih hmanmi) pa, father, papa.

□ **daddy-long-legs n** (*infml*) = CRANE-FLY.

**dado** /derdəu/ *n* (pl ~s; *US* ~es) inn sunglam phar a tanglam (pianzia/thingrua dang).

**daemon** /di:mən/ *n* **1** ruanghrek cu khuavang a si ih ruanghrek cu milai a simi (Khuahlan Greek thuanthu ih an simmi khuavang). **2** cangvai/thil siam dingih thapetu khuavang, thlarau.

**daffodil** /dæfədi/ *n* tawba nei aire pian ih parmi pangpar phunkhat.

**daft** /dɑ:ft; *US* dæft/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) (*infml*) a aa-mi, fiim lo: *Don't be so daft!* ○ *He's gone a bit daft (in the head)*, ie He has become slightly insane. ▷ **daftness n** [U].

**dagger** /dægə(r)/ *n* **1** kaphnih hriam thunkawng naam. **2** canamtu ih hmanmi hminsinnak (†).

**3** (idm) **at daggers drawn (with sb)** rem lo, raal aw: *She's at daggers drawn with her colleagues*. ○ *He and his partner are at daggers drawn*. **look daggers at sb** thinheng zetin mi zoh: *He looked daggers at me when I told him to work harder*. Cf CLOAK-AND-DAGGER (CLOAK).

**dago** /deɪgəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (Δ *sl* offensive) nautatnak ih hmanmi ʔong, ramdang mi -hmai dum nawn pawl (Italian, Spaniard, lole, Portuguese.)

**daguerreotype** /də'gɛrətəɪp/ *n* thlalang filim hmangih zuk dan.

**dahlia** /deɪliə; dæliə/ *n* delia pangpar, a kung.

**Dáil Éireann** /dɔɪl 'eɪərən/ (also **the Dáil**) Republic of Ireland ram *Hlut-daw*.

**daily** /deɪli/ *adj* [attrib], *adv* **1** nitin te'n: *daily routine, visit, newspaper* ○ *The machines are inspected daily*. **2** (idm) **one's daily bread** (a) nitin ei ding rawl. (**b**) (*infml*) mah pumcawmnak: *That's how I earn my daily bread*. **one's daily dozen** (*infml*) harhdam duh ih kutke cangvaihna.

▷ **daily n 1** nitin suahmi thuthang ca. **2** (also **daily help**) (*Brit infml*) = HELP<sup>2</sup> 3.

**dainty** /deɪnti/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** a fate ih a mawi (thil): *dainty porcelain, lace, etc*. **2** (a) (of people) a fai ih a no a neem (milai): *a dainty child*. (**b**) mi duksia, ei-in thu ih pontam, fihhmang, tensia: *a dainty eater*. **3** a thaw (rawl): *a dainty morsel*.

▷ **daintily adv** mawi zet in: *a daintily dressed doll*.

**daintiness n** [U].

**dainty** (usu *pl*) *n* a thaw ih a fatemi rawl, eg kek-hmuk vek.

**daiquiri** /dækəri, 'daɪ-/ *n* (esp *US*) vurti khal, tanphaza le cithlum rawi mi rum zu.

**dairy** /deəri/ *n* **1** cawhnawi thawphat, cawhnawi khal tivek pawl suan le retnak hmun: [attrib] *dairy cream*. **2** cawhnawi, thawphat, dingkhe pawl zuarnak dawr.

□ **dairy cattle** hnawi sawr caw.

**dairy farm** cawhnawi le thawphat suahnak hmun, caw zuatnak loram.

**dairymaid n** cawhnawi suahnak hmun ih hnaʔuan nunau.

**dairyman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men**) (a) cawhnawi

zuartupa. (b) cawhnawi suahtnak hmun ih hnaʔuanpa.  
**dairy produce** cawhnawi ihsin suahtermi rawl, eiʔha, eg thawphat, cawhnawi thur, dingkhe (cawhnawi khal).  
**dais** /deɪs/ *n* (pl **-es** /-ɪz/) donhleɪ-saang — thu simtu dinnak hmunsaaŋ.  
**daisy** /deɪzi/ *n* **1** (a) deisi pangpar. (b) leeng ke fung vekih a parhmi pangpar. **2** (idm) **fresh as a daisy** ⇨ FRESH. **push up daisies** ⇨ PUSH<sup>2</sup>.  
 □ **daisy wheel** thircuk cangannak sung um leeng fate. Cf GOLF BALL (GOLF).  
**dale** /deɪl/ *n* **1** kuam (tiva kuam); phairawn; Northern England ih ta: *the Yorkshire Dales*. **2** (idm) **up hill and down dale** ⇨ HILL.  
**dalliance** /dæliəns/ *n* [U] (fml) khawruah nei lo um dan (puanpalang ih duhhruaknak): *to spend time in idle dalliance*.  
**dally** /dæli/ *v* (pt, pp **dallied**) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (over sth) tikcu heuter: *Come on. Don't dally!* ○ *She dallies over her work and rarely finishes it.* **2** (phr v) **dally with sb/sth** puanpalang ih duhhruak: *She merely dallied with him/his affections*, ie flirted with him without really caring for him. **dally with sth** thu ruat: *dally with a proposal*.  
**Dalmatian** /dæl'meɪʃn/ *n* hmul tawi, a raang le a dum ʔialmi uico tumpi.  
**dam<sup>1</sup>** /dæm/ *n* **1** ti-khawk kham (ti luangmi tili cang dingah). **2** ti-khawk kham ruangih suakmi tili.  
 ▷ **dam v 1** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sth** (up) tiva a lai ihsin kham; tiva daw. **2** (phr v) **dam sth up** (fig) rak sup, rak khawl: *to dam up one's feelings*.  
**dam<sup>2</sup>** /dæm/ *n* keli nei ramsa nu/pi (faa nei zo).  
**damage** /dæmɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (to sth) siatsuahtnak: *The accident did a lot of damage to the car.* ○ *storm damage to crops* ○ *damage to her reputation*. **2** **damages** [pl] siatter ruangih liammi tangka: *the court awarded £5000 (in) damages to the injured man*. **3** (idm) **what's the damage?** (Brit infml) ziangzat a man?: *'I need a new coat.'* *'Oh yes? What's the damage?'*  
 ▷ **damage v** [Tn] siatter, siat suah: *damage a fence, a car, furniture, etc.* ○ *damage sb's career* ○ *damage relations between two countries*.  
**damaging** *adj* ~ (to sth) mi a siatsuah thei: *Smoking can be damaging to your health.* ○ *to make damaging allegations*.  
**damask** /dæməsk/ *n* [U] **1** ʔelhmi pu puan/pat puan: [attrib] a *damask table-cloth*. **2** ʔelhmi kahpa thir.  
 □ **damask rose** rose paar phunkhat.  
**dame** /deɪm/ *n* **1** (US sl) nunau: *Gee! What a dame!*  
**2** **Dame** (Brit) hminʔha ngah nunau (knight tacik ngahtu). **3** (also **pantomime dame**) nunau cang tahrat ih lemcawngtu.  
**damn<sup>1</sup>** /dæm/ *v* **1** [Tn] (of God) hell ah hlɔn; hreem. **2** [Tn] ziang ʔhalo ih re; ʔhalo zet ih soi: *The play was damned by the reviewers*. **3** [Tn]

(also *euph* **darn**) (infml) (esp as an interj, used to express annoyance, anger, etc) thinheng langternak ʔong: *Damn! I've lost my pen.* ○ *Damn this useless typewriter!* **4** (idm) **as near as damn it/dammit** ⇨ NEAR<sup>2</sup>. **damn sb/sth with faint praise** porh lemlo ruangah soi ah cang. **damn the consequences, expense, etc** harsatnak ruat cih lem lo: *Let's enjoy ourselves and damn the consequences.* (I'm) **damned if...** (infml) duh hrimhrim lo: *I'm damned if I'm going to let her get away with that!*, khi mi (thil) thaw n ka fehter hrimhrim lo ding. ○ *Damned if I know!* ie I certainly don't know. **I'll be damned!** (infml) (used as an expression of surprise) mangbang tikih ʔong suakmi: *Well I'll be damned: she won after all!* **publish and be damned** ⇨ PUBLISH.  
 ▷ **damning** *adj* duhzawng a si hrimhrim lomi: *damning criticism, evidence* ○ *a damning remark, etc* ○ *She said some pretty damning things about him*.  
**damn<sup>2</sup>** /dæm/ *n* (idm) **not be worth a damn, etc** ⇨ WORTH. **not care/give a damn (about sb/sth)** (infml) ziangsiar lo: *I don't give a damn what you say, I'm going.*  
 ▷ **damn** *adj* [attrib] (Δ infml) (expressing disapproval, anger, impatience, etc) lungkim lonak langter, ʔong: *Where's that damn book?* ○ *My damn car has broken down!*  
**damn** *adv* (infml) **1** (a) duh lonak langter, tuk, lawm mam: *Don't be so damn silly!* ○ *You know damn well what I mean!* (b) (expressing anger, etc) ...tuk: *damn good, clever, etc* ○ *We got out of there pretty damn fast.* **2** (idm) **damn all** (infml) zianghman a si lo: *I earned damn all last week.* ○ [attrib] *It's damn all use you telling me that now!*  
**damnable** /dæmnəbl/ *adj* (a) a sia, duh tlak lo, ningzakza: *damnable behaviour, crime, etc.* (b) (dated infml) a sia tuk, a ʔha lo tuk: *damnable weather*.  
 ▷ **damnablely** /dæmnəbli/ *adv*.  
**damnation** /dæm'neiʃn/ *n* [U] **1** hremnak: *to suffer eternal damnation*. **2** (dated) (used as interj to express annoyance, anger, etc) thinheng langternak ʔong: *Damnation! I've lost my umbrella*.  
**damned** /dæmd/ *adj, adv* = DAMN *adj*, DAMN *adv* **1**.  
 ▷ **the damned** *n* [pl v] hell ih hremtuartu: *the torments of the damned*.  
**damnedest** /dæmdɪst/ (idm) **do/try one's damnedest** thiam patawp ih zuam: *She did her damnedest to get it done on time*.  
**damp<sup>1</sup>** /dæmp/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** a ciin mi, a hnawng mi (ro deuh hrih lo): *damp clothes* ○ *a damp surface* ○ *Don't sleep between damp sheets*. **2** (idm) **a damp squib** (infml) ruah vekih um lomi: *The party was a bit of a damp squib*.  
 ▷ **damp** *n* [U] **1** a ciinnak, a hnawnnak: *Air the*

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clothes to get the damp out. ○ *Don't stay outside in the damp*, ie in the damp atmosphere. **2** = FIRE-DAMP (FIRE<sup>1</sup>).

**damply** *adv.*

**dampness** *n* [U].

□ **damp-proof course** (also **damp course**) *phar* (tlakrawh *phar*) hnuai ih a ciin luh khamnak ding retmi thil.

**damp**<sup>2</sup> /dæmp/ *v* **1** = DAMPEN **1**. **2** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (**down**) (**a**) *malter*, *kiamter*: *Soft material damps down vibrations*. (**b**) *tha khoh loih tuah*; *tha nauter*: *damp (down) sb's spirits, energy, ardour, ect.* **3** (*phr v*) **damp sth down** *meisa*, *mei-alh kiamter*: *We damped the fire down before we went to bed.*

**dampen** /dæmpən/ *v* **1** [Tn] *ciinter*, *hnawngter*: *I always dampen shirts before ironing them.* **2** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (**down**) *thin nauter*: *dampen (down) sb's spirits, enthusiasm, etc.*

**damper** /dæmpə(r)/ *n* **1** *meiphu sungih a thawn theimi thli khamtu thir tleep.* **2** *piano hri aw ring lo dingih khamtu thil.* **3** (*idm*) **put a damper on sth** (*infml*) *nuamter lo* (*thu*, *boruak*): *Their argument put a bit of a damper on the party.*

**damsel** /dæmzl/ *n* **1** (*arch*) *nunau no*, *fala.* **2** (*idm*) **a damsel in distress** (*joc*) *bom tulmi nunau*: *Most men will help a damsel in distress.*

**damson** /dæmzn/ *n* **1** (**a**) *mirang sunhlu.* (**b**) *metmaan rah*: [*attrib*] *damson jam/jelly.* **2** *bokbawn pianzia*: [*attrib*] *a damson dress.*

**dance**<sup>1</sup> /dɑːns; US dæns/ *n* **1** (**a**) [C] *laam*, *tlang laam*: [*attrib*] *to learn new dance steps.* (**b**) [C] *laam phun*: *The rumba is a Latin-American dance.* (**c**) [C] *laam vel khat*: *May I have the next dance?* (**d**) [C] *laamnakh awnmawi*: *a gipsy dance played on the violin.* (**e**) (**the**) **dance** [U] *laam thu*: *She has written a book on (the) dance.* **2** [C] *laam puai*: *to hold a dance in the village hall.* **3** (*idm*) **lead sb a dance** ⇒ LEAD<sup>3</sup>. **a song and dance** ⇒ SONG.

□ **dance-band** *n* *laamnakh hrang awnmawi tumtu pawl.*

**dance-hall** *n* *laamhmun inn-khaan.* Cf BALLROOM (BALL<sup>2</sup>).

**dance**<sup>2</sup> /dɑːns; US dæns/ *v* **1** (**a**) [I, Ipr, Ip] *laam* — *hla sak ih laam*: *We danced to the disco music.* ○ *Would you like to dance?* ○ *I danced with her all night.* (**b**) [Tn] *laam*: *to dance a waltz, the cha-cha, etc.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] *laam vekih cang* (*thinghnah cang vek*): *leaves dancing in the wind* ○ *a boat dancing on the waves* ○ *to dance for joy/with range.* **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] *laamter*: *She danced the little child round the room.* ○ *He danced the baby* (*ie bounced it up and down*) *on his knee.* **4** (*idm*) **dance attendance (up) on sb** (*fml*) *thluun in rian phah*: *She loves to have servants dance attendance (up) on her.* **dance to sb's tune** *fialmi vekih tuah.*

▷ **dancer** (**a**) *laamtu*, *milaam*: *He's a good*

*dancer.* (**b**) *tangka hlawh ih laamtu*: *She's a (tap-/ballet) dancer.*

**dancing** *n* [U] *laam*: *tap-dancing* ○ *reggae dancing.*

**dancing-girl** *n* *pumcawmnakh ih laamtu nunau.*

**dancing shoes** *laamnakh kedan.*

**dandelion** /dændɪləɪən/ *n* *a tleu ih a aire-mi hramlak pangpar phunkhat.*

**dander** /dændə(r)/ *n* (*idm*) **get sb's/one's dander up** (*infml*) *thinhengter*, *thinhenhakh tuah*: *It really got my dander up when she began accusing me of dishonesty.*

**dandle** /dændl/ *v* [Tn] *naute hlirh* (*tlunvan ah*): *He dandled the baby to make it stop crying.*

**dandruff** /dændrʌf/ *n* [U] *lu-muat*: *This shampoo will cure your dandruff.*

**dandy**<sup>1</sup> /dændi/ *n* *cei-awk uartuk mipa.*

▷ **dandified** /dændɪfaɪd/ *adj* *thawm-awk le ceimawi duh tuk*: *dandified clothes.*

**dandy**<sup>2</sup> /dændi/ *adj* (**-ier**, **-iest**) (*infml esp US*) *a thah ngin/zet*: *all fine and dandy* ○ *That's just dandy!*

**Dane** /deɪn/ *n* *Denmark miphun.*

**danger** /deɪndʒə(r)/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (**of sth**) *tihpahnakh*: *There's a lot of danger in rock climbing.* ○ *Danger—thin ice!* ○ *In war, a soldier's life is full of danger.* ○ *Is there any danger of fire?* ○ *She was very ill, but is now out of danger*, ie not likely to die. ○ *Ships out in this storm are in great danger*, ie very liable to suffer damage, etc. ○ *His life was in danger.* **2** [C] ~ (**to sb/sth**) *mi siatsuah thei* (*milai*, *thil*): *be afraid of hidden dangers* ○ *Smoking is a danger to health.* ○ *That woman is a danger to society.* **3** (*idm*) **on the danger list** (*infml*) *a besia tuk ih a thizik thlang*: *She was on the danger list, but is much better now.* □ **danger money** *tihnungza tuan ruangih pekmi tangka.*

**dangerous** /deɪndʒərəs/ *adj* ~ (**for sb/sth**) *tihpahn-um*; *tihnungza*, *mi siatsuahter thei*: *a dangerous bridge, journey, illness* ○ *The river is dangerous for swimmers.* ○ *This machine is dangerous: The wiring is faulty.*

▷ **dangerously** *adv*: *driving dangerously* ○ *dangerously ill*, ie so ill that one might die.

**dangle** /dæŋɡl/ *v* **1** (**a**) [I] *a tlai piangpi ih a sep phah*: *a bunch of keys dangling at the end of a chain.* (**b**) [Tn] *thlai* (*hri thawn*): *He dangled his watch in front of the baby.* **2** (*phr v*) **dangle sth before/in front of sb** *dawter*: *The prospect of promotion was dangled before him.*

**Danish** /deɪnɪʃ/ *n*, *adj* (*ʔong*) *Denmark le Dane pawl ih ʔong.*

□ **Danish blue** *cawhnawi khal phun khat.*

**Danish pastry** *thingrah thingthei thawn rialcip mi khekhmuk sang neem.*

**dank** /dæŋk/ *adj* (**-er**, **-est**) *a ciin ih a daai mi*: *a dank cellar, cave, etc.*

▷ **dankness** *n* [U].

**dapper** /dæpə(r)/ *adj* (*approx*) (usu of a small person) a fai a piang mi — milai: *What a dapper little man!*

**dapple** /dæpl/ *v* [Tn] pianzia phun dangdang thawn ngan, tɛlɪh (a bial tete'n): *The sun shining through the leaves dappled the ground.*

▷ **dappled** *adj* a bial ih tɛlhmi, a tɪalmi: a dappled deer/horse ○ dappled shade, eg when the sun shines through leaves.

□ **dapple-grey** *n, adj* (horse that is) rang tɪal.

**Darby and Joan** /dɑːbrɪən 'dʒəʊn/ tar-kuun tiangih duh-aw zet mi nupa.

□ **Darby and Joan club** (*Brit*) tar pawl pawlkom.

**dare**<sup>1</sup> /deə(r)/ *modal v* (*neg dare not*, contracted form **daren't** /deə(r)/; *rare or fml pt dared* /deəd/, *neg dared not*) **1** (used esp in negative sentences and questions, after *if/whether*, or with *hardly*, *never*, *no one*, *nobody*) ngam, ti ngam, tuah ngam: *I daren't ask her for a rise.* ○ *What's the matter — daren't you read what it says?* ○ *I wonder whether he dare stand up in public.* ○ *They hardly dared breathe as somebody walked past the door.* ○ *If you ever dare call me that name again, you'll be sorry.* ○ *Nobody dared lift their eyes from the ground.* **2** (*idm*) **how dare you, he, she, etc** (used to express indignation at the actions of others) ziangtin na ti ngam! tivek, thinheng phah ih tɔngmi: *How dare you suggest that I copied your notes!* ○ *How dare he take my bicycle without even asking!* **I dare say** a si ka ti ngam: *I dare say you are British but you still need a passport to prove it.* ○ *'I would imagine he's forgotten.'* **I dare say!**

**dare**<sup>2</sup> /deə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tt] ngam, ralɥha: *I don't know how he dares to appear in public.* ○ *I've never dared go back to look.* ○ *Privatize the water board? They'd never dare, would they?* ○ *How did you dare to tell her?* ○ *Don't (you) dare leave the room!* **2** [Tn, Dn-t] ngamter, zuam: *Throw it at him! I dare you!* ○ *I dare you to tell your mother!* ○ *Somebody dared me to jump off the bridge into the river.* **3** [Tn no passive] (*fml*) tong ngam: *He dared his grandfather's displeasure when he left the family business.*

▷ **dare** *n* (*usu sing*) **1** thil har, tɪhnung tuah ngam seh ti ih zuamnak, ngamternak: *'Why did you climb onto the roof?'* *'It was a dare.'* **2** (*idm*) **for a dare** zuam ngamnak: *He only entered the competition for a dare.*

□ **daredevil** /deədevl/ *n* mi taw-lol, mi hmukhmak, aat ralɥhatu: *He's a daredevil on the racing-track.* ○ [*attrib*] a daredevil pilot ○ *Don't try any of those daredevil stunts.*

**daring** /deərɪŋ/ *n* [U] ngamnak: *the daring of the mountain climber* ○ *an ambitious plan of great daring*, ie that is bold and new.

▷ **daring** *adj* **1** pa-ngam; huaisen: *daring person, exploit, attack.* **2** ngamzet: *a daring plan, innovation, etc* ○ *a daring new art form* ○ *She*

*said some daring* (ie bold and possibly shocking) *things.* **daringly** *adv.*

**dark**<sup>1</sup> /dɑːk/ *n* [sing] **1** the dark khuathim: *All the lights went out and we were left in the dark.* ○ *Are you afraid of the dark?* **2** (*idm*) **before/after dark** nitlak hlan/hnu: *Try to get home before dark.* ○ *I'm afraid to go out after dark in the city.* (**be/keep sb**) **in the dark** (*about sth*) zianghman thei lo ih um/re: *I was in the dark about it until she told me.* ○ *We were kept completely in the dark about his plan to sell the company.* **a leap/shot in the dark** si pang sehla ti ruahnak thawn ti hnuk: *It's hard to know exactly what to do — we'll just have to take a shot in the dark.* **whistle in the dark** ⇨ WHISTLE.

**dark**<sup>2</sup> /dɑːk/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** a thim: *a dark room street, corner, etc* ○ *It's awfully dark in here: put the light on.* ○ *It's too dark to play outside.* **2** (**a**) (*of a colour*) a tleu lemlo pianzia, a dum nawn: *dark green, red, grey, etc* ○ *a dark dress, suit, etc* ○ *dark-brown eyes.* (**b**) taksa dum nawn/sam dum nawn: *a dark youth/complexion* ○ *I have one fair and one dark child.* **3** (*fig*) (**a**) thuhmi, theihhar: *a dark secret/mystery.* (**b**) theih-har: *Your meaning is too dark for me.* **4** (*fig*) riahasiatza, tha lo: *dark predictions about the future* ○ *You always look on the dark side of things*, ie are always pessimistic. **5** siava, tha lo: *dark powers/influence.* **6** (*idm*) **a dark horse** mai' thiamnak le sinak a thuptu: *He's a bit of a dark horse: he was earning a fortune, but nobody knew.* **keep it/sth dark (from sb)** thup, mi theiter lo: *I'm getting married again, but keep it dark, will you?*

▷ **darkly** *adv* (*fig*) **1** theithei loin: *She hinted darkly at strange events.* **2** riahsia zet in: *He spoke darkly of possible future disaster.*

**darkness** *n* [U] khawthim, thimnak: *The room was in complete darkness.*

□ **the Dark Ages** Rom-Uk a cemnak lam le kum zabi (10) caan karlak (Europe ram thuanthu).

**the Dark Continent** a ram pumpuluk an hmuh tɛh hlan ih Africa ram kawhnak.

**dark glasses** mitkharh dum.

**dark-room** *n* zuk kholh hmum inn dan thim.

**darken** /dɑːkən/ *v* [I, Tn] **1** thimter: *We darkened the room to show the film.* ○ *The sky darkened as the storm approached.* **2** (*idm*) **darken sb's door** (*joc or rhet*) inntek lungkim lemlo ih va len: *Go! And never darken my door again!*

**darky** (also **darkie**) /dɑːki/ *n* (Δ *infml offensive*) midum, hmaidum phun tinak.

**darling** /dɑːlɪŋ/ *n* (**a**) duh zetmi milai: *She's a little darling!* ○ *He's the darling* (ie favourite subject) *of the media just now.* (**b**) (*as a form of address*) mi kawh tiki hmanmi: *My darling! How sweet of you to come!*

▷ **darling** *adj* [*attrib*] **1** duh-dawt zetmi. **2** (*infml*) a nuam zetmi: *What a darling little room!*

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## darn

**darn**<sup>1</sup> /dɑ:n/ *v* [I, Tn] belh — puan tleak belh, pat-hri thawn: *My socks have been darned again and again.* ○ *Darn those blasted kids!*

▷ **darn** *n* belhmi, belh hmun.

**darning** *n* [U] thil belh: *I hate darning.* ○ *We sat doing the darning.* **darning-needle** *n* thil belh tikih hmanmi thimp.

**darn**<sup>2</sup> /dɑ:n/ *v* [Tn] (*infml euph*) = DAMN<sup>1</sup> 3: *Well, I'll be darned!* ○ *Darn it! She beat me again!* ○ *Darn those blasted kids!*

▷ **darn** (also **darned**) *adj* (used to express annoyance, impatience, etc) lungkim lo tik ih tɔngmi: *That darn(ed) cat has eaten my supper!* — *adv* (*approv or derog*) zet, ngaingai: *a darn(ed) good try* ○ *What a darn(ed) stupid thing to say!*

**dart**<sup>1</sup> /dɑ:t/ *n* 1 [C] (arhmul tɛem cih mi) feizum (conkiang) tawi tete — lehnak le hriamnam ih hmanmi, conkiang vek thil. 2 [sing] feh/suak zutzi: *She made a dart for the exit.* 3 [C] puanthan zim khul ih thit. 4 **darts** [sing *v*] feizum fate khawh ih hmui-bat zuam-awk (lehnak): *Darts is often played in English pubs.*

□ **dartboard** *n* fei khawnak hmuisei (thil peer sah).

**dart**<sup>2</sup> /dɑ:t/ *v* [Ipr, Ip, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thil khawh tak bangih pet hruak: *The mouse darted away when I approached.* ○ *Swallows are darting through the air.* ○ *She darted into the doorway to hide.* ○ *The snake darted out its tongue.* ○ *She darted an angry look* (ie suddenly glanced angrily) *at him.* ⇒ Usage at WHIZ.

**dash**<sup>1</sup> /dæʃ/ *n* 1 [sing] ~ (for sth) nam, hmailam ah rang zetin tlan ciamco (tlan): *to make a dash for freedom, shelter* ○ *We jumped into the car and made a dash for the ferry.* ○ *Mother said lunch was ready and there was a mad dash for the table.* 2 [C] (*esp US*) tawite tlan zuam-awk: *the 100-metres dash.* 3 [sing] a ~ (of sth) thil dangih rawimi thil fate zet: *a dash of salt* ○ *red with a dash of blue* ○ *The flag adds a dash of colour to the grey building.* 4 [sing] a/the ~ (of sth) tidai thawn phommi (aw): *the dash of waves on the rocks* ○ *A dash of water in his face will revive him.* 5 [C] pheiriin tawi (—). 6 [U] thazang khoh: *an officer famous for his skill and dash.* 7 [C] (*infml*) = DASHBOARD. 8 (idm) **cut a dash** a piang, a mawi: *He really cuts a dash in his smart new uniform.* **make a bolt/dash/run for it** ⇒ BOLT<sup>2</sup>.

□ **dashboard** (also **facia**, **fascia**) *n* mawtawka hmailam thlalang tangih um thil retnak kuang.

**dash**<sup>2</sup> /dæʃ/ *v* 1 [I, Ipr, Ip] hmailam ah zuang vurvo; nor ciamco; zamrang zet ih tlan: *I must dash* (ie leave quickly), *I'm late.* ○ *He dashed off with the money.* ○ *She dashed into the shop.* ○ *An ambulance dashed to the scene of the accident.* 2 [Ipr, Tn-pr, Tn-p] phom ciamco, sansiah ah deng: *Waves dashed against the harbour wall.* ○ *He dashed the glass to the*

*ground.* ○ *The boat was dashed against the rocks.*

○ *A passing car dashed mud all over us.* 3 (idm)

**dash (it)!** (*euph infml*) (used as a milder way of saying *damn*) thinheng tɔng, rimnam!: *Dash it! I've broken my pen.* 4 **dash/shatter sb's hopes** ⇒ HOPE. 5 (phr *v*) **dash sth off** ngan hruak: *She dashed off a letter to her mother.*

▷ **dashing** *adj* (a) mi thinlung a thoteri: *a dashing rider, officer, etc.* (b) thilthuam tha le mawi: *a dashing uniform hat, etc.* **dashingly** *adv.*

**data** /deɪtə, also 'dɑ:tə; US 'dætə/ *n* (a) [U or pl] siar theih/hmuh theihmi thuhla: *Very little data is available.* ○ *The data is/are still being analysed.* (b) [usu sing *v*] (*computing*) computer sungih khawlciami thuhla: [attrib] *data analysis, capture, retrieval* ○ *data protection*, ie legal restrictions on access to data stored in a computer.

□ **data bank** computer sungih ummi thuhla tampi khawlkhawmnak.

**database** *n* computer pakhat ih hman theih dingih nganciami thuhla, mi zaran in theih a har zet.

**data-processing** *n* [U] computer hnaŋuan thei dingah *data* siarsaktu, lole, a thatlonak pawl hawl tahrat ih a remtu, tivek.

**data capture** computer pakhat ih hman theih dingih thu petu khawlmi *data* a sangsang pawl.

NOTE ON USAGE: There are a lot of nouns in English of Latin or Greek origin. They often end in **-us**, **-a**, **-um**, **-on**, etc. The plural forms of these nouns can cause difficulty. 1 Some, especially scientific terms, have kept their original singular and plural forms: *bacillus*, *bacilli* ○ *larva*, *larvae* ○ *criterion*, *criteria*. 2 Many, especially those in general use, now only have a regular English plural form: *arena*, *arenas* ○ *circus*, *circuses* ○ *electron*, *electrons*. 3 Some have alternative plural forms, which are both acceptable. The Latin form is more formal: *focus*, *focuses/foci* ○ *formula*, *formulas/formulae* ○ *spectrum*, *spectrums/spectra*. 4 There is uncertainty with some nouns as to whether they are singular or plural: *This data is correct* and *These data are correct* are both acceptable. Paraphernalia (a Greek plural) is used as a singular noun: *All my fishing paraphernalia is in the car.* Media (*sing medium*) is sometimes incorrectly used as a singular noun: *The media are* (NOT *is*) *often accused of being biased.*

**date**<sup>1</sup> /deɪt/ *n* 1 [C] (a) nithla: *Today's date is the 23rd of June.* ○ *'What's the date?'* *'The 10th.'* ○ *Has the date of the meeting been fixed?* ○ *'When was the date of the Battle of Waterloo?'* *'June 1815.'* (b) cakuat, zung ca parih khenmi nimit: *There's no date on this cheque.* ○ *The manuscript bears the date 10 April 1937.* 2 [U] san thuanthu

caan-kar: *This vase is of an earlier date* (ie is older) *than that one*. **3** [C] (infml) (a) tongaw dingih khiahmi caan, caan khiah: *We made a date to go to the opera*. (b) fala tlangval ton-awk: *I have a date (with a beautiful girl) tonight*. (c) (esp US) fala: *My date is meeting me at seven*. **4** (idm) (be/go) **out of date** (a) san a man nawn lo: *Will denim jeans ever go out of date?* ○ [attrib] **out-of-date** clothes, ideas, slang. (b) hman nawn lo, hman theih nawn lo: *My passport is out of date*. **to date** atu tiangin: *To date, we have not received any replies*. ○ *This is the biggest donation we've had to date*. (be/bring sb/sth) **up to date** (a) san man ih tuah: *She wears clothes that are right up to date*. (b) tu ni tiang ummi, tuahmi: *The list is up to date now that we've added the new members' names*. ○ [attrib] **up-to-date** styles, methods, books. ▷ **dateless** adj a hlun zo ti um dah lo, sanman ringring. □ **date-line** *n* (a) (also **international date-line**) England ram Greenwich khua ihsin saklam le thlanglam ih riin mi ramzuk sung um riin. (b) thuthang ca ih suakmi thuhla. **date-stamp** *n* ni le thla tacik (rubber). **date**<sup>2</sup> /dɛɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn] nimit ngan, khen: *Don't forget to date your cheque*. ○ *His last letter was dated 24 May*. **2** [Tn] ni khiak: *the method of dating rocks, fossils, tools, paintings*. **3** [I, Tn] sanman lo, hlun lohli: *Young people's clothes date quickly nowadays*. ○ *Your taste in pop music really dates you*. **4** [Ipr] ~ **back to/from**... rak um cia, caan ihsin: *This castle dates from the 14th century, ie was built then*. ○ *Our partnership dates back to* (ie We have been partners since) *1960*. **5** [I, Tn] (infml esp US) fala le tlangval kom aw: *They've been dating for a long time*. ○ *I only dated her once*. ▷ **datable** adj. **dated** adj hman nawn lomi, san man nawn lo: *His clothes look so dated*. ○ *She uses rather dated words and phrases*. **date**<sup>3</sup> /deɪt/ *n* (a) thulhfau tumpi phun, N Africa ram le SW Asia ram ah a um. (b) (usu **date-palm**) cumi kung. **dative** /deɪtɪv/ *n* (grammar) noun (hmin) hleice. ▷ **dative** adj of or in the dative. **daub** /dɔːb/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn.pr, Tn.p] ~ **sth on (sth)**; ~ **sth (with sth)** thil beek thuh buaibi: *He daubed some red paint on (the canvas)*. ○ *She daubed her face with thick make-up*. ○ *trousers daubed* (ie made dirty) *with mud*. **2** [I, Tn] (infml) thiam lo pi ih zuk suai. ▷ **daub** *n* **1** [C, U] phar ben thil. **2** [C] tha teih suai lo. **dauber** *n* (derog) thuh thiam lo ih zuk suaitu. **daughter** /dɔːtə(r)/ *n* fanu. □ **daughter-in-law** /dɔːtər ɪn lɔː/ *n* (pl ~s-in-law /dɔːtəz ɪn lɔː/) fapa ih nupi.

**daunt** /dɔːnt/ *v* **1** [Tn usu passive] phangter, thih, thiter: *I was rather daunted by the thought of addressing such an audience*. **2** (idm) **nothing daunted** (fml or joc) thihphang lo: *Their guide deserted them, but, nothing daunted, they pressed on into the jungle*. ▷ **daunting** adj phan um, thih um: *The prospect of meeting the President is quite daunting*. **dauntless** /dɔːntlɪs/ adj ol zet ih thihphang lomi: *dauntless bravery*. **dauntlessly** adv. **dauphin** /dɔːfɪn/ *n* (formerly) France siangpa-hrang fapa upa bik kawhna hmin bun (title). **davenport** /dævpɔːt/ *n* **1** (Brit) ansuai nei cangannak cabuai. **2** (US) mi pahnih-thum to thei tokham neem; ihkhun ah khal tuah a theih. **davit** /dævɪt/ *n* khrein fate (lawng sungih hmanmi thilri khainak). **Davy Jones's locker** (infml often joc) tipi tawne: *Their ship was sent to Davy Jones's locker, ie was sunk*. **dawdle** /dɔːdl/ *v* (a) [I] khuul hnu, caan cemter meen: *Stop dawdling and hurry up: we're late*. ○ *She doesn't get her work done because she's always dawdling*. (b) (phr v) **dawdle sth away** tikcu cemter lak: *He dawdles the hours away watching television*. ▷ **dawdler** /dɔːdlə(r)/ *n*. **dawn**<sup>1</sup> /dɔːn/ *n* [U, C] **1** khawvang pek: *We must start at dawn*. ○ *He works from dawn till dusk*. ○ *It's almost dawn*. **2** (fig) thil a si pek hmuhnak: *the dawn of hope, love, intelligence, civilization*. ○ *The dawn of a new age*. **3** (idm) **the crack of dawn** ⇒ CRACK<sup>1</sup>. □ **dawn chorus** ziingte ih vate awn. **dawn**<sup>2</sup> /dɔːn/ *v* **1** [I] (often with *it* as subject) khua a vaang: *It was dawning as we left*. ○ *When day dawned, we could see the damage the storm had caused*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sb) a fiang vivo: *It finally dawned (on me) that he had been lying*. ○ *The truth began to dawn on him*. **day** /deɪ/ *n* **1** (a) [U] suun (ni suak in ni tlaak karlak): *He has been working all day*. ○ *When I woke up, it was already day*. (b) [C] nikhat (nazi 24): *There are seven days in a week*. ○ *I saw Tom three days ago*. ○ *I shall see Mary in a few days' time*, ie a few days from now. ○ 'What day of the week is it?' 'It's Monday.' (c) [C] nikhat sung caan: *I've done a good day's work*. ○ *Have you had a hard day at the office?* ○ *Her working day is seven hours*. ○ *The employees are demanding a six-hour day and a five-days week*. **2** days [pl] laai caan: *in his younger days* ○ *I was much happier in those days*, ie at that time. ○ *in the days of Queen Victoria* ○ *in days of old/in the old days*, ie in former times. **3** (idm) **all in day's work** nitin tuah theumi: *Injecting animals is all in a day's work for a vet*. **as happy as the day is long** ⇒ HAPPY. **at the end of the day** ⇒ END<sup>1</sup>. **break of day** ⇒ BREAK<sup>2</sup>. **by day/night** suun/

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zaan: *The fugitives traveled by night and rested by day.* **call it a day** ⇒ CALL<sup>2</sup>. **carry/win the day** (infml) tuahsuak thei, hlawhtling: *Despite strong opposition, the ruling party carried the day.* **clear as day** ⇒ CLEAR<sup>1</sup>. **day after day** ni tampi sung, a pehpeh in: *Day after day she waited in vain for him to telephone her.* **the day after tomorrow** tipsuun: *If today is Wednesday, the day after tomorrow will be Friday.* **the day before yesterday** tih-ni suun: *If today is Wednesday, the day before yesterday was Monday.* **day by day** ni a rei in, caan a luan vivo in: *Day by day she learnt more about her job.* **day in, day out** nitin te pelh loin: *Day in, day out, no matter what the weather is like, she walks ten miles.* **a day of reckoning** (fml) mawh nei pawl cawhkuanter ding ni: *You're enjoying yourself now, but a day of reckoning will come.* **sb's/sth's days are numbered** thi cing ding a si thlang, sung ding a si thlang: *He has a serious illness, and his days are numbered.* ○ *This factory is no longer profitable, so its days are numbered,* ie it will soon close. **early days** ⇒ EARLY. **end one's days/life** ⇒ END<sup>2</sup>. **every dog has his, its day** ⇒ DOG<sup>1</sup>. **fall on evil days** ⇒ EVIL. **from day to day; from one day to the next** a rei hlanah, caan tawite sungah: *Things change from day to day.* ○ *You don't know what his mood will be from one day to the next.* **The good/bad old days** ⇒ OLD. **have had one's day** huham nei nawn lo, ziang ti thei nawn lo: *He was a great singer once but now he's had his day.* ○ *Colonialism has had its day,* ie is over. **have seen/known better days** ⇒ BETTER<sup>1</sup>. **high days and holidays** ⇒ HIGH<sup>1</sup>. **if he's, she's, etc a day** (in speaking of sb's age) a mal bik ah: *He's eighty if he's a day!* **in all one's born days** ⇒ BORN. **in this day and age** a tu san ah. **in one's day** mah ih san sungah (lenlai, thatlai ah): *In his day, he was a very influential politician.* ○ *She was a great beauty in her day,* ie when she was young. **it's not sb's day** (infml) vanduai ce: *My car broke down, then I locked myself out: it's just not my day!* **make sb's day** (infml) mi lungawiter: *If she wins, it'll make her day.* **late in the day** ⇒ LATE<sup>2</sup>. **the livelong day/night** ⇒ LIVELONG. **night and day** ⇒ NIGHT. **a nine days' wonder** malte sung mi a hiipmi: *As a pop star she was a nine days' wonder: she only made one successful record.* **one day** nikhat khat ah: *One day I'll get my revenge.* **one fine day** ⇒ FINE<sup>2</sup>. **one of these (fine) days** a rei hlan ah: *One of these days he'll realize what a fool he's been.* **one of those days** vansiati ni: *I've had one of those days: my train was late, and I lost my wallet.* **the order of the day** ⇒ ORDER<sup>1</sup>. **the other day** a rei hrih lo, tubaite ah: *I saw her (only) the other day.* **pass the time of day** ⇒ PASS<sup>2</sup>. **peep of day** ⇒ PEEP<sup>1</sup>. **the present day** ⇒ PRESENT<sup>1</sup>. **a red-letter day** ⇒ RED<sup>1</sup>. **Rome was not built in a day** ⇒ BUILD. **salad days**

⇒ SALAD. **save, etc sth for a rainy day** ⇒ RAINY. **some day** hmailam nikhat khat ah: *Some day I'll come back and marry her.* **that'll be the day** (ironic) a si thei lo dingmi: *'He says he'll do the washing up.'* *'That'll be the day!'* **these days** tu-ih caan sung. **this day fortnight** tu ihsin zarh hnih ah. **this day week** tu ihsin zarh khat ah. **those were the days** a that le a nom lai caan: *Do you remember when we first got married? Those were the days!* **to the day** cekci: *It's three years to the day since we met.* **to this day** tu hmanah: *To this day, I still don't know why she did it.* **turn night into day** ⇒ NIGHT.

□ **day-book** (commerce) n nitin thil zuarmi cazin cabu.

**day-boy, day-girl** ns inn ihsin tlawngkai tlawngta pawl.

**daybreak** n khawvang ve te'n: *We will leave at daybreak.*

**day care** suun lak nau finkhawinak: *Day care is provided by the company she works for.* ○ [attrib] a day-care centre.

**day-dream** n umharphen le nunnuam ih thu ruat rero; sunmang, saduhthat: *She stared out of the window, lost in day-dreams.* — v [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth) saduhthat rero: *He sat in the classroom, day-dreaming (about the holidays).*

**day-long** adj [attrib], adv suun nivui.

**day nursery** suun lai nau-um hmun.

**day off** suun hnaṭuan awl ni: *I work from Tuesday to Saturday, and Sunday and Monday are my days off.*

**day release** tlawngkai cazir thei dingih hnaṭuan awlsak ni.

**day-return** n tlangleng/mawṭawka to man a kirlam thawn lei cihmi tiket, lehleng.

**day-room** n sizung mina pawl TV zohnak khan.

**day-school** n bawda um lo, sun lawng ih kainak tlawng. Cf BOARDING-SCHOOL (BOARD<sup>2</sup>).

**day shift** suun ih ṭuan ding pawl. Cf NIGHT SHIFT (NIGHT).

**daytime** n [U] sun lai: *You hardly ever see owls in the daytime.*

**day-to-day** adj [attrib] (a) nikhat-nikhat hrang,: *I have organized the cleaning on a day-to-day basis, until the usual cleaner returns.* (b) nitin te tuah dingmi: *She has been looking after the day-to-day administration.*

**daylight** /deilaɪt/ n [U] 1 suun vaar, suun-tleu: *The colours look different when viewed in daylight.* ○ *I haven't seen your garden in daylight before.* ○ *before daylight,* ie before dawn. 2 (idm) **broad daylight** ⇒ BROAD<sup>1</sup>. **daylight robbery** (infml) man tamtuk diil: *Three pounds for two sandwiches? It's daylight robbery!* **see daylight** theih lomi thei sal: *I struggled with the problem for hours before I saw daylight.*

□ **daylight saving** [U] ṭhaalpi ah khawthim a har hrangah nazi khal hnuter deuh ih tuah.

**daylight saving time** (US also **daylight time**) cu tivek tikcu sung. Cf **SUMMER TIME** (SUMMER).

**daylights** /deɪlaɪts/ *n* [pl] (idm) **beat/knock the (living) daylights out of sb** (infml) nasazet ih vuak: *If I catch you stealing again, I'll beat the daylights out of you!* **frighten/scare the (living) daylights out of sb** (infml) nasa zet ih ðiɦ.

**daze** /deɪz/ *v* [Tn usu passive] (a) lung aa ter, ða teɦ khaw ruat thei lo ih um: *dazed with drugs* ○ *The blow on the head dazed him for a moment.* (b) mangbang: *I was dazed by her sudden offer.* ▷ **daze** *n* (idm) **in a daze** ziangti thiam lo ih umnak: *I've been in a complete daze since hearing the sad news.*

**dazed** /deɪzɪd/ *adj*: a dazed look, manner, etc.

**dazzle** /ˈdæzəl/ *v* [Tn usu passive] (a) mit cerh (khua hmu thei loin): *I was dazzled by his headlights.* (b) thinlung hlen zet: *He was dazzled by her beauty and wit.*

▷ **dazzle** *n* [U] thupitnak, ðatnak: *all the dazzle of the circus.*

**dazzling** *adj*: a dazzling display of sporting skill.

**dB** abbr decibel(s).

**DBE** /di: bi: / *abbr* (Brit) Dame Commander (of the Order) of the British Empire: *be made a DBE* ○ *Dame Susan Peters DBE.* Cf **CBE**, **KBE**, **MBE**.

**DC** /di: ˈsi:/ *abbr* **1** (music) a thok ihsin sak saal (Italian *da capo*). **2** District of Columbia: *Washington, DC.* **3** (also **dc**) **direct current** (DIRECT<sup>1</sup>). Cf **AC**.

**DD** /di: ˈdi:/ *abbr* Doctor of Divinity: *have/be a DD* ○ *Colin Green DD.*

**D-day** /di: dei/ *n* **1** kum 1944 June ni 6 ni ih Allied forces (a ðangtlaang ralkap pawl in) France ram saklam ih an do thok ni (Second World War lai ah). **2** thil thupizet can ding ni: *As D-day approached we still weren't ready to move house.*

**DDT** /di: di: ˈti:/ *abbr* dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (cucik, kharbok le pangang thih sii) thattu sii.

**de-** *pref* (with *vs* and related *adjs*, *advs* and *ns*) **1** a silo lam, a kalhkeh aw lam: *defrost*, tikhal zupter. ○ *decentralization.* **2** hlɔn sak, phoiɦ sak: *defuse*, fuse hlɔn sak: *derailment.*

**deacon** /ˈdi:kən/ *n* **1** (in Christian churches with ordained priests, eg the Church of England) bishop tang hnaɰuan, pastor bawmtu. **2** (in nonconformist churches) kawhhran upa.

▷ **deaconess** /ˈdi:kənes/, also ˈdi:kənɪs/ *n* kawhhran upa (nunau).

**dead** /ded/ *adj* **1** (a) thi: a dead person, animal ○ *dead flowers, cells* ○ *The tiger fell dead.* (b) nunnak nei lo: *dead matter*, eg rock. **2** (a) a daai ðeh, thil cawlcang um lo: *The town is dead now the mine has closed.* ○ *in the dead hours of the night*, ie when everything is quiet. (b) (infml) duh um lo: *What a dead place this is!* ○ *The acting was rather dead.* **3** hman nawn lomi: *This debate is now dead.* ○ *My love for him is dead.*

○ a dead language, eg Latin. **4** (a) a hit: *My dead fingers could not untie the knot.* (b) ~ to sth ziang poisa lo: *He was dead to all feelings of shame.* **5** ðeh: *dead calm, silence, etc* ○ *come to a dead stop*, ie stop suddenly ○ *dead centre*, ie exact centre ○ a *dead shot*, ie a person who shoots very accurately ○ a *dead sleep*, ie very deep sleep ○ *He's a dead cert/certainty for* (ie will certainly win) *the 100 metres.* **6** a cang thei nawn lomi: a *dead match*, ie one that has been struck ○ a *dead battery*, ie one without power ○ *The telephone went dead*, ie produced no more sounds. **7** (a) (of sounds) awthawng um lo: *It fell with a dead thud.* (b) (of colours) pianzia tleu lo: *The walls were a dead brown colour.* **8** (sport) (a) lehnak ding riin lengah a um. (b) bawlung ril thei tuk loiɦ um: *Rain had made the pitch rather dead.* **9** (idm) **be a dead ringer for sb** (sl) hmel bang: *She's a dead ringer for a girl I used to know.* **be the dead spit of sb** (infml) bang cekci. **cut sb dead** hmu lo vekih um. (as) **dead as a/the dodo** (infml) hmual nei nawn lo, hmang nawn lo: *This organization is as dead as a dodo.* (as) **dead as a doornail/as mutton** (infml) thi ngah: *It lays there with its eyes closed, dead as a doornail.* **a dead duck** (infml) tanzo mi, hnɔnmi, tuahsuak thei lo dingmi khuakhannak: *The plan is a dead duck: there's no money.* **a dead end** (a) = CUL-DE-SAC. (b) hmailam ih nor thei nawn lonak hmun (hnaɰuan, thuhla reel ah): *be at/ come to a dead end* ○ *With the failure of the experiment, we had reached a dead end.* ○ [attrib] a *dead-end job/career*, ie one that offers no prospect of promotion. **the dead hand of sth** namsuknak: *The dead hand of bureaucracy is slowing our progress.* **a dead letter** (a) kuat mi milai an ton lo hrangah carek ih retmi cakuat. (b) sanman lo daan, thuhla: *Many people say that détente is now a dead letter.* (c) mi ih ziangsiar lomi daan, upadi. **a dead loss** (sl) mi hrang santlai lomi thil/milai: *This pen is a dead loss: it just won't write properly.* **dead men tell no tales** (saying) mithi cia in thu sia ziang khal reel thei hlah (tɔŋtɦim). **dead men's shoes** rinlopi ih thitu ih taanmi hnaɰuan co: *She got early promotion by stepping into dead men's shoes.* **dead to the world** it that. **dead wood** ɰul lomi/thahnem lomi, milai: *There is too much dead wood among the teaching staff.* ○ *The new manager wants to cut out the dead wood and streamline production.* **drop dead** ⇨ DROP<sup>2</sup>. **flog a dead horse** ⇨ FLOG. **in a dead faint** lungmit, ziang thei lo. **over my dead body** (used to express one's strong opposition to sth) duh lo tuk simnak ˈka ruak tlunah...: *They'll demolish this house over my dead body.* ○ *'I'm going out.'* *'Over my dead body!'* **the quick and the dead** ⇨ QUICK. **wake the dead** ⇨ WAKE<sup>1</sup>. **wouldn't be seen dead in, at, with, etc sth/doing sth** (infml)

hruuk duh lo, tel duh lo: *That dress is so ugly I wouldn't be seen dead in it.* ○ *She wouldn't be seen dead jogging; she hates exercise.*

▷ **dead** *adv* **1** rori, (kim) thep thep in: *dead tired/drunken* ○ *dead sure/certain* ○ *dead level/straight* ○ *You're dead right!* ○ *dead slow*, ie as slowly as possible ○ *dead ahead*, ie directly ahead ○ *be dead against* (ie absolutely opposed to) *sth*. **2** (idm) **dead beat** (*infml*) baang neknek. (**be**) **dead set against sb/sth** nasa zetin eel. (**be**) **dead set on sth** tuah rori dingih um: *He's dead set on getting a new job.* **stop dead** ⇨ STOP<sup>1</sup>.

**dead n 1 the dead** [pl v] a thizo mi pawl, mithi: *We carried the dead and (the) wounded off the battlefield.* **2** (idm) **in the/at dead of night** zaan daai thep thep laifang: *We escaped at dead of night, when the guards were asleep.* **in the dead of winter** khawsik ciling caan.

□ **dead-beat** *n* (*infml*) hnatuan le tangka neilo ummen, hmuitin nei lo vaklak.

**dead heat** tlan zuamnak ah milai, tikcu bangrep ih thlengmi, mi pahnih.

**dead man's handle** electric tlaangleeng ih hmanmi electric tha hmitnak kutkaih.

**dead-pan** *adj* mithmai thi: *a dead-pan face/look* ○ *dead-pan humour*, ie when the speaker pretends to be very serious.

**dead reckoning** khua a thim tuk ruangah compass hmanin mah umhmun hawl.

**dead weight** a rit zetmi khing: *The drunken man was a dead weight in my arms.*

**deaden** /dedn/ *v* **1** [Tn] kiamter deuh, tha malter deuh: *drugs to deaden the pain* ○ *My thick clothing deadened the blow.* ○ *Your constant criticism has deadened their enthusiasm.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sb to sth** ziang poisa lo ih umter: *Unhappiness had deadened her to the lives of others.*

**deadline** /dedlam/ *n* tuah tengteng theh dingih tin mi ni le tikcu: *meet, miss a deadline* ○ *I have a March deadline for the novel*, ie It must be finished by March.

**deadlock** /dedlok/ *n* [C, U] khat le khat lungkim dingih thurelnak a pit, a cem: *The negotiations have reached deadlock.* ○ *We can only make minor concessions, but it might break the deadlock*, ie allow a compromise.

**deadly** /dedli/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) **1** mi thiter thei, thihnak: *deadly poison* ○ *deadly weapons.* **2** (fig) hmual a nei tuk: *His aim is deadly*, ie so accurate that he can kill easily. ○ *She uses wit with deadly effect.* **3** huatnak thawn a khat mi, hua tuk: *They are deadly enemies.* **4** a thi vek: *deadly paleness, coldness, silence.* **5** zet, tuk: *deadly seriousness* ○ *I'm in deadly earnest.* **6** (*infml*) ning-khop: *The concert was absolutely deadly.* **7** (idm) **the (seven) deadly sins** hremnak thlenteru rapthlak sualnak (pa sarih), thihpi tlak sual pa-sarih.

▷ **deadly** *adv* (**a**) thi vekin: *deadly pale/cold.* (**b**) (*infml*) tuk, zet: *deadly serious, boring, dull, etc.* **deadliness** *n* [U].

□ **deadly nightshade** a rah in mi a thihter theimi thingkung phunkhat.

**deaf** /def/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** hnaset; hna a setmi: *go deaf* ○ *be deaf in one ear* ○ *He's getting deaf in his old age.* **2** ~ **to sth** ngai duh lo: *be deaf to all advice, request, entreaties, etc.* **3** (idm) (**as**) **deaf as a post/doorpost** (*infml*) hnaset tawp. **fall on deaf ears** midang ziang siar sak lo: *All her appeals for help fell on deaf ears.* **turn a deaf ear (to sb/sth)** ngai sak duh lo: *She turned a deaf ear to our warnings and got lost.*

▷ **deaf n the deaf** [pl v] hnaset (milai): *television subtitles for the deaf.*

**deafness** *n* [U].

□ **deaf-aid** *n* hnaset pawl bun mi thil (theih thei nak bawmtu).

**deaf-and-dumb** tong thei lo — thei thei lo, hnaset-tong lo (milai): [attrib] *a deaf-and-dumb child* ○ *the deaf-and-dumb alphabet*, ie in which signs made with the hands are used for letters or words.

**deaf mute** tong lo-hnaset.

**deafen** /defn/ *v* [Tn] (**a**) hna setter (kiang kap ihsin rak au, thil ziang maw khawng ruri): *We're being deafened by next door's stereo.* (**b**) hnasetter: *The head injury deafened her for life.*

▷ **deafening** *adj* a ring tuk: *deafening thunder* ○ *Please turn the radio down—the noise is deafening.*

**deafeningly** *adv*: *deafeningly loud.*

**deal<sup>1</sup>** /di:l/ *n* [U] (esp Brit) far thawn tuahmi (thingpheng): *made of white deal* ○ [attrib] *a deal table, floor, etc.*

**deal<sup>2</sup>** /di:l/ *n* (idm) **a good/great deal (of sth)** tamzet, tampi: *spend a good deal of money* ○ *take a great deal of trouble* ○ *be a great deal better* ○ *see sb a great deal*, ie often.

**deal<sup>3</sup>** /di:l/ *v* (pt, pp **dealt/delt**) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-p, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (out)**; ~ **sth (to sb)** zem (thil) (phe): *Whose turn is it to deal (the cards)?* ○ *She dealt me four cards.* **2** (idm) **deal sb/sth a blow**; **deal a blow to sb/sth** (*fml*) (**a**) vuak, thawi: *She dealt him a tremendous blow with the poker.* (**b**) thinsiat dukditer, hmailam feh dawn: *Her death dealt us a terrible blow.* **deal well, badly, etc by/with sb** (*dated or fml*) tuamhlawm: *He has always dealt well by me.* ○ *You've been badly dealt with.* **wheel and deal** ⇨ WHEEL. **3** (phr v) **deal in sth** (**a**) lei, zuar: *My bank deals in stocks and shares now.* ○ *We deal in hardware but not software.* (**b**) (*derog*) nuam-awter: *deal in gossip and slander*, ie make a habit of gossiping about and slandering people. **deal sb in** a ra thar phe hnah pek. **deal sth out** zem darh: *The profits will be dealt out among the investors.* ○ *The judge dealt out harsh sentences to the rioters.* **deal with**

**sb** ʔa te'n mi pawlkom: *How would you deal with an armed burglar?* ○ *They try to deal politely with angry customers.* **deal with sb/sth** pawl/kom, remnak tuah, bia-aw thil lei le zuar: *I hate dealing with large impersonal companies.* ○ *We don't deal with* (ie negotiate with) *terrorists.* **deal with sth** (a) thil ʔa dingih tawrlrel: *You dealt with an awkward situation very tactfully.* ○ *Haven't you dealt with* (ie replied to) *that letter yet?* (b) thuhla reel/sim: *The next chapter deals with verbs.* ○ *I'll deal with decimals in the next lesson.*

**deal**<sup>4</sup> /di:l/ *n* **1** thil lei le zuar ah lungkimnak tuah: *to make/conclude/close/finalize a deal (with sb)* ○ *We did a deal with the management on overtime.* ○ *They both wanted to use the car, so they did a deal,* ie reached a compromise. ○ *It's a deal!* ie I agree to your terms. ○ *The deal fell through,* ie No agreement was reached. **2** (in games) phe hnah zem: *After the deal, play begins.* ○ *It's your deal,* ie your turn to deal the cards. **3** (idm) **a fair/square deal** thil neep-awknak, thil zuar ah a mawi/a tawk zawn: *We offer you a fair deal on furniture,* ie We sell it at fair prices. **make the best of a bad deal** ⇒ BEST<sup>3</sup>. **a new deal** ⇒ NEW. **a raw/rough deal** (infml) mawi loih (mi) ti/tuah: *If she lost her job for being late once, she got a pretty raw deal.* **big deal!** ⇒ BIG.

**dealer** /di:lə(r)/ *n* **1** phe zemtu. **2** ~ (in sth) lei le zuartu: *a used-car dealer* ○ *a furniture dealer* ○ *a dealer in* (ie person who buys and sells) *stolen goods.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **Dealers, traders** and **merchants** are all people who earn money from selling goods. **1** A **trader** works informally and casually selling household goods, etc, especially in a market: *a market/street trader.* A **trader** can also be a company buying and selling internationally: *The Company is an international trader in grain.* **2** A **merchant** sells particular (often imported) goods in large quantities: *He's a coal, wine, timber, tea, etc merchant.* **3** A **dealer** sells especially individual objects and has a specialized knowledge of these: *She's an antique, a used-car, etc dealer.* **Dealer** is also used of someone who buys and sells illegally: *He's a dealer in drugs/stolen goods.*

**dealing** /di:liŋ/ *n* **1** [U] thil lei le zuar ih pawl-awk dan: *Our company is proud of its reputation for fair dealing.* **2** (idm) **have dealings (with sb)** dawr tuahnak ih pawl-awk: *I'll have no further dealings with him.* ○ *We've had no previous dealings with this company.*

**dealt** *pt, pp* of DEAL<sup>3</sup>.

**dean** /di:ən/ *n* **1** Khristian pawlpi, lu bik. **2** (also **rural dean**) (esp Brit) bial pastor. **3** (a) college tlawngta ziaza lam finkhawitu. (b) phunsang

tlawng ah zirnak zinkong pakhat ih lu bik: *dean of the faculty of law.* **4** (US) = DOYEN.

▷ **deanery** /di:nəri/ *n* (a) dean ih zung. (b) pastor rambial pawl.

**dear** /diə(r)/ *adj* (-er, -est) **1** ~ (to sb) duhdawtmi, mankhung zet ih retmi: *my dear wife* ○ *his dearest possessions, friends* ○ *My daughter is very dear to me.* ○ *He lost everything that was dear to him.* **2** (used [attrib] with little and old to show fondness) duhdawtnak langternak—ka dawt tē!: *What a dear little child!* ○ *Dear old Paul!* **3** (used attributively as a form of address in letters, and (politely or ironically) in speech) cakuat ngan thoknak ih hmanmi—cibai buknak: *Dear Sir/Madam* ○ *Dear Mr Bond* ○ *My dear fellow, surely you don't mean that!* **4** [usu pred] (Brit) man har: *Clothes are getting dearer.* ○ *dear money,* ie money on which a high rate of interest must be paid ○ *That shop is too dear for me,* ie Its prices are too high. **5** (idm) **close/dear/near to sb's heart** ⇒ HEART. **for dear life** khawruah har ziang ti ding thei nawn lo tiki hmanmi ʔong—'aw, ka nunnak!': *run, swim, pull, shout, argue for dear life.* **hold sb/sth dear** (rhet) mankhung zet ih ret, thupi zet ih retmi: *I said farewell to those I hold dear.* ○ *the ideals we hold dear.* **one's nearest and dearest** ⇒ NEAR<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **dear** *adv* **1** man har zet in: *If you want to make money, buy cheap and sell dear.* **2** (idm) **cost sb dear** ⇒ COST<sup>1</sup>.

**dear** *n* **1** duhnung milai: *Isn't that baby a dear?* ○ *Thank you, you are a dear.* ○ *Be a dear and* (ie please) *give me that book.* **2** (used to address sb one knows very well) ka duh mi tinak, ka rual, ka ʔhian (theihthiam mi kawh tiki hmanmi): *Yes, dear, I'll write to mother.* ○ *Come here, my dear.*

**dear** *interj* (used in expressions of surprise, impatience, dismay, etc) mangbang, riahstiat tiki hman mi (ehei! ailaw!): *Oh dear! I think I've lost it!* ○ *Dear me! What a mess!*

**dearest** *n* (used to address sb one likes very much) duh bik mi: *Come, (my) dearest, let's go home.*

**dearly** *adv* **1** zet, hngin: *He loves his mother dearly.* ○ *She would dearly like to get that job.* **2** (fig rhet) sunnak tumpi thawn: *She paid dearly for her mistake,* ie It caused her many problems. ○ *Victory was dearly bought,* eg because many soldiers died. **3** (idm) **sell one's life dearly** ⇒ SELL.

**dearness** *n* [U].

**dearth** /dɜ:θ/ *n* [sing] ~ (of sth) hlawhsam, har: *There seems to be a dearth of good young players at the moment.*

**deary** (also **dearie**) /diəri/ *n* (infml) kum upa pawl ih kum nauta deuh kawhnak; darling.

**death** /deθ/ *n* **1** [C] thih: *Her death was a shock to*

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him. ○ *There have been more deaths from drowning.* ○ *A bad driver was responsible for their deaths.* **2** [U] *thihnak: Food poisoning can cause death.* ○ *burn, starve, stab, etc sb to death*, ie until he is dead ○ *You're drinking yourself to death.* ○ (*usu joc*) *Don't work yourself to death*, ie *Don't work too hard.* ○ *One mistake could mean death for him*, ie could result in his being killed. ○ *sentenced to death*, ie to be executed ○ *eyes closed in death* ○ *united in death*, eg of a husband and a wife in the same grave. **3** (also **Death**) [U] *nunnak a cemtertu milai vekih mitthlaam ih retmi: Death is often shown in pictures as a human skeleton.* **4** [U] ~ (**of sth**) *thil a cemnak, thil tawpnak: the death of one's plans, hopes, etc* ○ *the death of capitalism.* **5** (idm) (**be**) **at death's door** (often *ironic*) *nat ruangih thi zik leuleu: Stop groaning! You're not at death's door!* (**be**) **at the point of death** ⇒ POINT<sup>1</sup>. **be in at the death** (thil) *a siat a cem tikah rak um: The TV cameras were in at the death and filmed the arrest.* **be the death of sb** (**a**) *thihtertu: That motorbike will be the death of you.* (**b**) (often *joc*) *thinbaangter: Those kids will be the death of me, coming home so late every night.* **bore sb to death/tears** ⇒ BORE<sup>2</sup>. **catch one's death** ⇒ CATCH<sup>1</sup>. **dice with death** ⇒ DICE. **die the death** ⇒ DIE<sup>2</sup>. **do sth to death** mi ningter: *That idea's been done to death.* **a fate worse than death** ⇒ FATE. **flog sth to death** ⇒ FLOG. **frighten/scare sb to death/out of his wits** ⇒ FRIGHTEN. **the kiss of death** ⇒ KISS. **like grim death** ⇒ GRIM. **a matter of life and death** ⇒ MATTER<sup>1</sup>. **put sb to death** *sualnak ruangah that (zung thu in): The prisoner was put to death (by firing squad) at dawn.* **sick to death of sb/sth** ⇒ SICK. **sudden death** ⇒ SUDDEN. **tickled pink/to death** ⇒ TICKLE. **to the death** *thi ko in, thihhlanlo: a fight to the death.* □ **deathbed** *n* *ihkhun ih a thi cuahco mi: He forgave her on his deathbed*, ie *as he lay dying.* ○ [attrib] *a deathbed confession.* **death-blow** *n* (**a**) *thitertu, thihnak.* (**b**) *thil cem tertu: Losing the contract was a death-blow to the company.* **death certificate** *zungih pekmi a thi zo tinak caken, thih caken.* **death duty** (*Birt*) (*formerly*) *milai a thih hnuah a thilri tlun ih laakmi ngunkhuai, now called capital transfer tax.* **death-mask** *n* *thih ve te'n laksakmi hmaikhuh.* **death penalty** *thah dingih thuthenmi.* **death rate** *kumkhat sung mithi zat.* **death-rattle** *n* *a thi cuahco mi ih dang-aw.* **death row** (also **death house**) (*US*) *thah dingmi thawngtla umnak khaan pawl.* **death's head** *thihnak khihmuhtu mithi luruh.* **death-toll** *n* *linghnin le raal ih thimi milai zat.* **death-trap** *n* (**a**) *mi tampi thihnak hmun: That*

*sharp bend is a death-trap for motorists.* (**b**) *mi tampi thihnak in luat thei lonak hmun (eg inn meisa kaang): The cars blocking the exits could turn this place into a death-trap.*

**death-warrant** *n* **1** (**a**) *thah ding ti ih thu peknak cakhen.* (**b**) *thuhla cemter mi thureelnak: The tax is a death-warrant for small businesses.* **2** (idm) **sign sb's/one's own death-warrant** ⇒ SIGN<sup>2</sup>.

**death-watch beetle** *thingkung parah ti a tittu ceepte (tiktik tin a awnmi).*

**death-wish** *n* (often *subconscious*) *thih duhnak.*

**deathless** /deθlis/ *adj* (*fml*) *hngilh ti um lomi, thih nei lo: deathless fame, glory, etc* ○ (*ironic*) *The letter was written in his usual deathless (ie bad, unmemorable) prose.*

**deathlike** /deθlaik/ *adj* *thih vek, thihnak vek: a deathlike silence/paleness.*

**deathly** /deθli/ *adj* (**-lier, -liest**) *thi vek, a thi mi vek: a deathly stillness/hush/pallor.*

▷ **deathly** *adv*: *deathly pale/cold.*

**deb** /deb/ *n* (*infml*) = DEBUTANTE.

**débâcle** /der'ba:kl/ *n* (**a**) *rinlopi tlaksiatnak, sunnak: His first performance was a débâcle: the audience booed him off the stage.* (**b**) *ral sun ruangih dungkir thehnak: Many men were shot or captured in the débâcle.*

**debar** /dr'ba:(r)/ *v* (**-rr-**) [*esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr*] ~ **sb** (**from sth**) (**a**) *luut siang lo, luut kham: People in jeans were debarred (from the club).* (**b**) *tuah siang lo: Convicted criminals are debarred from voting in elections.*

**debark** /dr'bak/ *v* [*I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr*] ~ (**sb**) (**from sth**) = DISEMBARK, *lawng, vanzamleng par ihsin tum.*

▷ **debarkation** /di:ba:'keɪf'n/ *n* [U] = DISEMBARKATION.

**debase** /dr'beɪs/ *v* [*Tn*] **1** *sinak man tumter, hmai siater: Sport is being debased by commercialism.* ○ *You debase yourself by telling such lies.* **2** *thil dang rawi in tangka faai man tum sak.*

▷ **debasement** *n* [U].

**debatable** /dr'bertobl/ *adj* *rinum tuk lo, ruah that tul mi: It's debatable whether or not the reforms have improved conditions.* ○ *a debatable point, claim, etc.*

▷ **debatably** /-bli/ *adv.*

**debate** /dr'bert/ *n* [*C, U*] (**a**) *thu eel-awk, thu ruat khawm: After a long debate, the House of Commons approved the bill.* ○ *to open the debate*, ie *be the first to speak* ○ *the motion under debate*, ie *being discussed.* (**b**) *a si/si lo ti ih kam cuh-awk, thu relnak: After much debate, we decided to move to Oxford.* ○ *We had long debates at college about politics.* ○ *Her resignation caused much public debate.*

▷ **debate** *v* **1** [*I, Ipr, Tn, Tw, Tg*] ~ (**about sth**) *eel-aw (thu), rel (thu): What are they debating (about)?* ○ *We're just debating what to do next.*

- *They debated closing the factory.* **2** [Tn, Tw, Tg] ruat ciamciam: *I debated it for a while, then decided not to go.* ○ *I'm debating where to go on holiday.* ○ *He debated buying a new car, but didn't in the end.* **debater** *n* thu eeltu.
- debauch** /dr'bo:tʃ/ *v* [Tn] ziaza siater, sualter: *He debauched (ie seduced) many innocent girls.*  
▷ **debauch** *n* zuri le ziaza tha lo ih zutvatnak: *go on a drunken debauch.*  
**debauched** *adj* nuncan sualmi (nunau mipa pawl-awknak lam ah): *to live a debauched life.*  
**debauchee** /debɔ:tʃi/ *n* cuvek misual.  
**debauchery** /dr'bo:tʃəri/ *n* (a) [U] sual-nun: *a life of debauchery.* (b) [C] sual nun sung: *His debaucheries ruined his health.*
- debenture** /dr'bentʃə(r)/ *n* a tʃang in tangka kan cawih a si timi kampani caken: [attrib] *debenture shares.*
- debilitate** /dr'bilitet/ *v* [Tn] thazaang derthawm, thazang nei lo: *a debilitating illness, climate* ○ *She has been debilitated by dysentery.* ○ (fig) *Huge debts are debilitating their economy.*
- debility** /dr'biliti/ *n* [U] tha cem (nat): *After her operation she suffered from general debility.*
- debit** /deɪt/ *n* (a) tangka baakmi le pekmi cazin. (b) khawlmī sung ihsin suahmi tangka: *My bank account shows two debits of £5 each.* Cf CREDIT, DIRECT DEBIT (DIRECT<sup>1</sup>).  
▷ **debit** *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (against/to sb/sth); ~ **sb/sth** (with sth) tangka baakmi le suahmi zat ngankhum: *Debit £50 to me.* ○ *She/Her account was debited with £50.*  
□ **debit side** cazin kehlam kau ih ngankhummi (tangka suah/baak). debit ngannak cazin.
- debonair** /debə'neə(r)/ *adj* (usu of men) lungmui zet: *He strolled about, looking very debonair in his elegant new suit.*
- debouch** /dr'bautʃ/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (into sth) (a) (military) a langnak ah suak (ralkap pawl): *The army debouched from the mountains into a wide plain.* (b) tiva-te tiva-pi ah kom: *The stream debouches into the estuary.*
- debrief** /di:'bri:f/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] (esp military) ralkap, a silole fialmi milai an hnaʔuan theh daan thuhla suut saal: *a debriefing session* ○ *While being debriefed the defector named two double agents.* ○ *Pilots were debriefed on the bombing raid.* Cf BRIEF<sup>2</sup>.
- debris** /deɪbri:/ *US* də'bri:/ *n* [U] thil kuai tək-nawi: *After the crash, debris from the plane was scattered over a large area.* ○ *searching among the debris after the explosion.*
- debt** /det/ *n* **1** (a) [C] leiba: *If I pay all my debts I'll have no money left.* (b) [U] baakmi: *We were poor, but we avoided debt.* **2** (fig) [C usu sing] bomnak ngah ruangih batbaak mi: *I'm happy to acknowledge my debt to my teachers.* ○ *owe sb a debt of gratitude.* **3** (idm) **be in/out of debt** leiba nei/leiba nei lo. **be in sb's debt** (fml) bom ruangah leiba nei: *You saved my life: I am forever in your debt.* **get/run into debt** tangka tampi baak. **get out of debt** baak nawn lo. **a debt of honour** sam a tʃul lem lo na'n sam le a tʃa tiih ruahmi leiba.  
▷ **debtor** /detə(r)/ *n* leibatu: *receive payment from one's debtors.*
- debug** /di:'bʌg/ *v* (-gg-) [Tn] a sia mi hawl ih hlōn (cet, computer sung ta). **2** inn sungah thup te ih bunmi thu ngainak cet bun: *The place has been completely debugged.*
- debunk** /di:'bʌŋk/ *v* [Tn] mi pakhat maw, pawlpi pakhat ih phuu lo tuk ih ngahmi hminʃhatnak cu cuti ih ngahmi a sizia phuang sak: *debunk fashionable opinions.*
- début** (also **debut**) /deɪbjʊ:/ *US* dr'bjʊ:/ *n* hmaisa bik mipi hmai ih suahnak (hla sak ding, lek ding, laam ding, tivek): *He marked his début by beating the champion.* ○ *She's making her New York début at Carnegie Hall.*
- débutante** /deɪbjʊ:tɑ:nt/ (also **deb**) *n* sanman pawlkom ih tel hmaisa biktu nunau no.
- deca-** *comb form* pahra (10) le tɔngfang dang kom ih hmanmi: *decathlon.*
- Dec** *abbr* December: *5 Dec 1909.*
- dec** (also **decd**) *abbr* deceased: *Simon Day dec* (a thi zo mi).
- decade** /dekeɪd, also, esp US, di'keɪd/ *n* kum hra caan: *the first decade of the 20th century*, ie 1900-1909.
- decadence** /dekədəns/ *n* [U] (a) tʃumsuknak, duainak: *the decadence of late Victorian art.* (b) cuvek thil umtu daan: *the decadence of the rich Western countries.*  
▷ **decadent** /dekədənt/ *adj* a tʃumsuk/siat a panmi: *decadent society, style, behaviour.*
- decaffeinated** /di:'kæfneɪtɪd/ *adj* khafin daat suah thehmi: *decaffeinated coffee.*
- Decalogue** /dekələg/ *US* -lə:g/ *n* **the Decalogue** (in the Bible) Thukham Pahra (Baibal sung ta), Pathian in Moses hnenih a pekmi.
- decamp** /dr'kæmp/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sth) a thupite ih tlanhlo (thil lakmi nei in): *She has decamped with all our money.* **2** [I] riah buk ihsin feh: *The soldiers decamped at dawn.*
- decant** /dr'kænt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (into sth) palang thawl pakhat in a dang thawl ah thlor (wine tivek) — a ti fiim thlor.  
▷ **decanter** *n* (usu decorative) wine thawl.
- decapitate** /dr'kæpɪteɪt/ *v* [Tn] a hngawng tan (milai, ramsa).  
▷ **decapitation** /di:kæpɪ'teɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].
- decarbonizes, -ise** /di:'kɑ:bənaɪz/ (also **decoke**) *v* [Tn] carbon (khabon daat) suah theh.
- decathlon** /dr'kæθlɒn/ *n* a zuam vetu lehnak phun hra ah tel a tʃul rori mi lehpannak.  
▷ **decathlete** /dr'kæθli:t/ *n* lehnak phun hra zuamtu.
- decay** /dr'keɪ/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] tawt, tɔih: *decaying teeth,*

*vegetables* ○ *Sugar decays your teeth.* **2** [I] huham duai, siatlam pan: a *decaying culture, society, regime, etc* ○ *our powers decay* (ie We become less strong, alert, etc) *in old age.*

▷ **decay** *n* [U] ʔoihnak, a ʔoih: *tooth decay* ○ *The empire is in decay.* ○ *The feudal system slowly fell into decay,* ie stopped working.

**decease** /dri:si:s/ *n* [U] (law or fml) thih (milai).

▷ **deceased** *adj* a thi zo, a thi zomi: a *deceased father, uncle, spouse, etc* ○ *Both her parents are deceased.*

**the deceased** *n* (pl unchanged) (law or fml) a thi zomi milai (baite ih).

**deceit** /dri:sit/ *n* **1** [U] bumnak: *practice deceit on sb* ○ *She won her promotion by deceit.* **2** [C] thudiklo, thil diklo: *She got them to hand over all their money by a wicked deceit.*

▷ **deceitful** /dri:sitfl/ *adj* **1** bumhmang, thil dik lo tuah hmang: *You've been going there without telling me, you deceitful child!* **2** zumter sual theimi: *deceitful words, behaviour.* **deceitfully** /-fuhl/ *adv.* **deceitfulness** *n* [U].

**deceive** /dri:siv/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] **1** ~ **sb/oneself** (into doing sth) bum, a si lomi lungter: *You can't pass exams without working, so don't deceive yourself (into thinking you can).* ○ *We were deceived into believing that he could help us.* ○ *His friendly manner did not deceive us for long.* **2** ~ **sb** (with sb) nupi/pasal hnenah fel loih um: *He's been deceiving his wife with another woman for months.*

▷ **deceiver** /-və(r)/ *n* mi bumtu.

**decelerate** /di:seləreit/ *v* [I, Tn] khulfungter. Cf ACCELERATE.

▷ **deceleration** /di:selə'reiʃn/ *n* [U] (a) khulfunternak. (b) khulfung.

**December** /dri:sembə(r)/ *n* [U, C] (abbr **Dec**) Mirang thla, thla hleihnihnak.

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

**decency** /di:snsi/ *n* **1** [U] mi upat tlaknak, mi hmuh mawinak: *an offence against decency, eg appearing naked in public* ○ *Have the decency to (ie Be polite and) apologize for what you did!* **2** the **decencies** [pl] mi burpi ih upatmi nuncan: *We must observe the decencies and attend the funeral.*

**decent** /di:snt/ *adj* **1** (a) upat tlak, zohmawimi: *We must provide decent housing for the poor.* ○ *The hospital has no decent equipment.* ○ *He's done the decent thing and resigned.* (b) zoh-mawi: *that dress isn't decent.* ○ (infml) *Are you decent?* ie *Are you properly dressed?* ○ *Never tell stories that are not decent, ie that are obscene.* Cf INDECENT. **2** lungkim za: *earn a decent wage, living, etc* ○ *That was quite a decent lunch.* ○ *They're a decent firm to work for,* ie *They treat their employees well.* ○ *He's a thoroughly decent* (ie *honourable*) *man.*

▷ **decently** *adv* zoh-mawi te'n, upat tlak in: *decently dressed* ○ *behave decently.*

**decentralize, -ise** /di:sentrəlaiz/ *v* [I, Tn] (cozah) thuneihnak khi cozah hmunpi ihsin ramthen pawl zungah pek: *If we decentralize, the provinces will have more autonomy.* **2** hmunpi ihsin hmun dangdang ah, kau deuh ah then.

▷ **decentralization, -isation** /di:sentrəlaɪzeʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**deception** /kri:sepʃn/ *n* **1** [U] bumnak: *obtain sth by deception* ○ *practice deception on the public.*

**2** [C] bumduhnak: *It was an innocent deception, meant as a joke.*

**deceptive** /dri:septiv/ *adj* bumnak a telmi, lun a olmi (a silomi ah): *Appearances are often deceptive, ie Things are not always what they seem to be.* ○ *Her simple style is deceptive: what she has to say is very profound.*

▷ **deceptively** *adv*: *The tank is deceptively small: it actually holds quite a lot.*

**deci-** *comb form* (in the metric system) (1/10) hmun hra then hmun khat: *decilitre* ○ *decimetre.*

**decibel** /desibel/ *n* aw-ring tahnak, electric tha tahnak.

**decide** /dri:said/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] thu-then: *The judge will decide (the case) tomorrow.* ○ *It's difficult to decide between the two.* ○ *The judge decided for/against the plaintiff.* ○ *Her argument decided the issue in his favour.* **2** (a) [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf, Tw, Tt] ~ (on/against sth/sb) thinlung sung thu then aw: *With so many choices, it's hard to decide (what to buy).* ○ *After seeing all the candidates we've decided on (ie chosen) this one.* ○ *decide against changing one's job* ○ *I never thought she'd decide that!* ○ *It has been decided that the book should be revised.* ○ *She decided not to go alone.* (b) [Ipr, Tn, Tw] thu a rak nei: *I wanted to be a painter, but circumstances decided otherwise, ie forced me to be something else.* ○ *A chance meeting decided my career.* ○ *This last game will decide who is to be champion.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] thenecat vuarvi ding dinhmun ah umter, lole thlengter: *What finally decided you against it?* ○ *That decided me to leave my job.*

▷ **decided** *adj* **1** [attrib] a fiang tukmi: *There is a decided difference between the two sister.* ○ *a person of decided views.* **2** ~ (about sth) tuah tum rori: *a decided effort to improve sales* ○ *He won't go: he's quite decided about it.* **decidedly** *adv* fiang zet in, lung-aw-ʔawm ding um loin: *I feel decidedly unwell this morning.*

**decider** *n* hmat bangrep ngahtu lehzuamtu pahni a neta bik lekter/zuamawktter salnak.

**deciduous** /dri:sidjuəs, dri:sidʒuəs/ *adj* kum tinte a hnah a ʔilmi thingkung pawl: *deciduous forests.* Cf EVERGREEN.

**decilitre** /desilɪtə(r)/ *n* liʔa khat ih hmun hrathen

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 hmun khat.

**decimal** /desiml/ *adj* pahra pahra ih siar daan: *decimal coinage/currency*.

▷ **decimal** *n* (also **decimal fraction**) then hra then, then zatkhat tivek then: *The decimal 0.61 stands for 61 hundredths*.

**decimalize, -ise** /-məlaɪz/ *v* 1 [Tn] (*datama*): 1½ *decimalized* is 1.5. 2 [I, Tn] tangka khi datama siar dan in thleng: *The country decided to decimalize (its coinage)*. **decimalization, -isation** /desiməlaɪzeɪʃn/; *US* -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

□ **decimal point** nambat kiang ih retmi a bote (.), eg 15.61.

**decimal system** 10 a hram bun ih tuat daan.

**decimate** /desimeɪt/ *v* [Tn] (a) tampi siatsuah/thiter: *Disease has decimated the population*. (b) (*infml*) mal/malter nasa: *Student numbers have been decimated by cuts in grants*.

▷ **decimation** /desɪ'meɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**decimetre** /desɪmɪtə(r)/ *n* thenhra thenkhat 1/10 metre (a sau lam).

**decipher** /dɪ'saɪfə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tw] (midang ih theih thei lo dingih nganmi ca) a tican phorh-suak: *I can't decipher what is inscribed on the pillar*. ○ *Can you decipher her scrawl?* (*infml*).

▷ **decipherable** /dɪ'saɪfrəbl/ *adj* a tican phorhsuak theih.

**decision** /dɪ'sɪʒn/ *n* 1 ~ (on/against sth); ~ (to do sth) (a) [U] ruatcatnak, thinlung thencatnak: *It's a matter for personal decision*, ie Everybody must decide for themselves. (b) [C] tawpternak, ruatcatnak: *arrive at/come to/make/reach a decision* ○ *his decision against going on holiday* ○ *We took the difficult decision to leave*. ○ *Her decision to retire surprised us all*. ○ *give a decision on an issue* ○ *The judge's decision was to award damages to the defendant*. ○ *Discussion should be part of the decision-making process*. 2 [U] ruatcat thei lohlinak: *Anyone who lacks decision (ie who hesitates, can't decide questions) shouldn't be a leader*.

**decisive** /dɪ'saɪsɪv/ *adj* 1 a fiang mi, a cemnak a si mi: *a decisive victory, battle, moment* ○ *The injury to their key player could be a decisive factor in the game*. 2 zamrang ih ruatcat theimi: *a decisive person, answer, manner* ○ *Be decisive — tell them exactly what you think should be done!*

▷ **decisively** *adv*: *act, answer decisively*. **decisiveness** *n* [U].

**deck** 1 /dek/ *n* 1 (a) lawng zial, mawɬawka zial: *My cabin is on E deck*. ○ *below deck(s)*, ie in(to) the space under the main deck. (b) cuvek hmun, baska zial: *the top deck of a double-decker bus*. 2 (*esp US*) phe thuk. 3 (a) magnetic tape, dizk pawl rak domtu le hertertut thil-bawm. (b) TV, a silole, khompituṭa aw-hri-bawm her tertut ceet. 4 (idm) **clear the decks** ⇨ CLEAR<sup>3</sup>. **hit the deck** ⇨ HIT<sup>1</sup>. **on deck** (a) lawng ih zial parah. (b) (*esp*

*US*) thil tuah dingah timtuah cia.

▷ **deck** *v* [Tn] (*US infml*) ril ko thong: *He decked him with his first punch*.

**-decker** (forming compound *ns* and *adjs*) 'thuah' tican a si, eg *thuah khat: a double/single-decker bus* ○ *a triple-decker sandwich*, ie one with three layers of bread.

□ **deck-chair** *n* thiar-ol, bil thei mi tokheng.

**deck-hand** *n* lawng zial tlun hnatuan.

**deck** 2 /dek/ *v* [*esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p*] ~ **sb/sth (out) (in/with sth)** ceimawi: *streets decked with flags* ○ *She was decked out in her finest clothes*.

**declaim** /dr'kleɪm/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] mi zapi hnenah sim, than: *A preacher stood declaiming in the town centre*. ○ *He declaims his poetry*, ie recites it formally and with great feeling. 2 [Ipr] ~ **against sb/sth** ɬong thawn dodaal: *She wrote a book declaiming against our corrupt society*.

**declamation** /deklə'meɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] zapi hmai ih lungduh ih thu simnak: *the declamation of poetry*. (b) [C] thinlung tuarnak thawn thu simnak.

▷ **declamatory** /dr'klæmətəri/; *US* -tɔːrɪ/ *adj* lungduhnak tumpi tel: *her high-flown declamatory style*.

**declaration** /deklə'reɪʃn/ *n* 1 (a) [U] thuthannak, theihternak: *He was in favour of the declaration of a truce*. (b) [C] cozah zung thuthannak: *a declaration of war* ○ *the Declaration of Human Rights*, ie by the United Nations, stating an individual's basic rights. 2 [C] a si ti in cangan ih theihternak: *a declaration of income*, ie made to the tax authorities ○ *a customs declaration*, ie form giving details of the contents of a parcel, consignment, etc on which duty may be payable.

**declare** /dr'kleə(r)/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn, Tf, Tw, Cn-a, Cn-n, Cn-t, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] fiangte'n theihter: *'I'm not coming with you — and that's final!' declared Mary*. ○ *declare that the war is over* ○ *They then declared (to us all) what had been decided*. ○ *They declared him (to be) the winner*. ○ *I declare the meeting closed*. (b) [Tf, Cn-a, Cn-t] mi/hmualnei zet in sim: *He declared that he was innocent*. ○ *She was declared (to be) guilty*. 2 [Ipr] ~ **for/against sth/sb** duh/duh lo ti sim fiang: *The commission declared against the proposed scheme*. 3 [Tn] ngunkhuai zung ah mah ngahmi tangka zat theihter — ca ngan in: *You must declare all you have earned in the last year*. ○ *Have you anything to declare?* 4 [I, Cn-a] (in cricket): *The captain declared (the innings closed) at a score of 395 for 5 wickets*. 5 (idm) **declare an/one's interest** midang in phundang ah an ruatsual lonak ding mah ih thuhla pawl simsuak. **declare trumps** (in **card-games**) kaat phe sim. **declare war (on/against sb)** raal kan do aw ti thu than: *War has been declared*.

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▷ **declared** *adj* [attrib] ka si ti ih ti/phuanmi: *He's a declared atheist.* ○ *Her declared ambition is to become a politician.*

**declassify** /di:'klæsɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] thuthup sinawn loih ret, thup nawn lo, phuang: *Plans for nuclear plants have been declassified.*

▷ **declassification** /di:,klæsɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**declension** /dr'klenʃn/ *n* (grammar) (a) [U] nouns, pronouns le adjectives pawl pungsan dangdang ih cemter daan. Cf CASE<sup>1</sup> 8. (b) [C] class of words with the same range of endings for the different cases (CASE<sup>1</sup> 8): *In Latin, the nominative case of first declension nouns ends in 'a'.*

**declination** /deklɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] (physics) thir hiip (taan-laih) thimte saklam a sawhnak ihsin nisuahnak lam, nitlaaknak lam a pial daan.

**decline**<sup>1</sup> /dr'klaɪn/ **1** [I, Tn, Tt] tong mawi te thawn cohlaang lo: *I invited her to join us, but she declined.* ○ *decline an invitation to dinner* ○ *He declined to discuss his plans.* **2** [I] mal vivo, nau vivo, cem vivo: *Her influence declined after she lost the election.* ○ *a declining birth-rate* ○ *declining sales* ○ *He spent his declining years (ie those at the end of his life) in the country.* **3** (grammar) (a) [Tn] nouns, pronouns pawl a cemnak dangter. (b) cuti vekih cemnak.

**decline**<sup>2</sup> /dr'klaɪn/ *n* **1** ~ (in sth) naunak, tumuknak (thazaang, thuneihnak): *the decline of the Roman Empire* ○ *a decline in population, prices, popularity.* **2** (idm) **fall/go into a decline** thazaang nau, thuhla neihnak cem vivo: *After his wife's death, he fell into a decline.* ○ *The company has gone into a decline because of falling demand.* **on the decline** thazaang nau vivo: *She is on the decline, and may die soon.* ○ *The number of robberies in the area is on the decline.*

**declivity** /dr'klɪvətɪ/ *n* (fml) hraap, tlaang hraap. Cf ACCLIVITY.

**declutch** /di:'klʌtʃ/ *v* [I] mawtawka klatch luatter — kiar (gear) thleng zik zawngah.

**decode** /di:'kəʊd/ *v* [Tn] (a) cathup nganmi a tican hawl (ngah ko in). (b) thirhri cathup tican hawl. Cf ENCODE.

▷ **decoder** *n* (a) cathup nganmi a tican hawl thiamtu. (b) cathup tican let thiam ceet thilri.

**decoke** /di:'kəʊk/ *v* [Tn] (infml) = DECARBONIZE.

**décolleté** /deɪ'kɒlɪteɪ/ *US -kɒl'teɪ/adj* (French) (a) hngawng le liang lang ko thitmi (nunau thuam). (b) [pred] hngawng lang tuk angki hruuktu nunau: *She was daringly décolleté.*

▷ **décolletage** /deɪ'kɒl'ta:z/ *n* [U] (French) hngawng tang lang (angki).

**decolonize, -ise** /di:'kɒlənaɪz/ *v* [I, Tn] kawlawni ram pakhat mahte-uknak pek.

▷ **decolonization, -isation** /di:'kɒlənaɪz/ *n* [U].

**decompose** /di:kəm'pəʊz/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] tawt, tawih: *a decomposing corpse.* **2** [Tn] thentheek: *A prism decomposes light.*

▷ **decomposition** /di:kəmpə'zɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**decompress** /di:kəm'pres/ *v* [Tn] (a) thunmi thli suakter sal vivo (a bikin tipi thuk sung luttu a hung suak lamah). (b) kuang/inn sungih ta thli malter.

▷ **decompression** /di:kəm'pres/ *n* [U, attrib]: *a decompression chamber*, ie one in which divers may return to normal pressure.

**decongestant** /di:kən'dʒestənt/ *n* [C, U] (medicine) a pitmi ongtertu (hnaar pitmi); hnarpit ong sii.

▷ **decongestant** *adj*: *decongestant tablets.*

**decontaminate** /di:kən'tæmmɪt/ *v* [Tn] thih sii, a hnawm baal pawl thilri par ihsin faiter, hlon.

▷ **decontamination** /di:kən'tæmmɪt/ *n* [U].

**decontrol** /di:kən'trəʊl/ *v* (-ll-) [Tn] khammi, sian lomi thlah sal.

**décor** /deɪkɔ:(r)/ *n* [U, sing] ceimawinak (inn khaan, stage tvek): *a stylish, modern décor* ○ *Who designed the décor?*

**decorate** /dekə'reɪt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) ceimawi, mawiter: *Bright posters decorate the streets.* ○ *The building was decorated with flags.* ○ *decorate a Christmas tree with coloured lights.* **2** [I, Tn] cahnah, tinbaw sii vek thawn inn sung ceimawi: *We're decorating (the kitchen) again this summer.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (for sth) hminthatnak tacik taangah bensak: *Several soldiers were decorated for bravery.*

▷ **decorator** *n* sii le cahnah mawi thawn inn ceimawitu, inn rong sii thuhtu: *Arthur Jones, painter and decorator.*

**decoration** /dekə'reɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ceimawi, ceimawinak: *When will they finish the decoration of the bathroom?* **2** [U, C] ceimawinak ih hmanmi thil: *the carved decoration around the doorway* ○ *Christmas decorations.* **3** [C] medal, hminthatnak tacik.

**decorative** /dekə'reɪtɪv/ *adj* mawiter deuhmi; mawiter deuhtu: *decorative icing on the cake* ○ *The coloured lights are very decorative.*

**decorous** /dekə'res/ *adj* seenpi vantlang ih cohlanmi: *decorous behaviour, speech.*

▷ **decorously** *adv.*

**decorum** /dekə'rəm/ *n* [U] senpi vantlaang ih cohlanmi umzia: *In the presence of elderly visitors our son was a model of decorum.*

**decoy** /di:kɔɪ/ *n* (a) a dang pawl bumnak ih tuah copmi/a nungmi vate, ramsa. (b) (fig) tihnungza hmun thleng dingih midang leemnak ih hmanmi milai/thil.

▷ **decoy** /dr'kɔɪ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] bum — thil deu thawn: *He was decoyed by a false message (into entering enemy territory).*

**decrease** /dr'kri:s/ *v* [I, Tn] fate deuh, mal, tum: *Student numbers have decreased by 500.* ○ *Interest in the sport is decreasing.*

▷ **decrease** /di:kri:s/ *n* **1** ~ (in sth) (a) [U]

kiamnak, mal deuhnak, tumnak, tummi: *some decrease in the crime rate.* (b) [C] a tum zat: *a decrease of 3% in the rate of inflation* ○ *There has been a decrease in imports.* 2 (idm) **on the decrease** a mal lam, a tum lam: *Is crime on the decrease?*

**decree** /dr'kri:/ *n* 1 uktu thusuah (daan vek ih hman): *issue a decree* ○ *rule by decree*, ie without seeking people's consent. 2 thuþentu ih thuþenmi.

▷ **decree** *v* (pt, pp **decreed**) [Tn, Tf, Tw] thlunding thu suah: *The governor decreed a day of mourning.* ○ (fig) *Fate decreed that they would not meet again.*

□ **decree absolute** nupa an then-aw thlang a si ti ih thuþentu zung ih suahmi thuþennak. **decree nisi** /'naɪsɪ/, 'naɪsɪ/ thudang um lole, cu ni cu thla ah an maak-aw, nupa an then-aw ding ti ih thuþentu zung thusuah.

NOTE ON USAGE: When talking about giving orders, **decree** and **dictate** can be used of individuals in positions of authority. **Decree** usually suggests the public announcement of a decision made by a ruler or government without consulting others: *The dictator decreed that his birthday would be a public holiday.* **Dictate** indicates people using their power over others: *Her skills were in such demand that she could dictate her own salary.* **Ordain** and **prescribe** suggest a more impersonal authority such as the law. **Ordain** is formal and can be used of God: *Is it ordained in heaven that women should work in the home?* **Prescribe** is used of the law: *Regulations prescribe certain standards for building materials.*

**decrepit** /dr'kreɪt/ *adj* tar ruangih, lole hman tuk ruangih thazang dermi: *a decrepit person, horse, bicycle.*

▷ **decrepitude** /dr'kreɪtɪjuːd/ *US* -tuːd/ *n* [U] thazang dernak.

**decry** /dr'krai/ *v* (pt, pp **decried**) [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (as sth) ziangnak tha lo ih soi (milai, thil): *He decried her efforts (as a waste of time).*

**dedicate** /dedɪkət/ *v* 1 [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself/sth to sth** pum pe (thil tha tuah dingah): *She dedicated her life to helping the poor.* ○ *dedicate oneself to one's work.* 2 [Tn-pr] ~ **sth to sb** mi pakhat hrangih pumpek ih tuahmi: *She dedicated her first book to her husband.* 3 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb/sth)** biakinn, asilole, thil dang Pathian hnenih hlan (ap): *The chapel was dedicated in 1880.* Cf CONSECRATE.

▷ **dedicated** *adj* 1 pum a pe-aw mi: *a dedicated worker, priest, teacher, etc.* 2 [esp attrib] (esp of computer equipment) thil pakhat hrang lawng ih tuahmi: *a dedicated word processor.*

**dedication** /dedɪkeɪʃn/ *n* ~ (to sth) 1 [U] thu/thil

pakhat hrangih pek-awknak: *I admire the priest's dedication.* 2 (a) [U] mi pakhat khat hrangih cubu, hla, peknak. (b) [C] cumi peknak ih hmanmi tongfang. 3 [U] Pathian hnenih hlannak (biakinn, tivek).

**deduce** /dr'djuːs/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw] ~ **sth (from sth)** thuhla ruat ciamciam hnu-ah ngahmi suakter: *If a=b and b=c, we can deduce that a=c.* ○ *Detectives deduced from the clues who had committed the crime.*

▷ **deducible** /dr'djuːsəbl/ *US* dr'duːsəbl/ *adj* cuvek ih tuah theihmi.

**deduct** /dr'dʒʌkt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** hnuk sak, dir sak: *Tax is deducted from your salary.* Cf SUBTRACT.

▷ **deductible** /dr'dʒʌktəbl/ *adj* lakha sung ihsin hnuuk theihmi: *Money spent on business expenses is deductible.*

**deduction** /dr'dʌkʃn/ *n* ~ (from sth) 1 (a) [U] thutlangpi dik ihsin thukhat dik ih fehpi daan: *a philosopher skilled in deduction.* (b) [C] ruat ciamco hnu ih ngahmi, theihmi: *It's an obvious deduction that she is guilty.* Cf INDUCTION 3. 2 (a) [U] hnuk sak, thum sak: *the deduction of tax from earnings.* (b) [C] hnuuksak zat, thumsak zat: *deductions from pay for insurance and pension.*

▷ **deductive** /dr'dʌktɪv/ thuhla tuatto le ruat ciamciam ih khawruah dan. **deductively** *adv.*

**deed** /diːd/ *n* 1 (fml) tuahmi, tuahsernak: *be rewarded for one's good deeds* ○ *deeds of heroism* ○ *Deeds are better than words when people need help.* ⇒ Usage at ACT<sup>1</sup>. 2 (often pl) (law) kut zungpi nam ih (lethmat thutmi) lungkimnak.

□ **deed-box** *n* hmin thut cia ca thupi pawl retnak kuang.

**deed of covenant** mi pakhat hnenah kumtin te tangka cuhmuah ka pe ding ti lethmat thutmi lungkimnak ca.

**deed poll** mi pakhat lawng ih lungkimnak ca a bikin (hmin thleng dingah).

**deem** /diːm/ *v* [Tf, Tnt esp passive, Cn-a esp passive, Cn-n] ruat: *He deemed that it was his duty to help.* ○ *She was deemed (to be) the winner.* ○ *It is deemed advisable.* ○ *I deem it a great honour to be invited to address you.*

**deep**<sup>1</sup> /diːp/ *adj* (-er, -est) 1 (a) thuk (a tlunta bik in tangta bik ah): *a deep well, river, trench, box.* Cf SHALLOW. (b) thuk (a tlunphah ihsin tanglam ah), a khangmi, a kuarmi: *a deep wound, cleft, border, shelf* ○ *a big, deep-chested wrestler.* (c) (after ns, with words specifying how far) a thuk, a kau, a sah: *water six feet deep* ○ *a plot of land 100 feet deep*, ie going back this distance from a road, fence, etc ○ *People stood twenty deep* (ie in lines of twenty people one behind the other) *to see her go past.* 2 (a) naapi, tampi: *a deep sigh/breath.* (b) thuk: *a deep thrust/dive.* 3 (of sounds) niam (aw): *a deep voice, note,*

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*rumbling, etc.* **4** (of sleep) *ih-hmuh thawtuk* (thanghar zet). **5** (of colour) *sen sursi: a deep red*. **6 ~ in sth (a)** *sung thuk ah: with his hands deep in his pockets* ○ *rocks deep in the earth*. **(b)** *pakhat lawng ruat in, ziangdang hmuah hngilh in: deep in thought, study, a book*. **(c)** *nen ci: deep in debt, difficulties*. **7 (fig) (a)** *theih-har, hmuh-har: a deep mystery, secret, etc.* **(b)** *a thiam, a fiiim: a deep thinker* ○ *a person with deep insight* ○ *a deep discussion*. **(c)** *tuar thup, tum thup: He's a deep one*. **8 (a)** (of emotions) (tuar) *zet, etc: deep outrage, shame, sympathy, etc.* **(b)** *luar tuk: in deep disgrace, trouble*. **9** (idm) **beauty is only skin deep** ⇒ BEAUTY. **between the devil and the deep blue sea** ⇒ DEVIL<sup>1</sup>. **go off the deep end** (infml) *thin heng zet: When I said I'd broken it, she really went off the deep end*. **in deep water(s)** *harsatnak ah thleng: Having lost her passport, she is now in deep water*. **throw sb in at the deep end** (infml) *rin lopi thil harsa tuahter*. **of the blackest/deepest dye** ⇒ DYE<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **-deep** (forming compound adjs) — *can/tiang a thuk: They stood knee-deep in the snow*. ○ *The grass was ankle-deep*.

**deepen** /di:pən/ *v* [I, Tn] *thukter, thuk deuh: The water deepened after the dam was built*. ○ *The mystery deepens, ie becomes harder to understand*. ○ *deepen a channel* ○ *the deepening colours of the evening sky*.

**deeply** *adj* **1** *thuk zet in: The dog bit deeply into his arm*. **2** *nasa zet in: deeply interested, indebted, impressed* ○ *She felt her mother's death deeply*.

**deepness** *n* [U].

□ **deep-sea, deep-water** *adjs* [attrib] *tipi thuknak: deep-sea fishing* ○ *a deep-sea diver*.

**the deep South** *USA* *thlanglam ramthen pawl: Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, le South Carolina*.

**deep space** *vanrang deng*.

**deep<sup>2</sup>** /di:p/ *adv* (**-er, -est**) **1** *thuk zet ah: We had to dig deeper to find water*. ○ *They dived deep into the ocean*. ○ *The gold lies deep in the earth*. ○ *He went on studying deep into the night*. **2** (idm) **deep down** (infml) *a ngaingai ahcun...: She seems indifferent, but deep down she's very pleased*. **go deep** (of attitudes, beliefs, etc) *zum fek, thuk zet in pom, kaihnget: Her faith goes very deep*. ○ *Your maternal instincts go deeper than you think*. **still waters run deep** ⇒ STILL<sup>1</sup>.

□ **deep-freeze** *v* (pt **deep-froze**, pp **deep-frozen**) [Tn] *vur thawn ciah* — *siat hlah seh ti ah*.

**deep-fry** *v* (pt, pp **deep-fried**) [Tn] *siti ah pil theh ko kio*. ⇒ Usage at COOK.

**deep-laid** *adj* [usu attrib] (of schemes, etc) *thupte le ciamciam in tum*.

**deep-mined** *adj* (of coal) *thuk zet ihsin laisuak*.

**deep-rooted, deep-seated** *adjs* *hramfek zet, a*

*khoh zet: deep-rooted dislike, prejudice, suspicion, etc* ○ *The causes of the trouble are deep-seated*.

**deep<sup>3</sup>** /di:p/ *n* **the deep** [sing] (dated or fml) *tipi-thuanthum*.

**deer** /diə(r)/ *n* (pl unchanged) *zukunft, sazuk*.

□ **deerskin** *n* [U] (leather made of) *zukunft* *phaw: [attrib] deerskin sandals*.

**deerstalker** /diəstɔ:kə(r)/ *n* *hmailam le dunglam lei a nei ih hnakhuh nei lukhuh*.

**de-escalate** /di: eskəleɪt/ *v* [Tn] *kiamter, thum* (ral do, hriamnaam nei huamawknak) *thum*.

▷ **de-escalation** /di: eskəleɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**deface** /drfeɪs/ *v* [Tn] *a lenglam, a hmailam siat, phiat (khaanlung ca nganmi vek pawl phiat): Don't deface library books*. ○ *The wall has been defaced with slogans*.

▷ **defacement** *n* [U] *thil hmailam siatsuahnak*.

**de facto** /deɪ 'fæktəʊ/ (Latin) *a dik khalle, dik lo khalle, a ngaingai ih a ummi; a si rero komi: a de facto ruler, government, right* ○ *Thought his kingship was challenged, he continued to rule de facto*. Cf DEJURE.

**defame** /di'feɪm/ *v* [Tn] *thangsiat, hminsiatter: The article is an attempt to defame an honest man*.

▷ **defamation** /defə'meɪʃn/ *n* [U] *thangsiatnak, hminsiat ternak: defamation of character*.

**defamatory** /dr'fæmətəri; US -tɔ:ri/ *adj* *thangsiatter thei: a defamatory statement, book, etc*.

**default<sup>1</sup>** /dr'fɔ:lt/ *n* **1** [U] (esp law) *pelhmi, a tuah dingih pelhmi (zung rat ding pelhnak)*. **2** (idm) **by default** *khat ta lam pawl rat lo ruangah: win a case/a game by default*. **in default of sth/sb** (fml) *thil/mi pakhat a um lo ruangah: He was acquitted in default of strong evidence of his guilt*. ○ *The committee will not meet in default of a chairman*.

**default<sup>2</sup>** /dr'fɔ:lt/ *v* (a) *ti ding ummi pakhat khat tisuak thei lo (eg to appear in a law court): A party to the contract defaulted*. **(b)** [I, Ipr] **~ (on sth)** *pe thei lo (leiba tivek): default on hire purchase payments*.

▷ **defaulter** *n* *tuahsuak thei lotu, pe thei lotu*.

**defeat** /di'fi:t/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] *neh, hlauhtling: The enemy was defeated in a decisive battle*. ○ *He has been soundly defeated at chess*. **2** [Tn] (infml) *a har tuk, ti thei lo, mangbangter: I've tried to solve the problem, but it defeats me!* ○ *Why you stay indoors on a beautiful day like this defeats me!* **3** [Tn] (a) *tisuak lo dingah rak kham/dawn: By not working hard enough you defeat your own purpose*. **(b)** *tuah suak lo dingah rak dawn: We've defeated moves to build another office block*.

▷ **defeat** *n* (a) [U] *sun, sungnak: suffer defeat* ○ *I never consider the possibility of defeat*. **(b)** [C] *sung: six wins and two defeats for the team*.

**defeatism** /-izəm/ *n* [U] *sung dingih ruatcia-nak,*

.....  
 tuahsuak lo dingih ruatcia-nak: *Not bothering to vote is a sure sign of defeatism.*

**defeatist** /-ist/ *n* sung ding thinlung nei ciatu.

— *adj*: *I don't approve of your defeatist attitude.*

**defecate** /defəkert/ *v* [I] (*fml*) eek thawh, pawng thawh.

▷ **defecation** /defəkert/ *n* [U].

**defect**<sup>1</sup> /di:fekt, also di'fekt/ *n* hlawhsamnak, kimlonak: *a defect of character* ○ *mechanical defects in a car* ○ *defects in the education system.*

⇒ Usage at MISTAKE<sup>1</sup>.

**defect**<sup>2</sup> /dr'fekt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) (to sth) ram, party, pawlkom tlansan in a dang ah cer, tlan: *She defected from the Liberals and joined the Socialists.* ○ *One of our spies has defected to the enemy.*

▷ **defector** *n*: *a high-ranking defector seeking political asylum.*

**defection** /dr'fekt/ *n* ~ (from sth) **1** (a) [U] biaknak, pawlkom, paṭi ihsin cernak, tlannak. (b) [C] cuti ih sinak: *Discontent in the party will lead to further defections.* **2** (a) [U] ramdang ih tlan (rampi ih uk-awka daan lungkim lo ruangah). (b) [C] hi tivek ih tlan: *defections from a racist system.*

**defective** /dr'fektiv/ *adj* ~ (in sth) a hlawhsammi, a kim lomi, a sambau-mi: *a defective machine, method, theory* ○ *defective in workmanship, character* ○ *Her hearing was found to be slightly defective.* ○ *a defective verb*, ie one without the full range of endings that other verbs have, eg *must*.

▷ **defectively** *adv.* **defectiveness** *n* [U].

**defence** (US **defense**) /dr'fens/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (against sth) (a) ral khamnak, ṭanlaknak, humnak: *They planned the defence of the town.* ○ *to fight in defence of one's country* ○ *weapons of offence and defence.* (b) [C] hriamnam, khamtu: *The high wall was built as a defence against intruders.* ○ *The country's defences are weak.* ○ *coastal defences*, ie against attack from the sea ○ *Antibodies are the body's defences against infection.* (c) [U] ral khamnak lam: *A lot of money is spent on defence.* **2** (a) [C, U] ~ (against sth) (*esp legal*) thuṭhennak zung ih ṭanlaknak: *counsel for the defence* ○ *The lawyer produced a clever defence of his client.* ○ *The book is a brilliant defence of* (ie argues in favour of) *our policies.* ○ *She spoke in defence of her religious beliefs.* (b) **the defence** [Gp] mawh an puhmi ṭantu sihni, ṭantu: *The defence argue/argues that the evidence is weak.* Cf PROSECUTION 2. **3** (sport) (a) [U] goal eraa tivek, mah hruang sung: *She plays in defence.* (b) (*usu the defence*) [Gp] rak ṭangrualtu pawl: *He has been brought in to strengthen the defence.* Cf OFFENSE. (c) [C] a thiam bik dinhmun kilhimnak: *his third successful defence of the title.*

▷ **defenceless** *adj* kham sak lomi, hum lomi,

ṭan lomi: *a defenceless child, animal, city.*

**defencelessly** *adv.* **defencelessness** *n* [U].

**defend** /dr'fend/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (from/ against sb/sth) (a) rak hum, rak do (ral) rak kham (siat lo dingin): *When the dog attacked me, I defended myself with a stick.* ○ *defend sb from attack, an attacker, injury* ○ *defend one's country against enemies.* (b) rak ṭan, rak kham, rak hum (ca thawh, ṭong thawh): *defend one's actions, cause, ideas, leader* ○ *The newspaper defended her against the accusations.* ○ *defend a lawsuit*, ie fight against it in court ○ *You'll need stronger evidence to defend your claim to the inheritance.* **2** (a) [I, Tn, Tn-pr] (sport) goal (kawl) lut lo dingin rak ṭang: *Some players are better at defending.* ○ *They had three players defending the goal (against attack).* (b) [Tn] (of a sports champion) ngah/neh ciami sung lo dingin rak ṭang: *She's running to defend her 400 metres title.*

▷ **defender** *n*: *He had to beat several defenders to score.*

**defendant** /dr'fendənt/ *n* mawh an puhmi, thu an khinmi, taza an cuaimi. Cf PLAINTIFF.

**defensible** /dr'fensəbl/ *adj* hum theihmi, kham theihmi: *a defensible castle, position, theory.*

**defensive** /dr'fensiv/ *adj* **1** mah le mah hum-awknak a simi, rak ṭankhuarnak lam, khamawak lam sawn: *defensive warfare, measures* ○ *a defensive weapon system to destroy missiles approaching the country.* **2** ~ (about sb/sth) mai' thu rak ṭan: *When asked to explain her behaviour, she gave a very defensive answer.* ○ *She's very defensive about her part in the affair.* Cf OFFENSIVE 3.

▷ **defensive** *n* (idm) **on the defensive** mawh thluk le soi tong ding ring cia, ṭan lakcia-nak: *The team was thrown on(to) the defensive as their opponents rallied.* ○ *Talk about boyfriends always puts her on the defensive.* **defensiveness** *n* [U].

**defer**<sup>1</sup> /dr'fɜ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tg] ~ sth (to sth) ni ṭhin, tikcu ṭhin: *deferred payment*, ie made in instalments after purchase ○ *defer one's departure to a later date* ○ *defer making a decision.*

▷ **deferment, deferral** /dr'fɜ:(r)əl/ *ns* [U, C].

□ **deferred shares** a dang pawl an covo amiat pek ṭheh hnu-ih pekmi khawlvlo (a-suh-sia).

**defer**<sup>2</sup> /dr'fɜ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) [Ipr] ~ to sb/sth hmaizah upat ruangih mi duhnak, thu ṭhenmi lungkim sak: *On technical matters, I defer to the experts.* ○ *I defer to your greater experience in such things.*

**deference** /'defərəns/ *n* [U] **1** hmaizah upat ruangih lungkim saknak: *treat one's elders with due deference* ○ *show deference to a judge.* **2** (idm) **in deference to sb/sth** upat hmaizah ruangah: *In deference to our host I decided not*

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to challenge his controversial remarks.

▷ **deferential** /ˌdɛfə'renʃl/ *adj* hmaizah upatmi.  
**deferentially** /-ʃəli/ *adv*.

**defiance** /dɪ'faɪəns/ *n* **1** [U] thulun lonak, fialmi tuah lonak, rak eelnak: *The protesters showed their defiance of the official ban on demonstrations.* **2** (idm) **glare defiance at sb/sth** ⇒ GLARE<sup>2</sup>. **in defiance of sb/sth** ziangsiar loin: *act in defiance of orders* ○ *She wanted him to stay, but he left in defiance of her wishes.*

**defiant** /dɪ'faɪənt/ *adj* thu el, thu ngai lo, eltai: *a defiant manner, look, speech.*

▷ **defiantly** *adv*.

**deficiency** /dɪ'fɪʃnsi/ *n* ~ (in/of sth) **1** (a) [U] a samnak, a tulmi kim lonak: *Deficiency in vitamins/Vitamin deficiency can lead to illness.* (b) [C] sambaunak, kim lonak: *suffering from a deficiency of iron* ○ *deficiency diseases*, ie those caused by a deficiency of eg vitamins in diet. **2** [C] sambaunak, kim lonak: *She can't hide her deficiencies as a writer.*

**deficient** /dɪ'fɪʃnt/ *adj* (a) [usu pred] ~ in sth a sam, um lo: *be deficient in skill, experience, knowledge, etc* ○ *a diet deficient in iron.* (b) (fml) tling lo, famkim lo: *deficient funds, supplies* ○ *Our knowledge of the matter is deficient.*

**deficit** /dɛfɪsɪt/ *n* (a) tangka maltuknak, tangka tulmi hnaki a mal, a sammi: *We raised £100, and we need 250: that's a deficit of £150.* (b) tangka ngah lam hnakin hmanlam tamsawnak: *Tax was low and state spending was high, resulting in a budget deficit.* Cf SURPLUS.

**defied** *pt, pp* of DEFY.

**defile**<sup>1</sup> /dɪ'faɪl/ *v* [Tn] (fml or rhet) **1** balter, riimter: *rivers defiled by pollution* ○ (fig) *a noble cause defiled by the greed of its supporters.* **2** thianghlim lo ih canter: *The altar had been defiled by vandals.*

▷ **defilement** *n* [U] balhternak, borhlawh ternak.

**defile**<sup>2</sup> /dɪ'faɪl/ *n* tlang le tlang karlak lamzin fiak; tlang kawm zin.

▷ **defile** *v* [I] (of troops) ralkap tlar khat ih lam feh.

**define** /dɪ'fam/ *v* **1** [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ sth (as sth) a tican, a sullam simfiang (tongfang). **2** [Tn, Tw] simfiang: *The powers of a judge are defined by law.* ○ *It's hard to define exactly what has changed.* **3** [Tn] a pianhmang, a riin tivek fiang te in hmuh: *When boundaries between countries are not clearly defined, there is usually trouble.* ○ *The mountain was sharply defined against the eastern sky.* ○ *a well-defined profile.*

▷ **definable** /-əbl/ *adj* simfiang theih.

**definite** /dɛfɪnət/ *adj* (a) a fiang cekci mi, suut tul lomi: *a definite decision, opinion, result, change* ○ *I have no definite plans for tomorrow.* ○ *I want a definite answer, 'yes' or 'no'.* (b) [pred] ~ (about sth/that...) a fiang, a si rori: *He seemed*

*definite about what had happened.* ○ *It's now definite that the plane crashed.*

▷ **definitely** /dɛfɪnətli/ *adv* **1** fiangzet in, rin-um zet in, pelh lo tein: *She states her views very definitely.* **2** ngaingai in: *That is definitely correct.* ○ *definitely not*, ie no. **3** (infml) thusuh mi sawn kirkak — 'a si tuk!' 'si lawn!': *'Are you coming?'* 'Definitely!'

□ **definite article** cafang 'the' hi a si. Cf INDEFINITE ARTICLE (INDEFINITE).

**definition** /dɛfɪ'nɪʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] a tican simfiang daan (tongfang): *Dictionary writers must be skilled in the art of definition.* (b) [C] tongfang ih tican cekci: *Definitions should not be more difficult to understand than the words they define.* **2** [U] (a) a fiang vuarvinak: *The photograph has poor definition.* ○ *They concentrated on better definition of the optical image.* (b) thlalang mit tha. **3** (a) [U] fiantermi thu tlangpi: *My duties require clearer definition.* (b) [C] fianternak thu: *The book attempts a definition of his role in world politics.*

**definitive** /dɪ'fɪnətɪv/ *adj* a tawpnak tiang thu a neimi, thleng a tul/a theih lomi: *a definitive answer, solution, verdict, etc* ○ *Her book is the definitive work on Milton.* ○ *a definitive edition*, eg one revised by the author himself.

▷ **definitively** *adv*.

**deflate** *v* **1** /dɪ'flet/ [Tn] (a) thli suah, thepter (balun, ta-ya tivek sungin). (b) (fig) porh-aw tuk le sopaw tuk duaiter, nauter: *I felt quite deflated by your nasty remark.* ○ *Nothing could deflate his ego/pomposity*, ie make him less self-assured or pompous. **2** /dɪ'flet/ [I, Tn] cozah, ram tangka a tamtukmi malter (man nei deuh seh ti duh ah): *The government decided to deflate.* Cf INFLATE, REFLATE.

▷ **deflation** /-eɪʃn/ *n* [U] malternak, thepternak.

**deflationary** /dɪ'fletɪ'nəri/ *US -nerɪ/adj* ramsung tangka zat malternak: *a deflationary policy, measure, etc.*

**deflect** /dɪ'flekt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (from sth) feh peeng, a peeng ah feh, a theu: *The missile deflected from its trajectory.* ○ *The ball hit one of the defenders and was deflected into the net.* ○ *The bullet hit a wall and was deflected from its course.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (from sth) (fig) tuah dingmi tuah lo dingih pelh: *not easily deflected from one's purpose/aim.*

▷ **deflection** /dɪ'flekʃn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] thil feh peennak. (b) [C] peengnak: *The smallest deflection of the missile could bring disaster.* **2** [C, U] a feh peengmi zat (thil tahnak thimte).

**deflower** /dɪ'fəʊliert/ *v* [Tn] (arch or euph) (fala) par tōtsak, fala him ihpi.

**defoliate** /dɪ'fəʊliert/ *v* [Tn] (thingkung) a hnah hmuah kolh (sak) theh: *forests defoliated by chemicals in the air.*

▷ **defoliant** /dɪ'fəʊliənt/ *n* hnah kolhtertu sii.

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**defoliation** /di:fəʊlɪ'eɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**deforest** /di:'fɒrɪst/; US -'fɔ:r-/ (also **disafforest**) *v* [Tn] tuu thing hmuah hau ðeh.

▷ **deforestation** /di:'fɒrɪsteɪʃn/; US -'fɔ:r-/ *n* [U].

**deform** /dr'fɔ:m/ *v* [Tn] hmel, ruhkuang siat sak, pianzia siat sak: *deform a structure, limb, spine.*

▷ **deformation** /di:'fɔ:meɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] hmeel, ruh kuang siat suahnak, pianzia siatsuahnak. (b) [C] a keel in um lo ih siatnak: *a deformation of the spine.*

**deformed** *adj* piang sual, a dan vekih umlo: *She has a deformed foot and can't walk very far.*

**deformity** /dr'fɔ:məti/ *n* (a) [U] piansualnak: *deformities caused by poor diet* ○ *He was born with a slight deformity of the foot which made him limp.*

**defraud** /dr'frɔ:d/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb (of sth)** buum, mi thil va buum: *She was defrauded of her money by a criminal accountant.*

**defray** /dr'freɪ/ *v* [Tn] (fml) tangka pek sak, a cemmi tangka liam sak: *defray expenses, costs, etc* ○ *My father has to defray my education.*

▷ **defrayal** /di:'freɪəl/ *n* [U].

**defrock** /di:'frɒk/ *v* [Tn] = UNFROCK.

**defrost** /di:'frɒst/; US ,di:'frɔ:st/ *v* 1 [Tn] daikhall pawl hlón, phiat: *defrost the fridge, the car windscreen.* 2 [I, Tn] vur ciahmi hlumter saal: *A frozen chicken should be allowed to defrost completely before cooking.* ⇨ Usage at WATER<sup>1</sup>. Cf UNFREEZE 1.

**deft** /deft/ *adj* ~ (at sth/doing sth) (kut thawn thil tuah thiam ih) khulrang mi: *With deft fingers she untangled the wire.* ○ *She is deft at dealing with reporters.*

▷ **deftly** *adv.* **deftness** *n* [U].

**defunct** /dr'fʌŋkt/ *adj* (fml or joc) (a) a thi zomi (milai). (b) hman nawn lomi (daan, upadi). (c) a thupi nawn lo, a cawl, caang nawn lomi: *a defunct organization.*

**defuse** /dr'fai/ *v* [Tn] 1 a puaktertu lakhlo bomb. 2 (fig) (a harnak zawnah) ðihnungza hlón sak: *defuse tension, anger, a crisis.*

**defy** /dr'fai/ *v* (pt, pp **defied**) 1 [Tn] (a) thu thlun duh lo, eelsan, upat lo: *They defied their parents and got married.* ○ *defy the government, the law, etc.* (b) a sung pe lo, rak do ringring: *The army defied the enemy's forces.* 2 [Tn] harsater (tuah thei lo tiang in): *The door defied all attempts to open it.* ○ *The problem defied solution, ie could not be solved.* 3 [Dn.t] tuah thei ding zum lo ruangah — zuam: *I defy you to prove I have cheated.*

**deg** *abbr* (also  *symb °* ) degree (of temperature): *42 degs/42° Fahrenheit.*

**degenerate** /dɪdʒenəreɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) (into sth) ðumsuk (taksa, ruahnak, nuncan ah): *His health is degenerating rapidly.* ○ *Her commitment to a great cause degenerated from a crusade into an obsession.*

▷ **degenerate** /dr'dʒenəreɪt/ *adj* a ðumsukmi (taksa, ruahnak le nuncan lam): *a degenerate art, society, age.* — *n* /dr'dʒenəreɪt/ mi hlólak: *This degenerate seduced my daughter!*

**degeneracy** /dr'dʒenərəsi/ *n* [U] (a) ðumsuknak. (b) ðumsuk zia.

**degeneration** /dɪdʒenə'reɪʃn/ *n* [U] (a) ðumsiatnak, ðumsuknak: *the slow degeneration of his mental faculties with age.* (b) ðumsuk sinak.

**degrade** /dr'greɪd/ *v* 1 [Tn] ziaza lamah tlasia, nautater, mithmai siater: *degrade oneself by cheating and telling lies* ○ *I felt degraded by having to ask for money.* 2 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn.pr] (chemistry or biology) a umzia hnok tuk lo ih (tuahsak): *degrade molecules into atoms.*

▷ **degradation** /degrə'deɪʃn/ *n* [U] ðumsuknak, tlaksiatnak: *living in utter degradation, eg extreme poverty* ○ *Being sent to prison was the final degradation.*

**degree** /di'gri:/ *n* 1 [C] kil tahnak: *an angle of ninety degrees (90°), ie a right angle* ○ *one degree of latitude, ie about 69 miles.* 2 [C] (*abbr deg*) nikhua a satdan tahnak riin: *Water freeze at 32 degrees Fahrenheit (32° F) or zero/nought degrees Celsius (0° C).* 3 [C, U] a zat, tluk: *She shows a high degree of skill in her work.* ○ *He was not in the slightest degree interested, ie was completely uninterested.* ○ *To what degree (ie to what extent, how much) was he involved in the crimes?* ○ *She has also been affected, but to a lesser degree.* ○ *I agree with you to some/a certain degree.* 4 [U] (*arch*) phun upa/nauta sinak: *people of high/low degree.* 5 cathiamnak a dot (dikari): *take (ie be awarded) a degree in law/a law degree* ○ *the degree of Master of Arts (MA).* 6 (esp in compounds with first, second, tivek) a sia/þha tuk, (nasa) tuk: *murder in the first degree, ie in US, of the most serious kind* ○ [*attrib*] *first-degree murder* ○ *third-degree (ie very serious) burns.* 7 [C] (*grammar*) tah tik ih hmanmi, eg a þha, a þha deuh, a þha bik: *degrees of comparison* ○ 'Good', 'better' and 'best' are the positive, comparative and superlative degrees of 'good'. 8 (idm) **by degrees** nuam tete in: *By degrees their friendship grew into love.* **to a degree** (infml) zet, tuk: *The film was boring to a degree.* **to the nth degree** ⇨ NTH.

**dehumanize, -ise** /di:'hju:mənaɪz/ *v* [Tn] milai sinak siatsak ðeh: *Torture dehumanizes both the torturer and his victim.*

▷ **dehumanization, -isation** /di:'hju:mənaɪzeɪʃn/; US -nɪz-/ *n* [U]

**dehydrate** /di:'haɪdreɪt/ *v* 1 [Tn esp passive] tidai hmuah suah ðeh, carter, roter: *dehydrated vegetables, eggs, milk, eg in powdered form.* 2 [I] a caar, a ro: *Her body had dehydrated dangerously with the heat.*

▷ **dehydration** /di:'haɪdreɪʃn/ *n* [U] (a) tidai,

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## de-ice

tikhu hmuah cem thehnaak, caarnak, ro-nak: *dying of dehydration*. (b) caar, ro.

**de-ice** /di:'ais/ *v* [Tn] tikhal hlón, tidai khal lo dingih tuah: *de-ice a windscreen*.

▷ **de-icer** *n* [C, U] tidai khal lo ding/tikhal cemternak ih hmanmi thil.

**deify** /di:'ifai/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn] pathian vek ih tuah: *Primitive peoples deified the sun*.

▷ **deification** /di:'ifi'kei'f'n/ *n* [U] pathian siternak: *the deification of a Roman emperor*.

**deign** /deim/ *v* [Tt] (sometimes derog or ironic) khawruat hraam: *He passed by me without even deigning to look at me*.

**deism** /di:'izəm/ *n* [U] Pathian a um ti zumnak. Cf THEISM.

▷ **deist** /di:'ist/ *n* Pathian a um ti zumtu.

**deity** /di:'iti/ *n* **1** (a) [C] pa pathian, nu pathian: *Roman deities*. (b) **the Deity** [sing] Pathian. **2** [U] pa/nu pathian sinak.

**déjà vu** /de'ʒa:'vju/ (French) [U] ton le hmuah dah lomi hmu sal vekih um: *I had an odd sense of déjà vu just as you said that*. **2** (infml) (thil) a tu le tu tong vekih um — thinlung ah: *There was an awful feeling of déjà vu at the annual office party*.

**dejected** /dr'dʒektɪd/ *adj* thinnaun, riahisia: *dejected-looking campers in the rain* ○ *Repeated failure had left them feeling very dejected*.

▷ **dejectedly** *adv*.

**dejection** /dr'dʒekʃn/ *n* [U] thinnaunak, riahisiatnak: *The loser sat slumped in dejection*.

**de jure** /deɪ'dʒʊəri/ (Latin) daan (upadi) vekin: *the de jure king* ○ *be king de jure*. Cf DE FACTO.

**dekko** /dekəʊ/ *n* (idm) **have a dekko (at sth)** (dated Brit sl) zoh hnuk: *Have a dekko at this wheel: the tyre's flat*.

**delay** /dr'lei/ *v* **1** [I, In/pr, Tn] reiter, rei, hnu (tikcu): *Don't delay! Book your holiday today!* ○ *She delayed (for) two hours and missed the train*. ○ *I was delayed by the traffic*. **2** [Tn, Tg] ni, a tikcu thiin: *We must delay our journey until the weather improves*. ○ *Why have they delayed opening the school?*

▷ **delay** *n* **1** [U] khulhnut, rei: *We must leave without delay*. **2** [C] a hnuk zat (tikcu): *There was a delay (of two hours) before the plane took off*.

□ **delayed-action** *adj* [usu attrib] a rei hnu ih cangvai: *a delayed-action fuse, bomb, camera*.

**delectable** /dr'lektəbl/ *adj* (fml) (esp of food) mi thinlung kimter/nuamter mi (rawl): *a delectable meal* ○ (fig) *What a delectable little girl!*

▷ **delectably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**delectation** /di:'lekt'eɪ'f'n/ *n* [U] (fml or joc) thin nomnak: *And now for your further delectation, we present a selection of popular melodies*.

**delegate**<sup>1</sup> /de'ligət/ *n* ai-awh ih thlahmi (miting le pumkhawmnak ah).

**delegate**<sup>2</sup> /de'liget/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tnt] ~ **sb** (to

**sth**) (a) palai thlah, hril: *delegate sb to a conference/to attend a conference*. (b) tuanvo pek: *The new manager was delegated to reorganize the department*. **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sb) tuanvo zem (upa in a kuttang pawl hnenah): *A boss must know how to delegate (work)*. ○ *The job had to be delegated to an assistant*.

**delegation** /de'li'geɪ'f'n/ *n* **1** [U] hril thlahnak, tuanvo peknak. **2** [C] palai pawl, thlah mi pawl: *She refused to meet the union delegation*.

**delete** /dr'li:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) um cia, ngan cia mi phiat: *The editor deleted the last paragraph (from the article)*.

▷ **deletion** /dr'li:'f'n/ *n* (a) [U] phiatsalnak, phiatmi (cangan). (b) [C] phiat mi tongfang, ca-tluan.

**deleterious** /de'li'tɪəriəs/ *adj* (fml) ~ (to sb/sth) ningnatter thei, that lonak thlenter thei: *have a deleterious effect on a child's development*.

▷ **deleteriously** *adv*.

**delft** /delft/ (also **delftware** /delft/) *n* [U] mepian leibeel naal zurzi.

**deli** /deli/ *n* (infml) a hmin cia rawl lamdang deuh zuarnak hmun.

**deliberate**<sup>1</sup> /dr'li'bərət/ *adj* **1** ti hrimmi, tuah hrimmi: *a deliberate insult, lie, act*. **2** fuungter, hnuter hrimmi: *She has a slow, deliberate way of talking*. ○ *making very deliberate gestures for emphasis*.

▷ **deliberately** *adv*: *a deliberately calm tone of voice* ○ *She said it deliberately to provoke me*.

**deliberate**<sup>2</sup> /dɪlɪbə'reɪt/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tw] ~ (about/on sth) (fml) ruat ciamciam, ralringte'n: *We had no time to deliberate (on the problem)*. ○ *deliberate what action to take* ○ *deliberate whether to leave or not*.

**deliberation** /dr'li'bə'reɪ'f'n/ *n* **1** [U, C] ruat ciamciamnak, ronkhawmnak: *After long deliberation, they decided not to buy*. ○ *What was the result of your deliberation(s)?* **2** [U] tihrimnak: *speak, take aim, walk with great deliberation*.

**delicacy** /de'likəsi/ *n* **1** [U] a neem zia (tham tik ih): *the delicacy of the fabric, a child's skin*. **2** [U] a nonalnak: *the delicacy of her features*. **3** (a) [U] ralring zet ih tuahnak/tongnak, tivek: *the delicacy of her playing, workmanship, carving*. (b) [U] tong dan/ti dan thiam: *She spoke with delicacy of our recent loss*. ○ *Don't forget the delicacy of our position*, ie Remember the need for tact, etc. **4** [U] (of colours, food, smells) a thawtnak, rawlthaw (rawl, rim tivek pawl): *a shade, wine, scent of great delicacy*. **5** [C] a thaw hngin ti ih ruahmi rawl: *the local people regard these crabs as a great delicacy*.

**delicate** /de'likət/ *adj* **1** a neem, a nomi (tham tikah): *as delicate as silk* ○ *a baby's delicate skin*. **2** thazet te ih tuah mi: *a delicate mechanism*,

structure, etc ○ the delicate beauty of a snowflake. **3 (a)** kuai-ol, siat-ol (thlang vek), naa-ol: delicate china ○ a delicate plant. **(b)** nat ol, dam lemlo: a delicate child, constitution ○ She has been in delicate health for some time. **4 (a)** tha zet le ralring zet ih tongtham tulmi: the delicate craftsmanship of a fine watch ○ a delicate surgical operation, eg on sb's eyes ○ her delicate playing of the sonata. **(b)** biakdan, simdan thiam: I admired your delicate handling of the situation. ○ We're conducting very delicate negotiations. **5** (of the senses, of instruments) taksa/thinlung in thei thei zet (thil terek tiang): a delicate sense of smell/touch ○ Only a very delicate thermometer can measure such tiny changes in temperature. **6 (a)** (of colours) a paat zet, a sah lo: a delicate shade of pink. **(b)** (of food or its taste) a thaw a neemmi (rawl): the gentle, delicate flavour of salmon ○ Veal is too delicate for a spicy sauce. **(c)** (of smell) a rim hmui fangfang: a delicate perfume, fragrance, aroma, etc.

▷ **delicately** adv: delicately carved statues ○ a delicately phrased compliment.

**delicatessen** /dɪlɪkə'tesn/ n **(a)** [C] ei thei lohli ih tuahmi rawl zuarnak dawr, eicop thei rawl, ei suanrawl. **(b)** [U] eicop thei rawl dawr.

**delicious** /dɪ'lɪʃəs/ adj thaw, a thaw (rawl): a delicious meal, cake, flavour ○ It smells delicious! ○ (fig) What a delicious joke!

▷ **deliciously** adv: a deliciously creamy soup.

**delight** /dɪ'lart/ n **1** [U] lungawinak: give delight to sb ○ To our great delight, the day turned out fine. **2** [C] lungawi: Her singing is a delight. ○ the delights of living in the country. **3** (idm) **take delight in sth/doing sth** nuam ti, lungawi: He takes great delight in proving others wrong.

▷ **delightful** /-fl/ adj ~ (to sb) lungawiza: a delightful holiday, melody, conversation ○ No news could be more delightful to me. **delightfully** /-fəli/ adv.

**delight<sup>2</sup>** /dɪ'lart/ v **1** [Tn] lungawiter: Her singing delighted everyone. **2** [Ipr no passive, It] ~ **in sth/doing sth** lungkim, nuam ti: He delights in teasing his younger sister. ○ (fml) She delights to be surrounded by admirers.

▷ **delighted** adj ~ (at sth/to do sth/that...) lungawi zet: a delighted smile, look, child ○ I'm delighted at your success/to hear of your success/that you succeeded. ○ 'Will you come to the party?' 'I'd be delighted (to)!'

**delimit** /di:'lɪmit/ v [Tn] rii teek sak: The first chapter delimits her area of research.

▷ **delimitation** /di:,lɪmɪ'teɪʃn/ n [C, U].

**delineate** /dɪ'lɪneɪt/ v [Tn] (fml) zuk suai tahrat in hmuh, zuk thawn hmuh: delineate sb's features, character ○ delineate one's plans.

▷ **delineation** /dɪ'lɪneɪʃn/ n [C, U].

**delinquency** /dɪ'lɪŋkwənsɪ/ n **(a)** [U, C] mino pawl

ih tuahmi sualpalhnak: juvenile delinquency.

**(b)** [U] tuah dingmi tuah tlohlnak: The captain's delinquency led to the loss of the ship.

**delinquent** /dɪ'lɪŋkwənt/ n, adj (milai) thil sual tuahtu, tuah tlohltu: a juvenile delinquent ○ delinquent behaviour ○ a delinquent soldier.

**deliquescent** /dɪ'lɪkwesnt/ adj (chemistry) tikhu ihsin a ti ah a thleng-awmi.

**delirious** /dɪ'lɪrɪəs/ adj **1 (a)** lung fiim lo (nat ruangah), lung-aa: He's so delirious he doesn't know where he is. **(b)** cu tivek a si mi: a delirious condition, reply. **2** (fig) lungawi luar kaimi: The children were delirious (with joy) as they opened the parcels.

▷ **deliriously** adv: raving deliriously ○ deliriously happy.

**delirium** /dɪ'lɪrɪəm/ n [U] **1** tak-sa besiat tuk ruangih lung-aat, tong-aa: exhausted by the fever and delirium. **2** (fig) lungawi luarnak.

□ **delirium tremens** /'tri:mɛnz/ (abbr **DT(s)**) zu-aa, zu ai nei.

**deliver** /dɪ'lɪvə(r)/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (to sb/sth) a ngahtu ding hnenah thil/cakuat va pek, thu cahmi sim: We deliver (your order) to your door! ○ A courier delivered the parcels (to our office). ○ Did you deliver my message to my father? **2 (a)** [Tn-pr only passive] **be ~ed of sb** (fml) naute hring: She was delivered of a healthy boy. **(b)** [Tn] naute hrin sak, nausuak bawm: Her baby was delivered by her own doctor. **(c)** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself of sth** (fml) thu sim: deliver oneself of an opinion, judgement, etc. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up/over) (to sb)** (fml) aap, mi kut ah pek: deliver (up) a fortress to the enemy ○ deliver over one's property to one's children. **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] thu sim, Pathian thu sim: She delivered a talk on philosophy to the society. **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (from sth)** (arch) run suak, humhim: May God deliver us from evil. **6 (a)** [Tn] deeng (lungto tivek) kap suak: In cricket, the ball is delivered overarm. ○ The missile is delivered from underground. **(b)** [Tn, Tn-pr] thong, phom: deliver a blow to the jaw ○ (fig) The teacher delivered a sharp rebuke to the class. **7** (infml) **(a)** [I, Ipr] ~ (on sth) tiamkam vekin pe suak: They promise to finish the job in June, but can they deliver (on that)? **(b)** [Tn] tissuak thei, suahti thei: The new model delivers speed and fuel economy. ○ If you can't deliver improved sales figures, you're fired! **8** (idm) **come up with/ deliver the goods** ⇒ GOODS.

▷ **deliverer** n **1** runsuaktu (DELIVER 1, 2, 3, 4). **2** humhimtu, tlentu.

**deliverance** /dɪ'lɪvərəns/ n [U] ~ (from sth) runsuaknak: They prayed for an early deliverance from captivity.

**delivery** /dɪ'lɪvəri/ n **1 (a)** [U] ca, thilri a ngahtu ding kutih pek: Your order is ready for delivery. ○ Please pay on (ie at the time of) delivery. **(b)**

## dell

[C] pek mi thilri, ca tivek: *We had a big delivery of coal today.* (c) [C] parcel, cakuat pek suaknak: *We have two postal deliveries each day.* 2 [C, U] nau hrin, thenhnh-aw: *an easy/difficult delivery* o *the first stage of delivery.* 3 [sing] thusim dan: *Her poor delivery spoilt an otherwise good speech.* 4 (a) [U] deeng (lungto, thingtum, tivek). (b) [C] cricket bawlung deeng: *a fast, hostile delivery.* 5 (idm) **cash on delivery** ⇨ CASH. **take delivery (of sth)** ngah (kuat mi): *When can you take delivery of the car?*

□ **delivery note** (esp Brit) thilkuat mi ka ngah a si ti hmin nganmi ca.

**delivery van** (US **delivery truck**) thil kuat phurtu mawṭawka.

**dell** /del/ *n* horkuam fiakte (khatlam khatlam ah thingkung a kho).

**delouse** /di:'laus/ *v* [Tn] hrik-thah pawl cemter, hrik-zoh.

**Delphic** /delfik/ *adj* 1 khuahlan Grik ram Delphi khua pathian hnenih tinlennak hmun. 2 a tican pahnih hnak ih tam a neih ruangah theihhar mi thu: *a Delphic utterance.*

**delphinium** /del'fɪniəm/ *n* mepian pianzia nei hmuan sung pangpar.

**delta** /deltə/ *n* 1 Greek cafang palinak (Δ, δ). 2 Nile tiva le tiffinriat tonawknak leirawn (rullu vek): *the Nile Delta.*

□ **delta wing aircraft** rullu vek thla nei vanzamleng.

**delude** /dɪ'lud/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (with **sth/into doing sth**) buum, a silomi zumter: *a poor deluded fool* o *delude sb with empty promises* o *delude oneself with false hopes* o *delude sb/oneself into believing that...*

**deluge** /delju:dʒ/ *n* 1 (a) tilian, tilik: *When the snow melts, the mountain stream becomes a deluge.* (b) ruahpi tak: *I got caught in the deluge on the way home.* 2 (fig) a hleihliap, a tamtuk ih ra thlengmi thil: *a deluge of work, words, letters.*

▷ **deluge** *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] 1 ~ **sth** (with **sth**) tilik vekin a thleng ciamco: *The town was deluged with thick slimy mud.* 2 ~ **sb/sth** (with **sth**) (fig) a tamtuk ra thleng/pek: *I was deluged with phone calls.* o *We advertised the job and were deluged with applications.*

**delusion** /dɪ'luzɪn/ *n* 1 [U] bumnak: *His arguments sound convincing but they're based on delusion.* 2 [C] zumsualnak, ruahsualnak: *be under a delusion/under the delusion that...* o *suffer from delusions* o *Your hopes of promotion are a mere delusion.* 3 (idm) **delusions of grandeur** mah le mah upa zet ka si hmang ti ih zumsualnak: *She wants to travel first-class: she must have delusions of grandeur.*

**delusive** /dɪ'lusɪv/ *adj* a ngaingai lo, bummi: *a delusive belief, impression, etc.*

▷ **delusively** *adv.*

**de luxe** /də'lʌks, US -lʊks/ *adj* [esp attrib] sinak

a sangmi, phun saang mi: *a de luxe hotel, car, bed* o *the de luxe edition of a book*, eg with a special leather binding.

**delve** /delv/ *v* 1 [Ipr] ~ **in/into sth** (a) hawl: *She delved in her bag and pulled out a pen.* o *delve into a drawer, box, pocket, etc for sth.* (b) thu pakhat theih zuam ih hawl: *a writer delving in medieval French literature* o *She devled into the origins of the custom.* 2 [I] (arch) laih, co (leilung tivek).

**Dem** *abbr* (US) Democrat; Decocratic. Cf REP 2.

**demagnetize, -ise** /di:mægnɪtaɪz/ *v* [Tn] thirhip (meknet) tha hloter.

▷ **demagnetization, -isation** /di:mægnɪtaɪz'eɪʃn; US -tɪz/ *n.*

**demagogue** /demə'gɒɡ/ *n* mi ih thin khoih ding le a si thei lomi sim in mipi za-awinak ngah tumtu politic hruaitu.

▷ **demagogic** /demə'gɒɡɪk/ *adj* cu tivek a simi.

**demagoguery** /demə'gɒɡəri/ *n* [U] cu tivek sinak.

**demand** /dɪ'mænd; US dɪ'mænd/ *n* 1 [C] ~ (for **sb to do sth**); ~ (for **sth/that...**) fialmi, thupek, dilmi: *receive a tax demand* o *It is impossible to satisfy all your demands.* o *The workers' demands for higher pay were refused by the employers.* o *There have been fresh demands for the Prime Minister to resign.* o *demands for reform/that there should be reform.* 2 [U] ~ (for **sth/sb**) thil leitu pawl ih duhmi, thil lei duhmi zat, thil cah-mi: *We blame poor overseas demand for the car's failure.* o *Demand for skilled workers is high; but there is no demand for unskilled ones.* o *Demand for fish this month exceeds supply.* 3 (also **demand note**) leiba dilnak ca. 4 (idm) **in demand** sammi, caak zetmi: *Good secretaries are always in demand.* o *She is in great demand as singer.* **make demands of/on sb** thazaang le thiamnak a ṭul: *This new aircraft makes tremendous demands of the pilot.* **on demand** dil tik poh ah, ṭul tik poh ah: *a cheque payable on demand* o *She's in favour of abortion on demand.*

□ **demand bill, demand loan** (esp US) dil tikih pek ding paisa dilnak ca. Cf SUPPLY AND DEMAND (SUPPLY).

**demand** /dɪ'mænd; US dɪ'mænd/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tf, Tt] dil, ngen: *demand an apology (from sb)* o *The workers are demanding better pay.* o *She demanded (to know) my business.* o *He demands that he be told/demands to be told everything.* 2 [Tn] a sam, a ṭul: *This sort of work demands great patience.* o *Does the letter demand an immediate answer?* ie Must it be answered at once?

**demanding** /dɪ'ma:ndɪŋ; US dɪ'mændɪŋ/ *adj* (a) thinsau, thiam le zuam ṭulmi: *a demanding job, schedule, etc.* (b) mi fial duh, thil ṭha ngen: *a demanding boss, father, etc* o *Children are so demanding: they need constant attention.*

**demarcate** /di'mɑ:kət/ *v* [Tn] (ram) rii then sak,

a rii hminsak, rii tek sak: *The playing area is demarcated by a white line.*

**demarcation** /di:mɑ:k'eɪʃn/ *n* [U, C] rii, riin: *a line of demarcation* ○ [attrib] *demarcation disputes in industry.*

**démarche** /deɪma:ʃ/ *n* (French) ramhruainak (politic) karbak.

**demean** /dr'mi:n/ *v* [Tn, Tnt] ~ **oneself** mah le mah nauter: *Don't demean yourself by telling such obvious lies.* ○ *I wouldn't demean myself to ask for favours from them.*

▷ **demeaning** *adj* nauthlak (a simi): *He found it very demeaning to have to work for his former employee.*

**demeanour** (US -**nor**) /dr'mi:nə(r)/ *n* [U] (*fml*) ziaza, thil ti dan: *I dislike his arrogant demeanour.*

**demented** /dr'mentɪd/ *adj* (a) aa, hmaw: *a poor, demented creature.* (b) (*fig infml*) aathok, thinfu: *When her child was two hours late, she became quite demented.*

▷ **dementedly** *adv.*

**dementia** /dr'menʃə/ *n* [U] (*medical*) thluak nat ruangih khawruat thei lo nat.

□ **dementia praecox** /di'menʃə'pri:kɔks/ (*fml*) schizophrenia, mawlh le aat nat.

**demerara** /demə'reərə/ *n* [U] (also **demerara sugar**) fuu ti eer ih ngah mi cithlum (a raang tuk lomi).

**demerit** /di'merɪt/ (*fml*) thelhnaak, palhnaak, famkim lonak: *consider the merits and demerits of a system.*

**demesne** /dr'məm/ *n* (*law*) mah ih loram lak ih umcih, mahta vekih lakmi inn le ram: *land held in demesne.* (b) [C] milai um lonak cu tivek inn-lo, hngah lomi loram.

**demi-** *pref* (with *ns*) a kauseu: *demigod.*

**demigod** /demɪgɒd/ *n* (*in classical mythology*) thuanthu sungih a kauseu milai, a kauseu pathian, (khuavang) a si mi, minung le pathian rawimi.

**demilitarize, -ies** /di:'militəraɪz/ *v* [Tn] lungkimnak thawn ralkap ret nawn lo, ralkap umter lo: *a demilitarized zone.*

▷ **demilitarization, -isation** /di:'militəraɪzeɪʃn; US -rə'z-/ *n* [U, Gp].

**demi-monde** /demɪ mɒnd/ (*French*) 1 upat tlak lomi milai pawl, daan nei lo pawl: *the demi-monde of gambling clubs and sleazy bars.* 2 (*formerly*) nunau hlothlau, mi nhen tel tlak lo nunau.

**demise** /dr'maɪz/ *n* [sing] 1 (*fml*) thih. 2 (*fig*) a cemnak (sum tuah, thil tuah) cemral ko sunnak: *This loss led to the demise of the business.*

**demist** /di:'mɪst/ *v* [Tn] tikhu hnawt, hlön (mawtawka thlalang ta).

▷ **demister** (US **defroster**) *n* mawtawka thlalang ti hlumtertu thil (tidai khal lo dingin).

**dem(o)-** *comb form* tongfang dang thawn komcih ih hmanmi a si. milai, asilole, mipi tican a si:

*demagogue* ○ *democracy* ○ *demographic.*

**demo** /deməʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (*infml esp Brit*) duhnak langter/dil: *demonstration*(3).

**demob** /di:'mɒb/ *v* (-bb-) [Tn] (*Brit infml*) demobilize (sb).

▷ **demob** *n* [U] (*Brit infml*) demobilization.

**demobilize, -ise** /di:'mɒbəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] ralkap hnaŋuan baan khuan pek.

▷ **demobilization, -isation** /di:'mɒbəlaɪzeɪʃn; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**democracy** /dr'mɒkrəsi/ *n* 1 (a) [U] zapi hrilmi palai pawl ih tuahmi cozah, mi ukdan: *parliamentary democracy.* (b) [C] *democracy* ram: *the Western democracies.* 2 [C, U] thurelnak, biaknak le ukdan lam khawruah daan ah zalennak a pek ih, upadi a thlun mi le, mi tam sawn lungkimnak ih uk-awk le mimal pawl ih covo tla a upat saktu cozah: *the principles of democracy.* 3 (a) [U] ram mi pawl pakhat le pakhat bangran te ih zoh-awk daan (thleidan um loin): *Is there more democracy in Australia than in Britain?* (b) [C] cu tivek umnak ram. 4 [U] pawlpi pakhat a sungtel pawlkom uknak: *industrial democracy.*

**democrat** /deməkræt/ *n* 1 *democracy* a zum ih a duhtu. 2 **Democrat** (*abbr D*) America (USA) ram ih Democratic Party thapetu, lole sungtel. Cf REPUBLICAN 2.

**democratic** /deməkrætɪk/ *adj* 1 *democracy* thu hram a bunmi: *democratic rights, elections* ○ *democratic government, rule.* 2 thleidannak um lo uk awknak a duhtu, tha a petu: *a democratic society, outlook, etc.* 3 sungtel pawlih thuneihnak thawn ukmi: *democratic involvement, participation, etc.*

▷ **democratically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *democratically elected, decided, etc.*

□ **Democratic Party** America (USA) ram ih party hmin. Cf REPUBLICAN PARTY (REPUBLICAN).

**democratize, -ise** /dr'mɒkrətaɪz/ *v* [Tn] mi seenpi ukmi (democratic) ah tuah: *democratize the administration of an organization.*

▷ **democratization, -isation** /dr'mɒkrətaɪzeɪʃn; US -tɪz-/ *n* [U].

**demography** /dr'mɒgrəfi/ *n* [U] nausuk, mithi, natnak le a dang pawl thuhla cazin (khawsa-tlang pawl an si dan theih duh ah).

▷ **demographer** /dr'mɒgrəfə(r)/ *n* cumi lam thiamtu.

**demographic** /demə'græfɪk/ *adj.*

**demolish** /dr'mɒlɪʃ/ *v* [Tn] 1 (a) bal theh, thet theh (inn): *They've demolished the slum district.* (b) (*fig*) siatsuah: *Her article brilliantly demolishes his argument.* 2 (*fig joc*) hamtam zet in ei thluh: *She demolished two whole pies.*

▷ **demolition** /demə'lɪʃn/ *n* [U, C]: *the demolition of the houses* ○ [attrib] *demolition contractors.*

**demon** /dɪmən/ *n* 1 khawsia, khuavang, ramhuai: *medieval carvings of demons.* 2 (*infml*) (a) mi

## demonetize, -ise

tha lo, mi siava: *Your son's a little demon.* (b) ~ (for sth) milaw, thacak: *She's a demon for work,* ie works very hard. ○ [attrib] a demon worker. (c) a cak, a ngam zetmi: [attrib] a demon bowler. 3 (idm) the demon drink (joc) zu (mi a molh, a hrangtertu): *He's very violent: it's the demon drink, you know.*

▷ **demonic** /demonik/ adj: demonic energy.

**demonetize, -ise** /di:manitaiz/ v tangka ah hman nawn lo.

▷ **demonetization, -isation** /di:manitaizən/ US -tɪz-/ n [U].

**demoniac** /dɪ'məʊniæk/ (also **demoniacal** /di:mə'niæk/) adj (a) a siava zet mi: *demoniac tortures, plans.* (b) a cak luar mi, rapthlak: *demoniac energy, fury, etc.*

**demonstrable** /demonstrebl/; US dɪ'monstrəbl/ adj a sinak tarlang le simfiang theih: a demonstrable lie, inaccuracy, etc.

▷ **demonstrability** /demonstreblətɪ/ n [U]. **demonstrably** /-blɪ/ adv.

**demonstrate** /demonstreɪt/ v 1 (a) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tf, Tw] ~ sth (to sb) tarlang, hmuh, a sinak tuhla simfiang: *demonstrate the truth of a statement (to sb)* ○ *How do you demonstrate that the pressure remains constant?* ○ *Can you demonstrate what you mean by that?* (b) [Tn, Tf, Tw] hmuh, zohthim dingah hmuh: *The election demonstrates democracy in action.* ○ *His sudden departure demonstrates that he's unreliable/how unreliable he is.* 2 [Tn, Tnpr, Tw] ~ sth (to sb) thil tidaan hmuh: *An assistant demonstrated the washing machine (to customers).* ○ *She demonstrated how best to defend oneself.* 3 [I, Ipr] ~ (against/in favour of sb/sth) duhnak, duh lonak tarlang (mi tampi khawm aw in): *Thousands demonstrated against the price increases.* 4 [Tn] pum le ruang (milai rori) thawn duhnak langter: *Workers have already demonstrated their opposition to the plans.* ○ *demonstrate strong feelings.*

**demonstration** /demon'streɪfən/ n 1 [U, C] hmuhternak, tarlangnak, a si rori ti ih simfiangnak: *convinced by (a) scientific demonstration* ○ *a demonstration of a law of physics.* 2 [C, U] thil cangvaih dan hmuh ih zohternak: *a demonstration of the computer's functions.* ⇒ Usage. 3 [C] ~ (against/in favour of sb/sth) duh lonak hmuh luailo — mi tampi in: *a demonstration of affection, eg embracing sb* ○ *a clear demonstration of their intentions.*

NOTE ON USAGE: 1 A **demonstration** and a **display** do not require a specific or permanent site. At a **demonstration** one sees how something works or is done: *a cookery demonstration* ○ *a demonstration of a new car.* 2 A **display** is often for public entertainment: *a flying, fireworks, fashion, etc display.* 3 A **trade exhibition/show/**

**fair** is held in an **exhibition hall** or centre where commercial or industrial goods are advertised: *a book fair* ○ *the World Trade Fair* ○ *the Motor Show* ○ *the Great Exhibition.* 4 A **show** can also be of domestic animals or plants, often in competition for prizes. Paintings, drawings, etc are displayed in an **exhibition**: *the Chelsea Flower Show* ○ *a horse show* ○ *an art exhibition.* 5 A **fair** or **funfair** is also a collection of entertainments (roundabouts, stalls, etc) traveling from town to town.

**demonstrative** /dɪ'monstrətɪv/ adj 1 (a) lungsung thu langter loh-limi, thinrang: *Some people are more demonstrative than others.* (b) lang zet in, thinlung thu langter (a bik in duhnak): *He's very demonstrative: he kissed me on both cheeks.* 2 (grammar) (of a determiner or pronoun) 'this' 'these' tivek pawl khi demonstrative pronoun an ti: *In 'This is my bike', 'this' is a demonstrative pronoun.*

▷ **demonstratively** adv. **demonstrative-ness** n [U]: *embarrassed by demonstrativeness.*

**demonstrator** /demonstreɪtə(r)/ n 1 thil hmuhtu simfiangtu le zirhtu: *The demonstrators set up apparatus for the experiment.* 2 duhmi langtertu/duh lonak langter duh ih au le vaktu (DEMONSTRATE 3): *The noisy demonstrators were dispersed by the police.*

**demoralize, -ise** /dɪ'mɔrəlaɪz/; US -lɔɪz-/ v [Tn] thinnau, thinduai: *The troops were thoroughly demoralized by this setback.* ○ *feel very demoralized* ○ *The news is very demoralizing.* Cf DISPIRIT.

▷ **demoralization, -isation** /dɪ'mɔrəlaɪzən/; US -lɔɪz-/ n [U].

**demote** /di:'məʊt/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (from sth) (to sth) hnaʔuan thum, upa sinak thum sak: *He was demoted from sergeant to corporal.* Cf PROMOTE.

▷ **demotion** /di:'məʊʃn/ n.

**demotic** /dɪ'mɔtɪk/ adj mi menmen hmanmi (ʔong): *demotic Greek*, ie informal, esp spoken, form of modern Greek.

**demur** /dɪ'mɜ:(r)/ v (-rr-) [I, Ipr] ~ (at sth) (fml) duh lo, eel, tuah loih sup lawk, um san men: *I suggested putting the matter to a vote, but the chairman demurred.*

▷ **demur** n (idm) **without demur** eel lo te'n, um san men loin.

**demure** /dɪ'mjʊə(r)/ adj (a) ningzak hmaisong nei vek ih um awter mi, mi daite vekih um awter mi: *a very demure young lady.* (b) cuvek ih ummi: *a demure smile, reply etc.*

▷ **demurely** adv. **demureness** n [U].

**demystify** /di:'mɪstɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp -fied) [Tn] theih olter deuh: *We are trying to demystify the workings of government.*

▷ **demystification** /di:'mɪstɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ n [U] theih

ol deuh ih tuahnak, theih olternak: *The demystification of the resurrection upsets many Christians.*

**den** /den/ *n* **1** ramsa relhhmun (lungkua tivek): *a bear's/lion's den*. **2** (derog) thupte ih ton-awknak hmun: *an opium den* ○ *a den of thieves*. **3** (infml) mah bulpaak te ih umnak hmun (inn khan): *retire to one's den*. **4** (idm) **beard the lion in his den** ⇒ DEARD<sup>2</sup>. **a den of iniquity/vice** (often joc) sualnak le thil siava tuah hmun: *He thought of New York as a den of iniquity*.

**denationalize, -ise** /di:næʃənəlaɪz/ *v* [Tn] thiltuah le dawrtuah khi bulpaak kut ah thlenter sal. Cf NATIONALIZE **1**.

▷ **denationalization, -isation** /di:næʃənəlaɪzəʃn/; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**denatured** /di:'neɪʃəd/ *adj* [esp attrib] **(a)** ei tlak lo, in tlak loih tuahmi: *denatured alcohol*. **(b)** sinak hlohter mi: *denatured rubber*; a dir aw thei nawn lomi rabar.

**deniable** /dr'naiəbl/ *adj* eel theih: *I suppose these changes are deniable?* ie We might convince others they are not true.

**denial** /dr'naiəl/ *n* **1** [C] ~ **(of sth/sth...)** eelnak, a si lo tinak, phatsannak: *the prisoner's repeated denials of the charges against him* ○ *an official denial that there would be an election in May*. **2** **(a)** [C, U] ~ **(of sth)** sian lonak, pek duh lonak: *condemn the denial of basic human freedoms*. **(b)** [C, U] ~ **(of sth)** bom duh lonak, sian lonak: *the denial of his request for leave*.

**denier** /deniə(r)/ *n* pu-hri, nailun hri a t̃hat le t̃hat lo tahnak: [attrib] *30 denier stockings*.

**denigrate** /denigreɪt/ *v* [Tn] nautat, santlai lo ih re: *denigrate sb's character, achievements, etc.*

▷ **denigration** /denɪ'greɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**denim** /denɪm/ *n* **1** [U] jean (jiin) puanthan tahnak ih hmanmi pathrii (hrual t̃ha mi). **2** **denims** [pl] (infml) cuih pathrii thawn tahmi jiin pawl.

**denizen** /denɪzn/ *n* (fml or joc) umnak hmun keel ih um ringring mi milai, ramsa le thingkung pawl: *polar bears, denizens of the frozen North* ○ *Blenkinsop, a respected denizen of our school*, ie a teacher who has been there for a long time.

**denomination** /dɪnə'mɪneɪʃn/ *n* **1** (fml) hmin: *agreed denominations for various species of fish*. **2** biaknak lam pawl hmin, pawl: *The Protestant denominations include the Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists*. **3** a zat (thil tahnak lam, tangka): *The US coin of the lowest denomination is the cent*. ○ *We can reduce fractions to the same denomination*, eg.  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{10}$ .  
▷ **denominational** /-neɪ'ʃənəl/ *adj* biaknak pawl lam a simi (DENOMINATION 2): *denominational schools*.

**denominator** /dr'nə'mɪneɪtə(r)/ *n* nambat bung t̃hen ih nambat tangta sawn, eg  $\frac{3}{4}$  ah 4 cu denominator a si. Cf NUMERATOR.

**denote** /dr'nəʊt/ *v* **(a)** [Tn] a ai-awh, can-ai ah um

a ti can: *What does the term 'organic' denote?* ○ *In algebra, the sign  $x$  usually denotes an unknown quantity*, Algebra Kanan ah  $x$  in theih lomi a zat ai a awh. **(b)** [Tn, Tf] khihhmuh: *The mark denotes an omission*. ○ *This mark denotes that a word has been deleted*.

**denouement** /der'nu:mənt/ *US* /deɪnu:'mənt/ *n* thuanthu, thuanthu cawn ih a cemter daan, a tawp daan: *In a surprising denouement, she becomes a nun*.

**denounce** /dr'naʊns/ *v* **1** **(a)** [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-a] tlunlam upa hnenah/zung ah zuar: *An informer denounced him to the police (as a terrorist)*. **(b)** [Tn, Cn-a] ~ **sb/sth (as sth)** relsiat, mawhsiat, ziangt̃ha loih ret: *She strongly denounced the government's hypocrisy*. ○ *Union officials denounced the action as a breach of the agreement*. **2** [Tn] lungkimnak siatsal.

**dense** /dens/ *adj* **(-er, -est)** **1** **(a)** a sah zet: *a dense substance, rock, star, etc.* **(b)** (of liquids, vapour) tam zet, pit zet: *dense fog/smoke*. **2** (of people and things) pit zet ih um hmurhmi: *a dense crowd, forest, etc.* **3** (infml) fiim lo, aa: *How can you be so dense?*

▷ **densely** *adv*: *a densely populated country* ○ *densely wooded*, ie covered with trees growing close together. **denseness** *n* [U].

**density** /densəti/ *n* **1** [U] a sah dan, a pit dan: *the density of a forest, the fog, etc.* **2** [C, U] (physics) a khiing le a tumsen lam pehtlaihnak.

**dent** /dent/ *n* **1** (also **dint**) thil kuar, a kuarnak: *a dent in the boot of my car*. **2** (idm) **(make) a dent in sth** (infml) t̃hum deuh, malter deuh: *a dent in one's pride* ○ *The repairs made a dent in our funds*, ie cost us a lot.

▷ **dent** *v* **(a)** kuar: *The back of the car was badly dented in a collision*. **(b)** [I] kuar, sawng: *a metal that dents easily*.

**dental** /dentl/ *adj* **1** haa lam: *dental care, treatment, etc.* **2** (phonetics) tlunlam hahmai le lei tong aw ih saalmi aw: *dental sounds*, eg /θ/ /ð/.

□ **dental floss** ha karlak hnawtnak pat-hri.

**dental hygienist** /haɪ'dʒi:nist/ ha tuahtu ai ih mi ha rak kholh le hnawttu.

**dental plate** = PLATE<sup>1</sup> 9.

**dental surgeon** ha sibawi.

**dentifrice** /dentɪfrɪs/ *n* [U] (fml) ha t̃huahnak sivut.

**dentist** /dentɪst/ *n* ha tuahtu, ha thlongtu.

▷ **dentistry** /dentɪstri/ *n* [U] hatuah hnaʃuan.

**denture** /dentʃə(r)/ *n* (usu pl): *a set of dentures* = PLATE<sup>1</sup> 9.

**denude** /dr'nju:d/ *US* /-nu:d/ *v* [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (of sth)** kolhter, lawngter, laksak t̃heh: *trees denuded of leaves* ○ *hillsides denuded of trees*.

▷ **denudation** /di:nju:'deɪʃn/; *US* -nu:-/ *n* [U].

**denunciation** /drɪ'nʌnsɪeɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] relsiatnak,

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## deny

ziangtha loih ret, zuarthlainak: *her fierce denunciation(s) of her enemies.*

**deny** /dr'naɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **denied**) **1** [Tn, Tf, Tnt, Tg] eel, a dik lo ti ih ti: *deny a statement, claim, accusation, charge, etc* ○ *deny that sth is true* ○ (fml) *She denied this to be the case.* ○ *He denied knowing anything about it.* ○ *He denied that he was involved.* ○ *There is no denying the fact that..., ie everyone must admit that.... Cf AFFIRM.* **2** [Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** siang lo: *He gave to his friends what he denied to his family.* ○ *She was angry at being denied the opportunity to see me.* ○ *He denies himself nothing.* **3** [Tn] pheh— thei nain ka thei lo ti: *He denied any knowledge of their plans, ie claimed to know nothing about them.* ○ (fml) *He denied the signature, ie said that it was not his.*

**deodorant** /di:'əʊdərənt/ *n* [U, C] taksa rimsia hlotertu.

**deodorize, -ise** /di:'əʊdəraɪz/ *v* [Tn] rimsia hloter.

**dep** abbr **1** depart(s); departed; departing; departure: *dep Paris 23:05 hrs.* Cf ARR 2. **2** deputy.

**depart** /dr'pɑ:t/ *v* (fml) **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (for...) (from...) feh, pok: *We departed for London at 10 am.* ○ *The 10:15 to Leeds departs from platform 4.* **2** (idm) **depart (from) this life** (arch or rhet) thi. **3** (phr v) **depart from sth** pial, lam dang ah feh: *depart from routine, standard practice, old customs, etc* ○ *Depart from the truth, ie not be truthful.*

**departed** /dr'pɑ:tɪd/ *adj* [esp attrib] **1** (fml or euph) a thi zo: *our departed heroes, eg soldiers who died in battle* ○ *your dear departed brother.* **2** (fml) a liam zo: *thinking of departed glories.* ▷ **the departed** *n* (pl unchanged) a thi zo milai: *pray for the soul(s) of the departed.*

**department** /dr'pɑ:t'mənt/ *n* **1** (abbr Dept) cozah zungthen, zirnak lam zungthen: *the Department of the Environment* ○ *the Education Department* ○ *the export sales department* ○ *the men's clothing department.* **2** theih ban mi, huapmi: *Don't ask me about our finances: that's my wife's department.* **3** France ram ih distrik.

▷ **departmental** /di:'ɑ:t'məntl/ *adj* a then ih um mi, a zate si lo: *a departmental manager, meeting, etc.*

□ **department store** thilri a phun a phun in retih zuarnak dawr tumpi.

**departure** /dr'pɑ:tʃə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) ~ (from...) [U] pok suak, feh suak: *His departure was quite unexpected.* ○ [attrib] *the departure lounge, ie in an airport.* (b) [C] thlen le feh tikcu: *notices showing arrival and departures of trains.* **2** (a) [C, U] ~ **from sth** pialnak, a peeng ih thil tinak: *a departure from old customs, the standard procedure, etc.* (b) [C] thil tuah (sun theihmi): *Working on a farm is a new departure for him.* **3** (idm) **a point of departure** ⇨ POINT<sup>1</sup>.

**depend** /dr'pend/ *v* **1** (idm) **that depends; it (all)**

**depends** a thu um dan vekin: *'Can I come?' 'That depends: there might not be room in the car.'* ○ *It depends how you tackle the problem.* **2** (phr v) **depend on/upon sb/sth (a)** ring: *I'm depending on you coming.* ○ *You can never depend on his arriving on time.* ○ (ironic) *You can depend on her to be (ie she always is) late.* ○ *Depend on it (ie You can be sure): we won't give up.* (b) (be able to) rin um ih ruat: *You can't depend on the train arriving on time.* ○ *She's a woman who can be depended on.* **depend on sb/sth (for sth)** rinsan: *I haven't got a car, so I have to depend on the buses.* ○ *We depend on the radio for news.* (b) sumpai/bomnak ring: *This area depends on the mining industry.* ○ *Children depend on their parents for food and clothing.* **depend on sth** a thuthu parah ringin: *A lot will depend on how she responds to the challenge.* ○ *How much is produced depends on how hard we work.*

▷ **dependable** *adj* rinsan tlak: *a dependable friend, car, service.* **dependability** /dr'pendəbəlɪtɪ/ *n* [U]. **dependably** /-əbəlɪ/ *adv.*

**dependant** (also esp US -ent) /dr'pendənt/ *n* miring ih nungtu (umnak, ei-in, tivek pawl).

**dependence** /dr'pendəns/ *n* [U] ~ **on/upon sb/sth** **1** mi dang/thil dang rinsannak: *my complete dependence on her skill and experience.* **2** (a) miring ih nunnak: *Find a job and end your dependence on your parents.* (b) mi bom ring nun: *the dependence of the crops on the weather* ○ *medical treatment for drug/alcohol dependence.*

**dependency** /dr'pendənsɪ/ *n* ram dang ih ukmi ram: *The Hawaiian Islands are no longer a dependency of the USA.*

**dependent** /dr'pendənt/ *adj* **1** ~ (on/upon sb/sth) mi dang ringih ummi: *a woman with several dependent children* ○ *be dependent on one's parents/a grant.* **2** [pred] ~ **on/upon sb/sth** ring in: *Success is dependent on how hard you work.* **3** [pred] ~ **on/up on sth** tisa ih caak mi: *She is dependent on drugs/alcohol.*

▷ **dependent** *n* = DEPENDANT.

**depict** /dr'pɪkt/ *v* [Tn, Cn-n/a, Cn-g] (a) mi/thil pakhat ah zuk suai: *a picture depicting him as a clown* ○ *The drawing depicts her sitting on a sofa.* (b) tongkam thawn simfiang: *her novel depicts life in modern London (as an ordeal).*

▷ **depiction** /dr'pɪkʃn/ *n* [U, C].

**depilatory** /dr'pɪlətrɪ/ US -tɔ:rɪ/ *n*, *adj* hmul, sam tlong sii.

**deplane** /di:'pleɪn/ *v* [I, Tn] vanzamleng ihsin tumter: *The troops (were) deplaned an hour later.*

**deplete** /dr'pli:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] a zat, a tumsen, a cahnak, a man nasa zet ih tumter: *our stock of food is greatly depleted.* ○ *This expense has depleted our funds.* ○ *a lake depleted of fish, ie with many of the fish gone.*

▷ **depletion** /dr'pli:tʃn/ *n* [U] cuvek ih tumternak.

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**deplore** /dɪˈplɔː(r)/ *v* [Tn] (a) duh lo, hnong: *She deplored his scandalous actions.* 2 riahisia.

▷ **deplorable** /dɪˈplɔːrəbl/ *adj* riahisia: *a deplorable attitude, speech* ○ *The acting was deplorable!* **deplorably** /-əbli/ *adv*.

**deploy** /dɪˈplɔɪ/ *v* (a) [I, Tn] ral do dingah an tanhmun ciar ah fehter: *The infantry began to deploy at dawn.* ○ *Artillery was deployed in the west.* (b) [Tn] thahnem santlai zetin hman: *deploy one's arguments, resources, etc.*

▷ **deployment** *n* [U].

**deponent** /dɪˈpəʊnənt/ *n* (law) thuθentu zung ih hman dingah mah ih tuhla ngantu.

**depopulate** /dɪˈpɒpjuleɪt/ *v* [Tn] milu, mipum malter: *a country depopulated by war, famine, disease, etc.*

▷ **depopulation** /dɪˈpɒpjuleɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**deport** /dɪˈpɔːt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from...) ram dang mi amai ram ah dawi sal (a soal ruangah, ramdang mi a si ruangah): *He was convicted of drug offences and deported.*

▷ **deportation** /dɪˈpɔːteɪʃn/ *n* [U] mah ram ih dawi kirsalnak: *Years ago convicted criminals in England could face deportation to Australia.*

**deportee** /dɪˈpɔːtiː/ *n* ram ihsin dawisuakmi.

**deportment** /dɪˈpɔːtmənt/ *n* [U] (fml) (a) (Brit) hoiher, umtu dan: *Young ladies used to have lessons in deportment.* (b) (US) **behaviour** umtu dan.

**depose** /dɪˈpəʊz/ *v* 1 [Tn] siangpahrang sinak ihsin hlon, lal sinak banter. 2 [Ipr, Tf] ~ **to doing sth** (law) thuθennak zung sungah siatcam in ngan ih sim: *depose to having seen...* ○ *depose that one saw...* Cf DEPOSITION.

**deposit<sup>1</sup>** /dɪˈpɒzɪt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] 1 (a) ahlawk/a karh thawn tangka zung (bank) ah tangka ret: *The cheque was only deposited yesterday, so it hasn't been cleared yet.* (b) ~ **sth** (with sb) kilkhawi sak dingah aap: *deposit papers with one's lawyer.* 2 (a) pek dingmi sungin tawkfang rak pek cia: *I had to deposit 10% of the price of the house.* (b) amkham nak ih pekciami tangka: *You must deposit £500 as well as the first month's rent.* 3 ~ **sth** (on sth) (fml) (a) retta, taanta: *He deposited the books on the desk.* ○ *Some insects deposit their eggs on the ground.* (b) thlaak, taan, umter: *The river floods the fields and deposits mud on them.*

**deposit<sup>2</sup>** /dɪˈpɒzɪt/ *n* 1 [C] tangka zung ih retmi tangka: *a £10 deposit* ○ *She made two deposits of £500 last month.* 2 ~ (on sth) (a) pekciami tangka: *The shop promised to keep the goods for me if I paid a deposit.* (b) pakhat khat a siat le kuannak ding ti ih pek cia mi tangka: *I had to pay a £500 deposit to the landlord before I could move into the house.* 3 [C, U] (a) amah te a pengaw mi (leinawi, tivek); tiva ih umter mi ciarbeek, leinawi, tivek: *A thick deposit of mud lay on the fields when the flood went down.* (b) amahte rak pengawmi lei sung um thil: *Valuable deposits of*

*oil/tin have been found by drilling.* 4 (idm) on **deposit** baan ih retmi tangka: *have £2000 on deposit.*

□ **deposit account** sim hmaisa cia hnu lawngah suah a theihmi a pungthang a ummi tangka zung ih khawlmī tangka. Cf CURRENT ACCOUNT (CURRENT<sup>1</sup>), SAVINGS ACCOUNT (SAVING).

**deposition** /dɪˈpəʊzɪʃn/ *n* 1 [U] siangpahrang ihsin hlonnak, lal banternak. 2 [U, C] (law) siatcamnak thawn thuθentu zung sungih thu simnak: *the accused has made a deposition.* Cf DEPOSE.

**depositor** /dɪˈpəʊzɪtə(r)/ *n* bank ih tangka rettu.

**depository** /dɪˈpəʊzɪtri/ *n* bank ih tangka rettu. **depository** /dɪˈpəʊzɪtri/ *n* thilri (tokham, cabuai tivek) retnak inn.

**depot** /dɪˈpəʊ/ *n* 1 (a) ralkap thil khawlnak inn. (b) mawṭawka le leeng dang pawl retnak inn. 2 (US) mawṭawka, tlaangleng cawlhnak hmun.

**deprave** /dɪˈpɒzɪtri/ *v* (fml) (a) (Brit) hoiher, umtu dan: *He was convicted of drug offences and deported.*

▷ **depravation** /dɪˈpɒrəveɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**depraved** /dɪˈpɒrəvd/ *adj* ziaza siat mi: *depraved thoughts, morals, companions* ○ *He was totally depraved.*

**depravity** /dɪˈpɒrəvd/ *n* 1 [U] ziaza siatnak, sualnak: *a life of depravity* ○ *sunk in depravity.* 2 [C] ziaza sia: *the depravities of a corrupt ruler.*

**deprecate** /dɪˈprekət/ *v* (fml) (a) [Tn, Tw, Tg, Tsg] lungkim lonak simsuak: *Hasty action is to be deprecated.* ○ *He deprecates (her) changing the party's policy.* (b) [Tn, Tw] hmaisong, ningzak (mi ih rak lomnak ruangah, etc): *deprecate sb's compliments/condescending charm.*

▷ **deprecating** *adj*: *a deprecating smile.*

**deprecatingly** *adv*. **deprecatory** /dɪˈprekətəri/ *adj*: *a deprecatory remark, view, etc.*

**depreciate** /dɪˈpriːʃiət/ *v* 1 [I] a man a ṭum, man ṭum: *Shares in the company have depreciated.* 2 [Tn, Tw] thupi terlo, nautat ih ṭong: *Don't depreciate my efforts to help/what I have done.*

▷ **depreciatory** /dɪˈpriːʃiətəri/ *adj*: *depreciatory remarks about a great achievement.*

**depreciation** /dɪˈpriːʃiəʃən/ *n* [C, U] man ṭumternak: *suffer a sharp depreciation.*

**depredation** /dɪˈpreɪdəʃən/ *n* [pl] (fml) thil lonsak le siatsak: *The town survived the depredations of marauding gangs.* ○ *the depredations of the storm.*

**depress** /dɪˈpres/ *v* [Tn] 1 riahsiater, um nuam loter: *Wet weather always depresses me.* 2 nam, tuul, dirthla: *depress a lever, a piano key, a button, etc.* 3 cangvai loih um, ngawi hlunhli: *depress a market* ○ *depress sales* ○ *A rise in oil prices depresses the car market.*

▷ **depressant** /-ənt/ *n, adj* thinlung le thazaang dertertu: *a depressant drug.*

**depressed** *adj* riahsia, ziang huam lo, thin nau

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ih um: *depressed about the election results.*

**depressing** *adj* mi riahsiater thei, riahsiatza: *a depressing sight, prospect, film, etc.* **depressingly** *adv*: *The crime rate is depressingly high.*

□ **depressed area** ram pakhat sungah thil lei le thil zuar um lemlo ih farahnak hmun.

**depression** /dɪˈreʃn/ *n* **1** [U] thinsiatnak: *He committed suicide during a fit of depression.* **2** [C] a kuarnak hmun: *depressions on the face of the moon* ○ *The soldiers hid from the enemy in a slight depression.* **3** [C] thil lei thil zuar um tuk lo caan. **4** [C] (a) thli sahdaan a niamnak hmun. (b) cuvek thli umnak ram: *a depression over Iceland.* Cf ANTICYCLONE.

**depressive** /dɪˈresɪv/ *adj* **1** thinlung nauter thei: *a depressive drug, illness etc.* **2** thil lei le zuar malter thei: *a depressive financial policy.*

▷ **depressive** *n* riahsia le thin nau mi.

**depressurize, -ise** /diˈpreʃəraɪz/ *v* [Tn] thli, daat a sah zet mi pater/malter.

▷ **depressurization, -isation** *n* [U].

**deprive** /dɪˈpraɪv/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth of sth** lakhlo sak, ngah ding kham: *deprived of one's civil rights* ○ *trees that deprive a house of light* ○ (joc) *Are you depriving us of your company (ie leaving us)?*

▷ **deprived** *adj* ei-in, umnak hmun le harhdam dingih tuamhlawnak co ding zat ih congah ve lomi: *a deprived childhood, background, area, etc* ○ *The poorest and most deprived people will receive special government help.*

**deprivation** /deprɪˈveɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (a) laksaknak, lonsaknak: *suffer deprivation of one's rights as a citizen.* (b) hlawhsamnak, famkim lonak: *widespread deprivation caused by unemployment.* **2** [C] laksak hlo mi thil: *Missing the holiday was a great deprivation.*

**Dept** *abbr* Department(1): *Linguistic Dept, eg of a university.*

**depth** /depθ/ *n* **1** [C, U] a thuk-lam: *the depth of the well, mine, box, trunk* ○ *Water was found at a depth of 30ft.* ○ *At what depth does the wreck lie?* (b) a sah lam: *shelves with a depth of 8 ins.* (c) a thuk lam: *the depth of a wound, crack, etc.* **2** [C, U] (a) (rong le a thimnak) a sahzia. (b) (aw) a niam lam. **3** [U] (a) (thinlung umzia) thuk dan, natsat dan: *the depth of her love.* (b) fim le theih thuk dan: *a writer of great depth and wisdom.* (c) fim le theih thuknak: *a novel that lacks depth.* **4** (idm) **in depth** kimzet, thukzet in: *to study a subject in depth* ○ [attrib] *an in-depth study.* **in the ~(s) of sth** a natsat laifang: *in the depth of winter* ○ *in the depths of despair* ○ *in the depth of the country*, ie a long way from a town. (be/get) **out of one's depth** (a) mah can hnakh thuk tidai (ah feh/tan): *If you can't swim, don't get out of your depth.* (b) thuhla thei ban lo: *When they start talking about economics, I'm out of my depth.* **plumb the depths of sth** ⇒ PLUMB.

□ **depth charge** ti sung lut-tangphawlawng (submarine) puahnak ih hmanmi bomb phunkhat. Cf MINE<sup>2</sup> **2**.

**deputation** /depuˈteɪʃn/ *n* [CGp] palai ih thlahmi pawl.

**depute** /dɪˈpjʊt/ *v* (fml) **1** [Dn-pr] ~ **sth to sb** mah ai ah tuahter, ai-awhter: *He deputed the running of the department to an assistant.* **2** [Dn-t] mah ai ah thu relter: *they were deputed to put our views to the assembly.*

**deputize, -ise** /depuˈtaɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) mi pakhat ai ih tɔŋ le tuah fial: *Dr Mitchell's ill so I'm deputizing (for her).*

**deputy** /depuˈtɪ/ *n* **1** rak ai-awhtu (hnaʔuan, thurelnak): *I'm acting as deputy till the headmaster returns.* **2** hnaʔuannak ih hotu-sang: *the Director General and his deputy* ○ [attrib] *the deputy headmistress.* **3** upadi tuahtu tlangsuak (eg France ah).

**derail** /dɪˈreɪl/ *v* [Tn] lamzin pelhter (tangleeng): *The engine was derailed by a tree lying across the line.*

▷ **derailment** *n*.

**deranged** /dɪˈreɪndʒd/ *adj* a kel vekin ruat thei lo, cangvai thei lo (thinlung dam lo ruangah): *She's completely deranged.* ○ *a deranged attacker, mind, laugh.* **derangement** *n* [U].

**derby**<sup>1</sup> /dɑːbɪ; US -dɜːrbi/ *n* **1** the Derby England ram Epsom ih kumtin rang tlan zuamnak. **2** (US) rang tlan zuamnak. **3** leh le pan zuamawknak: *a local derby*, ie between local teams.

□ **Derby Day** rang tlanzuam ni (June thla sungah).

**derby**<sup>2</sup> /dɜːrbi/ *n* (US) = BOWLER HAT.

**deregulate** /diˈregjuleɪt/ *v* [Tn] thlun ding daan siatbal sal: *deregulate the price of oil.*

▷ **deregulation** *n* [U].

**derelict** /dɪˈrɛlɪkt/ *adj* tansan ih siatbaltermi: *a derelict house, etc* ○ *derelict areas.*

▷ **dereliction** /dɪˈrɛlɪkʃn/ *n* **1** [U] tansannak: *a house in a state of dereliction.* **2** (idm) **dereliction of duty** (fml) daithlan, tuah lo ih um: *be guilty of a serious dereliction of duty.*

**derestrict** /diˈrɛstrikt/ *v* [Tn] khammi thlah sal, tuah siang lomi siang sal: *derestrict a road.*

**deride** /dɪˈraɪd/ *v* [Tn, Cn-n/a] hnihsuakza ih tuah, hmuhsuam: *They derided his efforts (as childish).*

**de rigueur** /də ʀɪˈɡʊː(r)/ *adj* [pred] (French) nunphung, daan ih a ʔulter mi: *Evening dress is de rigueur at the Casino.*

**derision** /dɪˈrɪʒn/ *n* [U] zomtaihnak, hmuhsuamnak: *be an object of general derision*, ie be derided by everybody ○ *Her naïve attitude provoked their derision.*

**derisive** /dɪˈraɪsɪv/ *adj* hmuhsuam a telmi: *derisive laughter, booing, etc.*

▷ **derisively** *adv*.

**derisory** /dɪˈraɪsəri/ *adj* **1** thupi ih ruah lo dingmi, a menmen: *a derisory offer*, eg £100 for a car that

is worth £1000. **2** = DERISIVE.

**derivation** /derr'veiʃn/ **n** **1** [U] a thoknak, a hram (tongfang): *the derivation of words from Latin* ○ a word of French derivation. **2** [C] **(a)** tongfang hram. **(b)** a thok a hram a si lomi, pakhat khat ihsin suakmi: *give the derivations of words*.

**derivative** /dɪrɪvətɪv/ **adj** (usu derog) a hram a si lomi, a dang ihsin rami, a suakmi, ngahmi: *a derivative design, style, etc.*

▷ **derivative** **n** a dang ihsin laksinmi tongfang, tivek: 'Assertion' is a derivative of 'assert'.

**derive** /dɪrɪv/ **v** **1** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth from sth** (fml) ngah: *derive great pleasure from one's studies* ○ *She derived no benefit from the course of drugs*. **2** **(a)** [Tpr] ~ **from sth** suak, a hram thawhnak ih lak: *Thousands of English words derive from Latin*. **(b)** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth from sth** ngah, lak: *We can derive the word 'derelict' from the Latin 'derelictus'*.

**derm(a)-** **comb form** of skin, vun tican a si. Tongfang dang thawn kom-aw ih hman a si: *dermatology* ○ *dermatitis*.

**dermatitis** /dɜːmə'taɪtɪs/ **n** [U] (medical) vun thling nat, vun thak nat.

**dermatology** /dɜːmə'tɒlədʒi/ **n** [U] vun le vun nat zirnak.

▷ **dermatologist** /dɜːmə'tɒlədʒɪst/ **n** vun le vun nat lam thiamtu.

**dermis** /dɜːmɪs/ **n** (anatomy) vun lengta bik hnuai um vun paat.

**derogate** /derə'geɪt/ **v** [Ipr] ~ **from sth** (fml) thupi lo ih tuah, nautat, hmaisiatter, lakhlo sak: *remarks derogating from her merits, qualities, virtues, etc.*

**derogatory** /dɪ'rɒgətəri/ **US** -tɔːri/ **adj** (abbr derog in this dictionary) midang ih hminthatnak rak soisel, nautat, hmuhsuam: *the word 'pig' is a derogatory term for policeman*. ○ *remarks that were highly derogatory*.

**derrick** /dɪrɪk/ **n** **1** tangphawlawng parih hman mi thil-cawinak cet hngawng sau. **2** zinan khur sungah cet tla lo dingih rak khamtu. Cf OIL RIG (OIL).

**derring-do** /dɪrɪŋ'duː/ **n** [U] (arch or joc) pa-ral̩tha tuahsarnak: *stirring tales of derring-do*.

**derv** /dɜːv/ **n** [U] (Brit) diesel engine pawl hrang diesel (diesel engined road vehicle ihsin a ra).

**dervish** /dɜːvɪʃ/ **n** Muslim biaknak pawlpi sungtel: *dancing dervishes*, ie those who take part in whirling dances.

**DES** /diː'ɛs/ **abbr** (Brit) Department of Education and Science: *DES grants*.

**desalinate** /diː'sæleɪnɪt/ **v** [Tn] tipi tidai a alnak hlon, tidai al loih tuah.

▷ **desalination** /diː'sæleɪnɪʃn/ **n** [U].

**descale** /diː'skeɪl/ **v** [Tn] (tisa beel sungih) kopmi ti-eek khok sak.

**descant** /deskænt/ **n** (music) ruatcia lopi ih phuah mi hla, lole aw-thluk; aw-sang (treble) betbelhtu

awnmawi.

▷ **descant** **v** /dɪ'skænt/ [Ipr] ~ **on/upon sth 1** (music) cuvek in sak, lole, tum. **2** (fml) reipi tong/rel ciamco: *descant endlessly on the government's failings*.

**descend** /dɪ'send/ **v** **1** (fml) **(a)** [I, Tn] suk, a suk lamah feh, tum: *The balloon descended gradually as the air came out*. ○ *She descended the stairs*. **(b)** [I] a suk, a hraap, suk: *We turned the corner and saw that the road descended steeply*. **2** [Ipr] ~ **from sb/sth** roh taak: *The title descends to me from my father*. **3** [I] (fml) (zan, khawthim) a thling: *Night descends quickly in the tropics*. **4** (idm) **be descended from sb** pakhat (ci thlahtu) sung in suak: *She claims to be descended from royalty*. **5** (phr v) **descend on/upon sb/sth** **(a)** nam hruak, do. **(b)** rinlopi ih mi inn leeng: *My sister's family is descending on us this weekend*.

**descend to sth** (no passive) a tlak lomile a siami sim, tong: *descend to fraud, abuse, bad language*. ▷ **descendant** /-ənt/ **n** tesinfa, tefasin: *the descendants of Queen Victoria*. Cf ANCESTOR **1**.

**descent** /dɪ'sent/ **n** **1** **(a)** [C] (usu sing) suklam, a tumlam: *the plane began its descent into Paris*. **(b)** [C] a hrapnak: *Here there is a gradual descent to the sea*. **2** [U] sungsuak: *of French descent*, ie having French ancestors ○ *He traces his descent from the Stuart kings*. **3** [C] ~ **on/upon sb** (fig) **(a)** nam, donak: *the invaders' descent on the town*. **(b)** rin lopi mi inn leen: *a sudden descent by tax officials*. **4** [sing] a sialam pan, tumasuk: *a sharp descent to violent abuse*.

**describe** /dɪ'skraɪb/ **v** **1** [Tn, Tw, Cn-n/a, Dn-pr, Dpr-w] ~ **sb/sth (to/for sb)** ziangvek a si ti ih sim: *Words cannot describe the beauty of the scene*. ○ *Describe (to me) how you were received*. ○ *She described it as red with pink frills*. **2** [Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth as sth** ziang a si ti ih sim: *I hesitate to describe him as really clever*. ○ *He describes himself as a doctor*. **3** [Tn] **(a)** zuk suai (a bik in geometry ca zuk pawl): *describe a circle with a pair of compasses*. **(b)** thlun vivo (riin tuan in): *A bullet describes a curved path in the air*.

**description** /dɪ'skɪpʃn/ **n** **1** **(a)** [U] ziang vek a si ti ih simnak: *He's not very good at description*. ○ *The scenery was beautiful beyond description*. **(b)** [C] mit ih a cuangmi hmuhihmel: *can you give me a description of the thief?* **2** (preceded by of and an adj or some, every etc.) (infml) a phun, a pian: *boats of every description* ○ *a house of some description* ○ *wearing a dress of no particular description*, ie a very ordinary dress ○ *medals, coins and things of that description*. (idm) **answer to a description** ⇒ ANSWER<sup>2</sup>.

**beggar description** ⇒ BEGGAR.

**descriptive** /dɪ'skɪptɪv/ **adj** **1** **(a)** simfiangmi: *a descriptive passage in a novel*. **(b)** thiam le kim zet ih simfiangnak: *a very descriptive account*

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## descry

of a journey ○ The report was so descriptive; it was as if I were there. **2** (grammar) ƣong hman daan simfiangnak.

▷ **descriptively** adv. **descriptiveness** n [U].

**descry** /dɪ'skraɪ/ v (pt, pp **descried**) [Tn] (fml) hmu, a hlatpi ihsin hmu: I descry a sail on the horizon.

**desecrate** /desɪkreɪt/ n [Tn] a thianghlimmi buar, balter: desecrate a grave, chapel, monument.

▷ **desecration** /desɪkreɪʃn/ n [U] buarnak, balhternak.

**desegregate** /di'segrɪgeɪt/ v [Tn] phunhnam thleidannak cemter (tlawng, hotel tivek ah): desegregated schools, buses, etc.

▷ **desegregation** /di'segrɪgeɪʃn/ n.

**deselect** /di'sɪlekt/ v [Tn] (Brit) (a tu ih) ƣuan lai rampi tlangbawi palai (MP) hril salnak ah tel lo dingih hnon (relcat).

▷ **deselection** n [U].

**desensitize, -ise** /di'sensɪtaɪz/ v [Tn] (mina) ziang thei loih tuah, taksa hitter: desensitize an area of skin. ○ (fig) people who are morally desensitized.

▷ **desensitization, -isation** /di'sensɪtaɪzeɪʃn; US -tɪz-/ n [U].

**desert**<sup>1</sup> /dɪ'zɜ:t/ v **1** [Tn] (a) tlansan ta, tanta: desert a house, city, etc ○ The village had been hurriedly deserted, perhaps because terrorists were in the area. (b) taanta: He deserted his wife and children and went abroad. ○ He has become so rude that his friends are deserting him. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn] hnaƣuan ihsin tlan (ralkap tlan): A soldier who deserts (his post) in time of war is punished severely. ○ desert from the army. **3** [Tn] ƣul tikah bawm lo/um lo: His courage/presence of mind deserted him.

▷ **deserted** adj (a) a ƣhingmi, milai um lo: a deserted street, area, etc ○ The office was quite deserted. (b) tanmi, hman nawn lomi: a deserted hut, house, etc ○ a deserted wife, ie one whose husband has left her.

**desertion** /dɪ'zɜ:ʃn/ n [C, U] tan, tlansannak: Is desertion grounds for divorce? ○ Desertion from the army is punishable by death.

**desert**<sup>2</sup> /de'zɜ:t/ n [C, U] nelrawn; hrampi, thingkung le tidai umlo ram-car: Vast areas of land have become desert. ○ the Sahara Desert ○ [attrib] desert wastes, sands, etc.

□ **desert island** milai um lo tikulh.

**deserts** /dɪ'zɜ:ts/ n [pl] ngahphu, vo: be rewarded/punished according to one's deserts ○ get/meet with one's just deserts.

**deserve** /dɪ'zɜ:v/ v (not used in the continuous tenses) **1** [Tn, Tt] a phu, a mawi: The article deserves careful study. ○ She deserves a reward for her efforts. ○ He richly deserved all that happened to him. ○ They deserve to be sent to prison. ○ much deserved praise. **2** (idm) **deserve well/ill of sb** (fml) thil ƣha/thil sia ngah

phu/tlak: She deserves well of her employers. **one good turn deserves another** ⇨ TURN<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **deservedly** /dɪ'zɜ:dlɪ/ adv ngah ding mawi zat in/vekin: She was deservedly praised.

**deserving** /dɪ'zɜ:vɪŋ/ adj ~ (of sth) ngah mawi, pek mawi, lom mawi: give money to a deserving cause ○ be deserving of sympathy ○ a very deserving case, eg sb who used to be generous and now needs help.

**déshabillé** /deɪzæ'bi:ei/ n [U] (French) tak-lawng zikte ih um nunau: appear in déshabillé.

**desiccant** /desɪkənt/ n thil ciin, thil hnum rotetu, cartertu thil.

**desiccate** /desɪkeɪt/ v [Tn] thil (a bik in rawl) a ciin, a hnawngmi hul ko tuah: desiccated fruit/coconut.

**desideratum** /dɪ'zɪdə'rætəm/ n (pl -rata /-rætə/) (fml) a sam, a baumi thil: The report on the hospital mentions such desiderata as a supply of clean laundry.

**design** /dɪ'zam/ n **1** (a) [C] ~ (for sth) thil riruang zuk, nganmi: designs for a dress, garden, aircraft, etc. (b) [U] thil riruang pungsan suai dan/zuk dan: study textile design ○ The building seats 2000 people, but is of poor design. ○ A machine of faulty design will not sell well. **3** [C] zuk, riin, tivek: a vase with a flower design. **4** [U, C] tumtahnak, ruatcia mi: We don't know if it was done by accident or by design, ie deliberately. ○ His evil designs were frustrated. **5** (idm) **have designs on sb/sth** siatsuah tum, mai' hrangah ngah tum: She has designs on his money. ○ He has designs on her, eg wants to seduce her.

▷ **design** v **1** (a) [I, Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ sth (for) a riruang zuk le rin thawn hmuh/suai: Do the Italians really design better than we do? ○ design a car, dress, tool, office, etc ○ They've designed us a superb studio. ○ We design kitchens for today's cooks. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ruat, ngaih tuah, pol, tuah: Can anyone design a better timetable? ○ We shall have to design a new curriculum for the third year. **2** (idm) **be designed for sb/sth; be designed as sth; be designed to do sth** hrang dingih tuah: The gloves were designed for extremely cold climates. ○ This course is designed as an introduction to the subject. ○ The route was designed to relieve traffic congestion. **designedly** /-ɪdlɪ/ adv tum hrim. **designing** n [U] riruang tuah, ruang zing.

**designate**<sup>1</sup> /de'zɪgneɪt, -nət/ adj (following ns) hnaƣuan pekmi (ƣuan a thok hrih lomi): the editor, director, archbishop, etc designate.

**designate**<sup>2</sup> /de'zɪgneɪt/ v **1** [Tn] hmnsin, fiangte in: designate the boundaries of sth. **2** [esp passive: Cn-n, Cn-n/a] ~ sb/sth (as sth) (fml) (a) hril: The town has been designated (as) a development area. (b) hmin upatnak, hmin ƣhatnak, dinhmun pe: She was designated (as)

sportswoman of the year. ○ The chairman has designated Christina as his successor.

**designation** /deziɡ'neiʃn/ *n* (fml) **1** [U] ~ (as sth) hnaʔuan hmin, upa sinak. **2** [C] hnaʔuan hmin: His official designation is Financial Controller.

**designer** /dizainə(r)/ *n* thil riruang suaitu, thil pungsan ruang zingtu: an industrial designer ○ dressed by a leading New York designer ○ [attrib] designer jeans ○ (joc) designer stubble, ie an unshaven look deliberately cultivated for effect.

**designing** /dizainiŋ/ *adj* [usu attrib] hrokhrawl ih tuah tummi: Designing colleagues stopped them from promoting me.

**desirable** /dizaiərəbl/ *adj* **1** ~ (that...) duh tlak a simi, duh um: a desirable residence, solution ○ It is most desirable that they should both come. **2** (milai) hiarnak suak terthei: a desirable woman.

▷ **desirability** /diˌzaiərə'biliti/ *n*. **desirably** /-rəbli/ *adv*.

**desire**<sup>1</sup> /dizaiə(r)/ *n* **1** (a) [U] ~ (for sth/to do sth) (tisa) hiarnak: my desire for her/to make love with her. (b) [C] caaknak, duhnak: passionate, intense, strong desires ○ satisfy one's desires. **2** (a) [U] ~ (for sth/to do sth) caakmi, hiarmi: they had little desire for wealth/to get rich. ○ his country's desire for friendly relations/to establish friendly relations. (b) [C] cu vekin hiar, thinlung ruahnak nei: enough to satisfy all your desires. **3** [C] duhmi, neih duhmi: She is my heart's desire.

**desire**<sup>2</sup> /dizaiə(r)/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn, Tf, Tt, Tnt] (fml) duh: We all desire happiness and health. ○ Our holiday was all that could be desired, ie was quite satisfactory. ○ She desires you to come/that you come at once. ○ I have long desired to meet them. (b) [Tn] caak, hahio (nunau mipa): She desires his young, strong body. **2** (idm) leave a lot, etc to be desired ⇒ LEAVE<sup>1</sup>.

**desirous** /dizaiərəs/ *adj* [pred] ~ of sth/doing sth; ~ (that...) (fml or rhet) duhmi, caakmi: desirous of peace ○ desirous of restoring relations between our two countries. ○ desirous that these initiatives should lead to further exchanges.

**desist** /diˌzist/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth/doing sth) (fml) baang, tuah loih um: I wish he'd desist from entertaining his friends at all hours of the day and night.

**desk** /desk/ *n* **1** cangannak cabuai (a tlunlam arawn/a lei deuh tla a um): an office desk ○ children seated at their desks ○ [attrib] a desk job. **2** thil zuar hmun ih thil retnak cabuai: an enquiry/information desk ○ leave a message at the desk of the hotel. **3** zung fate: Jefferies is running the sports desk.

□ **desk clerk** (US) = CLERK 3.

**desk-top** /-top/ *n* cabuai par: [attrib] a desk-top computer, ie one that fits on a desk. ○ [attrib] desk-top publishing, ie using a microcomputer

and (esp a laser) printer to produce high-quality printed material.

**desolate** /desələt/ *adj* **1** milai ih tlansanmi (ram siava): a desolate industrial landscape ○ a desolate, windswept moorland area. **2** rualpi nei lo, mah lawng lungleng ih ummi (milai): a desolate person, life, existence ○ We all felt absolutely desolate when she left.

▷ **desolate** /'desələit/ *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** siatsuah hnu-ah tlansan ta (khua): a city desolated by civil strife. **2** riahsia, lunglengter: a family desolated by the loss of a child.

**desolately** *adv*.

**desolation** /desə'leiʃn/ *n* [U] **1** siatsuah thehnak, mahte lawng umternak: The desolation caused by war. **2** tuarsiatnak (thinlung, tisa in), lunglennak, beidongnak: her utter desolation when she heard the bad news.

**despair** /dr'speə(r)/ *n* [U] **1** beidongnak, ruahsan ding cem thehnak: Your stupidity will drive me to (ie make me feel) despair ○ He gave up the struggle in despair. ○ She was overcome by despair. ○ his despair of ever seeing his family again. **2** (idm) be the despair of sb mi beidong tertu: Your son is the despair of all his teachers, ie They no longer expect to be able to teach him anything.

▷ **despair** *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (fml) beidong, ruahsan ding cem: despair of success/of ever succeeding ○ We've despaired of him; he can't keep a job for more than six months.

**despairing** /dr'speəriŋ/ *adj* beidongza: a despairing look/gesture. **despairingly** *adv*: look despairingly at the judge.

**despatch** /dr'spætʃ/ *n, v* = DISPATCH.

**desperado** /despə'rædəs/ *n* (pl ~es; US also ~s) (dated) ziang ruat loih thil sual tuah hluaahlotu (milai), mi ziang siar lo: the desperadoes who robbed the mail-train.

**desperate** /'despəɾət/ *adj* **1** beidong tuk ih duhduh tuah tum: The prisoners grew more desperate. ○ She wrote me a desperate letter. **2** [attrib] poisa lomi: a desperate criminal, act, robbery. **3** [usu pred] ~ (for sth/to do sth) tulsam tuk: They're desperate for money. ○ (infml) Have you got some water? I'm desperate (for a drink). ○ I'm desperate to see her. **4** a luarkai, a tihnungmi: a desperate situation, shortage, illness ○ The state of the country is desperate. **5** [usu attrib] ruahsan ding dang um nawn lo ti ih tuahmi: a desperate remedy, measure, etc.

▷ **desperately** *adv*.

**desperation** /,depə'reiʃn/ *n* [U] beidong, vansang: driven to desperation ○ In desperation I pleaded with the attackers.

**despicable** /dr'spikəbl, or, rarely 'despikəbl/ *adj* ~ (of sb) (to do sth) nautat tlak, hmuhsuam tlak: a despicable action, gesture ○ a despicable rogue.

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## despise

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▷ **despicably** /-əblɪ/ *adv*: behave despicably.

**despise** /dɪ'spaɪz/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth** (for sth) hmuhsuam, zawmtai: *despise his hypocrisy, meanness, conceit, etc* ○ *Strike-breakers are often despised by their workmates.*

**despite** /dɪ'spaɪt/ *prep* bang loin, nak lak ah: *They had a wonderful holiday, despite the bad weather.* ○ *Despite wanting to see him again, she refused to reply to his letters.* ○ *Despite what others say, I think he's a very nice chap.* Cf IN SPITE OF (SPITE).

**despoil** /dɪ'spaɪl/ *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth** (of sth) (fml) laaksak theh: *Museums have despoiled India of many priceless treasures.*

**despondent** /dɪ'spɒndənt/ *adj* ~ (about sth) beidongmi, thinnaumi: *a despondent loser, mood, look* ○ *Don't be so despondent.*

▷ **despondency** /dɪ'spɒndənsɪ/ *n* [U] beidongnak: *her despondency about having no job.*

**despondently** *adv*.

**despot** /'despɒt/ *n* aana hmuah neitu, thu neitu bik (a puar, mi hreem thei): *an enlightened despot.*

▷ **despotic** /dɪ'spɒtɪk/ *adj* thu nei tuk: *a despotic headmaster.* **despotically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

**despotism** /'despɒtɪzəm/ *n* [U] thu nei tuk ih uknak.

**dessert** /dɪ'zɜ:t/ (also **sweet**) *n* (a) [C] rawl-ei theh ih eimi thil thlum: *a pineapple dessert.* Cf AFTERS, PUDDING 1. (b) [U] cumi vek pek caan: *Shall we move on to dessert* ○ [attrib] *a dessert apple, wine, etc*, ie served with or for dessert.

□ **dessert-spoon** *n* (a) a thlum einak hai. (b) (also **dessert-spoonful**) /-fʊl/ cumi dar hai khat.

**destination** /'destɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* thlennak ding hmun: *Tokyo was our final destination.* ○ *arrive at/reach one's destination.*

**destined** /'destɪnd/ *adj* [pred] (fml) 1 ~ **for sth/to do sth; be ~ that...** khaukhah cia, tuahsak cia: *Coming from a theatrical family, I was destined for a career on the stage*, ie I was expected to be an actor. ○ *They were destined never to meet again*, ie fate had decided they should not meet again. ○ *It was destined that they would marry.* 2 ~ **for...** hmun pakhat pan ih a feh lai reromi: *a letter, a traveler, an aircraft, destined for London.*

**destiny** /'destɪni/ *n* 1 [U] khawzing lairel, bawngvan: *Destiny drew us together.* 2 [C] khaukhahnak, khawzing lairelcia-nak (ti ih zummi): *It was his destiny to die in a foreign country.* ○ *events which shaped his destiny.*

**destitute** /'destɪtju:t/ *adj* 1 farah tuk; tangka, rawl nei lo: *When he died, his family was left destitute.* 2 [pred] ~ **of sth** (fml) nei lomi: *officials who are destitute of ordinary human feelings.*

▷ **destitution** /'destɪtju:ʃn; US -'tu:ʃn/ *n* [U] farahnak, zianghman neih lonak: *live in complete destitution.*

**destroy** /dɪ'strɔɪ/ *v* 1 [Tn] siatsuah theh, siat viarvi: *a house destroyed by bombs, fire, explosion* ○

*Vandals destroyed the bus.* ○ *They've destroyed all the evidence.* ○ (fig) *destroy sb's hopes, career, reputation.* 2 [Tn esp passive] that (inn zuat ramsa — a nat ruangah): *The injured dog had to be destroyed.*

▷ **destroyer** *n* 1 (fml) siatsuah thehtu (milai, thil dang pawl): *Death, the destroyer.* 2 ral tangphawlawng tumpi kiltu ralkap lawng fate te.

**destructible** /dɪ'strʌktəbl/ *adj* siat thei; siat theih, siatsuah theih.

▷ **destructibility** /dɪ'strʌktəbɪləti/ *n* [U].

**destruction** /dɪ'strʌkʃn/ *n* [U] (a) siatsuahnak, siatmi: *the total destruction of a town by an earthquake.* (b) siatnak: *Gambling was his destruction.*

**destructive** /dɪ'strʌktɪv/ *adj* (a) mi siatsuah thei: *the destructive force of the storm.* (b) mi siatsuah duh: *destructive urges* ○ *destructive criticism*, ie making no positive suggestions for improvement.

▷ **destructively** *adv.* **destructiveness** *n* [U].

**desuetude** /dɪ'sju:tju:d; US -tu:d/ *n* (idm) fall into **desuetude** (fml) hman nawn lonak: *customs, fashions, words that have fallen into desuetude.*

**desultory** /desəltri; US -tɔ:ri/ *adj* ti vivo cop mi, khawkhannak ngai um lomi: *desultory reading, work* ○ *desultory attempts to help.*

▷ **desultorily** *adv.* **desultoriness** *n* [U].

**Det** abbr Detective, thusual zingzoitu: *Det Supt* (ie Superintendent) (John) Williams ○ *Det Insp* (ie Inspector) (Tim) Cox.

**detach** /dɪ'tætʃ/ *v* 1 [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) phoih: *detach a link from a chain* ○ *a coach detached from a train.* Cf ATTACH 1. 2 [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from sth) (military) ralkap, lawng tivek a burpi umnak ihsin hmun dang ah thawn: *A number of men were detached to guard the right flank.*

▷ **detached** *adj* 1 (a) midang thu in huap lo, hnawihnih lo, a dange'n: *a detached mind, assessment, judgement, etc* ○ *take a detached view of sth.* (b) ziang poisa lemlomi: *her detached response to the crisis.* 2 a dange ih ummi (inn).

**detachable** /-əbl/ *adj* a dang te ih phoih theih: *a detachable lining in a coat.*

**detachment** /dɪ'tætʃmənt/ *n* 1 [U] thawnternak: *the detachment of units from the main force.* 2 [U] (a) mi ring lo ih thil tinak: *show detachment in one's judgements.* (b) poisat lonak: *He answered with an air of detachment.* 3 [C] hmunpi ihsin hmun dang ih thawnmi ralkap/ lawng pawlkhat: *a detachment of signalers.*

**detail** /'di:teɪl; US dɪ'teɪl/ *n* 1 [C] thu terek: *Please give me all the details.* ○ *I checked every detail of her research.* ○ *The details of the costume were totally authentic.* ○ *Spare me the details!* ie Don't provide any. 2 [U] (a) thil nepnawi, thil terek: *A good organizer pays attention to detail.*

○ a novelist with an eye for detail, eg who includes many small, realistic facts. (b) zuk ih a thupit lonak hmun: *The overall composition of the picture is good but some of the detail is distracting.* 3 [C] (military) tuanvo hleice pekmi ralkap pawl khat: *the cookhouse detail.* 4 (idm) **go into detail(s)** thu le hla a cipciar in, kimte ih sim/ngan: *He refused to go into details about his plans.* **in detail** hrelh lote'n, famkim te'n: *to explain/describe sth in detail.*

**detail**<sup>2</sup> /di'teɪl/; US dr'teɪl/ v 1 [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (to/for sth)** kim zet in cazin tuah, kim zet in simfiang: *The computer's features are detailed in our brochure.* ○ *an inventory detailing all the goods in a shop* ○ *I detailed our plans to her.* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-t] ~ **sb (for sth)** tuanvo hleice pek/tuanter/tuahter: *detail soldiers for guard duty/to guard a bridge.*

▷ **detailed** adj a terek tiang a telmi, a kim thep'thepmi: *a detailed description, account, analysis, etc.*

**detain** /di'teɪn/ v [Tn] 1 feh, tuah hrih lo ding ih hreeng, cawltter lawk: *She was detained in the office by unexpected callers.* ○ *This question need not detain us long, ie can be settled quickly.* 2 kai, thawng sungah khum (thu sual ruangah): *The police detained him for questioning.*

▷ **detainee** /di'teɪni/ n kaihmi (a sual hmang ti ih palik tivek rak kaihmi).

**detect** /dr'tekt/ v [Tn] (a) tong, hmu: *The dentist could detect no decay in her teeth.* ○ *instruments that can detect minute amounts of radiation* ○ *Do I detect a note of irony in your voice?* (b) thusual zingzoi ih fiangter: *This police officer's job is to detect fraud.*

▷ **detector** n bomb, thir tivek, hawltu, tongtu; a sat le hlum tahtu.

**detection** /dr'tekʃn/ n [U] hmuhsuaknak, tonsuaknak: *the detection of radioactivity* ○ *the detection of crime* ○ *try to escape detection by disguising oneself.*

**detective** /dr'tektɪv/ n thusual zingzoitu (palik bawi): *employ a private detective.*

□ **detective story, detective novel** thusual zingzoitu thuanthu.

**détente** /de'tɑːnt/ n [U] (French) ram khat le ram khat eng-awknak kiamternak.

**detention** /dr'tenʃn/ n [U] (a) sual ti ruangih thawng sungih khumnak: *detention without trial.* (b) tlawng tum hnu ih tlawng ah hrengta (cawh kuan): *be given two hours' detention.*

□ **detention centre** nauhak sual hren lawknak.

**deter** /dr'tɜː(r)/ v (-rr-) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (from doing sth)** cawltter, bangter, tuah loih umter, rak kham: *Failure did not deter him (from making another attempt).* ○ *I was deterred from emigrating by the thought of leaving my family.*

**detergent** /dr'tɜːdʒənt/ n [U, C], adj (substance) puan, khukeng tivek ih a bekmi bal thiangertertu

thil: *Most synthetic detergents are in the form of powder or liquid.*

**deteriorate** /dr'tɪəriəreɪt/ v [I, Ipr] ~ **(into sth)** a sinak siat vivo, tha lo vivo: *Leather can deteriorate in damp conditions.* ○ *The discussion deteriorated into a bitter quarrel.*

▷ **deterioration** /dr'tɪəriə'reɪʃn/ n [U]: *a deterioration in superpower relations.*

**determinant** /dr'tɜːmɪnənt/ n, adj (fml) a cangtertu, a sitertu, a suahpitu: *The main determinant of economic success is our ability to control inflation.*

**determinate** /dr'tɜːmɪnət/ adj (fml) ritek ummi, a fiangfaimi.

**determination** /dr'tɜːmɪnət/ n [U] 1 ~ **(to do sth)** tuah rori dingih tumtahnak, mah thinlung then-awknak: *a leader with courage and determination* ○ *with an air of determination, ie showing this quality* ○ *her dogged determination to learn English.* 2 a cekci ih khiahnak, ruahcatnak: *the determination of future policy.* 3 tuatnak: *the determination of a ship's position/the exact composition of a substance.*

**determinative** /dr'tɜːmɪnətɪv/ US -neɪtv/ adj (fml) thu a neiter thei, rikhiahter thei: *a determinative factor in his psychological development.*

▷ **determinative** n thu neitertertu, rikhiaktu.

**determine** /dr'tɜːmɪn/ v 1 [Tn, Tw] (fml) then (thu); rii khiak, relcat: *determine a date for a meeting* ○ *His future has not been determined, but he may study medicine.* ○ *She will determine how it is to be done.* 2 [Tn, Tw] (fml) hawl, tuat: *determine the meaning of a word/what a word means* ○ *determine exactly what happened* ○ *determine the speed of light/how high a mountain is.* 3 [Ipr, Tf, Tw, Tt] ~ **on/upon sth** tuah ding rori ah ruatcat (mah thinlung): *We determined on an early start/(that) we'd make an early start.* ○ *determine on proving/to prove sb's innocence* ○ *They have determined where the new school will be built.* ○ *He determined to learn Greek.*

4 [Tn-pr] ~ **sb against sth** (fml) tuah lo dingih cangter, suakter: *That determined her against leaving home.* 5 [Tn] tawlreel sak: *Do heredity and environment determine one's character?* ○ *The exam results could determine your career.*

▷ **determined** /dr'tɜːmɪnd/ adj ~ **(to do sth)** tuah rori dingih thinlung a ruahcatmi, tum rori: *a determined fighter, look, attitude* ○ *I'm determined to succeed.*

**determiner** /dr'tɜːmɪnə(r)/ n (grammar) noun khi ziangti'n hman a si ti simtu tongfang, eg *the, some, my.*

**determinism** /dr'tɜːmɪnɪzəm/ n [U] (philosophy) ziangvek milai ka si duh, ziang veki ka nungcang duh ti hi mah duh ih hril theih a si lo ti zumnak (himi cu, mah ih dunglam thu, kiang le kap thu in a suahpi ti zumnak).

**deterrent** /dr'terənt/ US -tɜː-/ n, adj thil sia tuah

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rak khamtu thil, rak dawntu dingih ruahmi: *His punishment will be a deterrent to others.* ○ *deterrent weapons, measures, etc.*

▷ **deterrence** /di'terəns/; US -tɜː-/ n [U] rak khamnak, rak donnak: *nuclear deterrence*, ie (policy of) having nuclear weapons in order to make an enemy too frightened to attack.

**detest** /di'test/ v [Tn, Tg, Tsg] duh lo, hua: *detest dogs* ○ *detest having to get up early* ○ *I detest people complaining.*

▷ **detestable** /-əbl/ adj huat zawng, duh lo zawng: *a detestable habit.* **detestably** /-əbli/ adv.

**dethrone** /di'te'steɪn/ n [U] huatnak.

**dethrone** /di'te'steɪn/ v [Tn] (a) lal hnaʔuan in dawi suak. (b) (fig) acozah upa hnaʔuan ihsin dawi: *a government adviser dethroned by a younger expert.*

▷ **dethronement** n [C, U].

**detonate** /detəneɪt/ v [I, Tn] puak, puah, puakter: *The bomb failed to detonate.* ○ *an explosive charge detonated by remote control.*

▷ **detonation** /detə'neɪʃn/ n [C, U] puak-kuainak.

**detonator** /detəneɪtə(r)/ n bomb sungih keep, bomb hnathe, puaktertu keep.

**detour** /di'tuə(r)/; US di'tuə(r)/ n (esp US) lam hel, thil pakhat tong duh lo ih helnak lampi: *We had to make a detour round the floods.* Cf DIVERSION.

▷ **detour** v [I, Tn] hel, hrial ih feh: *We had to detour a roadblock.*

**detoxify** /di'tɒksɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp -fied) [Tn] tur, thihtheinak sii, lole, hlonfai, lak theh: *detoxify the bloodstream.*

▷ **detoxification** /di'tɒksɪfɪ'keɪʃn/ n [U] tur le thihtheinak sii tɪfainak, hlonfainak: [attrib] *detoxification centre*, ie where drug addicts or alcoholics are treated.

**detract** /di'trækt/ v [Ipr] ~ from sth thupi lo deuh ih tuah: *detract from the merit, value, worth, excellence, etc of sth* ○ *criticism that detracts from her achievements* ○ *This unpleasant incident detracted from our enjoyment of the evening.*

▷ **detraction** /di'trækʃn/ n [U] a dik lo soiselnak, nautatnak.

**detractor** n dik lopi ih soiselnu: *The scheme is better than its detractors suggest.*

**detrain** /di'treɪn/ v [I, Tn] (fml) tlangleng ihsin ʔum/ʔumter: *The troops detrained near the battle zone.*

**detribalize, -ise** /di'traɪbəlaɪz/ v [Tn] hrin le hnam daan hlon/hlonter, hrin le hnam khat pawlkom hloter: *detribalized Indians in South America.*

▷ **detribalization, -isation** /di'traɪbəlaɪ'zeɪʃn/ n [U].

**detriment** /detrɪmənt/ n (idm) **to the detriment of sb/sth**, mi pakhat khat, thil pakhat khat siatnak ah/ningnatnak ah; **without detriment**

**to sb/sth** zokhal/ziangkhal siatsuah loin, ningnater loin: *He works long hours, to the detriment of his health.* ○ *This tax cannot be introduced without detriment to the economy.*

▷ **detrimental** /detrɪ'mentl/ adj ~ (to sb/sth) mi siatter thei, mi ningnatter theimi: *The measures had a detrimental effect.* ○ *activities detrimental to our interests.* **detrimentally** /-təli/ adv: *detrimentally affected.*

**detritus** /di'trɪtəs/ n [U] khat le khat rial aw ih a suakmi, lungtiak, leidip tivek pawl.

**de trop** /de'trɒv/ adj [pred] (French) duh lo: *Their intimate conversation made me feel de trop.*

**deuce**<sup>1</sup> /djuːs/; US duːs/ n **1** phe cahnah parih nganmi zuk pahnih/ansalung parih a kua pahnih. **2** tennis hmat 40 veve.

**deuce**<sup>2</sup> /djuːs/; US duːs/ n (dated infml euph) **1** the **deuce** [sing] (used as an expression of annoyance) thin hnaihok langternak tong: *The deuce! I've lost my key!* ○ *Who/What/Where the deuce is that?* ○ *What the deuce is going on?* **2** (idm) **the deuce of a sth** thu a sia zet: *I've got the deuce of a headache.*

▷ **deuced** /djuːst, 'djuːsɪd/; US duːst/ adj (used as an expression of annoyance) thin hnaihokza: *Where's that deuced boy?* — adv zet, hngin: *What deuced bad luck!* **deucedly** /'djuːsɪdli/; US 'duː-/ adv very.

**Deutschmark** /dɔɪtʃ'mɑːk/ n (abbr DM) Germany tangka hmin.

**devalue** /di'væljuː/ v [Tn] (a) tangka man ʔum (ramdang tangka man thawn ʔim in): *devalue the dollar, pound, mark, etc.* (b) man ʔum, sinak ʔum sak: *criticism that devalues our work.*

▷ **devaluation** /di'væljuː'eɪʃn/ n [U, C] tangka man ʔumnak: *There's been a further devaluation of the dollar.*

**devastate** /devəsteɪt/ v [Tn] (a) siatsuah theh: *a house devastated by a bomb* ○ *War devastated the country.* (b) (infml) thinlung siat: *She was devastated by his death.* ○ *I was devastated by the news of the crash.*

▷ **devastating** /devəsteɪtɪŋ/ adj **1** siatsuah ʔehmi, thil siava: *a devastating war, famine, storm, etc.* **2** mi thinlung tisiat thei: *devastating criticism, news.* **3** (fig infml) a larmi, a lamdang: *devastating wit* ○ *She looked devastating, ie very beautiful.* **devastatingly** adv.

**devastation** /devə'steɪʃn/ n [U] siatsuahnak: *complete, utter devastation.*

**develop** /drɪ'veləp/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb/sth) (from sth) (into sth) ʔhang, ʔhanglian: *The child is developing well.* ○ *The plot for the novel gradually developed in my mind.* ○ *The argument developed into a bitter quarrel.* ○ *We've developed the project from an original idea by Stephen.* ○ *The place has developed from a fishing port into a thriving tourist centre.* **2** [I, Tn] hmuh theih, theihtheih ah a hung cang: *Symptoms of malaria developed, ie appeared.* ○

*The car has developed signs of rust*, ie is becoming rusty. **3** (photography) (a) [Tn] milai zuk lang dingah film khi sii thawn kholh: *take a film to be developed*. (b) [I] hmuh theih (zuk). **4** [Tn] inn, leilung thangsoter — man nei dingah: *The site is being developed by a London property company*.

▷ **developed** *adj* **1** a thangso/thanglianmi, pitlingmi: *a highly developed system of agriculture* ○ *She is well developed for her age*. **2** (economics) nunkhawsaknak ih a thangsomi: *one of the less developed countries*.

**developer** *n* **1** (photography) zuknak film kholhnaak sii. **2** ram thansotertu.

**developing** *adj* nunkhawsaknak ih a thangso reromi: *a developing country* ○ *the developing world*.

**development** /dr'vɛləpmənt/ *n* **1** [U] thansanak: *the healthy development of children* ○ *encourage the development of small businesses* ○ *land that is ready for development*, ie ready to be built on.

**2** [C] (a) thil a hung cang thar: *the latest development in the continuing crisis* ○ *We must await further developments*. (b) thil suak thar: *Our electrically-powered car is an exciting new development*. **3** [C] inn tampi thawn a khatmi leiram: *a commercial development on the outskirts of the town*.

□ **development area** (Brit) thangsoter dingih khawkhannak mi, farah pawl umnak hmun.

**deviant** /di'viənt/ *n*, *adj* (often derog) mi zaran vekih um lotu (milai), mi banglo (nun can lam ah), hawizawng lo: *a sexual deviant who assaults children* ○ *deviant behaviour*.

▷ **deviance** /-viəns/, **deviancy** *ns* [U] mi zawn lonak.

**deviate** /di'vi:t/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **from sth** thlun nawn lo, pial, a peng ah feh, dangaw: *The plane deviated from its usual route*. ○ *I will never deviate from what I believe to be right*. ○ *deviate from one's plan, the norm, the accepted procedure, etc*.

**deviation** /di'vi:eiʃn/ *n* ~ (from sth) **1** (a) [U] feh kel, ti kel vekih feh lo, ti lo, a peng ih fehnak: *There was little deviation from his usual routine*. ○ *sexual deviation*. (b) [C] pialnak: *a deviation from the rules*. **2** [U] (politic) paṭi sungtel pawl zummi ihsin pial ih thawn hlo: *Party ideologists accused her of deviation*. **3** [C] a um dingmi zat ihsin a pialzat nambat: *a compass deviation of 5°, ie from true north*.

▷ **deviationism** /-fəni'ziəm/ *n* [U] ram hruainak paṭi thu ih lamdang pialnak.

**deviationist** /-fəni'sist/ *n*.

**device** /dr'vɛs/ *n* **1** a hleice ih hman dingah phundang te ih tuahmi thil: *a device for measuring pressure* ○ *a labour-saving device* ○ *an explosive device* ○ *a nuclear device*, eg a nuclear bomb or missile. ⇒ Usage at MACHINE.

**2** (literature) tahthimnak ih hmanmi tong: *a stylistic device*. **3** khawkhannak, mi bumnak: *Her illness is merely a device to avoid seeing him*. **4** lal sinak langter dingih hman mi tacik hmainsinnak: *a heraldic device*. **5** (idm) **leave sb to his own devices** ⇒ LEAVE<sup>1</sup>.

**devil**<sup>1</sup> /devl/ *n* **1** (a) **the Devil** Satan, khuavang: *The Devil tempted Adam and Eve*. (b) thlarau sia: *He believes in devils and witches*. **2** (infml) (a) mi tha lo, mi siava: *My niece is a little devil*. ○ *He's a devil with (ie flirts with) the ladies*. (b) milai: *The poor/lucky devil!* ○ *Which silly devil left the fire on all day?* **3** (idm) **be a devil** (infml joc) thil tuah raltha dingih forhnak: *Go on, be a devil—tell me what they said*. **better the devil you know** ⇒ better<sup>2</sup>. **between the devil and the deep (blue) sea** a khuilam khal a thalomi veve (rul le ral kar lakah). **a devil of a sth** (dated infml) a maksak, a laklawh, a harsami milai/thil: *a devil of pretty woman*. **the devil** thusuhnak thupitter deuhnak ih hmanmi tong: *What/Who/Why/Where the devil is that?* **the (very) devil (sth)** a har, a nuam lomi: *This job is the very devil*. ○ *These pans are the (very) devil to clean*. **the devil you will/won't, she can/can't, etc** (infml) sian lo thu langternak: *'I'm going to a party.'* *'The devil you are!'* ie I forbid it. **devil's advocate** thu reel hai seh ti ih forhtu: *I don't really believe in capital punishment, I'm just playing devil's advocate*. **the devil looks after his own** (saying) a phuu lo bik hnenah vanthataknak a thleng. **the devil makes work for idle hands** (saying) hnaṭuan ding a um lem lo tikah thilsia an tuah. **the devil's own luck** vantha zet. **the devil take the hindmost** midang hrang ruat lo in mai hrang lawng ruat ciar ding: *In this business you have to be tough, and the devil take the hindmost*. **give the devil his due** a phu lomi par khal ah dingfel aw. **go to the devil!** (dated) cim law! **have a/the devil of a job doing sth** (infml) a harsa zetmi thil tong: *I'm having a devil of a job fixing my car*. **like the devil** (infml) nasa zet in: *run, work like the devil*. **needs must when the devil drives** ⇒ NEEDS. **play the devil with sth** (infml) siater siin, siatter siin: *Cold weather plays the devil with my rheumatism*. **speak/talk of the devil** (saying infml) rel rero mi a hung suah zawngih tongmi. **there'll be the devil to pay** (infml) timi/tuahmi ruangih a suakmi thil sia: *You crashed the car! There'll be the devil to pay!* **the world, the flesh and the devil** ⇒ WORLD.

□ **devil-may-care** *adj* [esp attrib] khawruah nei loih ti hluahhlo thei, mi hmukhmkak.

**devil**<sup>2</sup> /devl/ *v* (-II-; US -I-) **1** [Tn] a thak mi (makphek vek) thawn cokrawi in em: *devilled kidneys/ham*. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (for sb) (Brit) a bawmtu hnaṭuan ṭuan (sihni bawmtu ṭuan).

**devilish** /devəlɪʃ/ *adj* tha lo, siava: *a devilish plan* ○ *devilish cunning*.

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▷ **devilish** *adv* (dated *infml*) zet, nasa: *devilish hot*.

**devilishly** *adv*: *devilishly cruel, cunning, etc.*

**devilishness** *n* [U].

**devilment** /devlmənt/ (also **devilry** /devlri/) *n* **1** [U] a *siakha mi tuahsernakan/tuahmi*: *She played a trick on him out of sheer devilment*. **2** [C] *huatsuah*: *She's up to some devilry or other*.

**devious** /di:vɪəs/ *adj* **1** *hrokhrawl, tluangtlam lo*: a *devious lawyer, scheme, trick* ○ *get rich by devious means*. **2** a *kelkawimi (lamzin)*: *The coach followed a rather devious course to its destination*.

▷ **deviously** *adv*. **deviousness** *n* [U].

**devise** /dr'vaɪz/ *v* [Tn] *seemsuah, um hrih lomi umter (thil, hnaṭuan dan)*: *devise a scheme for redeveloping the city centre* ○ *devise a new type of transistor*.

**devitalize, -ise** /di:'vʌtəlaɪz/ *n* [Tn] *cahnak le thazang nauter*: a *nation devitalized by a sustained war effort*.

▷ **devitalization, -isation** /di:'vʌtəlaɪzəʃn/; US -lɪz-/ *n* [U].

**devoid** /dr'vɔɪd/ *adj* [pred] ~ *of sth* *telloin, um loin*: a *criminal utterly devoid of conscience*.

**devolution** /dr'vəlu:ʃn/; US /dev-/ *n* [U] *thuneihnak (uknak) hmundang ih ṭhawn—hmunpi ihsin pine cozah zung ah*.

**devolve** /dr'vɒlv/ *v* (*fml*) **1** [Ipr] ~ *on/upon sb* a *dang ah ṭhawn/ap*: *When the President is ill, his duties devolve upon the Vice-President*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ *sth (to/upon sb)* *ṭuanvo, hnaṭuan midang hnenah hlui, pe, ap*: *More power is to be devolved to regional government*.

**devote** /dr'vəʊt/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ *oneself/sth to sb/sth* *pumpe-aw (tikcu, thazaang, thinlung)*: *devote oneself to a noble cause* ○ *devote all one's efforts to one's task*.

▷ **devoted** *adj* ~ *(to sb/sth)* *duh tuk mi, fel mi*: a *devoted son, friend, supporter, etc* ○ *She is devoted to her children*. **devotedly** *adv*.

**devotee** /devə'ti:/ *n* (a) *biaknak lam pumpetu, zuamzettu*: a *devotee of sport, music, crime fiction, etc.* (b) *bawm zettu, (biaknak, pawl) pakhat ih ṭang zettu*.

**devotion** /dr'vəʊʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ~ *(to sb/sth)* (a) *duatnak, duh tuknak*: a *mother's devotion to her children*. (b) *pumpek-awknak*: *devotion to duty* ○ a *teacher's devotion to her task* ○ *our devotion to our leader*. **2** (a) [U] *pathian biak le thlacam*: a *life of great devotion*. (b) [C] *sakhua lam teimaknak*: a *traditional devotion like the Way of the Cross* ○ a *priest at his devotions, ie praying*.

▷ **devotional** /-fənl/ *adj* *Pathian biaknak lam*: *devotional literature*.

**devour** /dr'vaʊə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] (a) *duhham zetin ei*: *devour the food ravenously*. (b) (*fig*) *siar ciamco*: *She devoured the new detective story*. ○ *He*

*devoured her with his eyes*, ie *looked at her lustfully*: *hahio zetin zoh*. (c) (*fig*) *kaang ṭheh, siat ṭheh*: *Fire devoured a huge area of forest*. **2** (*idm*) **be devoured by sth** *khat ṭheh (khawruahhar, hngak-hlapnak thawn)*.

**devout** /dr'vaʊt/ *adj* **1** *sakhua zet mi, biaknak teima zet mi*: a *devout Muslim, prayer, etc.* **2** *thinlung takin, thutak tein*: a *devout hope, wish, etc.*

▷ **devoutly** *adv*: *It is devoutly to be wished, ie something I hope very much will happen*.

**devoutness** *n* [U].

**dew** /djʊ:/; US /du:/ *n* [U] *dap, daidaw*: *The grass was wet with dew*.

▷ **dewy** *adj* *dap thawn a khat*. **dewy-eyed** *adj* *mi ringih um men*: *You can't be too dewy-eyed if you want to succeed*.

□ **dewdrop** *n* *dai for khat*.

**dewlap** /dju:læp/; US /du:/ *n* *caw orfual, ortlai*.

**dexterity** /dek'sterəti/ *n* [U] *kut thiamnak*: A *juggler needs great dexterity*. ○ (*fig*) *The negotiations will call for considerable dexterity*.

**dexterous** (also **dextrous**) /dekstrəs/ *adj* (a) *zung thiam, kut thil tuah thiam*: *She's very dexterous with the knitting needles*. (b) *thiam zet ih tuahmi*: a *dexterous movement*.

▷ **dexterously** (also **dextrously**) *adv*.

**dextrose** /dekstrəʊs, -eʊz/ *n* [U] *glucose tii*.

**DG** /di:'dʒi:/ *abbr* **1** *tangka fai parih cuang 'by the Grace of God' (Latin Dei Gratia)*. **2** *Pathian ka thangṭhat! (thanks be to God) (Latin Deo Gratias)*. **3** *director-general*.

**dhoti** /dəʊti/ *n* *Hindu, Kala mipa biar (dawṭi); puanven*.

**dhow** /daʊ/ *n* *puanzar pakhat nei puanzar lawng — Arab ram ih hmanmi*.

**DHSS** /di:'etʃ es 'es/ *abbr* (Brit) *Department of Health and Social Security*.

**di-** *pref* **1** (with *ns*) *pahnih, let hnih tinak*: *dicotyledon*. **2** (*chemistry*) (with *ns* in names of chemical compounds) *atom pahnih tel*: *dioxide* ○ *dichromate*. Cf *BI-*, *TRI-*.

**diabetes** /daɪə'bɪti:z/ *n* [U] *zunthlum*.

**diabetic** /daɪə'betɪk/ *adj* *zunthlum nei*.

▷ **diabetic** *n* *zunthlum nat neitu*.

**diabolic** /daɪə'bɒlɪk/ *adj* (a) *khuavang vek, khawsia vek*. (b) *hrokhawl mi, a siakha mi*; *depde*: *diabolic plan, trick, etc* ○ *diabolic cunning*.

▷ **diabolical** /-lɪkl/ *adj* **1** = *DIABOLIC*. **2** (Brit *infml*) a *ṭha lo zet, a sia zet*: *The film was diabolical*. ○ a *diabolical liberty*, ie *act that one resents very much*. **diabolically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

**diacritic** /daɪə'krɪtɪk/ (also **diacritical** /-klɪ/) *adj* [*attrib*] *ṭong-aw suah dan hmainsinnak, ṭongfang tlun, lole, hnuai ih nganmi hmainsinnak (eg ´)*.

▷ **diacritic** *n* *cuvek hmainsinnak riin*.

**diadem** /daɪədəm/ *n* *lal lukhuh, siangpahrang lukhuh*.

**diaeresis** (also **dieresis**) /daɪəˈrɛsɪs/ *n* (pl **-eses** /-əsiːz/) vowel cafang tlun ih nganmi hminsinnak (eg as in *naïve*). Cf UMLAUT.

**diagnose** /ˈdaɪəɡnəʊz/; *US* ˈdaɪəɡˈnəʊs/ *v* [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sth** (as **sth**) nat dan hawl, zoihnit (a bikin nat dan le a thawhnak): *The doctor diagnosed measles.* ○ *diagnosed the tumour as benign* ○ (fig) *The book diagnoses our present economic ills*, ie shows what is wrong with the economy.

**diagnosis** /ˈdaɪəɡnəʊsɪs/ *n* (pl **-noses** /-nəʊsɪz/) (a) [U] hawl dan, zoihnit dan: *make one's diagnosis* ○ *a doctor skilled in diagnosis* ○ *accurate diagnosis of an electrical fault*. Cf PROGNOSIS. (b) [C] zoihnit hnu ih ngahmi.

**diagnostic** /ˈdaɪəɡnəstɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] nat dan hawnak lam: *diagnostic skill, training, etc* ○ *symptoms that were of little diagnostic value*, ie that did not indicate the patient's disease.

**diagonal** /ˈdaɪəɡənəl/ *adj* (a) thil kil le kil sih in x vekih retmi: *diagonal stripes bracing.* (b) kil le kil peh: *diagonal stripes.* (c) a sawn ih riin mi. ▷ **diagonal** *n* thil kil le kil pehtu riin; thingtluan, etc.

**diagonally** /-nəli/ *adv*.

**diagram** /ˈdaɪəɡræm/ *n* tuahtum mi (riin thawn) zuk: *a diagram of a gear-box, a rail network.*

▷ **diagrammatic** /ˈdaɪəɡrəˈmætɪk/ *adj*: *a diagrammatic map.* **diagrammatically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**dial** /ˈdaɪəl/ *n* 1 nazi hmai. 2 thilrit tivek tahnak a hmailam: *the dial of an electricity meter.* 3 TV radio hmai ih bunmi aw-let tahnak thil. 4 (a) telefon kkuat ih bunmi nambat hernak. (b) telefon kkuat ih bunmi nambat hmehnak.

▷ **dial** *v* (-II-; *US* -I-) [I, Tn] kawh duhmi telefon nambat her/tok: *dial 01-230-1212* ○ *dial the operator.* **dialing code** khua le ram pakhat hrangih pekmi telefon nambat, eg London area nambat cu 01 a si. Himi na hmet theh in bulpak nambat na hmet pei: *The dialing code for the London area is 01.* **dialing tone** na kawhmi telefon a lut ti theihnak aw.

**dialect** /ˈdaɪəlekt/ *n* [C, U] hmunkhat ih um pawl ih tɔŋkam awsuah: *the Yorkshire dialect* ○ *a play written in dialect* ○ [attrib] *dialect words, pronunciations, etc.* Cf ACCENT 3, BROGUE.

▷ **dialectal** /ˈdaɪəlektl/ *adj*: *dialectal differences between two areas.*

**dialectic** /ˈdaɪəlektɪk/ *n* [U] (also **dialectics**) [sing *v*] (*philosophy*) 1 ruat tlang le el-aw ih thungai, thudik hawl daan. 2 bang awk lonak le kalhkeh awknak pawl fiangtha dingih soisel awknak.

▷ **dialectical** /-kli/ *adj* cu tivek a simi: *dialectical method.* **dialectical materialism** thilri tɔlhai ih a suahpi mi, khat le khat lak ih buainak in santhuanthu le ram ukawk daan a tuah a si ti Marx ih thusuahpi mi. **dialectically** /-kli/ *adv*.

**dialectician** /ˈdaɪəlektɪʃn/ *n* dialectic thiamtu.

**dialogue** (*US* also **dialog**) /ˈdaɪələʊg/; *US* -lɔːg/ *n* 1

(a) [U, C] pakhat le pakhat biak-awk (ca ih nganmi): *Most plays are written in dialogue.* ○ *a novel with long descriptions and little dialogue.*

(b) [C] baisakup, thuanthucawn le calai ih nganmi biak-awknak: *a long dialogue in the opening scene.* 2 [C, U] ruahnak dangdang nei thu ruahkhawmnak: *a useful dialogue on common problems* ○ *More dialogue between world leaders is needed.*

**dialysis** /ˈdaɪəlɪsɪs/ *n* (pl **-lyses** /-lɪsɪz/) [U, C] (*medical*) a balmi thii thianfaitearnak: *renal dialysis* ○ [attrib] *a dialysis machine.*

**diamanté** /daɪəˈmæntɪ, dɪəˈmɒntɪ/ *adj* thil vut tleu thawn ceimawimi: *diamanté ear-rings.*

**diameter** /ˈdaɪəmitə(r)/ *n* thil bial laifang riin; thil bial a laifang ihsin khat lam tlang ah riin in tah tiki ngahmi a sauzat: *the diameter of a tree-trunk* ○ *a lens that magnifies 20 diameters*, ie makes an object look 20 times longer, wider, etc than it is.

▷ **diametrical** /ˈdaɪəˈmetrɪkl/ *adj* diameter tluan in.

**diametrically** /ˈdaɪəˈmetrɪkli/ *adv* kimte'n, a khuate'n: *diametrically opposed/opposite.*

**diamond** /ˈdaɪəmənd/ *n* 1 (a) [U, C] lungvar mankhung: *a ring with a diamond in it* ○ [attrib] *a diamond ring, necklace, etc.* (b) [C] tuahcop lungvar thalang tannak ih hmanmi. 2 [C] phe ih diamond zuk vek killi nei zuk — a kil an tia aw lo. 3 (a) diamonds [sing or pl *v*] diamond zuk cuang phe: *the five of diamonds* ○ *Diamonds is/are trumps.* (b) [C] diamond zuk um phe tleep: *play a diamond.* 4 [C] base ball lehnak dingih riinmi a sunglam hmun. 5 (idm) **a rough diamond** ⇨ ROUGH<sup>1</sup>.

□ **diamond jubilee** kum 60 kimnak puai, kum 75 kimnak khal a si. Cf GOLDEN JUBILEE (GOLDEN), SILVER JUBILEE (SILVER).

**diamond wedding** thit-umnak kum 60 campaha puai; kum 75 kimnak khal a si. Cf GOLDEN WEDDING (GOLDEN), SILVER WEDDING (SILVER).

**diaper** /ˈdaɪəpə(r); *US* also ˈdaɪpər/ *n* 1 [U] thi vekih tɔlmi patpuan. 2 (*US*) = NAPPY, naute tawdam.

**diaphanous** /ˈdaɪəfənəs/ *adj* patpuan pa-te: *a diaphanous veil* ○ *a dress of diaphanous silk.*

**diaphragm** /ˈdaɪəfræm/ *n* 1 thawthawtnak lam a bawmtu tɔŋ le pumpi lak ih um titsa duandar. 2 tleu ziangzat lut seh ti rak tektu kemra sungih thil. 3 telephone le awring sungih aw suahtertu thil peer. 4 (also **Dutch cap, cap**) nau neih khamnak nunau sulkaa ih retmi rabar pate.

**diarrhoea** (*US* **diarrhea**) /ˈdaɪəˈrɪə/ *n* [U] sungdok nat: *have a bad attack of diarrhoea.*

**diary** /ˈdaɪəri/ *n* nitin thuhla ngankhumnak cabu, dairi: *keep* (ie write regularly in) *a diary.*

▷ **diarist** /ˈdaɪərɪst/ *n* dairi ngantu, a bikin nehhnu ih suah tlakmi.

**Diaspora** /ˈdaɪəspərə/ *n* the Diaspora (a) kum 358 BC ah ramdang ih dawihlo an si hnu,

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miphun dang lak ih um Judah pawl. (b) cute hmun le hma an khuarnak hmun: *People from every country of the Diaspora now live in Israel.*

**diastase** /daɪsteɪs/ *n* [U] thilnu; colh.

**diatom** /daɪətəm/ *US* -təm/ *n* tidai sung um seel pakhat nei thingkung.

**diatonic** /daɪə'tɒnɪk/ *adj* (*music*) major, lole, minor scale; aw hrek a tel lo mi.

**diatribe** /daɪə'traɪb/ *n* ~ (**against sb/sth**) ðongkam sia thawn to ciamco: *a diatribe against the police state.*

**dibble** /dɪbl/ (also **dibber** /dɪbər/) *n* fung zum (leilung laih tikih hmanmi).

▷ **dibble** *v* (phr *v*) **dibble sth in** fung zum hmang in rawl ci tuh.

**dice** /daɪs/ *n* (*pl* unchanged) **1** (a) [C] anzaŋung (*Kawl*), daana (*Kala*) paisa thawn lehnak, hmai ruk nei thil hlum: *a pair of dice* ○ *shake/roll/throw the dice*. (b) [U] cuihmi thawn lehnak: *play dice*. **2** (idm) **load the dice** ⇒ **LOAD**<sup>2</sup>. **no dice** (*sl esp US*) dilmi lungkim lo: *'Shall we change the plan?' 'No dice, we'll stick with the original one.'*

▷ **dice** *v* **1** [I] paisa thap in lek (*dice* hmang in): *Dice the beetroot (up) neatly.* **3** (idm) **dice with death** (*infml*) mah ih nunnak paih aw.

**dicey** /daɪsi/ *adj* (**dicier, diciest**) (*infml*) ðihnung: *The fog made driving a bit dicey.*

**dichotomy** /daɪkə'təmi/ *n* ~ (**between A and B**) (*fml*) a dang-aw rorimi, pawl pahnih ðenðhek-nak: *the dichotomy between peace and war* ○ *They set up a false dichotomy between working and raising a family*, ie wrongly claim that one cannot do both.

**dick** /dɪk/ *n* **1** (Δ *infml*) zang (ngainuam zawngin 'mipa zahmawh'). **2** (*dated infml esp US*) misual zingzoitu: *The thief was caught by the hotel dick.*

**dickens** /dɪkɪnz/ *n* (*infml euph*) **the dickens** khuavang, khawsia: *Who/What/Where the dickens is that?* ○ *We had the dickens of a hob finding the place.*

**Dickensian** /dɪ'kenzɪən/ *adj* Dickens nganmi (thuanthu) vek: *a Dickensian slum.*

**dicker** /dɪkər/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb**) (**for sth**) thil man nep ih el-aw, kam cuh: *She dickered (with the shopkeeper) for the best fruit.*

**dicky**<sup>1</sup> /dɪki/ *n* (*infml*) **1** (also **dicky-seat**) (*Brit dated*) milai pahnih to mawŋawka dunglam um a bil-aw thei tokheng fate. **2** (*dated*) mipa angki (shirt) hmailam deu.

□ **dicky-bird** *n* **1** (nauhak ðong) vate. **2** (idm) **not say a dicky-bird** ⇒ **SAY**.

**dicky**<sup>2</sup> /dɪki/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*dated Brit infml*) khoh lo, derthawm: *That ladder looks a bit dicky.* ○ *a dicky heart.*

**dicotyledon** /daɪkə'tɒlɪdən/ *n* hnahhnh in a keuh thokmi pangpar kung phun khat.

**Dictaphone** /dɪktə'fəʊn/ (*propr*) ðong khumnak cet phunkhat.

**dictate** /dɪk'tet/; *US* 'dɪkter/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr]

~ (**sth**) (**to sb**) auh, mi ih rak ngan dingah ca, thu auh: *dictate a letter to one's secretary* ○ *The teacher dictated a passage to the class.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (**to sb**) fial, thu pek: *dictate terms to a defeated enemy* ○ *You can't dictate to people how they should live.* **3** (phr *v*) **dictate to sb** (*esp passive*) thu pek (aana hmang nawn in): *I refuse to be dictated to by you.* ⇒ Usage at **DECREE**.

▷ **dictate** *n* /dɪk'tet/ (usu *pl*) fialmi, tuahter mi: *Follow the dictates of common sense*, ie do what common sense tells you to do.

**dictation** /dɪk'teɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] auhmi, (ca) auhnak, ca-auh: *shorthand dictation.* **2** [C] auhmi ca: *three English dictations.*

**dictator** /dɪk'tetər/; *US* 'dɪkterər/ *n* **1** thuneihnak zate hmang ih mi uktu, mah thu lawng ih mi uktu. **2** (*fig infml*) mah thu lawng duhtu, fialtu: *Our boss is a bit of a dictator.*

▷ **dictatorial** /dɪk'tetərɪəl/ *adj* (a) aana thawn mi uk duhtu, mah thu lawng hmang: *dictatorial government, powers, etc.* (b) mah thu lawng tuahtertu/thlunturtu, mah thu lawng duhtu: *a dictatorial teacher, manner, tone.* **dictatorially** /-əlɪ/ *adv.*

**dictatorship** *n* **1** [C, U] dictator ih ukmi ram, cozah. **2** [C] dictator hnaŋuan.

**diction** /dɪkʃn/ *n* [U] ðongdan, cangandan: *Clarity of diction is vital for a public speaker.* (b) ðongkam hril le hman.

**dictionary** /dɪkʃənri/; *US* -nerɪ/ *n* (a) ðongfang pawl sullam le tican simfiangnak cabu: *an English dictionary.* (b) thuhla tican simfiangnak cabu: *a dictionary of architecture.*

**dictum** /dɪktəm/ *n* (*pl* ~s or -ta /-tə/) (a) ðongfim: *The well-known dictum 'Knowledge is power'.* (b) khawruah sim phuannak.

**did** *pt* of **DO**.

**didactic** /dɪ'dæktɪk, daɪ-/ *adj* (*fml*) **1** zirhnak ih hmanmi: *didactic poetry, methods.* **2** (*usu derog*) siartu, a ngaitu khi tlawngta nauhak te vekih tuah: *I don't like her didactic way of explaining everything.*

▷ **didactically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

**diddle** /dɪdl/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (**out of sth**) (*infml*) mi bum (zianghrot lo ah): *I've been diddled! Half of these tomatoes are bad!* ○ *They've diddled me out of the rent!*

**didn't** ⇒ **DO**.

**die**<sup>1</sup> /daɪ/ *n* hminsinak tacik nei thir tum, tangka fai, le tacik phunphun tuahnak.

□ **die-cast** *adj* eermi, burmi: *die-cast toys*, eg small models of cars.

**die**<sup>2</sup> /daɪ/ *v* (*pt, pp died, pres p dying*) **1** (a) [Ipr] thi, nung lo: *Flowers soon die without water.* ○ *die of an illness, hunger, grief* ○ *die from a wound* ○ *die by violence* ○ *die by one's own hand*, ie commit suicide ○ *die for one's country* ○ *die through neglect* ○ *die in battle* ○ *one's*

*dying wish/words/breath*, ie uttered just before death. ○ *I'll love you to my dying day*, ie until I die. (b) [La, Ln] *thih tikah pakhat khat rak si: die happy, poor, young, etc* ○ *die a beggar, martyr, etc*. (c) [Tn] *thih phun khat thawn thi: die a lingering, natural, violent, etc death*. 2 [I] (fig) a cem, a ral ta: *love that will never die* ○ *dying traditions, customs, etc* ○ *His secret died with him*, ie He died without telling it to anyone. ○ *The flame died*, ie went out. 3 (idm) **be dying for sth/to do sth** caak zet, duh hiar zet: *I'm dying for something to eat*. ○ *She's dying to know where you've been*. **die the death** (joc) cem lohli, cem rualri: *After getting bad reviews the play quickly died the death*. **die hard** har zetin a thleng aw; oltin cem thei lo, a tuar fetfet: *Old habits die hard*. **die in one's bed** tar thih ih thi, natnak in thi. **die in harness** hnaŋuan laifang ah thi. **die/fall/drop like flies** ⇒ FLY<sup>1</sup>. **die with one's boots on/in one's boots** thazaang thatlai ah thi. **die laughing** (infml) bok ko hni: *It was so funny, I nearly died laughing*. **one's last/dying breath** ⇒ BREATH. **never say die** ⇒ SAY. 4 (phr v) **die away** aw thang lo vivo, aw diim vivo, tha mal vivo: *The noise of the car died away in the distance*. ○ *The breeze has died away*. **die down** mal vivo: *flames, storms, pain dying down* ○ *These rumours will soon die down*. **die off** pakhat hnu pakhat thi theh: *The members of the family had all died off*. **die out** (a) ci-mit: *The moth's habitat is being destroyed and it has nearly died out*. (b) a hlo a cem vivo: *The old traditions are dying out*. □ **die-hard** n mi thinruh, thlengaw k a duh lotu: *A few die-hards are trying to stop the reforms*. ○ [attrib] a *die-hard conservative, campaigner, sceptic*.

**die**<sup>3</sup> /daɪ/ n 1 (dated) = DICE. 2 (idm) **the die is cast** (saying) thu thencat zo a si ih thleng a theih nawn lo. **straight as an arrow/a die** = STRAIGHT<sup>1</sup>.

**dieresis** (US) = DIAERESIS.

**diesel** /di:zl/ n 1 [C] (also **diesel engine**) dizil hriak hman mi cet, injin, dizil injin thawn mawnmi mawŋawka, tlangleng, tivek: [attrib] a *diesel lorry, train, etc*. 2 [U] (also **diesel fuel, diesel oil**) dizil hriak. 3 [C] dizil hriak hman leng pawl (mawŋawka, tlangleng, tivek).

□ **diesel-electric** adj dizil cet hman ih suahter mi mei: a *diesel-electric train*.

**diet**<sup>1</sup> /daɪət/ n 1 [C] ei-rawl, ti le rawl: *the Japanese diet of rice, vegetables and fish* ○ *Too rich a diet* (ie *Too much rich food*) *is not good for you*. ○ *illnesses caused by poor diet*. 2 [C] riteek mi rawl, ei sian mi rawl (sibawi fial mi): a *salt-free diet* ○ [attrib] *diet aids*. 3 [sing] ~ **of sth** (fig) a tamtuk ruangih ninkhop um: *the constant diet of soap operas on TV*. 4 (idm) **(be/go/put sb) on a diet** nat ruangah maw, thau tuk ruangah maw rawl-ei suupter: *The doctor says I've got to go on a diet*.

▷ **diet** v [I] ei-in suup: *You ought to diet and take more exercise*.

**dietary** /daɪətəri/ US -eri/ adj: *dietary habits* ○ *dietary rules*, eg forbidding certain foods.

**dietetic** /daɪətetik/ adj rawl le ei-in lam.

**dietetics** n [sing v] taksa thatnak ti-rawl lam thu zirnak.

**dietician** (also **dietitian**) /daɪətiʃn/ n taksa thatnak lam ti-rawl ei-in daan thiamtu.

**diet**<sup>2</sup> /dɪfə(r)/ n 1 (esp formerly) kawhhran, ram thu, ram khat le ram khat thurel pumkhawm.

2 upadi daan tuahtu thurel khawmpi, ie Japan (rampi tlangsuak ho).

**differ** /dɪfə(r)/ v [I, Ipr] 1 ~ **(from sb/sth)** bang-aw lo, dang-aw: *The brothers differ widely in their tastes*. ○ *Tastes differ*, ie Different people like different things. ○ *have differing tastes, views, etc* ○ *In this respect, French differs from English/French and English differ*. 2 ~ **(with/from sb)** (about/on sth) lungkim lo, lungruul lo: *I'm sorry to differ with you on that*. ○ *We differ on many things*. 3 (idm) **agree to differ** ⇒ AGGREE. **I beg to differ** ⇒ BEG.

**difference** /dɪfrəns/ n 1 [C] ~ **(between A and B)**;

~ **(in/of sth)** dan-awknak, bang-aw lonak: *the marked differences between the two children* ○

*Did you notice a difference (in her)?* ○ *It's easy to tell the difference* (ie distinguish) *between butter and margarine*. ○ a difference of approach.

2 [C, U] ~ **(in sth)** **(between A and B)** dan-awknak zat: *There's an age difference of six years between them*, ie One of them is six years older than the other. ○ *I'll lend you 90% of the money and you'll have to find the difference*, ie the other 10%. ○ *We measured the difference(s) in temperature*. ○ *There's not much difference in price between the two computers*. 3 [C] ~

**(between A and B)** **(over sth)** lungruul lonak, dan-awknak: *Settle your differences and be friends again*. ○ *We had a difference of opinion* (ie argued) *over who had won*. 4 (idm) **as near as makes no difference** ⇒ NEAR<sup>2</sup>. **for all the difference it/sth makes** zianghman a lamdangter cuang lo ti ruat in. **make a, some, etc difference (to sb/sth)** (a) poiter, lamdangter: *The rain didn't make much difference (to the game)*. ○ *The sea air has made a difference to* (ie improved) *her health*. ○ *A hot bath makes all the difference* (ie makes you feel better) *in the morning*. (b) thupi, thupi lo, poi: *It makes no difference (to me) what you say: I'm not going*. ○ *It won't make much difference whether you go today or tomorrow*. ○ *Does that make any difference?* ie Is it important, need we consider it? ○ *Yes, it makes all the difference*, ie is very important. **make a difference between** a dang deuh ih zoh: *She makes no difference between her two sons*. **sink one's differences** ⇒ SINK<sup>1</sup>.

**split the difference** ⇒ SPLIT. **with a difference**

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## different

(following *ns*) hleice, lamdang: *She's an opera singer with a difference: she can act well!*

**different** /dɪfrənt/ *adj* **1** ~ (from/to sb/sth); ~ (than sb/sth) (esp US) a dang-aw, bangaw lo: the same product with a different name ○ The room looks different with the furniture gone. ○ Their tastes are different from/to mine. ○ She is wearing a different dress every time I see her. **2** a dange in: I called on three different occasions, but he was out. ○ They are sold in different colours, ie a variety of colours. **3** (idm) (as) **different as chalk and/from cheese** a dang-aw tuk. **a (very) different kettle of fish** (infml) hlan vek siloin lamdang tuk. **know different** ⇒ **KNOW**. **sing a different song/tune** ⇒ **SING**.

▷ **differently** *adv*.

**NOTE ON USAGE:** British and US English differ as regards the prepositions used after **different**. **1** Before a noun or adverbial phrase, both **from** and **to** are acceptable in British English. Some speakers prefer **from**. **Different than** is not usual: *He's very different from/to his brother.* ○ *This visit is very different from/to last time.* In US English **than** is commonly used (not **to**): *Your trains are different from/than ours.* ○ *You look different than before.* **2** In both varieties, but especially in US English, **than** is an alternative to **from** before a clause: *His appearance was very different from what I'd expected/His appearance was very different than I'd expected.*

**differential** /dɪfə'renʃl/ *adj* [attrib] dan-awk nei: differential treatment of applicants for jobs, eg varying according to their education, etc ○ Non-EEC countries pay a higher differential tariff.

▷ **differential** *n* **1** (also **differential wage**) (esp Brit) hnaṭuan phun zoh ih lakha (thlahlawh) dan-awknak: a dispute about the differential between men and women workers. **2** (also **differential gear**) mawtawka ih dunglam ke khul a phunphun ih a hertertukiar (gear).

□ **differential calculus** (mathematics) calculus punkhat. Cf **INTEGRAL CALCULUS** (**INTEGRAL**).

**differentiate** /dɪfə'renʃiə't/ *v* **1** (a) [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ between A and B; ~ A (from B) thiadang: Can you differentiate between the two varieties? ○ Can you differentiate one variety from the other? ○ One character is not clearly differentiated from another. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (from sth) thleidanger: The male's orange beak differentiates it from the female. **2** [Ipr] ~ between A and B thleidan: It is wrong to differentiate between people according to their family background.

▷ **differentiation** /dɪfə'renʃi'eɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**difficult** /dɪfɪkəlt/ *adj* **1** ~ (to do) har, ol lo: a

difficult problem, language, translation ○ She finds it difficult to stop smoking. ○ This mountain is difficult to climb. ○ It is difficult to climb this mountain. ○ Their refusal puts us in a difficult position. ○ They made it difficult for me to see her. ○ 13 is a difficult age, ie Children have problems then. **2** (milai) a harmi, a heermi: a difficult child, customer, boss, etc ○ Don't be difficult: lend us the money. **3** (idm) **easy/difficult of approach** ⇒ **APPROACH**.

**difficulty** /dɪfɪkəlti/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (in) doing sth harsatnak, harnak: the sheer difficulty of the task ○ Bad planning will lead to difficulty later. ○ do sth with/without difficulty ○ She got the door open, but only with some difficulty. ○ I had the greatest difficulty in persuading her. ○ We had no difficulty (in) finding the house. **2** [C usu pl] thil harsatnak: the difficulties of English syntax ○ be working under some difficulty, ie in difficult circumstances ○ She met with many difficulties when traveling. ○ financial difficulties, ie problems about money ○ We got into difficulty/difficulties with the rent, ie found it hard to pay. ○ I want to marry her, but my parents are making/creating difficulties, ie making things hard for us.

**diffident** /dɪfɪdənt/ *adj* ~ (about sth) mah le mah zum-aw lomi: an able but diffident young student ○ Don't be so diffident about your talents.

▷ **diffidence** /-dəns/ *n* [U]. **diffidently** *adv*.

**diffract** /dɪfrækt/ *v* [Tn] khawtleu khi pianzia a phunphun ih thenṭhek.

▷ **diffraction** /dɪfrækʃn/ *n* [U].

**diffuse**<sup>1</sup> /drɪ'fju:z/ *v* **1** kiang le kap ah pharhzai ṭheh: diffuse a scent, an odour, light, heat, learning, knowledge ○ He diffuses enthusiasm all around him. ○ posters diffusing party propaganda ○ diffused lighting, ie not coming directly from one source. **2** [I, Tn] nuamte te'n cokrawi-aw: A drop of milk diffused in the water, and it became cloudy.

▷ **diffusion** /drɪ'fju:zn/ *n* [U] pharhzainak: the diffusion of knowledge through books and lectures ○ the diffusion of gases and liquids.

**diffuse**<sup>2</sup> /drɪ'fju:s/ *adj* **1** a pharhzaimi: diffuse light. **2** ṭong tam tuk hmang: a diffuse writer/style.

▷ **diffusely** *adv*. **diffuseness** *n* [U].

**dig**<sup>1</sup> /dɪg/ *v* (-gg-, pt, pp **dug** /dʌg/) **1** (a) [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] lai (leilung): I spent the morning digging. ○ They are digging through the hill to make a tunnel. ○ dig down into the soil ○ It is difficult to dig the ground when it is frozen. ○ dig the soil away from the bottom of the wall. (b) [Tn] kua lai, co: dig a pit, tunnel, shaft, etc. (c) [Ipr] ~ for sth lai ih hawl: We are digging for mineral deposits. **2** (dated infml) (a) [Tn] nuam ti, thei thiam, ṭha ti: I don't dig modern jazz. (b) [I, Tn] theithiam: I don't dig that crazy stuff. ○ You dig? **3** (idm) **dig one's heels/toes in**

thinak, lungruh. **dig sb in the ribs** hnak khi kiu thawn suk, hngong (thei seh ti duh ah). **dig one's own grave** mah siat tlaknak tuah. **4** (phr v) **dig in, dig into sth** (infml) ei ciamco: *the foods ready, so dig in!* **dig sth in; dig sth into sth** (a) leilung thawn cokrawi: *The manure should be well dug in.* (b) dawt, sun: *dig a fork into a pie* ○ *The rider dug his spurs into the horse/s flank.* ○ *The dog dug its teeth in.* **dig oneself in** (a) (military) kahsam sungah um. (b) (infml) hmun khuar, that'e'n um: *He has dug himself in well at the college now.* **dig sb/sth out (of sth)** (a) lai suak: *They dug the potatoes out (of the ground).* ○ *He was buried by an avalanche and had to be dug out.* (b) hawl suak: *dig information out of books and reports* ○ *dig out the truth.* (c) (infml) phorh suak: *dig out an old photo from the drawer.* **dig sth over** leilung remtha: *dig the garden over.* **dig sth up** (a) leikhal pawl khuai tha: *dig up land for a new garden.* (b) leilung ihsin (a hram) lai suak: *We dug up the tree by its roots.* (c) phorh suak: *An old Greek statue was dug up here last month.* (d) (fig) phuang: *Newspapers love to dig up scandal.*

**dig<sup>2</sup>** /dɪg/ n **1** (a) tok (zakzaa), kirikzaa: *give sb a dig in the ribs.* (b) ~ (at sb) (fig) aithokter thei tɔŋkam: *She makes mean little digs at him.* **2** (a) leilung lai saknak: *I gave the vegetable plot a quick dig.* (d) thil an lai hnak hmun khur.

**digest<sup>1</sup>** /dɪ'dʒest, daɪ-/ n **1** (a) tawite ih nganmi thuhla: *a digest of the week's news.*

**digest<sup>2</sup>** /dɪ'dʒest, daɪ-/ v **1** (a) [Tn] rial (pum sungah rial): *Fish is easy to digest when you're ill.* (b) [I] (of food) rial: *It takes hours for a meal to digest.* **2** [Tn] thuhla pawl thinlung ah rak khaw! *Have you digested the report yet?* ▷ **digestible** /dɪ'dʒestəbəl, daɪ-/ adj rial ol, rial theih. **digestibility** /dɪ'dʒestəbɪləti, daɪ-/ n [U].

**digestion** /dɪ'dʒestʃən, daɪ-/ n (a) rawl rial: *foods which aid digestion.* (b) [C, sing] rawl rial cak: *have a good/poor digestion.*

**digestive** /dɪ'dʒestɪv, daɪ-/ adj [usu attrb] rawl rialnak lam: *the digestive process, juices* ○ *suffer from digestive trouble.* □ **digestive biscuit** (also **digestive**) (Brit) biskit sangper ro.

**digestive system** pumpi sungih rawl rial dan.

**digger** /dɪgə(r)/ n **1** laitu (milai). **2** lei laitu cet. **3** (sl) ralkap (Australia le New Zealand ih hmanmi tɔŋ).

**digging** /dɪgɪŋ/ n **1** [U] thil lai. **2** diggings [pl] thir, sui le ngun pawl an lai hnak hmun.

**digit** /dɪdʒɪt/ n **1** (mathematics) 0 in 9 tiang nambat sungih nambat pakhat khat: *The number 57306 contains five digits.* **2** (anatomy) kutzung, kezung. ▷ **digital** /dɪdʒɪtl/ adj **1** a zat khi nambat ih hmuh mi. **2** kutzung le kezung lam. **digital clock/watch** kut nei lo, nambat lawng ih tikcu

hmuh nazi. **digital computer device** that makes calculations, etc with data represented as a series of digits. Cf ANALOGUE COMPUTER (ANALOGUE).

**digital recording** [C, U] (recording made by a process of converting sound into a series of electrical pulses (representing binary digits).

**dignify** /ˈdɪgnɪfaɪ/ v (pt, pp **-fied**) (fml) **1** [Tn] mithmai neiter, upat tlak siter: *a ceremony dignified by the presence of the ambassador.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (with sth)** hmin neiter: *dignify a small collection of books with the name of library* ○ *I wouldn't dignify this trash by calling it a novel.* ▷ **dignified** adj mithmai nei, upat tihzah tlak: *a dignified person, walk, bow.*

**dignitary** /ˈdɪgnɪtəri/ (fml) /US -teri/ n hnaʔuan upa ʔuantu: *civic dignitaries*, eg the mayor and councillors.

**dignity** /ˈdɪgnəti/ n **1** [U] mithmai neihter, upattlak sinak: *the dignity of labour* ○ *Only a truly free person has human dignity.* **2** [U] dinhmun (a saangmi) mi upa sinak umdaan: *She kept her dignity despite the booing.* **3** [C] (fml) upatnak, hnaʔuan thupi, dinhmun sang: *The Queen conferred the dignity of a peerage on him.* **4** (idm) **beneath one's dignity** (often ironic) mah ih dinhmun le sinak thawn a tlaak lomi: *Some husbands still think it beneath their dignity to do the shopping.* **stand on one's dignity** mah le mah thupi zet ih ruatawk ruangah ih rak tuamhlawmter duh: *She doesn't stand on her dignity and treat the rest of us as servants.*

**diagraph** /ˈdaɪgrɑːf; US -græf/ n aw pahnih aiawhtu cafang (eg sh /ʃ/, ea /i:/ in sheaf).

**digress** /daɪˈɡres/ v [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) thulu/thuhram (nganmi, tɔŋmi) ihsin pial: *Don't digress (from the subject) when lecturing.* ▷ **digression** /daɪˈɡreɪʃən/ n (a) [U] pialnak (a dang ah). (b) [C] thupial nganmi cacaang: *If you'll allow a slight digression,...*

**digs** /dɪgz/ n [pl] (Brit infml) tangka thawn sanmi inn sungih inndan, innkhan: *the high cost of living in digs* ○ *take digs in London.*

**dike, dyke** /daɪk/ n **1** tihriat, lihong. **2** titlangkham, ti lik lo dingih khamtu cangdaw! **3** (Δ sl) zahmawh bang-awmi ihpitu. ▷ **dike** v [I, Tn] titlang rak kham.

**diktat** /ˈdiiktæt/ n [C, U] (derog) thupek, fialmi: *refuse to accept the foreign diktat.*

**dilapidated** /dɪˈlæpɪdeɪtɪd/ adj a kiak a kuai tʰehmi (tokham, cabuai tivek pawl): *a dilapidated chair, bed, etc* ○ *a dilapidated-looking car.* ▷ **dilapidation** /dɪˈlæpɪdeɪʃən/ n [U]: *in a dreadful state of dilapidation.*

**dilate** /daɪˈleɪt/ v **1** [I, Tn] kauter, tumter: *The pupils of your eyes dilate when you enter a dark room.* ○ *The horse dilated its nostrils.* **2** (phr v) **dilate on sth** (fml) thuhla kau zet in ngan: a

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chapter in which she dilates on the benefits of vegetarianism.

▷ **dilation** /dar'leiʃn/ *n* [U] kauhternak.

**dilatory** /dilatəri: US -tɔ:ri/ *adj* (fml) (a) ~ (in doing sth) khulfung: *The government has been dilatory in condemning the outrage.* (b) khulfungter: *dilatory behaviour, action, etc.*

▷ **dilatorily** *adv.* **dilatoriness** *n* [U].

**dilemma** /di'lemə, dai-/ *n* 1 vansanglam, a khuitilam khal hril thei lo ih um, : be in/place sb in a dilemma. 2 (idm) **on the horns of a dilemma** ⇨ HORN.

**dilettante** /di'lɪtənt/ *n* (pl ~s or -ti /-ti:/) (often derog) zuamtuk hnai loih thil zirtu: a musical dilettante.

▷ **dilettantish** /-təntɪʃ/ *adj*: a dilettantish follower of the arts.

**diligence** /di'lɪdʒəns/ *n* [U] ~ (in sth/in doing sth) ralling te ih taimaknak, lawtnak: *She shows great diligence in her school work.* ○ *diligence in pursuing one's aims.*

**diligent** /di'lɪdʒənt/ *adj* ~ (in sth/in doing sth) fimkhur ih a taimami: *a diligent worker, pupil, etc* ○ *They're very diligent in keeping records.*

▷ **diligently** *adv.*

**dill** /di/ *n* [U] samung sabaa, hmeh rim thawturtu hmuimer faangmu vek thilci phunkhat.

**dilly** /di/ *n* (US infml) mi nasa, a hleicemi: *She had a dilly of a bruise on her arm.*

**dilly-dally** /di/ *pt, pp -dillied* *v* [I] (infml) tikcu heuter: *Don't dilly-dally! Make up your mind!*

**dilute** /dar'lju:t/; US -'lu:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (with sth) 1 a tha deem/niam deuh seh ti in tidai rawi: *dilute wine with water.* 2 (fig) tha thum sak, tha nemter: *diluting standards in our schools.*

▷ **dilute** *adj* tidai dang rawi ih tha nemtermi: *dilute sulphuric acid.*

**dilution** /daɪ'lju:ʃn; US -'lu:-/ *n* (a) [U] rawi-awk, cokrawi-awk. (b) [C] rawi cia thil.

**dim** /dim/ *adj* (-mmer, -mmest) 1 (a) a thim deuh, a lang fianglo: *a dim corridor with no windows* ○ *the dim outline of buildings on a dark night* ○ *reading by dim candle-light.* (b) ciingtuk nawn lo, a ruarau ih ciinmi: *a dim memory/recollection.* 2 (infml) (of people) fimvar tuk lomi (milai). 3 (mit) mal: *His sight is getting dim.* ○ *eyes dim with tears.* 4 (idm) **dim and distant** (joc) khuahlanlai pi: *Once, in the dim and distant past, I was a student here.*

▷ **dim** *v* (-mm-) [I, Tn] a mal vivo, (thim) malter vivo: *The stage lights (were) dimmed, and the play's first act was over.* ○ *Old age hasn't dimmed her memory.* **dimly** *adv* vang fangfang, ciing ceuceu: *a dimly-lit room* ○ *I can dimly (ie only just) remember my fourth birthday.* ○ *react rather dimly to a question.*

□ **dim-wit** *n* (infml) mi fim lo. **dim-witted** *adj* (infml) mi aa, mi hmuk.

**dime** /daɪm/ *n* 1 US le Canada ih hmanmi Pyahra (10cents) tangka fai. 2 (idm) **a dime a dozen** (infml) a menmen, man nei lemlo: *Novels like this one are a dime a dozen: write something original!*

**dimension** /dr'menʃn/ *n* 1 [C, U] (thil pakhat ih) a saulam, a kauhlam, a sahlam, a sanlam tahnak: *What are the dimensions of the room?* 2 **dimensions** [pl] a tum le a seen: *a creature of huge dimensions* ○ (fig) *I hadn't realized the dimensions of the problem.* 3 [C] (fig) ruahnak suah dingmi: *There is a dimension to the problem that we have not discussed.*

▷ **-dimensional** /-ʃənəl/ (forming compound adjs) a sanlam, a kauh lam, a sah lam hmuh theihmi: *A square is two-dimensional and a cube is three-dimensional.*

NOTE ON USAGE: 1 It is sometimes difficult to decide whether **length** (*adj* long), **width** (*adj* wide) or **depth** (*adj* deep) is the correct term for a particular measurement. The measurements of a room or of a rectangular area or object are the **length** (measured along the longer sides) and the **width** (measured along the shorter sides): *The garage is 6 metres long and 3 metres wide.* When describing a piece of furniture that has a front and a back, both **length** and **width** can be used for the longer sides and **depth** is used for the measurement from front to back. **Length** is generally used when the measurement of the front is much greater than that of the depth. **Width** is used when the measurements of the front and of the depth are similar. 2 Compare **wide** and **broad**. **Wide** is the more general word but **broad** is used of parts of the body: *a broad nose* ○ *broad shoulders.* Otherwise it is more formal than **wide** and is often used, especially in literary language, to describe features of the landscape: *a broad river* ○ *a broad expanse of unspoilt country.*

**diminish** /dr'mɪnɪʃ/ *v* [I, Tn] 1 mal vivo, fate vivo, fate-ter vivo: *His strength has diminished over the years.* ○ *Nothing could diminish her enthusiasm for the project.* ○ *diminishing hopes, supplies, funds.* 2 (fig) thupi lo vekih ret (a thupi nain): *The opposition are trying to diminish our achievements.* 3 (music) aw-hrek thum: *a diminished seventh.*

□ **diminished responsibility** (law) sualpuh tuartu in mawh a phur theh ti a theih lo timi khawruahnak.

**diminuendo** /dɪ'mɪnju'endəʊ/ *n* (pl ~s) (music) nuamte te'n aw dim vivo. Cf CRESCENDO *n.*

**diminution** /dɪmɪ'nju:ʃn; US -'nu:ʃn/ *n* (a) [U] a mal vivonak, a kiamnak, thum vivonak: *The diminution of one's resources.* (b) [C] tangka zat thumnak: *hoping for a small diminution in taxes.*

**diminutive** /dɪ'mɪnjʊtɪv/ *adj* **1** a fate kerki mi: *her diminutive figure*. **2** (*grammar*) a fate ti tarlangnak dungbettu.

▷ **diminutive** *n* suffix (dungbettu telmi *noun*), eg *eaglet*, *mupi faa*, *kitchenette*, *meiphu fate*.

**dimity** /'dɪmɪti/ *n* [U] tangphah/ihphah, lole, sangkate zar hrangih tuahmi puanthan.

**dimmer** /dɪmə(r)/ *n* (also **dimmer switch**) meitleu thlengturtu elektrik thil.

**dimple** /dɪmpl/ *n* **(a)** biang kuar, suahpi mi biang ih a kuar. **(b)** a kuar.

▷ **dimple** *v* [I, Tn] kuar, kuarer: *Her cheeks dimpled as she smiled*. ○ *The surface of the water was dimpled by the breeze*.

**din** /dɪn/ *n* [U, sing] cat lo bang lo ih ummi awn-au, ringkhawng: *They made so much din that I couldn't hear you*. ○ *Don't make such a din!* ○ *make/kick up a din*.

▷ **din** *v* **(-nn-)** **1** (idm) **din in sb's ears** hna sungih a ringmi/awkhawk: *They drove away from the city centre, the roar of the traffic still dinning in their ears*. **2** (phr *v*) **din sth into sb** atu le atu sim leuhleuh: *I dinned it into him that he had to manage things differently*.

**DIN** *abbr* (of a scale of film speeds) German Industry Standard (German *Deutsche Industrie-Norm*). Cf ASA 2, ISO.

**dine** /daɪn/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ **(on sth)** (*fml*) zanriah ei: *We dined on smoked salmon*. **2** [Tn] zanriah do: *We're dining the ambassador this week*. **3** (idm) **wine and dine** ⇒ **WINE** *v*. **4** (phr *v*) **dine out** innlak ah zanriah ei (rawl dawr lole rual pi inn ah).

□ **dining-car** *n* rawl dawr um tlangleng khan.

**dining-room** *n* rawl ei khan.

**dining-table** rawl-ei cabuai.

**diner** /daɪnə(r)/ *n* **1** zanriah eitu. **2** rawl dawr fate (tlangleng sung ta). **3** (US) rawl dawr fate, mawṭaw zinpi kiang ih ta.

**dinette** /daɪnet/ *n* (*esp US*) rawl einak ih hman cihmi rawlsuan inn, meiphu.

**ding-dong** /dɪŋ'dɒŋ/ *n* **1** darkhiing tummi aw. **2** (*infml*) a hraang mi kamcuh-awknak: *I had a bit of a ding-dong with him about his mistakes*. ○ [attrib] a *ding-dong struggle*, *battle*, etc.

▷ **ding-dong** *adv* ding-dong ti vekih awnmi nazi talh aw: *a clock striking ding-dong*.

**dinghy** /dɪŋgi/ *n* **(a)** vokkuang lawng: *a sailing dinghy*. **(b)** mi runnak ih hmanmi phawt theimi rabar lawng. Cf **YACHT**.

**dingle** /dɪŋgl/ *n* horkuam thuk.

**dingo** /dɪŋɡəʊ/ *n* (*pl* ~**es**) Australian hramlak uico.

**dingy** /dɪŋdʒi/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** bal hnuaihi: *a dingy room in a cheap hotel* ○ *a dingy manufacturing town*.

▷ **dingily** *adv*. **dinginess** *n* [U].

**dining** ⇒ **DINE**.

**dinky** /dɪŋki/ *adj* **(-ier, -iest)** (*infml*) **(a)** (Brit) a fate ih duh a nungmi: *What a dinky little hat!* ○ *a dinky red car*. **(b)** (US) a fate ih langsar lomi.

**dinner** /dɪnə(r)/ *n* **1** [C, U] ni khat sungih a pi bik rawl, sunhnu, asilole zanlam ih eimi rawl ngai, zanriah: *It's time for dinner*. ○ *Have you had dinner yet?* ○ (US) *Did you eat dinner yet?* ○ *She didn't eat much dinner*. ○ *I never eat a big dinner*. ○ *They're at (ie eating) dinner*. ○ *four dinners at £10 per person* ○ *Shall we ask him to dinner?* ⇒ Usage. **2** [C] **(a)** rawl do puai: *A dinner was given for the ambassador*. **(b)** (also **dinner-party**) rawl-ei puai: *give a dinner for friends*. **3** (idm) **a dog's breakfast/dinner** ⇒ **DOG** **1**.

□ **dinner-jacket** *n* (Brit) (US **tuxedo**) zanlam (rawl einak) ih hrukmi kawt angki dum. **dinner service**, **dinner set** zanriah hrangih hmanmi kheng le pakan tla.

NOTE ON USAGE: The use of the terms **lunch**, **dinner**, **supper** and **tea** varies between social classes in Britain and to some extent between regions. If the midday meal is called **lunch**, the evening meal is **dinner** or **supper**. In this case **tea** consists of a drink and cake or biscuits in the afternoon. If the midday meal is called dinner then the evening meal is **tea** or **supper**. In this case supper may be a light snack before bedtime. At school, children have **school dinner/lunch** at midday or they may take a **packed/sandwich lunch** with them.

**dinosaur** /daɪnəsɔː(r)/ *n* a ci a mit zomi leivak rannung tumpi, dainasawr.

**dint** /dɪnt/ *n* **1** = **DENT**. **2** (idm) **by dint of sth** thil pakhat khat in: *He succeeded by dint of hard work*.

**diocese** /daɪəsɪs/ *n* bishop pakhat ih zohmi bial.  
▷ **diocesan** /daɪəsɪs/ *adj* cuilh bial hnaṭuan thawn pehparmi.

**dioxide** /daɪɒksaɪd/ *n* [U] (*chemistry*) exygen atom pahnih le a dang thilri atom pakhat kommi: *carbon dioxide*.

**dip** <sup>1</sup> /dɪp/ *v* **(-pp-)** **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (into sth)**; ~ **sth (in)** hnim (ti ah): *Dip your pen (into the ink)*. ○ *Dip your fingers in to see how hot the water is*. ○ *dip sheep*, ie immerse them in a liquid that disinfects them or kills vermin ○ *dip candles*, ie make them by dipping a wick into melted fat ○ *to dip a garment*, ie put it in a liquid dye to change its colour. **2** [I, Ip] pil: *The birds rose and dipped in flight*. ○ *The sun dipped (down) below the horizon*. **3** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] kun, kawi: *The branches dipped in the wind*. ○ *dip the headlights of a car*, ie lower their beams (so as not to dazzle the driver of another car) ○ *Dip your head under the low arch*. **4** [I, Ip] a hraap suk: *The land dips (down) gently to the south*. **5** (phr *v*) **dip into sth** **(a)** zaal puur, khawl cia mi tangka hman: *dip into one's purse*, ie spend money. **(b)** zamrang deuh le a tawi zawngih

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## dip

cabu siar: *I've only had time to dip into the report.*

□ **dip-stick** *n* pung sung um tidai thuk dan tahfung (a bikin enzin sungih dizel/datsi tahnak).

**dip-switch** *n* (Brit) mawtawka hmailam mei niamtertu switch.

**dip**<sup>2</sup> /dɪp/ *n* **1** [C] hnimpilnak. **2** [C] (infml) tili, lole, tikuang sungah hnim aw lohli: *have/take/go for a dip*. **3** [U] tuu pawl kholhnak thil-tii. **4** [U, C] hmeh-nawi; sawh-tii: *cheese dip*. **5** [C] hrap, a suk: *a dip in the road* ○ *a dip among the hills*.

**Dip** abbr Diploma.

**Dip Ed** /dɪp 'ed/ abbr Diploma in Education: *have/be a Dip Ed* ○ *Mary Hall BA Dip Ed*.

**diphtheria** /dɪfθɪəriə/ *n* [U] or pit nat (a suan aw theimi).

**diphthong** /dɪfθɒŋ/; US θɔːŋ/ *n* vowel aw pahnih veikhat ah a peh aw ih suakmi, eg /aɪ/ in *pipe* /paɪp/, the letters *ou* in *doubt*. Cf MONOPHTHONG.

**diploma** /dɪ'pləʊmə/ *n* (abbr **Dip**) camibuai onnak caken, zirnak pakhat khat a ðeh a si ti ih pekmi caken: *a diploma in architecture*.

**diplomacy** /dɪ'pləʊməsi/ *n* [U] **1** ram palai pawl ih, ram khat le ram khat pawl-awknak, khawkhan lairelnak: *International problems must be solved by diplomacy, not war*. **2** mi pawlkom thiamnak.

**diplomat** /dɪpləmət/ *n* **1** ram khat le ram khat pawl-awknak, tawltreut; ram palai. **2** mi pawlthiam.

**diplomatic** /dɪplə'mætɪk/ *adj* **1** ram khat le ram khat thu tawltre khawmnak lam: *settle disputes by diplomatic means*. **2** thu thiam, mi lungkim ko ih tuah thiam: *a diplomatic answer, move, etc* ○ *be diplomatic in dealing with people*.

▷ **diplomatically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

□ **diplomatic bag** ram palai (ambassador) zung cakuat le thilri kuat tiki hmanmi dip.

**diplomatic corps/body** ram pakhat ih thlahmi ram-palai le zung hnañuan pawl an zate'n.

**diplomatic immunity** ram-palai le a zung hnañuan pawl kaai thei lo le siah khong thei lo timi covo hleice.

**diplomatic service** ram aiawh in ramdang thawn khawkhan tawltrelnak hnañuan.

**diplomatist** /dɪ'pləʊmætɪst/ = DIPLOMAT.

**dipper** /dɪpə(r)/ *n* **1** kutkaih saupi nei keu tumpi, keuhlaak. **2** vate phunkhat (ti sungah pil vurvo). Cf PLOUGH 2.

**dipsomania** /dɪpsə'meɪniə/ *n* [U] zu-cuai, riciin.

▷ **dipsomaniac** /dɪpsə'meɪniæk/ *n*, *adj* (milai) zu-cuai natnak neitu; zusal.

**diptych** /dɪptɪk/ *n* suai mi zuk, lole, khuarmi zuk (biaktheng par ta).

**dire** /daɪə(r)/ *adj* **1** (fml) ðihnungza: *a dire situation, crisis* ○ *the firm is in dire straits*, (ie in a very difficult situation) *and may go bankrupt*. ○ (joc) *The film we saw was absolutely dire!* **2** (infml)

zet, tuk: *We're in dire need of your help*.

**direct**<sup>1</sup> /dɪ'rekt, daɪ-/ *adj* **1** [esp attrib] ding te, hel lawk lo, cawllawk lo, hmaiton in: *follow a direct course, route, etc* ○ *a direct flight*, ie without stopping or changing planes ○ *a direct train*, ie that goes to a passenger's destination without stopping beforehand ○ *a direct hit/shot*, ie not turned aside by hitting sth else first ○ *the direct rays of the sun*, ie not reflected from or screened by sth. **2** (a) cakuat cadip, lole, thil kuatmi parah a ngahtu ding hmin le umhmun ngan; a karlak ah ziang/zo hman um loin, hmai le hmai ton aw: *a direct result, link, connection* ○ *I'm in direct contact with the hijackers*. (b) (cithlah thu ah) cithlahtu tesinfa (unau fa si lo): *She descends in a direct line from the first President*. **3** thu sup neilo, a si vekih simmi: *a direct person, manner, answer* ○ *She has a direct way of speaking*. ○ *He is very direct, so you always know what his real views are*. **4** [attrib] a cekci, a kim: *the direct opposite* ○ *Your reply today is in direct contradiction to what you said last week*. Cf INDIRECT.

▷ **direct adv** **1** cawl lawk loin, ding te'n: *The train goes there direct*. **2** a karlak ah zohman palai um loin: *I prefer to deal with him direct*.

**directness** [U] *n*.

□ **direct access** (computing) = RANDOM ACCESS (RANDOM).

**direct action** mai ngah duh mi khi thu in rel loih cangvaihnak.

**direct current** (abbr **DC**). Cf ALTERNATION CURRENT (ALTERNATE<sup>2</sup>).

**direct debit** mah khawlmi tangka sung ihsin mi pakhat rak suah siang dingah bank ih thu pek, innsan man, electric man tivek. Cf STANDING ORDER (STANDING).

**direct object** (grammar) noun, noun phrase or noun clause which is directly affected by the action of a verb. Cf OBJECT<sup>1</sup> 5.

**direct speech** a ðongtu ih ðongkam cekci.

**direct tax** mah ngahmi zat sung in cozah hnenih pekmi ngunkhuai.

**direct**<sup>2</sup> /dɪ'rekt, daɪ-/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (to...) feh duhmi hmun feh dan sim, kawhhmuh: *Can you direct me (to the station)?* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (to...) (fml) cakuat cadip, asilole, thil kuat mi parah a ngahtu ding hmin le umhmun ngan: *Shall I direct the letter to his business address or to his home address?* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth to/at sb** (fml) hnenah sim: *Let me direct these remarks to the younger students*. ○ *advertising directed mainly at young consumers*. **3** (a) [Tn] khawng, tawltre: *She directed the planning of the festival*. ○ *direct a group of workers*. (b) [I, Tn] hoha: *I'd rather act than direct*. ○ *Who directed the play?* **4** [Tn] ~ **sth to/towards...**; ~ **sth at sth** (fml) herter, zohter: *The guide directed our attention to the other picture*. ○ *We directed our steps*

towards home. ○ *direct a blow at sb's head* ○ *our efforts should be directed towards greater efficiency.* **5** [Tf, Dn-t] *thu pek fial: (fml) The owners directed them to advance.* ⇒ Usage at ORDER<sup>2</sup>.

**direction** /dɪ'rekʃən, daɪ-/ **n** **1** (a) [C] hmasuannak lam, panmi lam: *Tom went off in one direction and Harry in another.* ○ *The aircraft was flying in a northerly direction.* ○ *The signpost points in a westerly direction.* ○ *When the police arrived, the crowd scattered in all directions.* (b) [C] (fig) tinmi, tummi: *new directions in current research* ○ *That is the present direction of government thinking.* ○ *We're making changes in various directions*, ie of various types. **2** [C usu pl] *tuah fialmi, ziang tuah aw ti ih fialnak: Simple directions for assembling the model are printed on the box.* ○ *I gave him full directions to enable him to find the house.* **3** *directions* [pl] cakuat cadip parih nganmi kuat dingmi umnak hmin le lamzin tla: *The parcel was returned to the sender because the directions were incorrect.* **4** [U] hohatnak, lamhruainak: *He did the work under my direction.* ○ *She was entrusted with the direction of the project.* ○ *He feels the need of firm direction*, ie wants sb to guide and advise him.

▷ **directional** /-ʃənəl/ *adj* hmun khat lamta: *a directional aerial*, ie that transmits or receives radio signals in one direction only.

□ **direction-finder** *n* radio-aw-thawng khuilam in a ra ti hawlnak thil.

**directive** /dɪ'rektɪv, daɪ-/ *n* ziang tuah ding tiih zung ihsin ca suahmi, zungthusuah: *a directive from headquarters calling for increased output.*

**directly** /dɪ'rekʃli, daɪ-/ *adj* **1** ding zet in, hmaiton in, a thlur in, cangkheg in, kel le kaw lawk um loin: *He looked directly at us.* ○ *directly in front of me* ○ *She's directly responsible to the minister.* ○ *She speaks very directly to people.* ○ *directly opposite.* **2** (a) hmakhat te ah: *Come in directly.* (b) rei lote ah: *I'll be there directly.*

▷ **directly** *conj* vete in: *I went home directly I had finished work.*

**director** /dɪ'rektə(r), daɪ-/ **n** **1** (a) milai pawl khat hnaʃuan thupetu, khawngtu, hnaʃuan hotu. (b) tlawng, phunsang tlawng hotu/a lu bik: *the orchestra's musical director.* **2** baiskup zuk, thuanthucawn, tivek ih hotu, thu petu: Cf PRODUCER **2**.

▷ **directorship** **n** (a) hotu sinak, khawngtu sinak. (b) hotu hnaʃuan.

□ **director-general** *n* thupetu lu bik.

**directorate** /dɪ'rektərət, daɪ-/ **n** **1** hotu zung/ thupetu zung. **2** board of directors, dairekʃa ho.

**directory** /dɪ'rektəri, daɪ-/ *n* telefon nei, dawr tuah tivek pawl hmin cafang a sangsang ih ngankhum mi cabu.

**dirge** /dɜːdʒ/ **n** (a) mithi ʃah hla, zunngaih hla. (b)

(*infml derog*) ʃah hla.

**dirigible** /ˈdɪrɪdʒəbl/ *n* hlan deuh ih hmanmi mawn theih balun (pawpawlang).

**dirk** /dɜːk/ *n* (Scot) thunkawng nam.

**dirndl** /ˈdɜːndl/ *n* a tet zetmi angki thawn a peh awmi nunau fen-erh hni.

**dirt** /dɜːt/ *n* [U] **1** hnawm-bal: *His clothes were covered with dirt.* ○ *How can I get the dirt off the walls?* **2** lei dip, leivut: *a pile of dirt beside a newly-dug trench.* **3** (*infml*) ʃong mawi lo, ʃong sia: *Be quiet! We don't want to hear that kind of dirt!* **4** (*infml*) ek: *a pile of dog dirt on the road.* **5** (*infml*) mi relsia: *He likes to hear all the dirt about his colleagues.* **6** (idm) (as) **cheap/ common as dirt** mi nauta, mi menmen, mi ten-um: *Don't invite her! She's as common as dirt.* **dish the dirt** ⇒ DISH<sup>2</sup>. **fling throw dirt at sb** mi pakhat relsia ciamco. **treat sb like dirt/a dog** ⇒ TREAT.

□ **dirt cheap** (*infml*) man ol zet.

**dirt farmer** (US) hlawhfa la loih mahte lo thlo.

**dirt road** (US) leilung, lole lungto phahmi lamzin.

**dirt-track** *n* vutcam tivek phahmi lamzin (mawʃaw saikal tlan zuamnak zin).

**dirty** <sup>1</sup> /dɜːti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) bal, fai lo: *dirty hands, clothes, floors.* (b) a balmi: *a dirty job* ○ *dirty work.* **2** (of the weather) sia (nikhua): *I'm glad I don't have to go out on such a dirty night.* **3** (of colours) a tleu lomi/a thimmi: *a dirty brown sofa.* **4** a sia mi, ʃa lomi: *dirty book, joke, etc* ○ *You've got a dirty mind*, ie You have impure thoughts. **5** (*infml*) mawi lo, ding lo/taza lo: *that's a dirty lie!* ○ *You dirty rat! How could you do a thing like that?* ○ *That was a mean and dirty thing to do!* **6** (idm) **a dirty old man** (*infml*) nunau pham kum upa (milai). **a dirty weekend** (*esp joc*) (dik lo ih) nunau-mipa pawl-aw ih zarhkar net hmangtlang. (be) **a dirty word** duh lomi, nautat mi ruahnak/thil: *My children think that work is a dirty word!* (do sb's) **dirty work** (do) mi ʃuan paih lomi ʃuan/tuah: *I had to tell them they'd lost their jobs: always have to do the boss's dirty work (for him).* **do the dirty on sb** bum. **give sb/get a dirty look** duh lo, ngaih lo zet in zoh. **wash one's dirty linen in public** ⇒ WASH<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **dirtyly** *adv.*

**dirty** *adv* **1** (*infml*) zet: *He was carrying a dirty great box.* **2** (idm) **talk dirty** ⇒ TALK.

**dirty** <sup>2</sup> /dɜːti/ *v* (pt, pp **dirtyed**) [I, Tn] balter, riimter, a bal: *White gloves dirty easily.* ○ *Don't dirty your new dress.*

**dis-** *pref* (with *adjs, advs, ns* and *vs*) ʃongfang hmailam bettu (a si lo lam langternak): *dishonest* ○ *disagreeably* ○ *disagreement* ○ *disengage.* ⇒ Usage at UN-.

**disability** /ˌdɪsəˈbɪləti/ **n** **1** [U] ziangti thei lonak, ʃonʃaihna, ziang tuah thei lonak: *Physical*

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*disability causes mental anguish.* **2** [C] sambauak: *She swims well despite her disabilities.* ○ *Her lack of experience is a severe disability.* ○ [attrib] *a disability pension.*

**disable** /dis'eɪbəl/ *v* [Tn] kut ke caang thei lo ko ih siatsuah: *a soldier disabled by leg wounds.*

▷ **disabled** *adj* kut-ke zeng, caang thei lo: *a disabled child in a wheelchair.* — *n* **the disabled** [pl *v*] kutke caang thei lo pawl; mizeng pawl: *walking aids for the disabled.*

**disablement** *n* [U].

**disabuse** /disə'bju:z/ *v* [Tn-pr] ~ **sb of sth** (fml) khawruah-sual ihsin luatter: *disabuse sb of mistaken notions, false assumptions, etc.*

**disadvantage** /disəd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ; US -'væn-/ *n* **1** lam ong lonak, paamsin tonnak, sunnak: *The other candidate's main disadvantage is her age.* ○ *The lack of decent public transport is a great disadvantage.* **2** (idm) **put sb/be at a disadvantage** thahnem lo dinhmun ah re: *His inability to speak French puts him at a disadvantage.* **to sb's disadvantage** (fml) ningnater: *rumours to his disadvantage*, eg that discredit him ○ *It would be to your disadvantage to invest in the project*, ie tangka na sung ding.

▷ **disadvantaged** *adj* mi ban lo (sumsaw neih lam le mi upa sinak lam ah): *more state help for the disadvantaged sections of the community.* — **the disadvantaged** *n* [pl *v*] mi ban lo pawl, mico zawng co ngah lo, mi nauta pawl: *appeals on behalf of the disadvantaged.*

**disadvantageous** /disəd'vɑ:ntɪdʒəs; US -'væn-/ *adj* thahnem lo dingmi: *in a disadvantageous position.* **disadvantageously** *adv.*

**disaffected** /disə'fektɪd/ *adj* lungkim lo, fel lo: *Disaffected members have left to form a new party.*

▷ **disaffection** /disə'fekʃn/ *n* [U] lungkim lonak.

**disafforest** /disə'fɒrɪst; US -'fɔ:r-/ *v* [Tn] = DEFOREST.

**disagree** /disə'gri:/ *v* (pt, pp -reed) **1** [I, Ipr] (a) ~ (**with sb/sth**) (**about/on sth**) lungkim lo, ruahnak khat lo: *Even friends sometimes disagree.* ○ *disagree with sb/what sb says/sb's decision* ○ *We disagreed on future plans.* (b) ~ (**with sth**) a rem aw lo, a rual-aw lo, a dang aw: *The reports from Rome disagree with those from Milan.* Cf AGREE. **2** (phr *v*) **disagree with sb** (of food, climate) rem lo, duh lo (rawlei mi, nikhua): *I feel sick: that fish disagreed with me.*

**disagreeable** /disə'gri:əbl/ *adj* a nuam lomi: *a disagreeable person, mood, experience.*

▷ **disagreeableness** *n* [U]. **disagreeably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*

**disagreement** /disə'gri:mənt/ *n* **1** [U] (**about/on sth**) lungkim-awk lonak: *total disagreement on how to proceed.* **2** [C] khawruah dan bang-awk lonak: *disagreements between colleagues.*

**disallow** /disə'lau/ *v* [Tn] siar lo, siar sak lo, siang

lo: *disallow a claim, goal.*

**disappear** /disə'piə(r)/ *v* **1** [U] (a) hlo ta, liam hlo: *The plane disappeared behind a cloud.* ○ *The rash soon disappeared.* (b) cem: *His anger soon disappeared.* ○ *The problem won't just disappear.* (c) hloral: *My pasport has disappeared: it was in my pocket a moment ago.* ○ (euph) *Things tend to disappear when he's around*, ie He steals them. **2** (idm) **do a disappearing act** duh tik le hawl tiki rak um lo/rak hlo: *It's typical of Bob to do a disappearing act just when there's work to be done!*

▷ **disappearance** /-piərəns/ *n* (a) [U] hlolhral-nak: *At first nobody noticed the child's disappearance.* (b) [C] milai hlolhral: *Most disappearances are the result of the terrorist activity.*

**disappoint** /disə'pɔɪnt/ *v* [Tn] **1** lung siatter, thin harter, duhzawng vekih cang lo: *The tenor disappointed us by singing flat.* ○ *I can't disappoint my public by retiring.* ○ *Don't disappoint me by being late again.* ○ *I've often been disappointed in love*, ie not been loved in return by sb I have loved. **2** tumtahmi, ruahsanmi siatter: *disappoint sb's expectations, sb's calculations, etc.*

▷ **disappointed** ~ (**about/at sth**); ~ (**in/with sb/sth**); ~ (**to do sth/that...**) thin a siami, duh vek a si lomi, lungkim lomi, thinharmi: *be disappointed about/at sb's failure* ○ *I was disappointed with his performance.* ○ *I'm disappointed in you: I expected you to win.* ○ *He was disappointed to hear they were not coming.* ○ *I was disappointed not to be chosen.* **disappointedly** *adv.*

**disappointing** *adj* thinsiat za, lungkim loza: *a disappointing novel* ○ *The weather this summer has been disappointing.* **disappointingly** *adv*: *Disappointingly, he had nothing new to show us.*

**disappointment** /disə'pɔɪntmənt/ *n* **1** [U] thinsiatnak, mah duh vekih thil cangsuaq lonak, thinharnak: *To our great disappointment, it rained on the day of the picnic.* **2** [C] ~ (**to sb**) duhnak vek kimter lotu, mi thin siattertu (milai/thil): *Not getting the job was a terrible disappointment.* ○ *His children are a disappointment to him.*

**disapprobation** /dis,æprə'beɪʃn/ *n* (fml) [U] lungkim sak lonak, duh lonak.

**disapprove** /disə'pru:v/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**of sb/sth**) lungkim sak lo, a tha lo ti ih ruat: *She wants to be an actress, but her parents disapprove (of her intentions).*

▷ **disapproval** /-pru:v/ *n* [U] lungkim sak lonak, lungkimpi lonak: *her disapproving look, frown, etc.* **disapprovingly** *adv*: *When I suggested a drink, she coughed disapprovingly.*

**disarm** /dis'ɑ:m/ *v* **1** [Tn] ral hriamnam lak sak: *Five hundred rebels were captured and disarmed.*

2 [I] (of nations) ralkap òan zat òum/ralkap ret nawn lo, ral hriamnam pawl ap: *The superpowers are unlikely to disarm completely.* 3 [Tn] lunghrinna, thin hennak daiter, cemter: *By frankly admitting he wasn't a brilliant player, he disarmed us all.* ○ *I felt angry, but her smile disarmed me.*

▷ **disarmament** /dis'a:məmənt/ n [U] ral thilthuum le ral donak hriamnam tla re nawn lo dingih khawkhannak: *nuclear disarmament*, ie giving up nuclear weapons ○ [attrib] a *disarmament conference*.

**disarming** adj mi thinhennak daiter thei: *her disarming smile, frankness, charm, etc.*

**disarmingly** adv: *disarmingly frank, honest, etc.*

**disarrange** /disə'remdʒ/ v [Tn] (fml) (a) hnokter, òate'n re lo: *disarrange sb's papers, hair, etc.* (b) thinlung hnaihokter: *Her sudden departure disarranged my plans.*

▷ **disarrangement** n [U].

**disarray** /disə'rei/ n [U] hnok hnuaiahni-nak: *the troops fled in disarray.* ○ *Changing offices has left my papers in complete disarray.*

**disassociate** /disə'səʊʃieit/ = DISSOCIATE, kom lo.

**disaster** /dizə'stə(r); US -'zæs-/ n 1 [C] (a) a cang thuthimi siatnak tumpi, vanduinak tumpi, eg meikang, tilik, linghnin, thisia, tivek pawl: *Thousands died in the disaster.* ○ *a natural disaster*, ie accident, eg an earthquake or flood, that is not caused by human beings. (b) (infml) hluhsuah lo, ti thei lo lawlaw: *As a teacher, he's a disaster.* ○ *The play's first night was a disaster.* 2 [U] siatnak: *His career is a story of utter disaster.*

▷ **disastrous** /dr'zə:stəs; US -'zæs-/ adj vansiatnak, vanduinak, siatnak a simi: *disastrous floods* ○ *a defeat that was disastrous to the country* ○ *Buying this house was a disastrous step: it's going to have a main road built behind it.* **disastrously** adv.

□ **disaster area** vanduai siava thlennak hmunram, ie tilik, linghnin, meikang umnak hmun: *declare a place a disaster area.*

**disavow** /disə'vau/ v [Tn] (fml) thei lo tihi el, pehpar-aw lo ti ih ti, telpi relpi duh lo: *She disavows any part* (ie says she was not involved) *in the plot.*

▷ **disavowal** /-vauəl/ n [U].

**disband** /dis'bænd/ v [I, Tn] (cause sth to) pawlkom sinak bangter: *the regiment disbanded when the war was over.* ○ *disband a club, society, etc.*

▷ **disbandment** n [U].

**disbelieve** /disbr'li:v/ v 1 [Tn] zum lo: *I disbelieve every word you say.* ○ *You have no reason to disbelieve their reports.* 2 [Ipr] ~ in sb/sth zum lo: *disbelieve in ghosts.*

▷ **disbelief** /disbr'li:f/ n [U] zum lonak: *He listened in disbelief to this extraordinary story.*

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**disburse** /dis'bɜ:s/ v [Tn] (fml) (a) tangka suah/pek, hlauh phalh: *funds disbursed for traveling expenses.*

▷ **disbursement** n (fml) (a) tangka suahnak.

(b) [C] suahmi/pekmi tangka zat.

**disc** (also esp US **disk**) /disk/ n 1 daatpia, dardawng/dar hlau ih hmanmi awkhumnak thil-pheng bial: *He wears an identity disc round his neck.* 2 thil pat-pheng-bial: *the moon's disc.* 3 = RECORD 1 3: *recordings on disc and cassette.* 4 (anatomy) zaang-ruh hlik-hlok dantu ruh pheng bial: *a slipped disc*, ie one that is slightly dislocated.

□ **disc brake** mawtawka leng brik tuahnak ih hmanmi thil pheng bial. Cf DRUM BRAKE (DRUM<sup>1</sup>)

**disc harrow** lei khal khuaitu tuhmui bial.

**disc jockey** (abbr DJ) awnmawi suahtu (TV, radio ihsin) le a thuhla simtu.

**discard** /dr'skɑ:d/ v [Tn] (a) hlon, hnong: *old, discarded clothes.* (b) hman lo: *discard one's winter clothes in spring* ○ (fig) *discard outdated beliefs.* (c) duh lomi phe hlon: *She discarded a four, and picked up a king.*

▷ **discard** /'diskɑ:d/ n denmi phe, hlonmi thil.

**discern** /dr'sɜ:n/ v [Tn] hliah, fiang (òate'n): *In the gloom I could only just discern the outline of a building.* ○ *One can faintly discern a hint of lemon.* ○ *discern sb's true intentions.*

▷ **discernible** adj hliah/fiang a theihmi.

**discerning** adj (approv) òate ih theih a theihmi: *She is a very discerning art critic.*

**discernment** n [U] hliah theinak, fiangte'n theih theinak.

**discharge<sup>1</sup>** /dis'tʃɑ:dʒ/ v 1 [Tn] lawng par ih thil pawl thlak. 2 [I, Tn] luang, luangter/fehter: *The Nile discharges (ie flows) into the Mediterranean.* ○ *The sewers discharge (their contents) into the sea.* ○ *Lightning is caused by clouds discharging electricity.* ○ *The wound is discharging (pus), hma-hnai a suak/luang.* 3 [Tn] (a) kap (meithal), puah: *the rifle was discharged accidentally.* (b) kaap: *arrows discharged at the enemy.* 4 [Tn] hnañuan ihsin cawl siang, cawlter, lung siang, suah: *discharge a soldier, patient, etc* ○ *The accused man was found not guilty and discharged.* ○ *The members of the jury were discharged.* ○ *a discharged bankrupt*, ie sb who has been bankrupt, has done what the court requires, and has no further obligation to the court. 5 [Tn] (fml) (a) òanvo òan. (b) tuah, òan: *She undertook to discharge all the responsibilities of a Minister.*

**discharge<sup>2</sup>** /'distʃɑ:dʒ/ n 1 (hnañuan ihsin) cawlhternak, thil suah, thil thlak: *the discharge of cargo* ○ *the discharge of water from the reservoir* ○ *the accidental discharge of a rifle* ○ *After his discharge from the army, he went to Canada.* ○ *money accepted in full discharge of*

## disciple

a debt ○ the conscientious discharge of one's duties. **2** [U, C] a suakmi, a pawtmi, a luangmi; (DISCHARGE<sup>1</sup> 2): *The wound hasn't healed—there's still some/a discharge.*

**disciple** /dɪ'saɪpl/ *n* biaknak lam, ramhruainak lam, thil zirnak lam hotu/zirhtu ih dungthlun; thuzirtu.

**disciplinarian** /dɪsəplɪ'neəriən/ *cin* le daan fek zetih thlun duhtu: a good/strict/poor disciplinarian ○ *He's not disciplinarian, ie does not or cannot maintain discipline.*

**discipline**<sup>1</sup> /dɪsɪplɪn/ *n* **1** (a) mah le mah kilkhawi le thu ngaimi si dingah lungput le ziaza zirhnak, si-kaan: school discipline ○ *Strict discipline is imposed on army recruits.* ○ *monastic discipline.* (b) [U] cuvek umtu-dan: *The soldiers showed perfect discipline under fire.* ○ *The children are happy at the school, but they lack discipline.* **2** [C] (a) thu zirh dan: *Yoga is a good discipline for learning to relax.* (b) thlun ding daan. **3** [U] cawhkuan: *the teacher's cruel discipline.* **4** [C] thutheihnak zirh-awknak phunkhat: scientific disciplines.

▷ **disciplinary** /dɪsɪplɪnəri/ *US -nerɪ/adj* *cin* le daan lam a simi: *disciplinary measures, problems, etc* ○ *a disciplinary hearing, eg of a soldier accused of an offence.*

**discipline**<sup>2</sup> /dɪsɪplɪn/ *v* **1** [Tn, Cn-t] mah le mah kilhim thiam ding, thiamnak dangdang nei ding, thu thlun thiam dingin zirh: a well/badly disciplined orchestra, football team, etc ○ *Parents have to discipline their children.* ○ *You must discipline yourself to finish your work on time.* **2** [Tn] cawh: *The teacher disciplined the class by giving them extra homework.*

**disclaim** /dɪs'kleɪm/ *v* [Tn, Tg] taanta, dungtun; mah ta a si lo ti ih sim: *The gang disclaimed all responsibility for the explosion, ie said they did not cause it.* ○ *She disclaimed ownership of the vehicle.*

▷ **disclaimer** *n* mah ta/neitu si lo ti ih simnak ca: *to issue/send a disclaimer.*

**disclose** /dɪs'kləʊz/ *v* (fml) ~ **sth (to sb)** (a) [Tn, Dn-pr] mi hmuh, langter: *He opened the box, disclosing the contents (to the audience).* (b) [Tn, Tf, Tw, Dn-pr, Dpr-f, Dpr-w] phuang, mi thei ter: *refuse to disclose one's name and address* ○ *The government disclosed that another diplomat has been arrested for spying.* ○ *She wouldn't disclose her friend's whereabouts to the police.*

▷ **disclosure** /dɪs'kləʊʒə(r)/ *n* (a) [U] midang hnenih phuannak, theihternak: *the magazine's disclosure of defence secrets.* (b) [C] midang theihtermi: *startling disclosures of police brutality.*

**disco** /dɪskəʊ/ *n* (pl ~ s) (also **discotheque** /dɪskə'teɪk/) **1** meitleu pempem in vanmi awnmawi phuan ih laamnak hmun (inn): *Is there a good disco round here?* **2** disco hla-aw le

meivang suaktertu thil: *We're hiring a disco for the party.*

□ **disco dancing** disco laam.

**disco music** disco awnmawi.

**discolour** (US **discolor**) /dɪs'kləʊ(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn] a pianzia siatter, a pianzia thlengter: *Smoking discolours the teeth.* **2** [I] pianzia thleng/siat.

▷ **discoloration** /dɪskələ'reɪʃn/ *n* (a) [U] cuvek sinak: *some discoloration of the paintwork.* (b) [C] pianzia thleng, siat.

**discomfit** /dɪs'kʌmfɪt/ *v* [Tn] (fml) hnaihnokter, tawlrlemi siatter: *be discomfited by rude questions.*

▷ **discomfiture** /dɪs'kʌmfɪtʃə(r)/ *n* [U]: a look, air, expression, etc of discomfiture.

**discomfort** /dɪs'kʌmfət/ *n* **1** (a) [U] serem lonak, nom lonak, malte nat: *He still suffers considerable discomfort from his injury.* (b) [C] seremter lotu, mi thinhengter: *the discomforts of travel.* **2** [U] thinlung hnaihnoknak, ningzahnak.

**discommode** /dɪskəm'məʊd/ *v* [Tn] (fml) (midang) remcang lo ih tuah.

**discompose** /dɪskəm'pəʊz/ *v* [Tn] (fml) (midang) um nuam lo/remcang loih tuah.

▷ **discomposure** /dɪskəm'pəʊʒə(r)/ *n* [U].

**disconcert** /dɪskən'sɜ:t/ *v* [Tn usu passive] (midang) buaiter, riahsiatter, ningzakter: *He was disconcerted to find the other guests formally dressed.*

▷ **disconcerted** *adj*: a disconcerted look, glance, tone of voice, etc. **disconcerting** *adj*: a disconcerting reply, stare, silence, manner, etc. **disconcertingly** *adv*.

**disconnect** /dɪskən'sɜ:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A (from B)** phelh, phawih, peh aw loih tuah, a dang te ih ret: *If you don't pay your bills they'll disconnect your electricity/gas.* ○ *disconnect a TV (from a power supply), ie unplug it* ○ *Operator, I/we have been disconnected, ie I have lost contact with the person I was telephoning.*

▷ **disconnected** *adj* (of speech or writing) a pehaw lomi, a dangpi: *the disconnected ramblings of an old man.* **disconnectedly** *adv*.

**disconnection** *n* [U].

**disconsolate** /dɪs'kɒnsələt/ *adj* hnem theih lomi, riahsiami: *The death of her father left Mary disconsolate.*

▷ **disconsolately** *adv*.

**discontent** /dɪskən'tent/ (also **discontentment** /dɪskən'tentmənt/) *n* [U] ~ (with sth) lungkim lonak, thlangam lonak, lungriam lonak: *the strikes were a sign of discontent (with poor pay).*

▷ **discontented** *adj* lungkim lo, diriam lo: *discontented with one's job.* **discontentedly** *adv*.

**discontinue** /dɪskən'tɪnju:/ *v* [I, Tn, Tg] baang, tuah nawn lo: *I'll have to discontinue these weekly visits.* ○ *The local rail service (was) discontinued in 1958.*

▷ **discontinuation** /dɪskən'tɪnju'eɪʃn/ (also

**discontinuance** /ˌdɪskən'tɪnjuəns/ *n* [U] baannak, cemternak: *the discontinuation of our loss-making products.*

**discontinuous** /ˌdɪskən'tɪnjuəs/ *adj* a zomzom ih a um lomi, a peh-aw tlaitluan lomi, a laklak ih a ummi. **discontinuously** *adv.*

**discord** /dɪskɔːd/ *n* (fml) **1** (a) [U] tawh-awknak, hau-awknak, khat le khat lungkim-aw lonak, lungkhat lonak: *A note of discord crept into their relationship.* (b) [C] lungkim-aw lonak. **2** (music) (a) [U] rual lo zet ih a awn rurimi awthluk. (b) [C] cuvek a si ih ngai nuam lo zet awthluk. Cf **CONCORD**. **3** (idm) **an/the apple of discord** ⇨ **APPLE**.

▷ **discordance** /dɪ'skɔːdəns/ *n* [U].

**discordant** /dɪ'skɔːdənt/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] lungkim um lo: *discordant views, interests, etc.* **2** (of sounds) a hrapmi, nem lo. **discordantly** *adv.*

**doscotheque** = **DISCO**.

**discount<sup>1</sup>** /dɪskaʊnt/ *n* [U, usu C] **1** a man thum zat: *We give (a) 10% discount for cash, ie for immediate payment.* **2** (commerce) tangka thleng tiki thummi zat. Cf **REBATE**. **3** (idm) **at a discount** (a) man thum in. (b) (fig) man nei tuk lomi, thahnem tuk lo: *Concern for others seems to be at (something of) a discount today.*

□ **discount house** **1** (Brit commerce) a man thum cia ih zuarnak thilri dawr (**DISCOUNT<sup>1</sup> 2**). **2** (US) = **DISCOUNT SHOP**.

**discount shop** (also **discount store**, **discount warehouse**) thil man thum ih zuarnak dawr, tivek.

**discount<sup>2</sup>** /dɪ'skaʊnt/ *US* /dɪskaʊnt/ *v* [Tn] **1** thupiter lo, thungai ih lak sak lo: *You can discount what Jack said: he's a dreadful liar.* **2** (commerce) a man ngaingai hnaki mal deuh ih lei le zuar (tangka ca).

**discourtenance** /dɪ'skaʊntɪnəns/ *v* [Tn] (fml) lungkim sak lo, tuah dingah tha pe lo.

**discourage** /dɪ'skʌrɪdʒ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from doing sth) tha pe lo, thin nauter, thin siatter: *Don't discourage her; she's doing her best.* **2** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** from doing sth tuah lo dingih dawn/forh: *Parents should discourage smoking.* (b) [Tn-pr] ~ **sb** from doing sth dawn, siang lo: *Parents should discourage their children from smoking.*

▷ **discouraged** *adj* thinnau, thinsiat.

**discouragement** *n* (a) [U] tha pek lonak, dawnnak, dawntu, thinsiatnak. (b) [C] thinnau tertu, thinsiattertut: *Despite all these discouragements, she refused to give up.*

**discouraging** *adj* thinsiatza, thinnau thlak: *a discouraging result, reply.*

**discouragingly** *adv.*

**discourse** /dɪ'skɔːrɪdʒ/ *n* **1** [C] (fml) a sau zet ih thupi zet simmi, zirhmi, nganmi. **2** [U] (linguistics) sim mi or nganmi thuhla saupi:

*analyse the structure of discourse* ○ [attrib] *discourse analysis.*

▷ **discourse** /dɪ'skɔːs/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **on/upon sth** (fml) thuhla sim, zirh (sau zet in): *The speaker discoursed knowledgeably on a variety of subjects.*

**discourteous** /dɪs'kɜːtiəs/ *adj* (fml) daan tha lo, mi ziangsiar lo: *It was discourteous of you to arrive late.*

▷ **discourteously** *adv.*

**discourtesy** /dɪs'kɜːtəsi/ *n* [U, C] (fml) mi ziangsiar lonak (tong le tuahnak in): *I must apologize for my discourtesy in arriving late.*

**discover** /dɪs'kʌvə(r)/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tf, Tw] tong hmaisa bik (ram, thu le hla): *Columbus discovered America.* ○ *I've discovered a super restaurant near here!* ○ *I never discovered how to start the engine.* Cf **INVENT<sup>1</sup>**. **2** [Tn, Tng] rin lopi ih hmu: *I discovered him kissing my wife.* **3** [Tn, Tf, Tw, Tnt only passive] thei: *Did you ever discover who did it?* ○ *We discovered that our luggage had been stolen.* ○ *He was later discovered to have been a spy.*

▷ **discoverer** *n.*

**discovery** /dɪs'kʌvəri/ *n* **1** (a) [U] a thar ih tonmi, hmuh/ton hmaisa bikmi: *a voyage of discovery* ○ *the discovery of Australia* ○ *The discovery by Franklin that lightning is electricity.* (b) [C] tonmi: *Scientists have made many important discoveries.* ○ *He buried the treasure to prevent its discovery.* **2** [C] ton tharmi thil: *Like many discoveries, atomic power can be used for good or evil.*

**discredit<sup>1</sup>** /dɪs'kredit/ *v* [Tn] **1** thangsiat: *The government was discredited by the scandal.* **2** zum loter: *His theories were discredited by scientists.* **3** zum lo ih um: *There is no reason to discredit what she says.*

**discredit<sup>2</sup>** /dɪs'kredit/ *n* **1** [U] mithmai siatnak, hminsiatak, mualphonak: *Violent fans bring discredit on their teams.* ○ *The police, to their discredit, arrived too late.* **2** [sing] a ~ **at sb/sth** mualphotertu: *He is a discredit to his family.* **3** zumlonak, lunghrinnak: *The findings of the report threw discredit on the protesters' claims.*

▷ **discreditable** /-əbl/ *adj* mithmai siater thei, hminsiatak suak thei: *discreditable conduct, methods, tactics, etc.* **discreditably** /-əblɪ/ *adv.*

**discreet** /dɪ'skriːt/ *adj* thil ti le tong ih ralring zetmi, fimkhurmi: *We must be extremely discreet; my husband suspects something.* ○ *I should make a few discreet enquires about the firm before you sign anything.* ○ (fig) a discreet perfume, ie one that is not too obvious.

▷ **discreetly** *adv.*

**discrepancy** /dɪ'skreɪnsi/ *n* ~ (between A and B) [C, U] danawknak, lungkim ton thei lonak: *There is a discrepancy between the two versions of the affair.*

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▷ **discreteness** *n* [U].

**discrete** /dr'skri:t/ *adj* a dang: *discrete particles*  
○ *a series of discrete events.*

▷ **discretely** *adv.* **discreteness** *n* [U].

**discretion** /dr'skre:f/n/ *n* [U] **1** ralrinnak (tuahmi le ðong ah): *to act with discretion* ○ *This is a secret, but I know I can count on your discretion, ie be sure you won't tell anyone.* **2** mah thu ih (thu) ðencat theinak: *Don't keep asking me what to do; use your own discretion.* **3** (idm) **the age/years of discretion** pitling sinak kum. **at sb's discretion** midang ih ðencatmi ring: *A discretion of the committee.* **discretion is the better part of valour** (saying usu joc) a ðul lomi thil ðihnung tuah ðulnak a um lo.

▷ **discretionary** /dr'skre:fənəri/ *US dr'skre:fənəri/adj* [esp attrib] a ðul tiki hman theihmi, etc: *discretionary powers, measures, etc* ○ *discretionary payments to old people.*

**discriminate** /dr'skrimineit/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ (between A and B); ~ A from B thleidang (a bangaw lomi): *discriminate between two cases/one case from another* ○ *The law discriminates between accidental and intentional killing.* **2** [Ipr] ~ against sb/in favour of sb thleidang, ða lo deuh ih ret: *Society still discriminates against women/in favour of men.*

▷ **discriminating** *adj* **1** ða le ða lo thleidang thiammi, thleidang um: *discriminating taste, judgement* ○ *a discrimination connoisseur, collector, customer, etc* ○ *She has an artist's discriminating eye.* **2** = DISCRIMINATORY.

**discrimination** /dr'skrimineiʃn/ *n* [U] **1** ðate ih thleidang thiamnak: *show discrimination in one's choice of friends, clothes, hobbies.* **2** ~ (against/in favour of sb) thleidannak (ða deuh, se deuh ah re in): *racial, sexual, religious, political, etc discrimination* ○ *This is a clear case of discrimination (against foreign imports).*

▷ **discriminatory** /dr'skrimineitəri/ *US dr'skrimineitəri/adj* thleidang um: *discriminatory measures, policies, actions, tariffs.*

**discursive** /dr'skɜ:sɪv/ *adj* (of the way a person speaks or writes) a kelkawimi (thu simmi, thu nganmi): *a rather discursive account of the events.*

▷ **discursively** *adv.* **discursiveness** *n* [U].

**discus** /diskəs/ *n* (a) [C] leh zuamawk ih an denmi thil bial (a pheng bialmi thir). (b) **the discus** [sing] thil-bial hlom/sep zuam-awk: *I see Britain did well in the Discus.*

**discuss** /dr'skɜ:s/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tw, Tg, Tsg] ~ sth (with sb) thuhla ruatkhawm, relkhawm, thuhla ngan tlaang: *Jack was still discussing the game (with his friends) when I got there.* ○ *We discussed when to go/when we should go.* ○ *They discussed selling the house.* ○ *We're here to discuss Ann's joining the club.* ○ *Her latest book discusses the problems of the disabled.*

▷ **discussion** /dr'skʌʃn/ *n* **1** [C, U] (case of) thuhla relkhawmnak: *After much discussion/several lengthy discussions they decided to accept our offer.* ⇒ Usage at TALK<sup>1</sup>. **2** (idm) **under discussion** rel laifang a simi: *The plans have been under discussion for a year now, but no decision has been reached.* ○ *the matter under discussion.*

**disdain** /dis'deɪn/ *n* [U] nautatnak: *a look/tone/ expression of disdain* ○ *treated other people's ideas with disdain.*

▷ **disdain** *v* **1** [U] nautat, hmuhsuam: *disdain an invitation/an offer of help/a peace initiative.* **2** [Tg, Tt] (fml) ti ding/tuah ding nautat: *He disdains going to the cinema/to sit with people like us,* a nautat ruangah a feh duh lo/a to duh lo.

**disdainful** /-fl/ *adj* ~ (of sb/sth) nautat hman, nautat duh: *a disdainful reply* ○ *He's disdainful of anyone from America.* **disdainfully** /-fəli/ *adv.*

**disease** /dr'zi:z/ *n* [C, U] (case of) natnak, nat (taksa/thinlung): *a serious, infectious, incurable disease* ○ *a disease of the nervous system* ○ *prevent/spread disease.*

▷ **diseased** *adj* a naa mi, a dam lo mi: *diseased kidneys, leaves* ○ (fig) *a diseased society, mentality, imagination.*

**disembark** /disɪm'bɑ:k/ (also **debark**) *v* (a) [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) (of people) lawng, tlangleng, vanzang ihsin ðum/ðum: *disembark from a ferry.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb/sth (from sth) ðumter: *disembark passengers from the plane.*

▷ **disembarkation** /disɪm'bɑ:k'eɪʃn/ (also **debarkation**) *n* [U] ðum suak: *After disembarkation, we went through passport control.*

**disembodied** /disɪm'bɒdɪd/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** (of a soul or spirit) thlarau khi taksa pumpi ihsin ðhensuakmi. **2** (fig) (of sounds) a ratnak theih lomi (awn au, aw tivek): *disembodied voices, screams, groans, etc.*

**disembowel** /disɪm'bəʊəl/ *v* (-II-; US also -I-) [Tn] ril phorh suak ðehh (mi thah dan phun khat), ril puah.

**disenchant** /disɪn'tʃɑ:nt; US ,disɪn'tʃænt/ *v* [Tn] ruahnak ða thlengter (a sia lam ah), ai-zelhmi phoih sak: *Her arrogance has disenchant many of her former admirers.*

▷ **disenchanted** *adj* ~ (with sb/sth) lung a thleng-aw mi: *His disenchant supporters abandoned him.* ○ *I'm becoming increasingly disenchant with London.* **disenchantment** *n* [U].

**disencumber** /disɪn'kʌmbə(r)/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] (fml) ~ sb/sth (of sth) thilrit, harsatnak in luatter: *disencumber oneself of financial responsibilities/ social commitments.*

**disenfranchise** /disɪn'fræntʃaɪz/ *v* [Tn] = DISFRANCHISE.

**disengage** /ˌdɪsɪnˈɡeɪdʒ/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (from **sth/sb**) (fml) thlah, phoih, luatter: *Disengage the clutch* (ie from the gear mechanism) *before changing gear*. ○ (joc) *He managed to disengage himself from Martha's embrace*. 2 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sb) (from **sth**) (military) do awk cawl, dungsip: *The fighter planes quickly disengaged* (from the combat). ○ *We must disengage our troops* (from the conflict). ▷ **disengaged** adj [usu pred] (fml) (of a person) tuavno nei lo ih a luatmi.

**disengagement** n [U].

**disentangle** /ˌdɪsɪnˈɡeɪdʒ/ v 1 [Tn] hridai hnok phoih. 2 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb** (from **sth**) hridai thawn a awkmi phoih: *He tried to disentangle himself* (from the bushes into which he had fallen). ○ (fig) *I wish I could disentangle myself from Jill*, ie from my relationship with her. ○ *disentangle the truth from a mass of lies*.

▷ **disentanglement** n [U].

**disequilibrium** /ˌdɪsɪˈkwɪlɪbrɪəm, also -ekw-/ n [U] (fml usu fig) a khing (thazaang) bang-awk lonak: *a disequilibrium in the military forces of the two countries*.

**disestablish** /ˌdɪsɪˈstæblɪʃ/ v [Tn] (rampi Kawhhran) sinak cemter (a national Church): *those who want to disestablish the Church of England*.

▷ **disestablishment** n [U].

**disfavour** /ˌdɪsɪˈfeɪvə(r)/ (US **disfavor**) n [U] duh lonak, ngaih lonak: *regard sb/sth with disfavour* ○ *incur sb's disfavour* ○ *be in/fall into disfavour*.

**disfigure** /ˌdɪsɪˈfɪɡə(r); US ˌdɪsɪˈfɪɡjər/ v [Tn] hmuimel siat sak: *The accident disfigured him for life*. ○ *a landscape disfigured by a power station*.

▷ **disfigurement** n [U, C]: *the planners responsible for the disfigurement of the countryside*.

**disfranchise** /ˌdɪsfræntʃaɪz/ (also **disenfranchise** /ˌdɪsnfræntʃaɪz/) v [Tn] hrilnak nei thei lo ko (tuah), mee pek theinak lak sak (pe thei loih tuah).

▷ **disfranchisement** /ˌdɪsfræntʃɪzmənt/ (also **disenfranchisement**) /ˌdɪsnfræntʃɪzmənt/ n [U].

**disgorge** /ˌdɪsgɔːdʒ/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from **sth**) luak, dangsung ta suah: *she was trying hard to disgorge a fish bone*. 2 (a) [Ipr, Tnpr] ~ (itself) into **sth** luang (tidai): *The Avon disgorges* (itself) into the Severn. (b) [Ipr, Tn, Tnpr] ~ (sth) (from **sth**) (into **sth**) (fig) suakter ciamco: *Crowds disgorged from the theatre into the dark street*. ○ *The holed tanker was disgorging oil*. 3 [I, Tn] (infml joc) (duh lo na cing in) pe saal: *You owe me £5: come on, disgorge!*

**disgrace** 1 /ˌdɪsˈɡreɪs/ n 1 [U] nautatnak, hminsiatnak, mualphonak, upat tlak lonak: *bring disgrace on oneself, one's family, etc* ○ *There is no disgrace in being poor*. 2 [sing] a ~

(to **sb/sth**) zahpi tlak thil/minung: *Your homework is a disgrace: rewrite it!* ○ *These slums are a disgrace to the city*. 3 (idm) (be) in **disgrace** (with **sb**) mualpho ningzak ih um: *He's in disgrace* (with his father) *because he told a lie*. ▷ **disgraceful** /-fl/ adj mualpho thlak, nautat thlak: *disgraceful manners, behaviour, etc* ○ *This cheating is disgraceful*. ○ *The bus is late again — it's absolutely disgraceful!* **disgracefully** /-fəli/ adv.

**disgrace** 2 /ˌdɪsˈɡreɪs/ v [Tn] 1 mualphoter, nautat, hmaisiat: *Your behaviour disgraces us all*. ○ *He got drunk and disgraced himself at the wedding*. 2 hnatuan/thuneihnak ihsin hlom, daw: *After the defeat two generals were publicly disgraced*.

**disgruntled** /ˌdɪsˈɡrantld/ adj ~ (at/about **sth**); ~ (with **sb**) lungkim lo, thintawi: *a disgruntled look, frown, scowl, etc* ○ *She's still disgruntled about missing the party*.

**disguise** 1 /ˌdɪsˈɡaɪz/ v 1 [Tn, Tn-pr, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (with **sb**) hmuimel thup, hmuimel thleng (mi bum duh ah): *disguise one's voice* ○ *I disguised the spots on my face with make-up*. ○ *The raiders disguised themselves as security guards*. 2 [Tn] sinak thup: *I couldn't disguise my anger*, *thinkeng lo vekin ka um thiam lo*. ○ *There's no disguising the fact* (ie It is clear) *that he's a liar*.

**disguise** 2 /ˌdɪsˈɡaɪz/ n 1 [C, U] hmel thlengnak ih hmanmi thil: *put on* (a) *disguise* ○ *wear a beard as a disguise*. 2 [U] hmel thleng thiamnak: *a master of disguise*. 3 (idm) a **blessing in disguise** ⇒ BLESSING. in **disguise** hmel thleng ih um: *I didn't recognize him: he was in disguise*.

**disgust** 1 /ˌdɪsˈɡast/ n [U] ~ (at **sth**) (for/with **sb**) fih; duh lo tuk, ning, ningsinnak, mitkemnak: *his disgust at the sight of the rotting food* ○ *The execution of political opponents aroused widespread disgust* (with the regime). ○ *She turned away in disgust*.

**disgust** 2 /ˌdɪsˈɡast/ v [Tn] fihter, duh loter: *The use of torture must disgust any civilized person*.

▷ **disgusted** adj ~ (at/by/with **sb/sth**) fih-nung, nin um: *We were* (absolutely) *disgusted at the size of the bill*.

**disgustedly** /ˌdɪsˈɡastɪdli/ adv zetin: *look disgustedly at sb*.

**disgusting** adj nin-ummi, fihnungza, duh lo zawng: *disgusting personal habits* ○ *disgusting language*.

**disgustingly** adv (a) fihnung zawng in. (b) (joc) zet: *be disgustingly fit, well-read, successful*.

**dish** 1 /dɪʃ/ n 1 (a) [C] kheng (rawl hunnak): *a glass, earthenware, ceramic, metal, etc dish*. (b) [C] kheng thawn hunmi rawl: *a big dish of curry*. (c) **the dishes** [pl] khu-kheng le hai pawl: *wash, do, dry, put away, etc the dishes*. 2 [C] kheng vekih tuahmi thil: *a restaurant specializing in*

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*Indonesian dishes.* **3** [C] pakaan vek thil. **4** [C esp sing] (*infml*) mi piang, mi mawi: *Mary's new boy-friend's quite a dish, isn't he?*

▷ **dishful** /dɪʃfʊl/ *n* kheng khat.

**dishy** /dɪʃi/ *adj* (**dishier, dishiest**) (*infml*) taksa ruangrai piang.

□ **dishcloth** *n* kheng hnawtnak puan.

**dishwasher** *n* khukheng kholhtu cet.

**dish-water** *n* [U] khukheng kholhnak tidai: (*joc*) *Her coffee tastes like dish-water*, ie It is weak and unpleasant.

**dish**<sup>2</sup> /dɪʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn] (*Brit infml*) ruahmi, tummi siat sak, rak kham: *The scandal dished his hopes of being elected.* ○ *dish one's opponents.* **2** (*idm*)

**dish it out** (*infml*) tɔŋkam thawn dodal, lole, kuttum in cum: *Don't get into a fight with him: he can really dish it out.* **dish the dirt** relsiat: *journalists who dish the dirt about television star.*

**3** (*phr v*) **dish sth out** tampi ih pe: *There were students dishing out leaflets to passers-by.* ○ *dish out compliments, insults, abuse, etc.* **dish sth up** (**a**) rawl kheng sungah suak. (**b**) (*derog*) pe, suah: *They're dishing up the usual arguments in a new form.*

**disharmony** /dɪʃ'hɑ:məni/ *n* [U] thinlung rual lonak, rem lonak: *He noted the disharmony between husband and wife.*

▷ **disharmonious** /dɪʃ'hɑ:məniəs/ *adj*: *a disharmonious relationship.*

**dishearten** /dɪʃ'hɑ:tn/ *v* [Tn] ruahsannak cem, beidong, thinnau: *Don't let this set-back dishearten you.*

▷ **disheartening** /-hɑ:tnɪŋ/ *adj*: *disheartening news* ○ *a disheartening lack of interest.* **dishearteningly** *adv*.

**disheveled** /dɪʃ'evld/ (*US disheveled*) *adj* *a* hnokmi (sam, hnipuan).

**dishonest** /dɪʃ'ɒnɪst/ *adj* **1** (*mi*) tluangtlam lo, bumhmang, dinglo: *a dishonest trader, partner, etc.* **2** [*attrib*] (**a**) bum duh: *dishonest behaviour, goings-on, competition.* (**b**) (*of money*) bum, a ding lo zawng ih ngahmi, hlawkmi: *dishonest earnings/gains.*

▷ **dishonestly** *adv.* **dishonesty** *n* [U].

**dishonour** /dɪʃ'ɒnə(r)/ (*US dishonor*) *n* [U, sing] (*fml or rhet*) ningzahnak, hmaisiatnak: *bring dishonour on one's family, country, regiment, etc.*

▷ **dishonour** *v* [Tn] (*fml*) **1** ningzakter, hmaisiat: *a cowardly act that dishonours his memory.* **2** (*of a book*) paisa suahsak duh lo. Cf BOUNCE.

**dishonourable** /-nərəbl/ *adj* upat tlak lo, nautat tlak: *a dishonourable record, reputation, etc.*

**dishonourably** /-nərəbli/ *adv*.

**disillusion** /dɪsɪ'lʊzn/ *v* [Tn] a tha ti ih zum sualmi, uar sualmi siat sak: *She still believes in Santa Claus and it would be cruel to disillusion her.*

▷ **disillusioned** *adj* ~ (*with sb/sth*) uarmi le

thupittermi, ruah vekih a cansuak lo ruangah thin siat, thin nau: *Disillusioned voters want an alternative to the two main parties.* ○ *She's disillusioned with life in general.*

**disillusionment** (also **disillusion**) *n* [U] zummi vek si lo ruangih thinsiatnak: *the growing disillusionment with the government's policies.*

**disincentive** /dɪsɪn'sentɪv/ *n* [C] ~ (*to sth*) thin siattertu, (thil tuahnak ah) tha a kiamtertu: *Fixed wages and lack of promotion act as disincentive to employees.*

**disinclination** /dɪsɪnklɪ'neɪʃn/ *n* [sing] ~ (*for sth/to do sth*) (*fml*) thukthunnak, huam lonak: *a disinclination for work, exercise, politics* ○ *his disinclination to tackle the causes of inflation.*

**disinclined** /dɪsɪn'klaɪnd/ *adj* [pred] ~ (*for sth/to do sth*) paih lo, huam lo, thukthun; nuar: *feel disinclined for study, argument, discussion, etc* ○ *She was disinclined to believe him.*

**disinfect** /dɪsɪn'fekt/ *v* [Tn] natnak hrik thi seh ti ih kholhfai: *disinfect a wound, a surgical instrument, a hospital ward.*

▷ **disinfectant** /dɪsɪn'fektənt/ *n* [U, C] natnak hrik kholhfaitu sii, satpia, tivek pawl: [*attrib*] *disinfectant liquid, cream, soap, etc.*

**disinfection** /dɪsɪn'fektʃn/ *n* [U].

**disinfest** /dɪsɪn'fest/ *v* [Tn] nathrik, pangang le sihte pawl that theh/dawi theh.

▷ **disinfestation** /dɪsɪn'festeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**disinformation** /dɪsɪnfə'meɪʃn/ *n* [U] thuphan sim-awk, a bik in thu lolak thei hngai seh ti in Cozah ih simthanmi. Cf MISINFORMATION (MISINFORM).

**disingenuous** /dɪsɪn'dʒenjuəs/ *adj* (*fml*) ding lo, tluangtlam lo: *It would be disingenuous to claim that we hadn't suspected them.*

▷ **disingenuously** *adv.* **disingenuousness** *n* [U].

**disinherit** /dɪsɪn'herɪt/ *v* [Tn] rocotu faa sinak ihsin hlou, zukha suang: *disinherit one's eldest son.*

▷ **disinheritance** /dɪsɪn'herɪtəns/ *n* [U].

**disintegrate** /dɪsɪntɪ'greɪt/ *v* [I] (**a**) kuai theh (afate te ah), maan theh: *The plane flew into a mountain and disintegrated on impact.* (**b**) (*fig*) rem-aw lo: *The family is starting to disintegrate.*

▷ **disintegration** /dɪsɪntɪ'greɪʃn/ *n* [U]: *the gradual disintegration of traditional values.*

**disinter** /dɪsɪn'tɜ:(r)/ *v* (-rr-) (*fml*) [Tn] phorh suak (phummi): *permission to disinter the body* ○ (*fig*) *disinter an old scandal.*

▷ **disinterment** *n* [U, C].

**disinterested** /dɪsɪn'trɪstɪd/ *adj* mah duhzawng thlun lomi, thleidan nei lomi: *a disinterested act of kindness* ○ *My advice is quite disinterested.*

⇒ Usage at INTEREST<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **disinterestedly** *adv.* **disinterestedness** *n* [U].

**disinvest** /dɪsɪn'vest/ *v* [I, Ipr] (*finance*) burmi

tangka hram la sal.

**disjointed** /dɪs'dʒɔɪntɪd/ *adj* a pehawknak theih

har (thuhla, cangan, etc): *The film was so disjointed that I couldn't tell you what the story was about.*

▷ **disjointedly** *adv.*

**disjunctive** /dis'dʒʌŋktɪv/ *adj* (grammar) ruahnak pahnih a kalh-awmi hmuhnak (eg *either...or*).

**disk** /disk/ *n* **1** (esp US) = DISC. **2** (computing) computer disk; ca khumnak thil pheng bial. Cf FLOPPY DISK (FLOP), HARD DISK (HARD<sup>1</sup>).

□ **disk drive** computer thluak ihsin, lole, disk ihsin computer thluak ah cazin pawl kuattu thil (computer thluak pi le thluak te karlak thil kuattu).

**dislike** /dis'laɪk/ *v* [Tn, Tg, Tsg] duh lo, hua: *My mother dislikes seeing you with me/dislikes our being together.* ○ *I like cats but dislike dogs.* ○ *I dislike it when you whistle.* ○ *If you go on like that you'll get yourself disliked, ie become unpopular.*

▷ **dislike** *n* **1** (a) [U] ~ (of sb/sth) duh lonak, ngaih lonak, huatnak: *a strong dislike of modern poetry.* (b) [C usu pl] duh lomi: *have one's pet dislikes.* **2** (idm) **likes and dislikes** ⇒ LIKE<sup>2</sup>. **take a dislike to sb/sth** duh lo thok: *I don't know why, but I took a strong dislike to him as soon as I saw him.*

**dislocate** /dis'lækert/; US 'dislœkert/ *v* [Tn] **1** (ruh) pelh: *dislocate one's ankle, wrist, etc* ○ *a dislocated shoulder.* **2** baangter, cawter, pelhter: *Flights have been dislocated by the fog.*

▷ **dislocation** /dis'lækert/; US 'dislœ'kert/ *n* [C, U]: *treated her for a dislocation and muscle strain* ○ *The strike will cause some dislocation of rail traffic.*

**dislodge** /dis'lɒdʒ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from sth) thawn, umhmun thawnter, suakter: *The wind dislodged some tiles (from the roof).* ○ *There's something between my teeth and I can't dislodge it.* ○ (fig) *She became champion in 1982 and no one has been able to dislodge her.*

▷ **dislodgement** *n* [U].

**disloyal** /dis'loɪəl/ *adj* ~ (to sb/sth) fel lo (thinlung): *be disloyal to a cause, one's country, one's associates.*

▷ **disloyally** /-lɔɪəlɪ/ *adv.* **disloyalty** /-lɔɪəlɪ/ *n* [C, U].

**dismal** /dɪzməl/ *adj* **1** riahsiaza, um nuam lo: *dismal weather, countryside* ○ *The news was as dismal as ever.* ○ *a dismal manner, tone of voice, look, etc.* **2** (infml) ruahmi vekih tha lo: *a dismal performance in the elections.*

▷ **dismally** /-məli/ *adv.*

**dismantle** /dis'mæntl/ *v* [Tn] **1** tet theh, bal theh: *dismantle a faulty motor, machine, etc (for repairs)* ○ (fig) *We should dismantle our inefficient tax system.* **2** bunmi phoih (inn, lawng ihsin).

**dismay** /dis'mei/ *n* [U] thinsiatnak: *be filled/struck with dismay (at the news, etc)* ○ *He learned to*

*his dismay that he had lost his job.* ○ *We watched in blank dismay as she packed her bags.*

▷ **dismay** *v* [Tn usu passive] thin nuam lo, riahsia: *We were all dismayed at his refusal to co-operate.*

**dismember** /dis'membə(r)/ *v* [Tn] **1** tan theh (milai, ramsa kut-ke pawl): *The victim's dismembered body was found in a trunk.* **2** ram thenhek theh.

▷ **dismemberment** *n* [U].

**dismiss** /dis'mɪs/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sth) hnaŋuan ihsin dawi: *workers who have been unfairly dismissed.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sth) fehter, fehsiang, thlah: *dismiss soldiers, a class* ○ (fml) *The duchess dismissed the servant (from her presence).* **3** (a) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (from sth) ruat lo lawlaw: *He tried without success to dismiss her memory from his thoughts.* (b) [Tn, Cn-n/a] ~ **sb/sth** (as sth) ruat tlak loih re: *She was dismissed as a dreamer.* ○ *dismiss a suggestion, objection, idea, etc.* **4** [Tn] (law) sang lo, ruah sak lo. **5** [Tn] (in cricket) end the innings of (the other team or one of its batsmen).

▷ **dismissal** /dis'mɪsl/ *n* (a) [U] hnaŋuan ihsin hlonnak, tivek: *a strike caused by the dismissal of two workers* ○ *his rash dismissal of the offer.* (b) [C] hnaŋuan hlon thu: *The dismissals led to a strike.*

**dismissive** *adj* ~ (of sb/sth) ziangsiar lo: *a dismissive gesture, tone of voice, shrug of the shoulders* ○ *Reviewers were dismissive, and the play closed within a week.* ○ *Don't be so dismissive of her talent.* **dismissively** *adv.*

**dismount** /dis'maʊnt/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) tum (rangpar, saikal par ihsin). Cf ALIGHT<sup>2</sup> **1**. **2** [Tn] tla (rang par tivek in).

**disobedient** /disə'bi:diənt/ *adj* thu thlun lo, thu ngai lo: *a disobedient child* ○ *I was very disobedient towards my father.*

▷ **disobedience** /-ɪəns/ *n* [U] thu thlun lonak: *an act of disobedience* ○ *He was punished for his disobedience.*

**disobediently** *adv.*

**disobey** /disə'bei/ *v* [I, Tn] thu thlun lo, daan thlun lo, luhlul tivek.

**disoblige** /disə'blaɪdʒ/ *v* [Tn] (fml) bawm duh lo, tanpi duh lo.

▷ **disobliging** *adj*: *a disobliging manner, person, response* ○ *Sorry to be so disobliging, but I have no money to lend you.* **disobligingly** *adv.*

**disorder** /dis'ɔ:də(r)/ *n* **1** [U] hnok rurinak, ciangkuang lonak: *with one's papers, thoughts, financial affairs in (complete) disorder* ○ *Everyone began shouting at once and the meeting broke up in disorder.* **2** (a) [U] mipi buainak: *The capital is calm, but continuing disorder has been reported elsewhere.* (b) [C] buainak: *The announcement led to violent civil disorders.* **3** [C, U] thinlung, taksa (pumpi rawl rial) buainak:

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*He's suffering from severe mental disorder.* ○ *a disorder of the bowels.*

▷ **disorder** *v* [Tn] buaiter, hnokter: *disorder sb's papers, files, etc.*

**disordered** *adj* [usu attrib] a buai, a hnokmi: *a disordered imagination, flow of words, etc* ○ *He led a disordered life and died in poverty.*

**disorderly** *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a hnokmi: *a disorderly heap of clothes.* **2** khawng theih, uk theih lo: *a disorderly mob, demonstration, meeting, etc* ○ *(law) a disorderly house, ie where prostitution or illegal gambling is carried on.* **3** (idm) **drunk and disorderly** ⇒ DRUNK.

**disorderliness** *n* [U].

**disorganize, -ise** /dis'ɔ:gənaɪz/ *v* [Tn] rem cia, lole, tawlrel ciامي siatbal: *disorganize a schedule, plan, etc.*

▷ **disorganization, -isation** /dis'ɔ:gənə'zeɪʃn; US -nɪz-/ *n* [U].

**disorganized, -ised** *adj* ʈha teih tawlrel lomi: *She's so disorganized she never gets anything done.* ○ *a disorganized lesson, holiday, household.*

**disorientate** /dis'ɔ:riəntet/ (also esp US **disorient** /dis'ɔ:riənt/) *v* [Tn esp passive] **1** a zawn thei lo: *We were quite disorientated by the maze of streets.* **2** thinlung hnok: *I felt completely disorientated with the jet lag.*

▷ **disorientation** /dis'ɔ:riən'teɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**disown** /dis'əʊn/ *v* [Tn] pehtlai duh lo, maak, thei duh lo: *If you behave like that in front of my friends again, I'll disown you!*

**disparage** /drɪspærɪdʒ/ *v* [Tn] santlai lo ih re/sim: *disparage sb's work, talents, achievements, character, etc.*

▷ **disparagement** *n* [U].

**disparaging** *adj*: *disparaging remarks/comments.*

**disparagingly** *adv*: *speak disparagingly of sb/sb's efforts.*

**disparate** /drɪspərət/ *adj* (fml) tahtʈhim ding a si lomi, a dang-aw tukmi: *The five experiments gave quite disparate results.*

▷ **disparately** *adv*.

**disparity** /drɪspærəti/ *n* (fml) [U, C] a bang-awk lonak, a dan-awknak: *disparity in age, rank, income, status, etc* ○ *Comparison of the two accounts revealed numerous disparities.*

**dispassionate** /drɪspæʃənət/ *adj* (approv) thleidan nei lomi, ʈanmi nei lo: *a dispassionate view, observer, judgement.*

▷ **dispassionately** *adv*: *She listened dispassionately but with great interest to both arguments.*

**dispatch<sup>1</sup>** (also **despatch**) /drɪspætʃ/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (to...) kuat, thlah (thu pakhat ruangah): *dispatch a letter, telegram, message, etc* ○ *American warships have been dispatched to the area.* **2** [Tn] ʈeh lohli (thil tuah): *The chairman dispatched the meeting in 20 minutes.* **3** [Tn] that: *A vet dispatched the injured horse.*

**dispatch<sup>2</sup>** (also **despatch**) /drɪspætʃ/ *n* **1** (fml) [U] thlahmi, kuatmi: *We welcome the dispatch of the peace-keeping force.* **2** [C] (a) khulrang zet ih kuatmi zung ca, thuthang ca hrangih kuatmi ca. (b) thuthang ca ah suah ding ih kuat mi ca. **3** (idm) **mentioned in dispatches** ⇒ MENTION. **with dispatch** khulrang zet in: *act with dispatch.* □ **dispatch-box** *n* (a) zung cakuat phurhnak kuang. (b) **the Dispatch Box** British Parliament khawmpi ah vuanzi pawl thu rel tiki dinnak kulhte.

**dispatch-rider** *n* mawʈawsaikal thawn zungca phurtu.

**dispel** /drɪspel/ *v* (-II-) [Tn] dawi-hlo, hloter, cemter: *dispel sb's doubts/fears/worries* ○ *The company is trying to dispel rumours about a take-over.*

**dispensable** /drɪspensəbl/ *adj* [usu pred] a ʈuul lomi, a thupi lomi: *A garage is useful but dispensable.*

**dispensary** /drɪspensəri/ *n* (a) sii peknak hmun. (b) mina zohnak (sii-khan).

**dispensation** /drɪspen'seɪʃn/ *n* **1** [U] (fml) zem le pek. **2** [U, C] (fml) Pathian khawkhannak ih thil a cangmi pawl. **3** [C, U] (religion) (in the Roman Catholic Church) kawhhran daan awlhnak, eg pawl dang ʈit siannak: *She needs a special dispensation to marry her cousin.* **4** [C] (religion) Pathian remruahnak in caan pakhat ih thil cangmi: *the Christian, Mosaic dispensation.*

**dispense** /drɪspens/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (to sb) (a) pek, zem: *On Saturday morning my father solemnly dispensed pocket money to each of the children.* ○ *a machine dispensing paper towels.* (b) (law) upadi (daan) vekin ʈuan. **2** [Tn] sibawi in sii eiding pek: (Brit) *a dispensing chemist* ○ *dispense a prescription, ie medicine that has been prescribed.* **3** (phr v) **dispense with sb/sth** telh lo, hmang loh um: *He is not yet well enough to dispense with the pills.* ○ *Let's dispense with formalities!* ○ *Formalities were dispensed with, ie People could speak frankly or naturally.* ○ *Automation has largely dispensed with the need for manual checking, ie made it unnecessary.*

▷ **dispenser** *n* **1** kut hnawtnak, satpia ti, cahnah khuathai tivek ngah theinak cet thil: *a cash dispenser.* **2** sii petu.

**disperse** /drɪspens/ *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ʈekvai ʈeh, darhdai ʈeh: *The crowd dispersed (in all directions).* ○ *The wind dispersed the clouds.*

▷ **dispersal** /drɪspɜːsl/ *n* [U] ʈekvainak, darhdainak: *They called for the peaceful dispersal of the demonstrators.*

**dispersion** /drɪspɜːʃn; US drɪspɜːrʒn/ *n* [U] (a) ʈheknak (khawtleu). (b) **the Dispersion** = THE DIASPORA.

**dispirit** /drɪspɪrɪt/ *v* [Tn] tha pe lo, thin nauter: *She refused to be dispirited by her long illness.* Cf

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▷ **dispirited** *adj* [usu attrib]: a *dispirited* air, look, expression, etc. **dispiritedly** *adv*. **dispiriting** *adj*: Our lack of progress is very *dispiriting*.

**displace** /dis'pleis/ *v* [Tn] **1** (hmun dangah) *thawn*. **2** (*fml*) *ai-rawl*: Moderates have *displaced* the extremists on the committee. ○ Weeds tend to *displace* other plants.

□ **displaced person** (*dated*) *raltlan, ralrelh*.

**displacement** /dis'pleismənt/ *n* **1** [U] *thawn, thawnnak*. **2** [C] (*nautical*) *lawng tidai parih thlak tik ah, cuih lawng ih luahmi tidai ih khing* (a *rih zat*), *lawng ih khing tah dan*: a ship with a *displacement of 10000 tons*.

**display**<sup>1</sup> /dr'splei/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (to sb)** **1** *tarlang, pho, hmuh*: *display a notice, goods for sale, one's anger, one's wealth* ○ *It's the first time the painting has been displayed to the public*. **2** *langter*: *display one's ignorance, arrogance, fear, etc* ○ *Her writing displays natural talent*.

**display**<sup>2</sup> /dr'splei/ *n* **1** (**a**) [C, U] *tarlangnak, hmuhmi, hmuhternak*: a *firework display* ○ a *display of karate, military might, courage, strength* ○ an *appalling display of incompetence, prejudice, greed*. (**b**) [C] *tarlangmi, hmuhmi thilri, kut-zungthiam thil pawl*: *The displays in Harrods are one of the sights in London*. ⇒ Usage at DEMONSTRATION. **2** [C] (*computing*) *cafang, zuk, tivek pawl tarlangnak thil*. **3** (*idm*) **on display** *mi hmuh dingah tarlang*: A collection of photographs was *on display* in the hall. ○ *put sth on display*, ie *display it*.

**displease** /dis'pliz/ *v* [Tn] *riahsiater, thinhengter*: *He'd do anything rather than displease his parents*. ○ *Her insolence greatly displeased the judge*.

▷ **displeased** *adj* ~ (**with sb/sth**) *lungawi lo*: *He was rather displeased with his friend (for not having phoned to say they were coming)*. ○ *Many voters are displeased with the government's policies*. **displeasing** *adj* ~ (**to sb/sth**) *lungawi um lo*: *Modern music can at first seem displeasing to the ear*. ○ a *displeasing habit* (*of talking too much*). **displeasingly** *adv*.

**displeasure** /dis'plezə(r)/ *n* [U] *lungawi lonak, lungkim lonak*: *His rash outburst incurred the displeasure of the judge*. ○ *express one's displeasure at sth*.

**disport** /dr'spɔ:t/ *v* [Tn] ~ **oneself** (*fml or joc*) *nuam-aw*: *children disporting themselves like puppies on the beach*.

**disposable** /dr'spəʊzəbl/ *adj* [*esp attrib*] **1** *hlon dingmi, hman sal nawn lomi*: *disposable razors, nappies, syringes, plates*. **2** (*finance*) *duhdudh ih hman dingmi thilri, sumsaw*: *disposable assets, capital, resources, etc* ○ *disposable income*, ie that one can spend oneself after paying one's income tax, social security contributions, etc.

**disposal** /dr'spəʊzl/ *n* **1** [U] (*thil*) *hlon*: *The safe*

*disposal of nuclear waste is a major problem*. ○ *a bomb disposal squad*. **2** (*idm*) **at one's/sb's disposal** *duhdudh ih hman theihmi*: *Students have a well-stocked library at their disposal*. ○ *The firm put a secretary at my disposal*.

**dispose** /dr'spəʊz/ *v* **1** [Tn] (*thil*) a *remcang ih ret*: *troops disposed in battle formation* ○ *dispose the chairs/singers in a semi-circle*. **2** [Cn-t] (*fml*) *duhter, paihter*: *His criminal record does not dispose me to trust him*. **3** (*phr v*) **dispose of sb/sth (a)** *hlon, zuar*: a *better way of disposing of household waste* ○ *He was forced to dispose of (ie sell) his art treasures*. ○ *All the furniture has been disposed of*. (**b**) *thil ti buaitu rawtfai*: *She disposed of the champion in straight sets*. ○ *The president ruthlessly disposed of his rivals*, eg *dismissed them, had them killed*. ○ *Their objections were easily disposed of*, ie *successfully argued against*. (**c**) (*no passive*) (*fml*) *hman dingah re cia*: *dispose of considerable wealth, power, influence, etc*.

**disposed** /dr'spəʊzd/ *adj* [*pred*] **1** ~ (**to do sth**) *ring cia* (*thil ti ding*): *I'm not disposed to meet them at the moment*. ○ *You're most welcome to join us if you feel so disposed*. **2** (*following an adv*) ~ **towards sb/sth** *lamah thinlung hoih deuh*: *well/ill disposed towards sb/sth* ○ *She's favourably disposed towards new ideas*.

**disposition** /dispə'zi:ʃn/ *n* [*sing*] **1** *thinlung um dan*: a *calm, irritable, cheerful, boastful, etc disposition*. **2** ~ **to sth/to do sth** (*fml*) *lam hoi deuh, thinlung nei deuh*: a *disposition to jealousy/to be jealous* ○ *There was a general disposition to ignore the problem*. **3** *tawlrel dan, ret dan*: *A defector revealed the disposition of the enemy fleet*.

**dispossess** /dispə'zes/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (of sth)** *laksak, long*: *The nobles were dispossessed (of their estates) after the revolution*.

▷ **the dispossessed** *n* [*pl v*] *thilri laksak tuartu, lon tuartu*.

**dispossession** /dispə'ze:ʃn/ *n* [U].

**disproof** /dis'pru:f/ *n* (*fml*) **1** [U] a *dik lo ti ih simfiangnak/hmuhnak*. **2** [C] *dik lonak langtertut, hmuhtu thil*.

**disproportion** /disprə'pɔ:ʃn/ *n* [C, U] ~ (**between sth and sth**) *rup-awk lonak, canawk lonak, bangrep-awk lonak*: *disproportion in age, size, weight, importance* ○ *The disproportion between her salary and her responsibilities*.

▷ **disproportionate** /disprə'pɔ:ʃənət/ *adj* a *rup aw lomi, a kaih-aw lomi, a can-aw lomi*: *You spend a disproportionate amount of your time on sport*. **disproportionately** *adv*: *Babies often seem to have disproportionately large heads*.

**disprove** /dis'pru:v/ *v* [Tn] a *si lo, a dik lo ti ih simfiang/hmuh*: *The allegations have been completely disproved*.

**disputable** /dr'spjʊ:təbl/ *adj* *el-awk tulmi, thusuh*

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ding ummi: *He made some very disputable claims about his record.*

▷ **disputably** /-əbli/ *adv.*

**disputant** /dɪ'spju:tənt, also 'dispjʊtənt/ *n* (law or fml) eltu, thuṭhennak ih telu.

**disputation** /dɪspju:'teɪʃn/ *n* (fml) **1** [C, U] el-awk (thu), thuhla el-awk. **2** [C] (arch) thu el-awk puai.

**disputatious** /dɪspju:'teɪʃəs/ *adj* (fml) el paih, mi thu el duhmi.

▷ **disputatiously** *adv.*

**dispute**<sup>1</sup> /dɪspju:t/ *n* **1** [U] thu el-awk: *There has been much dispute over the question of legalized abortion.* ○ *It is a matter of dispute (whether they did the right thing).* ○ *their conclusions are open to dispute.* **2** [C] tawhawknak, thil cuh ih el-awknak: *religious, political, industrial, etc disputes* ○ *a border dispute that could easily become a war.* **3** (idm) **beyond/past dispute** a si rori, el ding um lo: *Her courage is beyond all dispute.* **in dispute** el-awk mi, el-awk ṭul: *The exact cause of the accident is still in dispute.* ○ *Your sincerity is not in dispute.* **in dispute (with sb)** (mi pakhat thawn) el-aw: *We're in dispute (with the management) about overtime rates.* **without dispute** el-awk um lomi, a si rori: *He is without dispute the better player.*

**dispute**<sup>2</sup> /dɪ'spju:t/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (with sb) el: *Some people love to dispute (with everyone).* **2** (a) [Tn, Tw] el-aw: *They disputed at great length what they should do.* (b) [Tn] a singai le singai lo sut: *dispute a statement, claim, decision, etc* ○ *The election result was disputed.* **3** [Tn] neh lo dingin kham; la dingin do: *Our soldiers disputed every inch of ground.*

**disqualify** /dɪskwɒlfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (from sth/doing sth) on lo; tuah siang lo, kham (thil ti sual/tingtlak lo ruangah): *Her criminal record disqualifies her from serving on a jury.* ○ *She was disqualified in the first round.* ○ *The team has been disqualified from next year's competition.*

▷ **disqualification** /dɪskwɒlfi'keɪʃn/ *n* [C, U] tlin lonak, sian lonak: (a) *disqualification for driving while drunk.*

**disquiet** /dɪskwaɪət/ *n* [U] phannak, donhnarnak: *The strength of the dollar is causing considerable disquiet on the Stock Exchange.*

▷ **disquiet** *v* [Tn usu passive] thinphangter: *be greatly disquieted by the fall in public support.*

**disquieting** *adj* thinphangza, phan um: *disquieting news.* **disquietingly** *adv*: *a disquietingly large number of accidents.*

**disquisition** /dɪskwɪ'zɪʃn/ *n* ~ (on sth) ka ih simmi, ca thawn ngan ih simmi (thuhla saupi).

**disregard** /dɪsrɪ'ga:d/ *v* [Tn] ziangsiar lo, ziang rel lo: *He completely disregarded my point of view.* ○ *You can't just disregard the security problem!*

▷ **disregard** *n* [U] ~ (for/of sb/sth) ziangsiar lonak: *she shows a total disregard for other people and their feelings.* ○ *fire-fighters working with a complete disregard of their own safety.*

**disrepair** /dɪsrɪ'peə(r)/ *n* [U] rem ṭhat lo ruangih siatnak: *be in/fall into (a state of) disrepair.*

**disreputable** /dɪsrɪ'pju:təbl/ *adj* (a) hmin sia: *Soho is one of London's more disreputable areas.* (b) zoh mawi lo: *a disreputable suit, manner, appearance* ○ *I've been accused of using disreputable methods to get what I want.*

▷ **disreputably** /-əbli/ *adv.*

**disrepute** /dɪsrɪ'pju:t/ *n* [U] hminsiatiak: *The use of drugs is bringing the sport into disrepute.* ○ *Since the scandal, the school has rather fallen into disrepute.*

**disrespect** /dɪstrɪ'spekt/ *n* [U] ~ (to/towards sb/sth) upat lonak, hngalnak: *He meant no disrespect by that remark, ie did not mean to be rude.* ○ *No disrespect (to you), but I think you are wrong.*

▷ **disrespectful** /-fl/ *adj* ~ (to/towards sb/sth) mi upat duh lo, mi zomtai: *We often criticize the Government, but we're never disrespectful towards the Royal Family.* **disrespectfully** /-fəli/ *adv.*

**disrobe** /dɪsrəʊh/ *v* [I] (a) (fml or joc) hnipuan phoih. (b) lal/bawi kor phoih: *The Queen disrobed after the ceremony.*

**disrupt** /dɪs'rʌpt/ *v* [Tn] buaiter, hnaihok: *Demonstrators succeeded in disrupting the meeting.* ○ *Fog disrupted traffic.*

▷ **disruption** /dɪs'rʌpʃn/ *n* [C, U]: *violent disruption caused by rioters* ○ *disruptions of our production schedule.*

**disruptive** /dɪs'rʌptɪv/ *adj* mi buaiter thei, hnaihok thei: *A few disruptive students can easily ruin a class.*

**disruptively** *adv*: *act, behave, etc disruptively.*

**dissatisfaction** /dɪsætɪs'fækʃn/ *n* [U] ~ (with sb/sth); ~ (at doing sth) lungkim lonak, lungsi lonak: *Letter from viewers express their dissatisfaction with current programmes.* ○ *MPs voice public dissatisfaction at having to pay higher taxes.*

**dissatisfied** /dɪsætɪsfaɪd/ *adj* ~ (with sb/sth); ~ (at doing sth) lungkim lo, diriam lo: *a dissatisfied customer* ○ *I'm thoroughly dissatisfied with your work.* ○ *She's very dissatisfied at not getting a bonus.*

**dissect** /dɪ'sekt/ *v* [Tn] **1** attan ṭheh (a thi cia milai, ramsa a sung zoh duh ah). **2** (fig) thuhla zingzoi ṭha: *Commentators are still dissecting the election results.* ○ *The film has been minutely dissected by the critics.*

▷ **dissection** /dɪ'sekʃn/ *n* [C, U] at-tannak: *Her first dissection made her change her mind about becoming a doctor.*

**dissemble** /dɪ'sembl/ *v* [I, Tn] (fml) thup (ruahmi

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le thinlung): *dissemble one's intentions, meaning, motives, etc.*

▷ **dissembler** /dr'semblə(r)/ *n* (thu) thuptu.

**disseminate** /dr'semineɪt/ *v* [Tn] zaiter (ruahnak, zumnak): *They use the press to disseminate right-wing views.*

▷ **dissemination** /dɪ'semɪneɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**dissension** /dr'senʃn/ *n* [C, U] thinheng le lungkim lonak: *deal with dissension in the party*  
○ *Father's will caused much dissension among his children.*

**dissent<sup>1</sup>** /dr'sent/ *n* [U] tlunlam thuneitu biaknak lam thu ruah dan thawn bang-aw lonak: *their public dissent from official party policy* ○ *In those days, religious dissent was not tolerated.*

**dissent<sup>2</sup>** /dr'sent/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) (fml) biaknak thu/tlunlam thu thawn dodal-aw ih ruat/sim: *I wish to dissent (from the motion).* ○ *Those who dissented from Anglican teachings could be heavily fined.*

▷ **dissenter** *n* (a) thu dang neitu. (b) **Dissenter** Church of England thurin cohlang lotu = Presbyterians, etc: *Presbyterians and other Dissenters.*

**dissenting** *adj* [attrib] khawruah bang-aw lomi: *a dissenting voice, opinion, vote, etc* ○ *a dissenting minister*, ie Church of England thurin (zirhnak) cohlang lotu, pastor. Cf NONCONFORMIST.

**dissertation** /dɪ'sə'teɪʃn/ *n* [C] ~ (on sth) thu pakhat sau zet ih nganmi ca (thesis), a bik in doctorate degree, lole, cuvek pakhat khat hrangih nganmi: *a dissertation on Arabic dialects.*

**disservice** /dɪ'ssɜ:vɪs/ *n* ~ (to sb/sth) [C, U] siatnak/thahnem lo suahpitu hnaʔuan/cangvaihi: *She did her cause (a) great disservice by concealing the truth.*

**dissident** /drɪ'sɪdənt/ *n* lungkim lotu, thudang neitu, tlunlam thu dodaltu: *left-wing dissidents*  
○ [attrib] *dissident groups, writings, opinions.*

▷ **dissidence** /drɪ'sɪdəns/ *n* [U].

**dissimilar** /drɪ'sɪmɪlə(r)/ *adj* ~ (from/to sb/sth) bang-aw lo, khat-aw lo: *These wines are not dissimilar*, ie quite similar. ○ *Her latest book is quite dissimilar from her previous one.*

▷ **dissimilarity** /drɪ'sɪmjʊləti/ *n* [C, U] bang-aw lonak: *They correct any dissimilarity between batches of work.* **dissimilarly** *adv.*

**dissimulate** /drɪ'sɪmjʊləɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] mah thinlung le ruahnak thup (dissemble).

▷ **dissimulation** /drɪ'sɪmjʊleɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

**dissipate** /drɪ'sɪpət/ *v* 1 [I, Tn] hlo ʔheh, kiang ʔheh, darhdai ʔheh: *The mist quickly dissipated as the sun rose.* ○ *Her son's letter dissipated all her fears and anxiety.* 2 [Tn] heuter ʔheh (duhduh ih hmang ʔheh) tangka, tikcu, etc: *dissipate one's efforts, energies, fortune.*

▷ **dissipated** *adj* (derog) athlak le siatnak thlentu nomnak a simi: *lead a thoroughly*

*dissipated life.*

**dissipation** /dɪ'sɪp'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] 1 ʔiannak, kiangnak. 2 nuncan siatvatnak: *Years of dissipation had ruined his health.*

**dissociate** /dɪ'səʊʃɪət/ (also **disassociate**) *v* [Tn-pr] 1 ~ sb/sth from sth pawl lo, kom lo, ʔhen-aw, pehpar-aw lo: *dissociate two ideas/one idea from another* ○ *You cannot dissociate the government's actions from the policies which underlie them.* 2 ~ oneself from sb/sth bawm lo, lungkimpil lo, tel lo: *I wish to dissociate myself from those views.*

▷ **dissociation** /dɪ'səʊʃɪ'eɪʃn/ (also **disassociation**) *n* [U].

**dissoluble** /dɪ'sɒljʊbl/ *adj* cemter thei; a zup thei: (fig) *Is a marriage dissoluble?* ie Can it be ended?

▷ **dissolubility** /dɪ'sɒljʊ'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**dissolute** /dɪ'sɒlʊt/ *adj* ziaza ʔhalo; nuncan sia, sual: *lead a dissolute life* ○ *a dissolute and worthless character.*

▷ **dissolutely** *adv.* **dissoluteness** *n* [U].

**dissolution** /dɪ'sɒlu:ʃn/ *n* [C, U] ~ (of sth) cemternak, bannak: *the dissolution of a marriage, a business partnership, the Roman Empire* ○ *the dissolution of Parliament*, ie the ending of the current session by the monarch before a general election.

**dissolve** /drɪ'zɒlv/ *v* 1 (a) [Tn] a khalmi (a ti ah) zupter: *Water dissolves salt.* (b) [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) a zup, a ti ah cang: *Salt dissolves in water.* (c) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (in sth) zupter: *Dissolve the salt in water.* 2 [Tn, Tn-p] ~ sth (away) hloter: *The cream dissolves facial hair.* ○ *a powder that dissolves stains away.* 3 [I, Ipr] ~ (in sth) cemter, ziamral: *All his hopes dissolved at the terrible news.* ○ *The view dissolved in mist.* 4 [I, Tn] cemter: *Parliament dissolves tomorrow.* ○ *dissolve a business partnership, marriage, society, etc.* 5 [Ipr] ~ in sth hnoh/lunghno: *dissolve in tears/laughter/giggles.*

**dissonance** /dɪ'sənəns/ *n* 1 [U] rem-aw lonak. 2 [C] (music) a bangaw lo note pawl cokrawi ih kommi.

**dissonant** /dɪ'sənənt/ *adj* a remcang lomi.

▷ **dissonantly** *adv.*

**dissuade** /drɪ'sweɪd/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (from sth/doing sth) tuah hram lo dingih rak leem, rak kham: *The police managed to dissuade him from jumping off the building.*

▷ **dissuasion** /drɪ'sweɪʒn/ *n* [U].

**dissuasive** /drɪ'sweɪsɪv/ *adj* tuah lo dingih leem, kham.

**distaff** /dɪ'stɑ:f; US 'dɪstæf/ *n* 1 pat hmuinhak fung. 2 (idm) on the distaff side nu lam sungkhat.

**distance<sup>1</sup>** /dɪ'stəns/ *n* 1 [C, U] a hla a nai zat: *A good cyclist can cover distances of over a hundred miles a day.* ○ *It's a great/some/no distance from here*, ie very/fairly/not far away. ○ *a short, long, great, etc distance*, a hlatpi. ○ *In the USA*

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distance is measured in miles, not kilometers. ○ The beach is within walking distance of my house, ie near enough to be reached easily on foot. ○ (fig) at a distance of fifty years. **2** [C, U] a hlatnak: At a distance of six miles you can't see much. ○ He won't hit the target at that distance. **3** [U] hmun le caan ih dannak, hlat-awknak: distance is no problem with modern telecommunications. **4** [U] mi pawl duh lonak, mahte umnak: Is his distance a result of snobbery or shyness? **5** (idm) **go the distance** (esp in sports) a cem tiang zua suak (lehnak ah): Nobody thought he'd last 15 rounds, but he went the full distance. ○ You need perseverance to win in politics and I doubt if he can go the distance. **in the distance** hlatpi ah. **keep one's distance (from sb/sth)** (a) hlatpi ah um, naih lo: I would keep my distance from that dog, if I were you! (b) pawl duh lo, thei duh lo: He was asked many times to join the party, but he always kept his distance. **keep sb at a distance** kom duh lo. Cf THE NEAR DISTANCE (NEAR<sup>1</sup>), THE MIDDLE DISTANCE (MIDDLE).

**distance<sup>2</sup>** /distəns/ v **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (from sb/sth)** pawl duh lo, kom duh lo, rualpi duh lo: That stupid quarrel has distanced us. ○ Voters have been distanced from the party by adverse publicity. **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **oneself from sb/sth** telve duh lo: She needs to distance herself from some of her more extreme supporters.

**distant** /distənt/ adj **1** a hlat: a distant land, cry, flash of light ○ the distant horizon, past ○ The airport is about ten miles distant from the city. **2** (a) [attrib] a hlat-aw mi (unau), naih-aw tuk lomi: She is a distant cousin of mine. (b) peh aw lemlo, bang aw lemlo: There is a distant connection between the two theories. **3** rem-aw lemlo, rualpi duh tuk lo, mi pawl duh lo: a distant nod, attitude, greeting, manner. **4** (idm) **dim and distant** ⇨ DIM, khuahlan lai pi.

▷ **distantly** adv: We're distantly related. ○ His style distantly resembles that of Wilde. ○ She smiled distantly at us.

**distaste** /dis'teist/ n [U] ~ **(for sb/sth)** ngaih lo, duh lo: turn away in distaste ○ a distaste for violent sports.

▷ **distasteful** /dis'teistfl/ adj ~ **(to sb)** ngaih lo zawng, duh lo zawng: distasteful behaviour, ○ a distasteful incident ○ Even the thought of her was distasteful to him. **distastefully** /-fəli/ adv. **distastefulness** /dis'teistfəlnis/ n [U].

**distemper<sup>1</sup>** /dr'stempə(r)/ n [U] (Brit) phar, thuam tivek thuh mi rong sii.

▷ **distemper** v [Tn, Cn-a] rong sii thuh: distemper the walls green.

**distemper<sup>2</sup>** /dr'stempə(r)/ n [U] uico le rannung dang pawl nat (khuh le thacem).

**distend** /dr'stend/ v [I, Tn] (fml) puarter, paw: a distended intestine, stomach, vein, etc.

▷ **distension** (US **distention**) /dr'stenʃn/ n [U] a phaw, a puar, a thlingmi.

**distil** /dr'stil/ (**distill**) v (-ll-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** (a) tidai soter ih a khu suakter hnu-ah a khu khi a ti ah canter sal: distil fresh water from sea-water. (b) zureu suang: The Scots have distilled whisky for centuries. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** cawng, lak (mi ih fimthiamnak, hmuhtonmi): useful advice distilled from a lifetime's experience. **3** (phr v) **distil sth off/out** a khu suah in laksak, hlou: Sea-water can be made drinkable by distilling out the salt.

▷ **distillation** /distɪ'leɪʃn/ n **1** [C, U] reu tahrat ih (tuahmi thil). **2** [C, U] a tawinak, tawitermi, a muril: This book offers a distillation of Wittgenstein's thought in a mere fifty pages.

**distiller** /dr'stɪlə(r)/ n reutu kampani, lole minung (a bikin whisky reutu).

▷ **distillery** /dr'stɪləri/ n zu reu hmun, zu suan hmun. Cf BREWERY (BREW).

**distinct** /dr'stɪŋkt/ adj **1** a fiang, hmuh ol, a lang ol, theihthiam olmi: The footprints are quite distinct; they must be fresh. ○ I had the distinct impression that I was being watched. ○ There was a distinct sense of embarrassment in the air. **2** ~ **(from sth)** a lamdang, a phundang: Although they look similar, these plants are actually quite distinct. ○ Mozart's style is quite distinct from Haydn's. ○ Astronomy, as distinct from astrology, is an exact science.

▷ **distinctly** adv fiang zetin: But I distinctly remember you promising to phone me! **distinctness** n [U].

**distinction** /dr'stɪŋkʃn/ n **1** [C, U] ~ **(between A and B)** lamdannak: He drew a quite artificial distinction between men and women readers. ○ I don't understand your distinction: surely all painting is art? **2** (fml) (a) [U] thleidannak (milai phun le hnam, hnauan, thiamnak, tivec zoh in): without distinction (ie regardless) of rank. (b) [C] thleidannak tete: distinctions of birth and wealth. **3** [C] hleicetnak, thiam cuangnak, hminthatnak: an academic distinction, eg a doctor's degree ○ win a distinction for bravery. **4** [U] tha bik, bik sinak: a writer, novel, work of distinction ○ She had the distinction of being the first woman to swim the Channel.

**distinctive** /dr'stɪŋktɪv/ adj ~ **(of sth)** a hleice-mi, a lamdangmi: a distinctive appearance, style, smell ○ Long complex sentences are distinctive of Henry James's later style.

▷ **distinctively** adv: distinctively coloured. **distinctiveness** n [U].

**distinguish** /dr'stɪŋgwɪʃ/ v **1** [Ipr, Tn-pr] ~ **(between) A and B; ~ A from B** thleidan thiam, then thiam: People who cannot distinguish between colours are said to be colour-blind. ○ The twins are so alike that no one can distinguish one from the other. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A (from B)**

(a) dang-aw: *The male is distinguished (from the female) by its red beak.* (b) thleidanger: *Speech distinguishes human beings from the animals.* **3** [Tn] hmu thei, fiang thei, thei thei: *distinguish distant objects, a shape in the mist, a whispered conversation.* **4** [Tn] ~ oneself ti lamdangter: *She distinguished herself by her coolness and bravery.*

▷ **distinguishable** /dr'ŋstɪŋwɪʃəbl/ *adj* [usu pred] ~ (from sb/sth) thleidan theihmi: *The coast was barely distinguishable in the mist.* ◦ *Vipers are distinguishable from other snakes by their markings.*

**distinguished** *adj* **1** upat tlak umzia, pianhmang nei: *I think grey hair makes you look rather distinguished.* **2** sinak lamdang nei: *a distinguished career* ◦ *She is a distinguished novelist and philosopher.*

**distort** /dr'ɔ:t/ *v* [Tn] **1** kawiter, comter, merh, hmel siatsak: *a heap of distorted metal* ◦ *a face distorted by pain.* **2** a kel lo ih umter/tuah: *a distorting mirror, ie one which makes people look long and thin, short and fat, etc* ◦ *The announcement was so distorted that I couldn't understand what was said.* **3** a silo lam ih sim: *distort sb's words, motives, point of view, etc* ◦ *The government were accused of having systematically distorted the protesters' case.*

▷ **distortion** /dr'ɔ:tʃn/ *n* [C, U] a si lo lam ih simkawinak: *a distortion of the facts.*

**distract** /dr'strækt/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sb (from sth) thiltimi, thinlung ruahmi her kawiter: *Children are so easily distracted.* ◦ *Don't distract my attention — I'm trying to study!* ◦ *The film managed to distract me from these problems for a while.*

▷ **distracted** *adj* ~ (with/by sth) thin hnok, thil pakhat par lawng ah thinlung ruahnak pe thei lo: *distracted with joy, fear, sorrow, anxiety, etc.* **distractedly** *adv*: *He paced up and down distractedly.*

**distracting** *adj*: *a distracting noise.*

**distractingly** *adv*.

**distraction** /dr'strækʃn/ *n* **1** [U] ruahmi, thiltimi herkawinak. **2** [C] thilti mi, ruahmi herkawitu awn au hmuhmi tivek pawl: *He found the noise of the photographers a distraction.* **3** [C] thinlung nuamtertu: *TV can be a welcome distraction after a hard day's work.* **4** [U] thinlung hnok, thluak buai. **5** (idm) **to distraction** at hlauh zik tiang: *He loves her to distraction.* ◦ *You'll drive me to distraction with your silly questions!*

**distrain** /dr'streɪn/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (upon sb/sth) (law) leiba ai-ah neih mi long, laksak (a bikin inn sanman ai-ah).

▷ **distrain** *n* [U] mi thil lon.

**distrain** /dr'streɪn/ *adj* (thu) hgilh-ol, molcee.

**distraught** /dr'strɔ:t/ *adj* riahsiat tuk ah thinlung buai theh.

**distress**<sup>1</sup> /dr'stres/ *n* **1** (a) [U, sing] thinharnak, donhar helhkarnak: *Towards the end of the marathon several runners showed signs of distress.* ◦ *Her death was a great distress to all the family.* (b) [U] rawl lo, paisa lo ruangih harsatnak: *The government acted quickly to relieve the widespread distress caused by the earthquake.* **2** [U] mi ih bomtulum vansannak: *a ship in distress* ◦ [attrib] *a distress signal/call/flag.* **3** (idm) **a damsel in distress** ⇨ DAMSEL.

▷ **distressful** /dr'stresfl/ *adj* = DISTRESSING.

**distressfully** *adv*.

**distress**<sup>2</sup> /dr'stres/ *v* [Tn usu passive] ninghangter/tuarter, nater, thinharer: *I was most distressed to hear the sad news of your father's death.* ◦ *Please don't distress yourself, ie don't worry.*

▷ **distressing** (also **distressful**) *adj* ninghannak, nat le tuarnak, rehhsiatnak: *distressing news* ◦ *a distressing sight.* **distressingly** (also **distressfully**) *adv*.

**distribute** /dr'stribju:t/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] **1** ~ sth (to among sb/sth) zem (thilri zem): *In a co-operative profits are distributed among the work-force.* ◦ *The demonstrators distributed leaflets to passers-by.* **2** hmunkip ah ret darh, pharh: *Baggage loaded on to an aircraft must be evenly distributed.*

▷ **distribution** /dr'stribju:ʃn/ [C, U] **1** thil zemnak/zem dan, hmunkip ih um dan: *the distribution of catalogues, forms, prizes, etc.* **2** um dan, zem dan: *the distribution of schools in this district* ◦ *Pines have a very wide distribution.*

**distributor** /dr'stribjutə(r)/ *n* **1** thil zemtu, a bikin dawr thil a pe vivotu. **2** sparking plug (plak) ih daattha petu thil.

**distributive** /dr'stribjutiv/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** zemdarhnak thawn pehpar awmi: *the distributive trades, eg transport, retailing, etc.* **2** (grammar) cio, ciar, tin tivek pawl khiihmuhtu: 'Each', 'every', 'either' and 'neither' are distributive pronouns.

▷ **distributively** *adv*.

**district** /'dɪstrɪkt/ *n* **1** ram-uk zipeng (DC) uk mi ram; sinak, pianzia phunkhat a neimi ramthen: *mountainous, agricultural, outlying, poor, gloomy districts* ◦ *the Lake District.* **2** khuaram uknak lam bial: *a postal district* ◦ *rural and urban districts, ie units of local government* ◦ [attrib] *district councils.*

□ **district attorney** (US) (abbr DA) upadi (zipeng) bawi.

**district nurse** (Brit dated) inn tinkim ah feh ih mina zohtu sii sayama.

**distrust** /dr'strast/ *n* [U, sing] rinlonak, zumlonak: *Negotiations between unions and management are made more difficult by mutual distrust.* ◦ *He has a distrust of strangers.*

▷ **distrust** *v* [Tn] ring lo, zum lo: *He's so suspicious he would distrust his own mother.*

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**distrustful** /-fʊl/ *adj* mi zum lo; zum lo hmangmi.  
**distrustfully** /-fəli/ *adv*.

**disturb** /dɪ'stɜ:b/ *v* [Tn] **1** umnak rak thawn: *Don't disturb the papers on my desk.* **2** daite ummi hnaihnik: *She opened the door quietly so as not to disturb the sleeping child.* ○ *Exam in Progress* — *Do Not Disturb* ○ *No sound disturbed the silence of the evening.* **3** thinphangter: *disturbing developments, reports, symptoms.* **4** (idm) **disturb the peace** (law) daan pah.

▷ **disturbed** *adj* (psychology) thinlung buai ih na-mi: *He is emotionally disturbed.*

**disturbance** /dɪ'stɜ:bəns/ *n* **1** (a) [U] buainak, hnaihniknak. (b) [sing] buaitertu, hnaihnik tertu: *The teacher told him to leave as he was a disturbance to the other students.* **2** [C] mipi buainak, mipi ai-thawhnak: *violent disturbances in inner-city areas.* **3** [U] (psychology) thinlung buai natnak: *suffer an emotional disturbance.*

**disunion** /dis'ju:nən/ *n* [U] (fml) **1** lungruai lonak. **2** lungkim tlang lonak.

**disunite** /dis'ju:'naɪt/ *v* [I, Tn] rem-aw lo, lung rual lo.

**disunity** /dis'ju:nəti/ *n* [U] rem-aw lo lonak, lungruai lonak: *There should be no disunity within our party.*

**disuse** /dis'ju:s/ *n* [U] hman lonak: *rusty from disuse* ○ *words that have fallen into disuse.*

▷ **disused** /dis'ju:zd/ *adj* hman lomi: *a disused railway line.*

**disyllable** /dɪ'sɪləbl, da'sɪləbl/ (US **dissyllable** /dis-/ ) *n* syllable pahnih nei tɔngfang. Cf MONOSYLLABLE.

▷ **disyllabic** /dis'ɪləbɪk/ (US **dissyllabic** /dis-/ ) *adj* syllable pahnih nei mi.

**ditch** /dɪtʃ/ *n* **1** lihong. **2** (idm) **dull as ditch-water** ⇒ DULL. **the last ditch** ⇒ LAST<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **ditch** *v* **1** [I, Tn] poimawh ruangah tipi parah (vanzam) tɔm: *A sudden engine failure forced the pilot to ditch (in the Irish Sea).* **2** [Tn] (infml) taan, hnong: *I hear she's ditched her boy-friend, ie stopped seeing him.* ○ *When the road became impassable, we had to ditch the car and walk.* **3** [I] lihong lai: *hedging and ditching.*

**dither** /dɪðə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (about sth) lung-aw tawm, tuah lohli lo: *Stop dithering about which film you want to see or you'll miss them both!*

▷ **dither** *n* **1** lung-aw tawmnak: *in a dither.* **2** (idm) **all of a dither** (infml) thinlung buai ciamco ih ti lohli lonak. **have the dithers** (infml) awloksong, thukthun ih um.

**ditto** /dɪtəʊ/ *n* (abbr **do**) cuvek thotho tican, ngan bet tɔl loin a tangah 'do' ti ih ngan theih a si: *1 doz bottles white wine £2.25 a bottle; ditto red £3, hitaw ih ditto tican cu 1 doz bottles ti ai a si.*

□ **ditto marks** cazin ih ditto hminsinnak ( “ ).

**ditty** /dɪti/ *n* (often *joc*) hla tawite.

**diuretic** /daɪju'retɪk/ *n, adj* (medical) zun tamtuk suak natnak: *coffee is a diuretic.* ○ *a diuretic*

*drug.*

**diurnal** /daɪ'zɜ:nl/ *adj* **1** (biology) sun ih tlangleng mi: *Unlike most other bats, this species is diurnal.* **2** (astronomy) sunvui: *the diurnal movement of the planets.*

▷ **diurnally** *adv*.

**Div** abbr division(3b): *Manchester United, League Div 1.*

**divan** /dɪ'væn; US 'daɪvæn/ *n* **1** dunglam hngauhsan um lo tokheng saupi. **2** (also **divan bed**) ihkhun niam.

**dive<sup>1</sup>** /daɪv/ *v* (pt, pp **dived**; US also pt **dove** /dəʊv/ ) **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (from/off sth) (into sth); ~ (off/in)

lu lam in tidai sung bir luut (dawp phah in lut): *He dived from the bridge to rescue the drowning child.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (down) (for sth) ti thuknakah birlut: *The whale dived as the harpoon struck it.* ○ *dive for pearls.* **3** [I, Ipr, Ip] (of an aircraft) bir zet in a thuk ah feh. **4** [Ipr] ~ into, under,

etc sth tlan hruak, relh hruak: *dive under the bed* ○ *When the rain started, we dived into a café.* **5** (phr v) **dive for sth** ti hruak, tuah hruak, hawl hruak: *dive for the phone, the gun, etc* ○

*We dived for cover when the storm started.* **dive into sth/in** (fml) (a) kut thun lohli (zal sungah): *dive into one's pocket, briefcase, etc.* (b)

pumhlum ih tel ve: *dive into a new project.*

▷ **diver** *n* bir luttu, tisung lut ih hnaɬuantu.

□ **dive-bomb** *v* [I, Tn] zuangsuk phah ih thlak mi bomb. **dive-bomber** *n* zuangsuk phah ih bomb thlatu vanzam.

**diving-bell** *n* ti sung ih hnaɬuannak (khawnglawng vek) inn fate.

**diving-board** *n* ti sung bir luhnakh ih mi a phirhtu zial pheng.

**diving-suit** *n* ti sung bir luhnakh sinfen.

**dive<sup>2</sup>** /daɪv/ *n* **1** zuangsuk, bok, zon, thur: *The goalkeeper made a spectacular dive to save the goal.* **2** (infml) phe kahnak inn, zu dawr.

**diverge** /daɪvɜ:dʒ/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr] ~ (from sth) (a) tek theh: *The M6 diverges from the M1 just north of Rugby.* ○ (fig) *Until their paths diverged Lennon and McCartney wrote many hits together.* (b)

(fml) ruahnakh dang theh: *Our views diverged so greatly that it was impossible to agree.* **2** [Ipr] ~ from sth a pengah feh, lampeng zawh (thuhla ah): *diverge from the truth, norm, usual procedure.* Cf CONVERGE.

▷ **divergence** /daɪvɜ:dʒəns/ (also **divergency**) *n* [C, U]. **divergent** /-dʒənt/ *adj* a dang awmi: *divergent paths, opinions.*

**divers** /daɪvɜz/ *adj* (arch) a tampi, a dangdang.

**diverse** /daɪvɜ:s/ *adj* phun dangdang: *people from diverse cultures* ○ *Her interests are very diverse.*

**diversify** /daɪvɜ:sɪfaɪ/ *v* (pt, pp **-fied**) **1** [Tn] phun dangdang siter; dang-aw: *diversify one's skills, interests, etc* ○ *We must try to diversify the syllabus to attract more students.* **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (into sth) (commerce) phunphun suah (thilri): *The*

choice facing the company is simple: diversify or go bankrupt. ○ Some publishers are now diversifying into software.

▷ **diversification** /daɪˈvɜːsɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U, C].

**diversion** /daɪˈvɜːʃn/; *US* daɪˈvɜːrʒn/ *n* **1** (a) [U] lam pialnak: *the diversion of stream, one's thoughts* ○ *the diversion of flights because of fog.* (b) [C] pialnak. **2** [C] (esp *Brit*) (*US detour*) lamzin a pit ruangih a dang te ih fehnak lamzin: *Sorry I'm late — there was a diversion.* **3** [C] cangvaihna (nomnak) dangdang: *the diversions of city life* ○ *It's difficult to concentrate when there are so many diversions.* **4** [C] thinlung pialtertut: *One of the gang created a diversion in the street while the others robbed the bank.*

▷ **diversionary** /daɪˈvɜːʃənəri/; *US* daɪˈvɜːrʒənəri/ *adj*: *diversionary action, tactics, raids, etc.*

**diversity** /daɪˈvɜːsəti/ *n* [U, sing] a dangdang, a phunphun: *a wide diversity of opinion.*

**divert** /daɪˈvɜːt/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (from sth) (to sth)** a dang ah pialter/fehter: *divert traffic (from one road to another)* ○ *divert a ship (from its course)* ○ *divert sb's attention, thoughts, energies, etc.* **2** [Tn] nuamter: *children are easily diverted.*

▷ **diverting** *adj* a nuam. **divertingly** *adv.*

**divest** /daɪˈvest/ *v* [Tn-pr] (*fml*) ~ **sb of sth** (hnipuan) phoi (phuak) sak: *divest a queen of her robes.* **2** ~ **sb of sth** thuneihnak, upa sinak laksak: *The disgraced official was divested of all authority.* **3** ~ **oneself of sth** hlon, hlohter (ruahnak ihsin): *He could not divest himself of the suspicion that his wife was being unfaithful.*

**divide**<sup>1</sup> /drɪˈvaɪd/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **(sth) (up) (into sth)** then (a tampi ah then), then-aw: *The train divides at York.* ○ *divide a large house (up) into flats* ○ *divide a novel (up) into chapters* ○ *divide the class (up) into small groups.* **2** [T, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (out/up) (between/among sb)** tampi ah then in zem, zem-aw: *divide out/up the money, food, reward* ○ *We divided the work between us.* **3** [Tn, Tnpr] ~ **sth (between A and B)** then, ceem: *He divides his energies between politics and business.* **4** [Tn-pr] ~ **A from B** rii, then: *The English Channel divides England from France.* **5** [Tn] then (ram, ruahnak, milai): *This issue has divided the government.* ○ *The government is divided (on this issue).* **6** (a) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth by sth** zem (nambat): *30 divided by 6 is 5.* (b) ~ **into sth** nambat dang suak dingih zai theih: *5 divides into 30 6 times.* **7** [I, Tn] (esp *Brit*) duhtu le duh lotu hmunhni ah then ih mee pek: *After a long debate the House divided, ie voted on the question.* ○ *divide the House, ie ask for a vote to be taken.*

▷ **divider** *n* khan khat le khan khat dangtu puanzar phar, etc: *a room divider, ie screen, etc that divides a room into two parts.*

**divide**<sup>2</sup> /drɪˈvaɪd/ *n* (esp *US*) tiva luang rak then-tu tlang (khatlam khatlam ih luang dingah): *the Continental/Great Divide, ie the watershed formed by the Rocky Mountains.*

**dividend** /ˈdɪvɪdend/ *n* **1** (*commerce*) a hlawk thenmi (tangka burmi parah): *declare a dividend, ie state what proportion of profits are to be divided among share-holders* ○ *an annual dividend of 8%.* **2** (*mathematics*) zem dingmi nambat. Cf **DIVISOR**. **3** (*idm*) **pay dividends** ⇨ **PAY**<sup>2</sup>.

**dividers** /drɪˈvaɪdəz/ *n* [pl] riin, kil thennak thil: *a pair of dividers.*

**divination** /ˌdɪvɪˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U] pol le khuavang tla in hmailam thu simsungnak.

**divine**<sup>1</sup> /drɪˈvaɪn/ *adj* **1** [usu attrib] Pathian lam ihsin a simi, Pathian hnenin, lole Pathian vek: *Divine Service, ie the public worship of God.* **2** (*infml*) mangbangza, duhnungza: *You look simply divine, darling!* **divinely** *adv*: *You dance divinely.*

**divine**<sup>2</sup> /drɪˈvaɪn/ *v* [Tn, Tf] **1** (*fml*) thei (thinlung, ruahnak); a si thei men tiuh ruat: *divine sb's thoughts, intentions, the truth.* **2** (hmailam thu, thuthup) phuang, simsung: *Astrologers claim to be able to divine what the stars hold in store for us.*

▷ **diviner (also water-diviner)** *n* hmailam thu simsungtu-pol; funghreu hmangih leilung sung tidai umnak hawltu.

□ **divining-rod** *n* tidai hawlnak Y vek funghreu.

**divinity** /drɪˈvɪnəti/ *n* **1** [U] Pathian sinak: *the divinity of Christ.* **2** [C] khawzing (god): *the Roman, Greek, Egyptian divinities.* **3** [U] Pathian thu thuuk: *a doctor of divinity.*

**divisible** /drɪˈvɪzəbl/ *adj* [usu pred] (*mathematics*) ~ **(by sth)** zem theih nambat: *8 is divisible by 2 and 4, but not by 3.*

**division** /drɪˈvɪʒn/ *n* **1** [U] (a) then, then dan: *the division of wealth.* (b) nambat pakhat le pakhat zem-awk: *Are you any good at division?* **2** [sing] (often preceded by an *adj*) zem ih ngahmi: *a fair/unfair division of money.* **3** [C] (a) thil zem awk ding mi thenkhat. (b) (*abbr Div*) pawlkom pakhat ih then khat: *the sales division of our company* ○ *Our team plays in the first division (of the football league).* ○ *the parachute division.* **4** [C] thennak rikham: *A hedge forms the division between her land and mine.* **5** [C, U] ruah dan, nunzia dan-awknak, bang-awk lonak: *the deep/widening divisions in society today.* **6** [C] (esp *Brit*) (in parliament) rampi tlangsuak ho ah mee thennak: *The bill was read without a division.* ○ *The opposition threatened to force a division on the motion.*

▷ **divisional** /drɪˈvɪʒənl/ *adj* [attrib] then khat a simi: *divisional commander, headquarters, etc.*

□ **division-bell** *n* (*Brit*) mee pek a um ding tinak ih tummi hluat-daw kiling.

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**division lobby** (also **lobby**) *n* (Brit) *hluat-daw palai* (MP) *pawl mee peknak hmun* (hluatdaw sungah).

**division sign** *n* a zem hmainsinnak (÷).

**divisive** /dr'vaɪsɪv/ *adj* mi thenthei, rem ter lo thei, lungtual loter thei: a *divisive influence, policy, effect*.

▷ **divisively** *adv.* **divisiveness** *n* [U].

**divisor** /dr'vɪzə(r)/ *n* (mathematics) *zemtu nambat*. Cf DIVIDEND.

**divorce**<sup>1</sup> /dr'vɔ:s/ *n* 1 [C, U] ~ (from sb) *tan/maak* (nupi le pasal then aw): *ask/sue for a divorce* ○ *get/obtain a divorce* ○ *grounds* (ie legal reasons) *for divorce* ○ *Divorce is on the increase*. ○ [attrib] *start divorce proceedings*. 2 [C] (fig) *pawlkonnak cemter, then-aw: the divorce between religion and science*.

**divorce**<sup>2</sup> /dr'vɔ:s/ *v* 1 [Tn] *nupi pasal then-awk* (a daan tein): *They're divorcing each other/getting divorced*. 2 [Tn-pr esp passive] ~ **sb/sth from sth** (fig) then-aw (thil): *You can't divorce science from ethical questions*. ○ *a politician totally divorced from* (ie unable to understand or deal with) *the real needs of the country*.

▷ **divorcee** /dr'vɔ:'si:/ *n* thenmi (maak/tan).

**divot** /divət/ *n* golf thawi tikih a tɛuhmi hrampi.

**divulge** /dar'valdʒ/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr, Tw] ~ **sth (to sb)** (thuthup) mi theiher: *divulge a confidential report, sb's identity, one's age* ○ *I cannot divulge how much it cost*.

▷ **divulgence** /dar'valdʒəns/ *n* [U].

**divvy** /dɪvi/ *n* (Brit infml) (formerly) *tlang dawr ih ahlawk pekmi*.

▷ **divvy** *v* (pt, pp **divvied**) (phr v) **divvy sth up** (infml) then-aw, zem: *They divvied up the winnings between them*.

**Dixie** /dɪksi/ *n* [sing] (US infml) USA thlangta lam State pawl.

□ **Dixieland** /-lənd/ *n* 1 [sing] (US) Jazz awnmawi phunkhat. 2 (also **dixieland**) [U] New Orleans ihsin thokmi jazz awnmawi: *Do you like Dixieland?* ○ [attrib] *a Dixieland band*.

**DIY** /di: aɪ 'waɪ/ *abbr* (Brit infml) *Do it yourself, nangmah te'n tuah aw: a DIY kit* ○ *DIY enthusiasts*.

**dizzy** /dɪzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 *lu-ri: After another glass of whisky I began to feel dizzy*. 2 *luritnak: a dizzy spell* ○ *a dizzy height, speed*.

▷ **dizzy** *v* (pt, pp **dizzied**) [Tn] *lu riter thei. dizzily* *adv.*

**dizziness** *n* [U].

**DJ** /di: 'dʒeɪ/ *abbr* (infml) 1 (Brit) *dinner-jacket*. 2 *disc jockey: He's a radio DJ*.

**dl** *abbr* (pl unchanged or **dlis**) *deciliter: 10 dl*.

**DLitt** /di: 'lɪt/ (also **Litt D**) *abbr* *Doctor of Letters: have/be a DLitt in English* ○ *Jane Pearce DLitt*.

**DM** (also **D-mark**) *abbr* *German tangka* (German *Deutsche Mark*): *DM 650*.

**dm** *abbr* (pl unchanged or **dms**) *decimetre: 15 dm*.

**DMus** /di:'mʌs/ *abbr* *Doctor of Music: have/be a DMus* ○ *Simon Potter DMus*.

**DNA** /di: en 'eɪ/ *abbr* (chemistry) *deoxyribonucleic acid* (thil, milai cii hrampi).

**do**<sup>1</sup> /du:/ *aux v* (neg **do not**, contracted form **don't** /dəʊnt/; 3rd pers sing pres **t does** /dəz/; strong form **dʌz**, neg **does not**, contracted form **doesn't** /dʌznt/; pt **did** /dɪd/, neg **did not**, contracted form **didn't** /dɪdnt/; pp **done** /dɪd/) 1 (a) thusuhnak le a si lo lam tɔng cangter dingah *verb* hmai ah ret a si: *I don't like fish*. ○ *They didn't go to Paris*. ○ *Don't forget to write*. ○ *Does she speak French?* ○ *Do you believe him?* ○ *Did they take you home?* (b) thusuhnak ah a hlei ih betmi: *You live in London, don't you?* ○ *He married his boss's daughter, didn't he?* ○ *She doesn't work here, does she?* 2 *Verb* bawmtu dang a um lonak ah *verb* pakhat cu a silam a si ti khiihmuhnakh ah hman a si: *He does look tired*. ○ *She did write to say thank you*. ○ *Do shut up!* ○ *Do say you'll stay for supper!* 3 (subject le *verb* umnak thleng tikih hman a si): *Not only does she speak Spanish, (but) she also knows how to type*. ○ (fml) *So much did they eat that they could not move for the next hour*. ○ *Rarely did she request help but this was a matter of urgency*. 4 *verb* nolh leuhleuh hrialnak ih hman a si: *He drives faster than he did a year ago*. ○ *She works harder than he does*. ○ *'Who won?' 'I did.'*

**do**<sup>2</sup> /du:/ *v* (3rd pers sing pres **does** /dʌz/, pt **did** /dɪd/, pp **done** /dʌn/)

► **CARRYING OUT AN ACTIVITY** 1 [Tn] (used esp with *what, anything, nothing* and *something*, to refer to actions which are unspecified or not yet known about) theih cekci lomi cangvaihnakh sim tikih hman a si: *'What are you doing this evening?' 'I'm going to the cinema.'* ○ *'Are you doing anything tomorrow evening?'* ○ *We will do what we can to help you*. ○ *The company ought to do something about the poor service*. ○ *What does she want to do* (ie *What career does she want*) *when she leaves school?* ○ *There's nothing to do in this place*, ie no means of passing one's leisure time enjoyable. ○ *He does nothing but complain/All he does is complain*. ○ *'It's so unfair that she's lost her job.'* *'I know, but there's nothing we can do about it'* (ie *We can't change the situation.*) ○ *'What can I do for you?'* *'I'd like a pound of apples, please.'* 2 [I] *tuah, caang: Do as you wish/please*. ○ *Do as I do*. ○ *Why can't you do as you're told* (ie *be obedient*)? 3 [Tn] *tuah, tuah suak: do a university degree* ○ *do research into French history* ○ *He still has to do his military service*. ○ *I have a number of important things to do today*. ○ *She does aerobics once a week*. 4 [Tn] (used esp with *the + n* or *my, his*, etc + *n* to refer to everyday tasks such as cleaning, washing, arranging, mending, etc) *nitin tuahtheumi sim tikih hmanmi a si: do* (ie

brush) *one's teeth* ○ *do* (ie wash up) *the dishes* ○ *do* (ie polish) *the silver* ○ *do the flowers*, ie arrange them in vases ○ *I like the way you've done* (ie styled) *your hair*. ○ *We'll have to get someone to do* (ie mend) *the roof*. **5** [Tn] (used with *the, my, some, much*, etc + the -ing form of a *v* to refer to a wide range of actions) -ing tel verb thawn hman cih a si: *do the ironing, cooking, washing, etc* ○ *We usually do our shopping at the weekend*. ○ *You do the painting and I'll do the papering*. ○ *She did a lot of acting* (ie acted in a lot of plays) *when she was at university*. ○ *He does some writing* (eg writes poems, novels, essays, etc) *in his spare time*.

► **STUDYING OR SOLVING 6** [Tn] **learn or study (sth)** zir tinak a si: *Do you do science at school?* ○ *do accountancy, engineering, law, etc*, eg as a professional training ○ *She did economics at Sheffield University*. ○ *Have you done any* (ie studied any works by) *Shakespeare?* **7** [Tn] **find the answer to (sth); solve** tuat, fianger: *I can't do this sum*. ○ *I could never do simultaneous equations*. ○ *Can you do crosswords?*

► **MAKING OR PRODUCING 8** [Tn, Dn-n, Dn-pr] ~ **sth (for sb) produce (sth); make** suah, tuah: *do a drawing, painting, sketch, etc* ○ *She did five copies of the agenda*. ○ *Does this pub do* (ie provide) *lunches?* ○ *Who's doing* (ie organizing and preparing) *the food at the wedding reception?* ○ *I'll do a translation for you/do you a translation*. **9** [Tn] **deal with or attend to (sb/sth)** tisak, tuahsak: *The barber said he'd do me* (ie cut my hair) *next*. **10** [Tn] **put on or produce (a play, opera, etc)** thuanthucawn suah: *The Dramatic Society are doing Hamlet next year*. **11** [Tn] **play the part of (sb); imitate (sb)** cawng (mi pakhat): *I thought he did Hamlet superbly*. ○ *She does Mrs. Thatcher rather well*. **12** [I, Tn, Tg] (used in the perfect tense or the passive) **finish (sth); complete**: tuah theh, ti theh: (infml) *Have you done* (ie finished what you were doing)? ○ *I've done talking — it's time to act*. ○ *The work won't take too long to do*. ○ *Did you get your article done in time?*

► **COMPLETING AN ACTIVITY OR A JOURNEY 13** [Tn] (a) feh thei, thleng thei: *How many miles did you do during your tour?* ○ *My car does 40 miles to the gallon*, ie uses one gallon of petrol to travel 40 miles. (b) thleng: *We did the journey (from London to Oxford) in an hour*. (c) a feh: *The car was doing 90 miles an hour*. **14** [Tn] (infml) lengvak: *We did Tokyo in three days*. **15** [Tn] rei, hman (tikcu): *She did a year at university, but decided to give up the course*. ○ (infml) *He did six months (in prison) for burglary*.

► **OTHER MEANINGS 16** [I, Ipr, Tn] ~ **(for sb/sth); ~ (as sth)** a daih, a tawk: *'Can you lend me some money?'* *'Certainly — will £10 do?'* ○ *Will next Friday do for our meeting?* ○ *These shoes won't do* (ie are not strong enough) *for climbing*. ○ *This room will do (me) nicely, thank you*, ie It has all the comforts I need. **17** [I] (used with *advs*, or in questions after *how*) thangso, tuah: *She's doing very well at school*, ie Her work is good. ○ *How is the business doing?* ○ *Both mother and baby are doing well*, ie after the birth of the baby. ○ *Everything in the garden is doing* (ie growing) *splendidly*. ○ *She did well out of* (ie profited from) *the deal*. **18** [Tn] suang (rawl, etc): *Shall I do the casserole in the oven?* ○ *How would you like your steak done?* **19** (a) [Tn esp passive] (infml) buum: *I'm afraid you've been done!* ie you have paid a lot of money for an object of little value. (b) [Tn] (sl) long, fir, ru: *The gang did a warehouse and a supermarket*. **20** (sl) (a) [Tn] thawi, vua: *Say that again and I'll do you!* (b) [esp passive: Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (for sth)** kai, cawh (mawh ruangah): *He got done for speeding*. **21** (idm) **do as you would be done by** (saying) mah parah tuah seh ti duh vekin midang parah tuah ding. **be/have to do with sb/sth** pehpar aw: *'What do you want to see me about?'* *'It's to do with that letter you sent me.'* **have (got) something, nothing, a lot, etc to do with sb/sth** pehpar, tiding: *Her job has something to do with computers*. ○ *Hard work has a lot to do with* (ie has contributed greatly towards) *her success*. ○ *'How much do you earn?'* *'What's it got to do with you?'* ○ *We don't have very much to do with our neighbours*, ie don't meet them socially. **how do you do?** tonawk tiki cibai buknaq tong (na dam maw?). **it/that will never/won't do** lungawi lonak langter (na thleng a tul ti a khih): *This is the third time you've been late for work this week; it simply won't do, I'm afraid*. **nothing doing** (sl) diilmi pek sian lonak tong: *'Could you lend me £10?'* *'Nothing doing!'* **that does it** (infml) tuar thei nawn lo ding tinak: *That does it! I've had enough of your sarcasm. I'm leaving*. **that's done it** (infml) vansiati, thilpalh, tuahmawh siatnak ruangih tongmi thinhennak le lungsiatnak tongkam: *That's done it. We've run out of petrol. We'll never be in time for the train now*. **that will do** tawk seh! tuah nawn hlah, tinak: *That'll do, you two; you're getting far too noisy*. (For other idioms containing **do**, see entries for *ns, adjs*, etc, eg **do a bunk** ⇨ BUNK<sup>2</sup>; **easier said than done** ⇨ EASY.). **22** (phr v) **do away with sth** (infml) hlon, siatbal: *She thinks it's time we did away with the monarchy*. ○ *The death penalty has been done away with in many European countries*. **do away with oneself/sb** (infml) mah le mah that/mi that: *She tried to do away with herself*.

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**do sb/sth down** (infml) soisel: *He's always doing his friends down.* ○ *It has become fashionable to do down traditional moral values.*

**do for sb** (infml) inn hnatuan tuansak: *Old Mrs Green has done for us for over 20 years.* ○ *They can't afford a home help, so they have to do for themselves.*

**do for sb/sth** (usu passive) (infml) siatsuah, that: *Unless the government provides more cash, the steel industry is done for.* **do for sth** (infml) (used in questions with *how* and *what*) ngah thei, ti thei: *How/What did you do for coal during the miners' strike?* **do sth for sb/sth** (infml) hmuihmel thater: *That new hairstyle really does something/a lot for her.*

**do sb in** (infml) (a) that (mi pakhat khat): *She was so depressed she felt like doing herself in.* (b) = DO SB OVER. (c) tha baang nasa: *Come in and sit down - you look done in.* **do sth in** (infml) taksa hliam; siatsuah aw: *He did his back in lifting heavy furniture.*

**do sth out** (infml) thianfai, ret tha: *Your desk drawer needs doing out.* **do sb out of sth** (infml) kham, dawn ngah siang lo: *She was done out of her promotion.* **do sb over** (infml) siim tahrat ih napi'n thawi: *He was done over by a gang of thugs after a football match.* **do sth over** thiangter, ceimawi saal: *The paintwork is beginning to flake; it'll need doing over/to be done over soon.*

**do sth to sb** (infml) thin hengter/thin thoter: *Her voice really does something to me.* ○ *What have you done to your sister? She's very upset.*

**do sth to sth** pakhat khat cangter, tuah: *What have you done to the television? It's not working properly.* ○ *What on earth have you done to your hair?* eg *Why have you had it cut in that way?*

**do up** tem: *This skirt does up at the back.* **do oneself up** (infml) ceimawi aw (mah le mah). **do sth up** (a) angki, bawngbi sih, kilh: *He never bothers to do his jacket up.* ○ *She asked me to do up her dress for her at the back.* (b) fun (thilri): *She was carrying a parcel of books done up on brown paper.* (c) remsal (inn, a khan, etc): *If we decide to buy the cottage we'll have to do it up.* ○ *We're having the kitchen done up.*

**do with sth** (a) (used with *can* and *could* to express a need or desire for sth) tul, duh ti langternak ih hman a si: *You look as if you could do with (ie as if you need) a good night's sleep.* ○ *I could do with a stiff drink!* (b) (used in the negative with *can* and *could*) a si lo lam tong tiki hman a si: *I can't do with his insolence.* ○ *If there's one thing I can't do with, it's untidiness.*

**do sth with sb/sth** (used in questions with *what*) thu suhnak ah what thawn hmanmi a si: *What have you done with (ie Where have you put) my umbrella?* ○ *Tell me what you did with yourselves (ie how you passed the time) on Sunday.* ○ *What are we going to do with (ie How*

*are we going to use) the food left over from the party?* ○ *She doesn't know what to do with herself.* **do without (sb/sth)** (used esp with *can* and *could*) pakhat lo in tuah thei, ti thei: *He can't do without (the services of) a secretary.* ○ *If we can't afford a car, we'll just have to do without (one).* ○ *I could have done without being (ie I wish I hadn't been) woken up at 3 o'clock in the morning.*

□ **do it yourself** (abbr **DIY**) a thiamtu hlang loiha mahte thil tuah (sak, tuah, ceimawi, remsal): *She's very keen on do it yourself.* ○ [attrib] a *do-it-yourself shop.*

**do-gooder** n (infml) often derog thiltha tuahtu/ tuah zuamtu (thiam hnai lo).

**do**<sup>3</sup> /du:/ n (pl **dos** or **do's** /du:z/) **1** (Brit infml) nunnuam, puai: *I hear the Newtons are having a big do tonight.* **2** (Brit sl) bumnak, hrokhrawl: *If you ask me, the whole thing's a do.* **3** (idm) **do's and don'ts** /du:zən'dəunts/ thlun ding daan; tuah dingmi le tuah lo dingmi pawl: *If you want to lose weight, here are some do's and don'ts.* **fair do/dos/do's** ⇒ FAIR<sup>1</sup>.

**do**<sup>4</sup> = DOH.

**do** abbr (also symb “ ”) ditto, cumi thothon tinak a si.

**doc** /dɒk/ n (infml) doctor tinak.

**docile** /dəʊsəl; US 'dɒsl/ adj a ngammi; zirh olmi thu ngaimi (rannung, milai): *a docile child, dog, personality.*

▷ **docilely** /-saɪli; US -səli/ adv. **docility** /dəʊ'sɪləti/ n [U].

**dock**<sup>1</sup> /dɒk/ n **1** [C] lawng cawlhnak ih thilthum le thil thlak hmun, lawng rem hmun: *go into/be in dock* ○ [attrib] *dock workers.* **2 docks** [pl] lawng pawl an hrennak hmun — lawng cawlhnak hmun ta: *work at the docks.* **3** [C] (esp US) lawng cawlhnak ih thil thumna donhle; lawng sungih ihnak khan.

▷ **docker** n lawng ihsin thil suahtu le a sungih thil thlaktu.

□ **dockland** /-lənd/ n [U, C] lawng cawlhnak kiangkaw hmunram.

**dockyard** n lawng remnak hmun.

**dock**<sup>2</sup> /dɒk/ v **1** (a) [I] lawng a cawl (a hrennak hmunah). (b) lawng a cawlhnak ah an hruai. **2** (a) [I] vanparleng (space craft) an peh aw: *docking maneuvers/procedures.* (b) [Tn] (vanparleng) tlunvan ah an peh-aw, a zom-aw pawl.

**dock**<sup>3</sup> /dɒk/ n **1** thuthennak zung ih sual an puhmi tohmun: *the judge looked over to the prisoner in the dock.* **2** (idm) **put sb/be in the dock** sual puh: *This recent tragedy has put the manufacturers of the drug squarely in the dock.*

**dock**<sup>4</sup> /dɒk/ v **1** [Tn] (tilva mei) tantawi, tawite ih tan. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] ~ **sth (from/off sth)** rak zep sak, rak lak sak (lakha, rawl tivek): *They've docked my salary.* ○ *dock 15% from/off sb's*

- earnings ○ *They've docked me £20.*
- dock**<sup>5</sup> /dɒk/ *n* [U, C] hnah hlai hrampi phunkhat.  
**docket** /dɒkɪt/ *n* **1** (commerce) thil kuatmi, hnaʔuan thehmi cazin, catlep. **2** (US law) thu ʔhencat lai ding thuhla pawl.  
 ▷ **docket** *v* [Tn] (a) docket catlep parah ngan khum. (b) nganmi ca ben.
- doctor** /dɒktə(r)/ *n* (abbr **Dr**) **1** sibawi, dokʔa: *You'd better see a doctor about that cut.* ○ *Doctor Thompson.* **2** University (phunsang tlawng) ih dikari sang bik: *Doctor of Philosophy, Science, Letters, Law, etc.*  
 ▷ **doctor** *v* [Tn] **1** (infml) siivai thawn tuamhlawn: *doctor a cold, a child.* **2** til per. **3** (infml) ritthei thil rawi: *They doctored her fruit juice with vodka and she got very drunk.* **4** (infml) bum duh ah thil ziang maw rak thleng — a si lopi ah: *doctor the evidence, the accounts, a report.*  
**doctoral** /dɒktərəl/ *adj* [attrib] doctor dikari ngahnak lam: *a doctoral theses.*  
**doctorate** /dɒktərət/ *n* university ih dikari sang bik: *She's studying for her doctorate.*
- doctrinaire** /dɒktrɪneə(r)/ *adj* (derog) thil um dan zoh loin thurin pom hnget eu-eu: *doctrinaire attitudes, beliefs, criticisms.*
- doctrine** /dɒktrɪn/ *n* [C, U] thupom; thurin: *Catholic doctrines* ○ *Marxist doctrine* ○ *This is a matter of doctrine*, ie must be accepted as true.  
 ▷ **doctrinal** /dɒk'traɪnl/ *US* /dɒktrɪnl/ *adj* [attrib]: *doctrinal controversy* ○ (derog) *a rigidly doctrinal approach, response, upbringing.*
- document** /dɒkjʊmənt/ *n* thupipa nganmi ca, cabu, eg suah ni, thih ni, thit-um ni, tivek pawl nganmi ca, ca thupi: *the spy stole secret government documents.* ○ *study all the documents in a case*, ie one being heard in court ○ *legal documents*, eg deeds of property, wills, etc.  
 ▷ **document** /dɒkjʊment/ *v* [Tn] a si ngaingai, a dik ti ah ca thawn ngan: *Can you document these claims?* ○ *a badly-/well-documented report*, ie (not) supporting its statements by referring to evidence.
- documentation** /dɒkjʊmənt'eɪʃn/ *n* [U] **1** ngankhummi. **2** a si-ngai ti ih fiangtertut ca: *We haven't enough documentation to process your claim.*
- documentary** /dɒkjʊ'mentri/ *adj* [attrib] **1** ngankhummi: *documentary evidence, proof, sources.* **2** thuhla, cangvaihnak a simmi: *a documentary account of the Vietnam war* ○ *documentary films showing the lives of working people.*  
 ▷ **documentary** /dɒkjʊ'mentri/ *n* document thawn a pehparmi radio, TV, zuknung program: *a documentary on/about drug abuse.*
- dodder** /dɒdə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] (infml) ti kurhko ih feh (nat le tar ruangah): *He doddered down the street.* ○ *dodder along, about, around, etc.*  
 ▷ **dodderer** /dɒkjʊ'mentri/ *n* **1** (infml) feh kurhko. **2** (derog) tar (milai).  
**doddering** /dɒdərɪŋ/ (also **doddery**) /dɒdəri/ *adjs* thazang nei lo, cangʔha thei lo.
- doddle** /dɒdl/ *n* [sing] (infml) a olmi, tuah olmi hnaʔuan: *that hill's an absolute doddle (to climb).* ○ *It's no doddle being a teacher, you know.*
- dodge**<sup>1</sup> /dɒdʒ/ *v* **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn] hrial lohli; bawlung sit ih bum: *He dodged to left and right as the gunman opened fire.* ○ *she dodged round the corner.* ○ (fig) *I'll leave early so as to dodge the rush hour.* **2** [Tn, Tg] (infml) ti lo ding, tuah lo dingih hrial, kian: *dodge military service.* ○ *dodge awkward questions* ○ *He always manages to dodge doing the housework.*  
 ▷ **dodger** *n* (infml) tuah duh lohli hrialtu: *Make sure she pays her share — she's a bit of a dodger.*
- dodge**<sup>2</sup> /dɒdʒ/ *n* **1** (usu sing) hrial lohlinak, rak ʔhawn lohlinak: *make a sudden dodge to the right.* **2** (infml) hrial thiamnak: *a tax dodge* ○ *She's up to all the dodges*, ie knows and uses them all.
- dodgems** /dɒdʒəmz/ *n* [pl] (also **dodgem cars**) (Brit) elektrik mawʔawka fate (leh zuam-awknak ih hman mi): *have a go on the dodgems.*
- dodgy** /dɒdʒi/ *adj* (**dodgier, dodgiest**) (infml esp Brit) **1** thuphan rel thei: *He's a dodgy bloke — I wouldn't trust him an inch.* **2** a harmi; ʔih a nungmi: *Cycle across America? Sounds a bit dodgy to me.*
- dodo** /dɒdɒ/ *n* (pl ~s or ~es) **1** Mauritius ih um a zuang thei lomi va tumpi (tuisan ah a um nawn lo). **2** (idm) **dead as a/the dodo** ⇒ DEAD.
- doe** /dɒ/ *n* zukneng pi (a nu). Cf FAWN<sup>1</sup> **1**, HIND<sup>2</sup>, STAG<sup>1</sup>.
- DOE** /di: əʊ 'i:/ *abbr* (Brit) Department of the Environment.
- doer** /dʊə(r)/ *n* (approv) ruat le sim hnakin a takih thil tuahtu/titu: *We need more doers and fewer organizers.*
- does** ⇒ DO.
- doff** /dɒf; *US* dɒf/ *v* [Tn] (fml) lukhuh hlit. Cf DON<sup>2</sup>.
- dog**<sup>1</sup> /dɒg; *US* dɒg/ *n* **1** [C] (a) uico, ui. (b) ui pa, cinghnia pa. Cf BITCH **1**. (c) (infml) **the dogs** [pl] uico tlan zuamnak ih paisa thap: *I won £10 on the dogs.* **2** [C] (a) (preceded by an adj) (dated infml) rual, rualpi: *a sly, lucky, gay dog* ○ *You dirty* (ie dishonourable) *dog!* (b) (dated) misual, santlai lo: *He's a vile dog!* **3** [C] thil hrenkhohnak. **4** [C] = ANDIRON. **5** (idm) (a case of) **dog eat dog** zuam-awknak ʔhalo (a nehneh neh). **a dog in the manger** mah in tuah thei cuang lo, midang tuah siang fawn lo, nahsuah: [attrib] *a dog-in-the-manager attitude.* **a dog's breakfast/dinner** (infml) hnoksak, buaithlak: *He's made a real dog's breakfast of these accounts.* **dressed like a dog's dinner** ⇒ DRESS<sup>2</sup>. **every dog has his/its day** (saying) zokhal in vanʔat ni a nei. **give a dog a bad name (and hang him)** (saying) hmin a sia

zomi cu hmin thatter sal a ol nawn lo (mi in an thangsaiat dah ringring ruangah). **go to the dogs** (*infml*) santlai thahnem nawn lo ko ih thleng-awk: *This firm's gone to the dogs since you took over!* **a/the hair of the dog** ⇒ **HAIR**. **help a lame dog over a stile** ⇒ **HELP**<sup>1</sup>. **lead a dog's life**; **lead sb a dog's life** ⇒ **LEAD**<sup>3</sup>. **let sleeping dogs lie** ⇒ **SLEEP**<sup>2</sup>. **love me, love my dog** ⇒ **LOVE**<sup>2</sup>. **not have a dog's chance** caan tha ngah hrimhrim lo: *He hasn't a dog's chance of passing the exam.* **put on the dog** (*US sl*) titer aw. **rain cats and dogs** ⇒ **RAIN**<sup>2</sup>. **the tail wagging the dog** ⇒ **TAIL**. **teach an old dog new tricks** ⇒ **TEACH**. **top dog** ⇒ **TOP**<sup>1</sup>. **treat sb like dirt/a dog** ⇒ **TREAT**.

▷ **doggie** (also **doggy**) /dɒgi/; *US* 'dɒgi/ *n* (*infml*) nauhak ih uico an kawhnak.

□ **dog-biscuit** *n* uico eimi biskit sanghak.

**dogcart** *n* lengnih nei rangleng zaangte.

**dog-collar** *n* **1** uico hngawngkkih savun. **2** (*infml*) pastor pawl ih orhmi angki hngawng bial rang (a khohmi).

**dog-eared** *adj* (cabu hmantuk ruangah) a kil pawl a bilmi, lole a kir thehmi.

**dogfight** *n* **1** ralkap vanzamleng pakhat le pakhat naihte ih do-awk. **2** duhtawk ih sual-awk.

**doghouse** *n* **1** (*US*) uico inn. **2** (*idm*) **in the doghouse** ningzak, mualpho.

**dog-like** *adj* [usu attrib] uico vekin: *doglike devotion, fidelity, etc.*

**dog-leg** *n* hmun kel (golf lehnak hmunah).

**dog-paddle** (also **doggie-paddle**) *n* [U] ui tileuh daan. — *v* [I] ui tileuh ih leuh.

**the dog-star** *n* Sirius arsi.

**dog-tired** *adj* [usu pred] baang emem.

**dog-tooth** *n* (*architecture*) uihka vek (piramit vek) ih themmi lungto.

**dog-trot** *n* dimte in tlan.

**dog**<sup>2</sup> /dɒg/; *US* 'dɒg/ *v* (-**gg-**) [Tn] uico vekin naihte'n mi thlun, thlun ringring: *dog sb's footsteps* ○ (*fig*) *Her career was dogged by misfortune.*

**dog days** /dɒgdeɪz/; *US* 'dɒg/ kumkhat sungah thaw a sa bik (July le August) thla pawl, vulpi ni.

**doge** /dɒdz/ *n* hlanlai Venice le Genoa khua tla ih thuthentu lu bik.

**dogfish** /dɒgfɪʃ/; *US* 'dɒg-/ *n* (*pl* unchanged) *shark* nga phunkhat.

**dogged** /dɒgɪd/; *US* 'dɒgɪd/ *adj* [usu attrib] (*approv*) tuar fetfet; taimak suah: *a dogged defence of the city* ○ *Although he's less talented, he won by sheer dogged persistence.*

▷ **doggedly** *adv.* **doggedness** *n* [U].

**doggerel** /dɒgərəl/; *US* 'dɒgərəl/ *n* [U] hnihsuak um a ti hnuaiahnimi biaza.

**doggo** /dɒgəv/; *US* 'dɒg-/ *adj* (*idm*) **lie doggo** ⇒ **LIE**.

**doggone** /dɒgɒn/; *US* 'dɒgɒn/ *v* [Tn] (*US infml*) lung silonak langter ʔong: *Doggone it!* ○ *Well*

*I'll be doggoned!*

▷ **doggone** (also **doggoned**) *adj* [attrib], *adv* (thinheng, mangbang langternak ʔong): *I got another doggone traffic ticket.* ○ *Don't drive so doggoned fast!*

**doggie** /dɒgi/ *n* (*US*) nu nei lo cawfaa.

**dogma** /dɒgmə/; *US* 'dɒgmə/ *n* [C, U] thu, Kawhhran thurin: (*fig derog*) *political, social, economic, etc dogma*, ie ideas that are not expected to be questioned.

**dogmatic** /dɒgmætɪk/; *US* dɒg'mætɪk/ *adj* **1** zum dan vek a simi, el ʔul lomi: *dogmatic theology.* **2** (*derog*) zum dan uar, rin dan uar, thu le hla dang ruat ʔul lo, 'himi' cu a ʔha a si tiih zumnak, thu pakhat lawng zum thei: *a dogmatic in matters of taste.*

▷ **dogmatically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *state sth dogmatically.*

**dogmatism** /dɒgmætɪzəm/; *US* 'dɒgmætɪzəm/ *n* [U] (*derog*) thil dang ruat nawn lo ih pakhat lawng hi a ʔha ti ih thlunnak, zum dan hruai-awknak: *the dogmatism of some music critics, popular preachers, etc.*

▷ **dogmatist** /-mætɪst/ *n* (*derog*) zum dan thurin uartu, thluntu.

**dogmatize, -ise** /dɒgmətaɪz/; *US* 'dɒgmətaɪz/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (**about sth**) (*derog*) ruahnak pakhat lawng a ʔha bik ih ret: *You can't dogmatize about people's needs.*

**dogrose** /dɒgrəʊz/; *US* 'dɒg-/ *n* hawi tlar ih khomi rose kung.

**dogsbody** /dɒgzbɒdi/; *US* 'dɒg-/ *n* (*Brit*) ʔuan zuam lomi le ʔuanhar, midang hrangih ʔuantu.

**dog-watch** /dɒgwɒtʃ/; *US* 'dɒg-/ *n* (tangphaw-lawng sungah) nazi **2** dan ih kilvennak (4pm to 6pm, lole 6pm to 8pm).

**dogwood** /dɒgwud/; *US* 'dɒg/ *n* [U, C] pangpar kung niam phunkhat.

**doh** /dəʊ/ (also **do**) *n* (*music*) (*tonic sol-fa* ah) *major scale* ih a hmaisa bik le a pariatnak aw, lole, *note*.

**dolly** /dɒli/ *n* (also **doyley, doily**) pakan tawdan puan, cahnah.

**doings** /dɒɪŋz/ *n* (*infml*) **1** [pl] tuahmi, timi: *I've been hearing a lot about your doings.* **2** [C] (*pl* unchanged) (*Brit*) ʔulsammi thilri pawl: *Where's the doings for mending punctures?*

**dol** *abbr* (also symb \$) dollar(s).

**doldrums** /dɒldrəmz/ *n* **1** **the doldrums** [pl] Ikuaita kiangih thlihrang umlo hmun tipi thuanthum. **2** (*idm*) **in the doldrums** (a) thinlung siat ih um; ziang tuah zuam lonak: *He's been in the doldrums ever since she left him.* (b) ʔhangso lo, mah kel: *Despite these measures, the economy remains in the doldrums.*

**dole**<sup>1</sup> /dəʊl/ *v* (*phr v*) **dole sth out** (rawl, tangka) malte te'n zem: *allowances grudgingly doled out to the elderly.*

**dole**<sup>2</sup> /dəʊl/ *n* **the dole** [sing] (*Brit infml*) hnaʔuan nei lo pawl hnenih zarhtin pekmi tangka: *be/go on the dole*, ie register for/receive such payments.

**doleful** /ˈdɒləfl/ *adj* riahsia, ninghang: *a doleful face, manner, expression, etc.*

▷ **dolefully** /-fəli/ *adv.* **dolefulness** *n* [U].

**doll**<sup>1</sup> /dɒl/; *US* dɔ:l/ *n* **1** naute/nauhak lehnak upa, lole naute lem. **2** (*dated sl esp US*) nunau duhnung: *She's quite a doll!*

□ **doll's house** **1** naute lem inn; inn fate. **2** (*fig*) inn fate: *How do they all cram into that doll's house?*

**doll**<sup>2</sup> /dɒl/; *US* dɔ:l/ *v* (*infml*) (*phr v*) **doll sb/oneself up** ceimawi-aw, thazet in thuam-aw: *I'm going to get dolled up for the party.*

**dollar** /ˈdɒlə(r)/ *n* **1** [C] ( *symb \$*) *US, Canada* le Australia ram tla ih hmanmi tangka hmin: *Oil from these fields is priced in dollars.* **2** [C] dollar tangka fang/tangka ca: *Have you got any dollars?* **3 the dollar** [*sing*] (*finance*) dollar tangka manzat (*ram dangdang ah*): *The dollar closed two cents down.* **4** (*idm*) **bet one's bottom dollar** ⇒ **BET. (feel, look, etc) like a million dollars** (*infml*) cak zet, dam zet, mawi zet. **a/the sixty-four thousand dollar question** theih har zet thusuhnak: *Will we all survive until the year 2050? That's the sixty-four thousand dollar question.*

**dollop** /ˈdɒləp/ *n* (*infml*) a nemmi thil hlom, rawl tlang: *a dollop of cream, jam, mashed potato etc.*

**dolly** /ˈdɒli/; *US* ˈdɒli/ *n* **1** nauhak ih naute lem kawhnak. **2** (*cinema*) zuknak kemra retnak ke.

□ **dolly-bird** (also **dolly**) *n* (*Brit dated infml*) mawizet ih a thuam-aw mi fala fim lemlo ih ruatmi.

**dolmen** /ˈdɒlmən/ = CROMLECH.

**dolorous** /ˈdɒlərəs/; *US* ˈdɒlərəs/ *adj* [*usu attrib*] (*fml*) riahsiatza.

**dolour** (*US* **dolor**) /ˈdɒlə(r)/; *US* ˈdɒlər/ *n* [U, C] (*arch*) riahsiatnak.

**dolphin** /ˈdɒlfɪn/ *n* hnawifawp thei nga (*tipi sung um*). Cf PORPOISE.

**dolt** /dɒlt/ *n* (*derog*) mi-aa; mihmuk.

▷ **doltish** *adj* aa, fim lo.

**-dom** *suff* **1** (*with vs and adjs forming ns*) *verb* le *adj* thawn kom ih *noun* canternak: *boredom* ○ *freedom*. **2** (*with ns*) (**a**) *noun* thawn kom ih *compound noun* canternak: *dukedom* ○ *kingdom*. (**b**) a burin: *officialdom*.

**domain** /dəʊˈmeɪn/ *n* **1** cozah/lal ih uk ram: *trespass on the King's domain* ○ (*fig*) *The kitchen is my wife's domain; she doesn't like me going into it.* **2** ruahnak, ruah ban sung: (*in*) *the domain of political science* ○ *Military history is really outside my domain.*

**dome** /dəʊm/ *n* **1** innpawng, innkuum, cumkheng phaw vek inn: *the dome of St Paul's cathedral.* **2** thil kuum, thil pawng: *the dome of a hill, the night sky, a bald head.*

▷ **domed** *adj* [*usu attrib*] pawng liallimi: *a domed forehead.*

**Domesday Book** /ˈduːmzdeɪ buːk/ *n* the Domesday

**Book** England ram sung leiram neitu le a man khumnak cabu (*William the Conqueror* thu in kum 1086 ih tuahmi).

**domestic** /dəˈmestɪk/ *adj* [*usu attrib*] **1** inn lam a simi, innsungsang lam: *domestic water, gas, etc supplies* ○ *a domestic help*, ie a servant, esp a cleaner ○ *domestic bliss, unrest, upheavals, etc* ○ *She's very domestic*, ie prefers home life to going out, or is good at and likes cooking, housework, etc. **2** ramsung: *domestic trade, imports, production, etc* ○ *domestic flights*, ie to and from places within a country. **3** zuatmi (*sumhnam*).

▷ **domestic** *n* hnen-um. **domestically** /-klɪ/ *adv.*

□ **domestic science** = HOME ECONOMICS (*HOME*).

**domesticate** /dəˈmestɪkeɪt/ *v* [*Tn esp passive*] **1** inn um duh, inn hnațuan duh dingih tuah: *He's become quite domesticated since his marriage.* **2** inn ah zuat.

▷ **domestication** /dəˈmestɪˈkeɪʃn/ *n* [U].

**domesticity** /dəʊmeɪˈstɪsəti, dɒm-/ *n* [U] innsang nunkhawsak: *a scene of cosy domesticity.*

**domicile** /ˈdɒmɪsaɪl/ *n* (*fml or law*) mi pakhat ih umnak (*inn*).

▷ **domiciled** *adj* [*pred*] (*fml*) hmun khat ah kumkhua in a ummi, inn ah ummi: *be domiciled in Britain, London, etc.*

**domiciliary** /ˈdɒmɪˈsɪliəri/; *US* ˈdɒmɪˈsɪliəri/ *adj* [*pred*] (*fml*) mi pakhat ih inn ah: *a domiciliary visit*, eg by a doctor or priest.

**dominant**<sup>1</sup> /ˈdɒmɪnənt/ *adj* **1 ~ (in sth)** a thupi bik, a lang bik, mi a neh bik, thunei bik: *She's the dominant child in the group.* ○ *the dominant flavour in a dish* ○ *The castle stands in a dominant position above the town.* **2** (*biology*) pu le pa thii ihsin comi ci cak. Cf RECESSIVE.

▷ **dominance** /ˈdɒmɪnəns/ *n* [U] nehak, thupit biknak: *the absolute dominance of the governing party.*

**dominant**<sup>2</sup> /ˈdɒmɪnənt/ *n* **1** (*music*) scale pakhat sungih a panganak *note*, cuih parah *chord*, lole, *key* hram bunnak. **2** (*biology*) a thupi bik ci (*gene*).

**dominate** /ˈdɒmɪneɪt/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] (**a**) mi par ah thu nei, mi neh (*thinlung*): *He has authority, but he doesn't try to dominate (others).* ○ *She dominated the meeting by sheer force of character.* (**b**) thil/ milai thupi bik ah cang: *Price tends to dominate over other considerations.* ○ *My weekend was dominated by housework.* **2** [Tn] mi a khuh, a saannak bik ah a um: *The Acropolis dominates the city of Athens.*

▷ **domination** /ˈdɒmɪˈneɪʃn/ *n* [U] ukmi: *His defeat ended American domination of the sport.* ○ *under foreign domination.*

**domineer** /ˈdɒmɪˈniə(r)/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (*over sb*) (*derog*) mi khawng, duhduh ih mi fial: *He domineered, and the rest of us hated it.*

▷ **domineering** /ˈdɒmɪˈniəriŋ/ *adj* mi khawng

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duh, duhduh ih fial hman: *a domineering husband, manner, personality. domineeringly adv.*

**Dominican** /də'mɪnɪkən/ *adj* St Dominic ih din mi Pathian thusimtu pawlkom (order of Preachers).

▷ **Dominican** *n* Dominican sungtel pawl.

**dominion** /də'mɪnɪkən/ *n* **1** [U] ~ (over sb/sth) (*fml*) thu neihnak, uknak huham: *under foreign dominion* ○ *have/be given dominion over peoples, lives, etc.* **2** [C] mi pakhat, lole, acozah pakhat ih uk mi ram: *the vast dominions of the Chinese Empire.* **3** (often **Dominion**) [C] (formerly) mahte ukaw-mi British Commonwealth ram.

**domino** /də'mɪnəʊ/ (*pl* ~es) *n* (**a**) [C] phe ih hmanth thingpheng fate (28 a um). (**b**) **dominoes** [*sing v*] cumi thawn lek.

□ **domino effect** a thlun-awmi thilcang: *Employers fear a domino effect if the strike is successful, ie that there will be many other strikes as a result.*

**don** /dɒn/ *n* **1** (*Brit*) England ram Oxford, Cambridge college ih cazirhtu. **2** Spain tɔng hman milai hmin hmai ih bunmi tɔngfang (Mr ti ai a si): *Don Felipe.*

▷ **donnish** /dɒnɪʃ/ *adj* (*esp Brit*) don vek: *a donnish remark, manner, sense of humour, etc.*

**don<sup>2</sup>** /dɒn/ *v* (-nn-) [Tn] (*fml*) hruk (hnipuan, angki), mithmai keng: (*fig*) *He quickly donned a welcoming smile as his guests arrived.* Cf **DOFF**.

**donate** /dəʊneɪt/; US /dəʊneɪt/ *v* [Tn, Dn-pr] ~ **sth** (**to sb/sth**) a hlu pek, bomnak pek, thawh (tangka, thilri): *donate large sums to relief organizations.*

▷ **donation** /dəʊneɪʃn/ *n* (**a**) [C] a hlu bomnak, thawhmi: *a donation to/for Amnesty International.* (**b**) [U] peknak, hlutnak.

**done<sup>1</sup>** *pp* of **DO**.

**done<sup>2</sup>** /dʌn/ *adj* [*pred*] **1** hmin, cuu (rawl, hmeh): *The joint isn't quite done yet.* **2** (*infml*) cohlaan theih: *Smoking between courses simply isn't done.* **3** (idm) **be the done thing** cohlaan theih nunzia: *For most people it is still the done thing to get married. be/have done with sb/sth* tuah nawn lo, tel nawn lo, pawl lo: *Let's spend another half an hour painting and then have done with it. over and done with* theh kim: *Their relationship is over and done with. what is done cannot be undone* (*saying*) tuah cia mi cu tuah loh um saal a theih nawn lo.

▷ **done** *interj* 'ka cohlang' tinak tɔng: *'I'll give you £500 for the car.' 'Done!'*

**donjon** /dɒndʒən/ *n* khuahlan lai ih sakmi khawconnak inn sang zet (ral hruang sungah a um).

**Don Juan** /dɒn 'dʒu:ən/ *n* (*infml*) nunau ti thei zet, fala pham: *Despite his looks he's said to be something of a Don Juan.*

**donkey** /dɒŋki/ *n* (*pl* ~s) **1** laak (a fate phun). **2** mifim lo: *He's an absolute donkey.* **3** (idm) **donkey's years** (*Brit infml*) reipi: *It's donkey's years since we've seen each other.* ○ *The new motorway won't be ready for donkey's years. talk the hind legs off a donkey* ⇒ **TALK<sup>2</sup>**.

□ **donkey engine** inzin cet fate (lawng sungta).

**donkey jacket** hnaʔuannak ruahkor sahpi.

**donkey-work** *n* [U] hnaʔuan a harnak zawn: *Typical—we do the donkey-work and he takes the credit!*

**donor** /dəʊnə(r)/ *n* **1** hlutu, thawhtu, bomnak petu. **2** (*medical*) thisen hlutu, taksa hlutu (mina hrangah): *a blood donor* ○ *The heart transplant will take place as soon as a suitable donor can be found.* ○ [*attrib*] **donor organs.**

**Don Quixote** /dɒn 'kwɪksət/ *n* a cang thei lomi thil sang zetzet ruattu milai, zawnge-saduhtah neitu. Cf **QUIXOTIC**.

**don't** ⇒ **DO**.

**doodle** /dʊ:dl/ *v* [I, Ipr] zukmi ngai nei loh cahnah parih rin ciamco: *Stop doodling on my notebook!*

▷ **doodle** *n* rin hnuaiahni mi cahnah: *a page covered in doodle.*

**doom<sup>1</sup>** /du:m/ *n* [*sing*] (*rhet*) thihnak, siatnak, vanduinak maksak: *meet/go to one's doom* ○ *send a man to his doom.* **2** = **DOOMSDAY**. **3** (idm) **the crack of doom** ⇒ **CRACK<sup>1</sup>**. **a prophet of doom** ⇒ **PROPHET**.

**doom<sup>2</sup>** /du:m/ *v* [*esp passive: Tn, Tnpr, Cnt*] ~ **sb** (**to sth**) thiter, siatsuah: *The plan was doomed from the start.* ○ *Are whales doomed to extinction?* ○ *We loathe each other, yet we seem doomed constantly to meet.*

**doomsday** /du:mzdeɪ/ *n* [*sing*] **1** a neta bik Thuthen ni, leilung cemni. Cf **DOMESDAY BOOK**. **2** (idm) **till doomsday** leilung a cem hlan tiang, kumkhua in, rei ngaipi: *This work will take me till doomsday.*

**door** /dɔ:(r)/ *n* **1** (**a**) sangka, luhnak: *hinged/sliding/revolving doors* ○ *hammer on the door* ○ *open, shut, close, lock, bolt the door* ○ *the front/back door*, ie main door at the front/back of a house ○ *a four-door saloon car.* (**b**) = **DOORWAY**. **2** (idm) **at death's door** ⇒ **DEATH**. **behind closed doors** ⇒ **CLOSE<sup>4</sup>**. **by/through the back door** ⇒ **BACK<sup>2</sup>**.

**darken sb's door** ⇒ **DARKEN**. (**from**) **door to door** inn khat hnu in khat: *The journey takes about an hour; door to door.* ○ *He went from door to door, selling encyclopedias.* ○ [*attrib*] **a door-to-door salesman. the door to sth** luhnak, thlenthainak: *Our courses are the door to success in English. a foot in the door* ⇒ **FOOT<sup>1</sup>**. **keep the wolf from the door** ⇒ **WOLF**. **lay sth at sb's door** thil palh kha mi pakhat mawhpurter: *The blame for the disaster has been laid firmly at the company's door. leave the door open* ⇒ **LEAVE<sup>1</sup>**.

**lie at sb's door** ⇒ **LIE<sup>2</sup>**. **lock, etc the stable door**

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**after the horse has bolted** ⇒ STABLE<sup>2</sup>. **next door** (to sb/sth) inn sangtu, innhnen: *go next door to borrow some milk* ○ *They live next door to the library.* **next door to** zik te, leuleu: *I'm afraid it's next door to impossible that we'll be there on time.* (be) **on the door** (infml) sangka kil — ticket cek le tonak hmuhtu. **out of doors** pawnleng ah (inn sung si lo): *eat, sleep, walk, etc out of doors.* **show sb the door; show sb to the door** ⇒ SHOW<sup>2</sup>. **shut/slam the door in sb's face** bia duh lo, pehpar duh lo. **shut the door on sth** ⇒ SHUT. **two, three, etc doors along/away/down** inn kiangah: *Our other branch is just a few doors down the road.*  
 □ **doorbell** *n* inn sung kilingte (mileng ih tummi).  
**door-frame** *n* sangka tlang; sangka biang.  
**door-handle** *n* sangka kutkaih.  
**door-keeper** *n* = DOORMAN, sangka kiltu.  
**doorknob** *n* sangka kutkaih bote.  
**door-knocker** *n* = KNOCKER.  
**doorman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) sangka kiltu (US) = PORTER<sup>2</sup>: *Leave a message with the doorman.*  
**doormat** *n* 1 ke-hnawtnak puan (sangka kiang ih). 2 (fig infml) mi nautat thlaak ih umtu: *Stand up for yourself a bit—don't be such a doormat!*  
**doornail** *n* (idm) **dead as a doornail** ⇒ DEAD.  
**door-plate** *n* inn sung umtu hmin nganmi sangka parih thing tlep.  
**doorpost** *n* (idm) **deaf as a post/doorpost** ⇒ DEAF.  
**doorstep** *n* 1 sangka lam kailawn: *empty milk bottles on the doorstep.* 2 (idm) **on one's doorstep** naihet zet ah: *In our holiday villas you'll have both the beach and the mountains on your doorstep.*  
**doorstop** *n* sangka ong lo dingih khamtu, phar khawng lo dingih khamtu thil.  
**doorway** *n* sangka ong/zin: *standing in the doorway.*  
**dope** /dəʊp/ *n* 1 (a) [U] (sl) rittheinak siivai: [attrib] *a dope-addict.* (b) thazet tertu sii. 2 [C] (infml) mi fim lo, mi hmaw: *You've got the picture upside-down, you dope!* 3 [U] ~ (on sb/sth) (sl) simsinmi midang theih lemlomi thuhla: *I want the dope on his criminal connections.* 4 [U] thil nalhnak ih hmanmi thau hriak phunkhat.  
 ▷ **dope** *v* [Tn] (a) rit theihmi sii rawi sak, eiter (tlanzuam rang le milek pawl tivek). (b) (ti-rawl ah) cuvek rawi sak.  
**dopey** (also **dopy**) /dəʊpi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) 1 (infml) mitkuh: *I'm feeling really dopey this morning.* 2 (sl) mi fim lo.  
**Doric** /dɔːrɪk/ *US* 'dɔːr- *adj* (architecture) hlanlai Greek pawl ih sandaih saktuah dan phunnga. Cf CORINTHIAN 2, IONIC.  
**dorm** /dɔːm/ *n* (infml) **dormitory**, tlawngta pawl umnak inn.

**dormant** /dɔːmənt/ *adj* malte sung cangvai lo ih um: *a dormant volcano*, ie neither extinct nor erupting ○ *Many plants lie dormant throughout the winter*, ie alive but not growing. ○ *As soon as they met again his dormant love for her was rekindled.*  
**dormer** /ˈdɔːmə(r)/ (also **dormer-window**) *n* tukvirh phunkhat.  
**dormitory** /dɔːmɪtri/ *US* -tɔːri/ *n* 1 tlawngta pawl umnak inn kaupi (School, College, le University ih um). 2 (US) ihkhun pawl thawn a um thepthepmi tlawngta inn.  
 □ **dormitory town** (Brit) hnaʔuannak ih pok hmun inn.  
**dormouse** /dɔːmaʊs/ *n* (pl **dormice** /dɔːmaɪs/) caiciim (zinghnam fate).  
**dorsal** /ˈdɔːsl/ *adj* [attrib] (anatomy) rannung, zaang parih thil um: *the dorsal fin*, eg of a shark (a zaang parah a ʔeh a um). Cf VENTRAL.  
**dory**<sup>1</sup> /ˈdɔːri/ *n* (US) a taw a pheengmi vokkuang lawng.  
**dory**<sup>2</sup> *n* [C, U] (also **John Dory**) tipi nga phunkhat.  
**dosage** /ˈdɔːsɪdʒ/ *n* (usu sing) veikhat in dingmi zat sii: *Do not exceed the recommended dosage.*  
**do's and don'ts** ⇒ DO<sup>3</sup> 3.  
**dose** /dɔːs/ *n* 1 sii veikhat in, in khat: *give/administer the correct dose.* 2 daat vut: *a lethal dose of radiation.* 3 (fig infml) (a) a nuam lomi hmuhton: *a dose 'flu, boring conversation, bad weather* ○ *I can only stand her in small doses*, ie for a short time. (b) a nuammi thil: *What you need is a good dose of laughter.* 4 (sl) phacu, nu le pa pawl-awknak ihsin ngahmi natsia: *give sb/catch a dose.* 5 (idm) **like a dose of salts** (sl) a rang zet: *He gets through his pay like a dose of salts, and by Monday he's broke.*  
 ▷ **dose** *v* [Tn, Tn.pr] ~ **sb/oneself** (with sth) in-ding pek: *heavily dosed with pain-killing drugs.*  
**doss** /dɔːs/ *v* (phr v) **doss down** (Brit sl) it that ding in zau: *We dosed down on Tony's floor after the party.*  
 ▷ **dosser** *n* (Brit sl) inn nei lo, lamlak ih it meen, tawivak pawl.  
 □ **doss-house** *n* (Brit sl) man olte ih hlan theih tawivak pawl hrangih sakmi inn.  
**dossier** /ˈdɔːsiː/ *US* also 'dɔːsiə(r)/ *n* mi pakhat thu, thu pakhat, khummi ca.  
**dot** /dɔːt/ *n* 1 a bo: *Join the dots up to complete the drawing.* 2 cangan tikih hmanmi hminsinnak bo (eg t, i, j). 3 a bote vek, a fate zet: *The island was just a dot on the horizon.* ○ *I like just a dot of milk in my tea.* 4 (idm) **on the dot** (infml) a tikcu cekci: *He's very punctual—always arrives on the dot.* ○ *leave at 5 o'clock on the dot/on the dot of 5 o'clock.* **the year dot** ⇒ YEAR.  
 ▷ **dot** *v* (-tt-) 1 [Tn] a bo cuk (cahnah parah). 2 [esp passive: Tn.pr, Tn.p] hmun kipah um: *The sky was dotted with stars.* ○ *We've dotted a few*

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chairs about. **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Dn-n] (*infml*) thawi, vuak: *He dotted me in the eye.* ○ *Shut up or I'll dot you one!* **4** (idm) **dot one's/the i's and cross one's/the t's** tuah dingmi kimte'n tuah theh.

□ **dotted line 1** a bo tluan, a cuk tluan. **2** (idm) **sign on the dotted line** ⇒ SIGN<sup>2</sup>.

**dot matrix** (*computing*) computer sung ihsin cafang, nambat, tivek pawl thir zum tete thawn cukih nam suaknak cet: [attrib] a dot matrix printer.

**dotage** /dɔʊtɪdʒ/ *n* (idm) **in one's dotage** kum tar ruangih khawruah buainak.

**dote** /dɔʊt/ *v* [Ipr] ~ **on sb/sth** duat lutuk: *She dotes on her grandchildren.* ○ *I just dote on hot buttered scones!*

▷ **doting** *adj* [attrib] mi duat tuktu: *a doting husband, son, parent, etc.* **dotingly** *adv*.

**dotle** /dɔʊtl/ *n* [U] kuakpa, kuak lu sungih kang loih tangmi kuhsi.

**dotty** /dɔʊt/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) (*esp Brit infml*) **1** mi-aa, fim lo: *She was getting a bit dotty and could never be left alone.* ○ *Not another of your dotty ideas for making money!* **2 ~ about sb/sth** aatpi, duh tuk: *She's dotty about this latest boyfriend.*

▷ **dottiness** *n* [U].

**double**<sup>1</sup> /dʌbl/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** a let hnih: *a double helping* ○ *two double whiskies* ○ *the new bleach with double strength for killing germs.* **2** a bang-awmi thil pahnih: *Look, double yellow lines — you mustn't park here.* ○ *'I didn't do nothing' is a double negative, ie two negatives where only one is needed.* ○ *a double page advertisement* ○ *'otter' is spelt with a double t.* **3** pahnih hrang tuahmi: *a double room, garage, etc* ○ *a double wedding, ie of two couples.* **4** pahnih kop ceem thil, sinak: *a double meaning, purpose, aim, etc* ○ *the double advantage of being easy and cheap* ○ *She leads a double life, ie Her life has two different (perhaps sharply contrasting) aspects, eg being a police officer and a drug dealer.* **5** (of lowers) a um zat ding hnakin a tammi pangpar kawp tete. **6** (idm) **in double harness** lenpi thawn, nupi pasal thawn: *The brothers work in double harness.*

□ **double agent** khat lam, khat lam hrangih thuthup zingzoitu, mithling thlatu.

**double-bass** (also **bass**) *n* awniam bik le thum bik suah thei tingtang.

**double bed** mi pahnih it ihkhun. **double-bedded** *adj* [usu attrib] (of a hotel) mi pahnih it ihkhun um a khan..

**double bill** pakhat hnu pakhat hmuhmi zuknung, thuanthucawn tivek pahnih.

**double bind** vansanglam, laklawh zet.

**double bluff** fimkhur ih bumnak, eg na ral in a lo zum lo ding ti thei nacing ih thungai na simmi kha.

**double chin** khahnuai ih thauhlap, dortlai.

**double cream** (*Brit*) cawhnawi khirh thau.

**double date** (*esp US infml*) fala tlangval khuah hnih tonawk.

**double-dealer** *n* (*derog*) mibum. **double-dealing** *n* [U] (*derog*).

**double-decker** *n* **1** (*esp Brit*) mawṭawka (ṭhathnih nei). **2** (*esp US*) saphum pawngghmuk sang tlep khuahhnh ih thuan awmi.

**double Dutch** (*Brit infml*) theih thei lomi ṭong, lole nganmi: *This article's so full of jargon it's just double Dutch to me.*

**double entendre** /dubl ɑ:n'tandrə/ (*French*) a tican pahnih ih lak theih ṭongfang (pakhat ahcun zahmawh thu a telmi).

**double entry** (*commerce*) tangka ngahlam le suaklam cazin ngan dan.

**double figures** nambat 10 le a tlunlam, lole, 99 le a hnuai lam pawl: *The inflation rate is into double figures, ie above 10%.*

**double first** zirmi (subject) pahnih khi ṭum khat ah, lole kum a sangsang in a pakhatnak ngah mi hmat thawn degree ngahtu.

**double pneumonia** cuap a pahnih nat (namonia). **double standard** (ziaza thu ah) pawl khat pakhat lam ṭan: *He's got a double standard: it's all right for him to have affairs but not for her.*

**double take** khulfuung zet ih thungruul/sawn kir: *He did a double take when I said I was getting married.*

**double-talk** *n* [U] sim duhmi khi a si lolam vekih simmi thu, ziangkhal a si lomi thu: *He gave us no real reasons, just the usual politician's double-talk.* — *v* [I, Tn-pr]: *double-talk one's way out of trouble.*

**double-think** *n* [U] (*derog*) a dodal awmi thu pahnih khi a pahnih in rak cohlang.

**double time** lethnih pekmi thlahlawh—zungpit ni ih ṭuanman thawn pekmi lakha.

**double transitive verb** (*linguistics*) verb that takes an indirect object as well as a direct object, eg *offer* in *He offered me a job.*

**double**<sup>2</sup> /dʌbl/ *det* a let hnih: *His income is double hers.* ○ *He earns double what she does.* ○ *We need double the amount we have.*

**double**<sup>3</sup> /dʌbl/ *adv* a thuah in, a khuah in: *When I saw her and her twin sister I thought I was seeing double.* ○ *sleep double, ie two in a bed (for warmth, convenience, etc)* ○ *fold a blanket double.*

□ **double-barrelled** *adj* **1** zunphir (meithal). **2** (*Brit*) hmin pahnih pakhat ih kommi, eg *Day-Lewis.*

**double-book** *v* [I, Tn] vanzam, tlangleng tonak pakhat khi mi pakhat hnak tam in rak ham veve: *They'd double-booked our seats and we had to wait for the next plane.* ○ *They've double-booked me (ie my seat, etc) again!* **double-booking** *n* [U, C].

**double-breasted** *adj* kawt angki ṭaang thuahhnh nei.

**double-check** *v* [I, Tn] veihnih cekzoi: *double-check figures, arrangements.*

**double-check** *n* vei hnih ceknak tuah: *do a double-check on sth.*

**double-cross** *v* [Tn] (*derog*) bum. — *n*: *a double-cross that cost six lives.*

**double-dyed** *adj* (*attrib*) (*dated*) siava zet: *a double-dyed rogue, scoundrel, etc.*

**double-edged** *adj* **1** kap hnih hriam (naam). **2** (*fig*) a fiang lo, tican pahnih nei thei: *a double-edged argument, compliment, reply, etc.*

**double-faced** *adj* tluangtlam lo.

**double-glaze** *v* [Tn] thlalang thua hnih bun: *The house is double-glazed back and front.*

**double-glazing** *n* [U]: *have double-glazing installed.*

**double-jointed** *adj* [*usu pred*] dunglam le hmailam ih kawiter thei ruh-caang.

**double-park** *v* [I, Tn esp passive] a cawl ciami mawtawka cawlnak ih mawtawka dang cawl bet: *Hurry up! I'm double-parked and the warden's coming.*

**double-quick** *adj, adv* (*infml*) khulrang zet in.

**double-stop** *v* [I, Tn] (*music*)

**double**<sup>4</sup> /dʌbl/ *n* **1** [U] a zat let hnih: *He's paid double for the same job.* **2** [C] (**a**) a bang aw mi, milai thilri: *She's the double of her mother at the same age.* (**b**) tihnungza cawn ding um a thlengsungtu lemcawngtu. **3** [C] a um zat ding hnakin let hnih ih retmi zu: *Two Scotches, please — and make those doubles, will you?* **4** [C] rang tlanzuamnak ah hmakhat ah hmunhnhnh thap, cule a hmais a zuamnak ih tangka hlawkmi khi a neta zuamnak ih thap ah siarcih a si. **5** **doubles** [pl] (*tennis*) mi pahnih pahnih tang ih lehnak: *mixed doubles*, ie where each pair consists of a man and a woman. **6** **the double** [*sing*] (*sport*) a bangaw mi lehzuamnak hmun dangdang ah laksawng pahnih ngah: *She's going for the double this year, the Olympics and the World Championship.* **7** [C] phelehnak ah lethnih ih ret. **8** [C] (*in the game of darts*) a lengta rin sung khawh ngah—hmat 2 ngah. **9** (*idm*) **at the double** (**US on the double**) (*infml*) khulrang zet in: *The boss wants you — you'd better get upstairs at the double.* **double or quits** bakmi lethnih in pek, lole pek lo (*dana, ansa hlum thawn thu then*).

**double**<sup>5</sup> /dʌbl/ *v* **1** [I, Tn] let hnih ah a karh: *The price of houses has virtually doubled over the past few years.* ○ *If you double all the quantities in the recipe it'll be enough for eight people.* **2** [Tn, Tn.p] ~ **sth** (**up/over/across/back**) thua hnih ah bil (*puan*): *double a blanket (over) for extra warmth.* **3** [Tn] (*nautical*) leizum hel (*lawng thawn*). **4** [Ipr] ~ **as sth** (**a**) phun hnih ah hman theih: *When we have guests, the sofa doubles as an extra bed.* (**b**) thuanthucawn ah, mi pahnih cawng: *His main part is the ghost, but he doubles*

*as Fortinbras.* **5** [Tn] (*music*) pakhat ih sak mi/tum mi rak sak/tum ve: *In this passage the violins double the sopranos.* **6** [I] phelehnak ah sunmi ngah sal dingah lethnih in thap. **7** (*phr v*) **double back** dungkir, rinlopi ah: *The road ahead was flooded so we had to double back.* **double (sb) up** ruangpi ngawi/kawiter—hnihtuknak ah: *He doubled up with laughter, pain, anger, etc.* **double up (on sth/with sb)** (*infml*) a khuah in um: *We've only one room left: you'll have to double up with Peter.*

**doublet** /ˈdʌblɪt/ *n* **1** baan neilo korsah phun khat, thil bangawmi khuah khat. **2** a bang-aw thil pahnih lak ih pakhat, a hram a bang-awmi tɔng, eg *hospital/hostel*.

**doubly** /ˈdʌblɪ/ *adv* (*used before adjs*) **1** a let hnih in: *Make doubly sure that all the doors are locked, ie check twice.* **2** hmun hnih in: *She is doubly gifted: as a writer and as an artist.*

**doubt**<sup>1</sup> /daʊt/ *n* **1** [U, C] ~ (**about/as to sth**); ~ (**as to**) **whether...** lunghrinna: *There's some doubt about his suitability for the job.* ○ *There is (no) room for doubt.* ○ *I have grave doubts about her honesty.* ○ *She had her doubts (as to) whether he would come.* ○ *Although a very religious man, he is still troubled by occasional doubts.* **2** [U] ~ **about sth/that** lunghrinna: *There's not much doubt about it, ie It is almost certain.* ○ *I have no doubt that you will succeed.* **3** (*idm*) **beyond a/any doubt; beyond all (possible) doubt** lunghrin ding um lo: *She was beyond all doubt the finest ballerina of her day.* **give sb the benefit of the doubt** ⇒ **BENEFIT. in doubt** a singai hrih lo, relcat hrih lo: *Their acceptance of the contract is still in doubt.* ○ *If in doubt, don't, ie Don't act unless you're certain.* **no doubt** a si thei zetmi: *No doubt he means to help, but in fact he just gets in the way.* **without (a) doubt** a ngaingai in: *He is without doubt the cleverest student I've ever taught.*

**doubt**<sup>2</sup> /daʊt/ *v* [I, Tn, Tf] lunghrin, zumpa lo: *It is human to doubt.* ○ *Do you doubt my word (ie think I am not telling the truth)?* ○ *I don't doubt that he'll come, ie I'm sure he will.* ○ *I doubt whether he'll come.* ○ *I doubt if that was what he wanted.*

▷ **doubter** *n.*

□ **doubting Thomas** a fiangmi hmuh lo cun thu a zum thei lotu: *she's a bit of a doubting Thomas — she won't believe you're back till she sees you.*

**doubtful** /ˈdaʊtfl/ *adj* **1** [*usu pred*] ~ (**about sth/doing sth**) lunghrin um, zum um tuk lo: *feel doubtful about (the wisdom of) going/about whether to go or not.* **2** zum um lemlo: *The weather looks rather doubtful, ie unsettled.* ○ *a doubtful (ie unreliable) ally* ○ *It's a doubtful blessing, ie It may or may not be one.* **3** si lem lo dingmi: *It is extremely doubtful that anyone survived the explosion.* **4** [*attrib*] tluangtlam

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lemlo, zum um lemlo: a *doubtful character, neighbourhood, past*.

▷ **doubtfully** /-fəli/ *adv.*

**doubtless** /ˈdaʊtlɪs/ *adv* a si rorimi, lunghrinnak um lomi: *Doubtless he'll be bringing his guitar, as usual.*

**douche** /duːʃ/ *n* nau-inn kholh tiki bunmi thil kua nei.

▷ **douche** *v* [I, Tn] cumi thil hmangin tuamhlawm.

**dough** /dəʊ/ *n* [U] **1** tidai le sangphut cok rawimi sang hlom (rawh dingmi). **2** (sl) tangka.

▷ **doughy** *adj* sanghlom nem vekih nem: a *doughy complexion*.

□ **doughnut** *n* fau bangih tuahmi sang kio, daw-nat sang.

**doughty** /ˈdaʊti/ *adj* [usu attrib] (*arch or joc*) cak le ral̄ha: a *doughty warrior*.

**dour** /dʊə(r)/ *adj* mit heng, mit hmai thur zet: *dour looks* ○ a *dour silence*.

▷ **dourly** *adv.*

**douse** (also **dowse**) /daʊs/ *v* **1** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (in/with sth) bur/paih (tidai thawn): *douse the flames/a fire* ○ *As a joke, they doused him with a bucket of water.* **2** [Tn] mei vaang hmit, mitter.

**dove**<sup>1</sup> /dʌv/ *n* **1** laileeng, thuro (vate). **2** (fig) daihnak le remnak duhtu milai. Cf HAWK<sup>1</sup> **2**.

□ **dovecote** /ˈdʌvkɒt, US ˈdʌvkəʊt/ *n* **1** thuro, laileng inn. **2** (idm) **flutter the doves** ⇨ FLUTTER.

**dove**<sup>2</sup> (US) *pt* of DIVE<sup>1</sup>.

**dovetail** /ˈdʌvteɪl/ *n* thing-at pahnih peh-awknak, kaih dingin a kuar le a bo tuahmi.

▷ **dovetail** *v* **1** [Tn] kut ongzom vekih thing peh. **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) (with sth) (fig) hmunkhat ah bun rem: *My plans dovetailed nicely with hers.*

**dowager** /ˈdaʊədʒə(r)/ *n* **1** a pasal a thih ruangih a sinak, lole thilri ro a cotu nunau: [attrib] *the dowager duchess*. **2** (infml) upat mi nunau.

**dowdy** /ˈdaʊdi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) (*derog*) **1** mawi lo, san man lo (sinfen). **2** zoh mawi lo ih thuam-awtu.

▷ **dowdily** *adv.* **dowdiness** *n* [U].

**dowel** /daʊəl/ *n* thir, lole, thing khi tlawngkhen lu nei lo vekih an tuahmi—thing pehnak ih hmanmi.

**down**<sup>1</sup> /daʊn/ *adv part* (For special uses with many *vs*, see the *v* entries). **1** (a) suk ah, a sannak in a niamnak lam ah: *pull down a blind* ○ *fall, climb, jump, etc down* ○ *The sun went down below the horizon.* ○ *The ice-cream slipped down easily — it was cold and delicious.* (b) thlu, tlu, zau: *Knock sb down* ○ *go and lie down.* (c) (to) a niam ah: *sit, kneel, crouch, etc down* ○ *He bent down to pick up his gloves.* Cf UP 1a. **2** (thil umdaan le a hmun khih hmuhnak): *Mary is not down yet*, ie She is in bed or still in an upstairs

room. ○ *The level of unemployment is down.* ○ *We're two goals down already*, ie The other team has scored two goals and we have scored none. Cf UP 2. **3** (a) hlatpi ah (khawpi in khawte hlatpi ah): *move down from London to the country.* (b) (Brit) university tlawng ihsin a hlat ah a bikin Oxford le Cambridge tlawng ihsin: *going down at the end of the year.* (c) thlang suk lam ah: *living down south.* Cf UP 4. **4** (a zat le cangvaihna k a kiam tinak): *boil the liquid down* ○ *calm/quieten/settle down* ○ *The fire burnt down.* ○ *The noise was dying down.* ○ *The wine was watered down for the children.* ○ *The heels of these shoes are quite worn down.* **5** (a) ngan aw: *write it down* ○ *copy/note/put/take this down.* (b) cazin ah ngan bet: *Have you got me down for the team?* **6** ~ (to sb/sth) thok in...tiang: *Everyone played well, from the captain down.* ○ *Nobody was free from suspicion, from the head girl down to the youngest pupil.* **7** (a) (hman) theh: *After paying all the bills, I found myself £5 down.* (b) a tawn ih pekmi: *Pay me £50 down and the rest at the end of the month.* ○ *as a down payment.* **8** (used in measuring one's progress through a series of individual people, things, etc): *That's 10 down, another 5 candidates to see yet.* **9** (idm) **be down on sb** (infml) lungkim lonak hmuh: *she's terribly down on people who don't do things her way.* **be down to sb** rinsan: *It's down to you now to look after the family business.* **be down to sth** tangka malte lawng tang: *be down to one's last penny, pound, etc* ○ *I'm afraid I can't buy you a drink—I'm down to my last 50p.* **be/go down with sth** natnak ngah, dam lo: *Peter can't play tomorrow, he's (gone) down with flu.* **down and out** inn, lo, tangka nei lo: *He looked completely down and out.* ○ [attrib] *down-and-out homeless people.* **down below** innkhan tangta bik. **down stage (of sb/sth)** mipi naih bik (zatsin) lemcawnnak inn zial: *move down stage (of the other actors).* **down through sth** tluan in (kum tluan in): *Down through the years this town has seen many changes.* **down under** (infml) Australia ram ah: *Down under they speak their own kind of English.* **down with sb/sth** siat theh uh, bal theh uh, hlou uh! ti duhnak tɔng: *Down with the government!* ○ *Down with school uniforms!*

□ **down-and-out** a farah tukmi.

**down-to-earth** *adj* thil ti thei, fim: *He needs to marry a down-to-earth person who will organize his life for him.*

**down**<sup>2</sup> /daʊn/ *prep* **1** (a sannak in) a niamnak lam, suk lam: *the stone rolled down the hill.* ○ *Tears ran down her face.* ○ *Her hair hung down her back to her waist.* **2** suk zawn, fehnak hmai zawn: *There's a bridge a mile down the river from here.* **3** hmaizawn: *He lives just down the street.* ○ *Go down the road till you reach the traffic*

lights. **4** santluan in: *an exhibition of costumes down the ages*, ie from all periods of history.

**down**<sup>3</sup> /daʊn/ *v* [Tn] **1** leilung ah hlum, ril ko thong. **2** (infml) in theh (loh-li): *We downed our beer and left.* **3** (idm) **down tools** (Brit) **(a)** hnaʔuan baang: *As soon as the clock strikes five, they down tools and off they go.* **(b)** hnaʔuan ngol.

**down**<sup>4</sup> /daʊn/ *n* (idm) **have a down on sb/sth** (infml) ngaih lo, duh lo (milai): *She's got a down on me; I don't know why.* **ups and downs** ⇨ UP *n*.

**down**<sup>5</sup> /daʊn/ *n* [U] **1** ar, vate hmul nem: *pillows filled with down.* **2** neem: *The first down was beginning to appear to appear on the young boy's face.*

**downbeat** /daʊnbɪt/ *n* (music) bar khat sungih a hmaisa bik vuak, suk vuak (conductor ih kut a suklam ah a vuak laifang). Cf UPBEAT.

▷ **downbeat** *adj* (infml) **1** beidong. **2** thin dai.

**downcast** /daʊnkɑːst; US 'daʊnkæst/ *adj* **1** leisin bih (mit). **2** ninghang, riahsia: *He seemed very downcast at the news.*

**down draught** (US **down draft**) /daʊn draʊt; US draɛft/ *suk hnan ih hrangmi thli.*

**downer** /daʊnə(r)/ *n* (sl) **1** rit theih sii. Cf UPPER *n* **2**. **2** milai, thinsiatnak: *what a downer that guy is!*

**downfall** /'daʊnfɔːl/ *n* [sing] **1** tlaksiatnak, tluuknak (hnaʔuan, lennak ihsin): *Greed led to his downfall.* **2** tluuktertu, tlaksiat tertu: *His vanity was his downfall.*

**downgrade** /daʊngreɪd/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth** (from sth) (to sth) hnaʔuan/upa sinak thum sak: *She's been downgraded (from Principal) to deputy.* Cf UPGRADE.

**down-hearted** /daʊn'hɑːtɪd/ *adj* riahsia, thinlung siat: *don't be too down-hearted; things will get better.*

**downhill** /daʊn'hɪl/ *adv* **1** tlang suk lam ah, tlanghram lam ah. **2** (idm) **go downhill** tʊm suk (harhdam, thilri sumsaw neih lam ihsin): *This part of the town used to be fashionable, but it's starting to go downhill.*

▷ **downhill** *adj* **1** [attrib] suk lam: *a downhill race.* **2** (infml) a ol lam: *The difficult part is learning the new computer codes — after that it's all downhill.*

**Downing Street** /'daʊnɪŋ stri:t/ **(a)** Mirang (Britist) Prime Minister umnak London khawpi ih lamzin. **(b)** (fig) British cozah, vuan-ci-chuk: *Downing Street has so far refused to comment on these reports.*

**download** /daʊn'ləʊd/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] (computing) program, data, tivek pawl computer system tumpi sung ihsin a fate sungah thawn/thin.

**down-market** /daʊn 'maːkɪt/ *adj* farah nauta duhmi, lungkimmi, dawr. Cf UP-MARKET.

**downpour** /daʊnpɔː(r)/ *n* (usu sing) ruahtak (a suur hruak mi ruahtak): *be caught in a downpour.*

**downright** /daʊnraɪt/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a si rori,

famkim: *a downright lie* ○ *downright stupidity.* **2** fiangfai te'n, ding te'n.

▷ **downright** *adv* tuk, zet: *He wasn't just inconsiderate, he was downright rude.*

**downs** /daʊnz/ *n* [pl] **the downs** ram lawngpi, leiram lawng kaupi: *the North, South, Sussex, etc Downs.*

**Down's syndrome** /'daʊnz sɪndrəʊm/ (also **mongolism**) luruh peer, mit kaai le thluak kim lo ih suak naute.

**downstairs** /daʊn'steəz/ *adv* **1** kailawn tangta bikah: *He fell downstairs and broke his wrist.* **2** innhnuaia dot: *They're waiting for us downstairs.* Cf UPSTAIRS.

▷ **downstairs** *adj* [attrib]: *the downstairs toilet.* — *n* [sing v] inn tangta bik dot, leilung zawn inn dot: *The whole downstairs needs repainting.*

**downstream** /daʊn'strɪm/ *adv* tiva luan zawng in: *drift, float, etc downstream.* Cf UPSTREAM.

**downtown** /daʊn'taʊn/ *adv* (esp US) khawpi laifang, khawsung lam ah, khawlai lam ah: *go, move, live downtown* ○ [attrib] *downtown Manhattan.* Cf UPTOWN.

**downtrodden** /daʊntrɒdn/ *adj* namnuaimi, namnehmi: *downtrodden workers.*

**downward** /daʊnwəd/ *adj* [usu attrib] tanglam, thlanglam, suklam: *a downward movement, slope* ○ *a downward trend in prices* ○ (fig) *on the downward path*, ie getting worse.

▷ **downwards** (also **downward**) *adv* a niam lam ah: *She laid the picture face downward on the table.* ○ *The garden sloped gently downwards towards the river.* ⇨ Usage at FORWARD<sup>2</sup>.

**downy** /daʊni/ *adj* hmul thianthi.

**dowry** /daʊəri/ *n* [C, U] mo kenmi tangka le thilri, nupi man, pasal man.

**dowse**<sup>1</sup> = DOUSE.

**dowse**<sup>2</sup> /daʊz/ *v* [I, Ipr] ~ (for sth) Y pungsan fung hmangin lei sung um tidai hawl (tidai a nai tikah cui fung cu a thir (a hnin) ciamco).

▷ **dowser** *n* cumi tidai hawlto.

**doxology** /dɒk'sɒlədʒi/ *n* Pathian Thluasuah Thangthat hla.

**doyen** /dɔːən/ (US usu **dean** /diːn/) (fem **doyenne** /dɔː'en/) *n* pawlkom ih sungtel hmaisa, pawl hotu: *She founded the club and is now our doyenne.* ○ *the doyenne of the French Department.*

**doyley, doyle** = DOILY.

**doz** abbr dozen: 3 doz eggs.

**doze** /dəʊz/ *v* [I, Ip] **1** sing (mit kuh). **2** (phr v) **doze off** malte sung itthat hruak: *I dozed off during the film.*

▷ **doze** *n* (usu sing) sing: *I had a quick doze on the train.*

**dozen** /'dɒzn/ *n* (pl ~s or unchanged when counting sth) (abbr **doz**) **1** hleihnih, khuah-ruk (dazen): *Eggs are sold by the dozen.* ○ *They're 70p a dozen.* ○ *Pack them in dozens.* ○ [attrib] *Half a dozen* (ie 6) eggs, please. ○ *We need three*

dozen boxes. **2** (idm) **a baker's dozen** ⇒ BAKER. **one's daily dozen** ⇒ DAILY. **a dime a dozen** ⇒ DIME. **dozens of** (infml)ampi: *She's got dozens of boyfriends. talk, etc, nineteen to the dozen* òng ringring: *They were chatting away nineteen to the dozen. (it is) six of one and half a dozen of the other* pahnih lakah a khui hman a dang cuang lo: *I can't tell whether he or she is to blame — it's six of one and half a dozen of the other.*

**dozy** /'dɔ:zi/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** mit kuh: *I'm feeling a bit dozy this afternoon.* **2** (Brit infml) mi aa: *Come on, you dozy lot — use your heads!*

**DPhil** /di:'fɪl/ abbr Doctor of Philosophy: *have/be a DPhil in History* ○ *Hugh Benson DPhil.* Cf PhD.

**DPP** /di: pi: 'pi/ abbr (Brit) Director of Public Prosecutions.

**Dr** abbr **1** (academic or medial) Doctor: *Dr (Hames) Walker.* **2** (in street names) Drive: *21 Elm Dr.*

**dr** abbr **1** drachma(s): *dr 500.* **2** dram(s).

**drab** /dræb/ adj zangzelza, nin-um: *a drab evening, existence, personality* ○ *dressed in drab colours.*

▷ **drably** adv. **drabness** *n* [U].

**drachma** /'drækmə/ *n* (pl -mas or -mae /-mi:/) Greek tangka siar daan.

**Draconian** /drə'kəʊniən/ adj (fml) (daan) fektuk mi: *draconian measures, laws, policies, etc.*

**draft** <sup>1</sup> /dra:ft/; US dræft/ *n* **1** [C] ngan rem hrih lomi, a cian nganmi: *This is only the draft of my speech, but what do you think of it?* ○ [attrib] *a draft amendment, copy, version.* **2** (finance) (a) [C] baan (bank) ihsin tangka suahternak ca (bank draft): *a draft on an American bank.* (b) [U] bank draft thawn tangka pek. **3** [CGp] a hran ih hrihmi pawl: *We're sending a fresh draft of nurses to the worst hit area.* **4** the draft [sing] (US) = CALL-UP (CALL<sup>2</sup>). **5** [C] (US) = DRAUGHT.

□ **draft-card** *n* (US) ralkap luhternak ca.

□ **draft-dodger** *n* (US) ralkap òuan hrialtu.

**draft** <sup>2</sup> /dra:ft/; US dræft/ *v* **1** [Tn] a hran ih ngan, ngan sin (ca thupi ngan hmaisai), rem saal dingin: *draft a contract, parliamentary bill, treaty, etc* ○ *I'm still drafting the first chapter.* ○ *a badly drafted will.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] hrih (milai) hnaòuan hleice òuanter dingah: *Extra police are being drafted in to control the crowds.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into sth) (US) ralkap ah lak (hramhram in): *be drafted into the Army, Navy etc.*

▷ **drafttee** /dra:fti:; US ,dræfti:/ *n* (US) ralkap luhtermi.

**draftsman** /dra:ftsmən; US 'dræfts-/ *n* (pl -men) **1** ca/upadi ih òngfang hman dan zohfel le ngantu, pung suaitsu. **2** (US) = DRAUGHTSMAN.

**drafty** (US) = DRAUGHTY.

**drag** <sup>1</sup> /dræg/ *n* **1** [C] dirhmi thil. **2** [U] vanzam khulfung-tertu thil. Cf LIFT *n* 4. **3** [sing] (sl) mi nin-um: *Walking's a drag — let's take the car.* **4** [U] (sl) mipa ih hrukmi nunau thuam: *in drag*

○ [atrib] *a drag artiste.* **5** [C] (sl) a sau tuk nin-um (baisakup, zuksin pawl). **6** [sing] **a ~ on sb/sth** (infml) khulfung tertu: *She loves her family, but they're a drag on her career.*

▷ **dragster** /'drægstə(r)/ *n* khulrang tlan zuamnak mawtawka.

□ **drag-hunt** *n* leilungih dirhmi rimnei thil hawlnak.

**drag-net** *n* (a) ti taw (leilung) tiang a huih theitu suur. (b) (fig) palik pawl ih misual kaihan.

**drag race** mawtawka tlan zuam-aw. **drag racing.**

**drag** <sup>2</sup> /dræg/ *v* (-gg-) **1** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] dir ciamco: *The cat was dragging its broken leg.* ○ *We dragged the fallen tree clear of the road.* ○ *drag oneself along, home.* ⇒ PULL<sup>2</sup>. **2** [Ipr, Ip] khulfung zet in feh: *She always drags behind.* **3** [Tn-pr, Tn-p] (fig) hramhram in hruai: *I could hardly drag the children away (from the party).* ○ *She dragged herself out of bed, still half asleep.* **4** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] leilung parah hnuk: *Your coat's dragging in the mud.* ○ *The ship dragged her anchor during the storm, ie* The anchor did not stay in its place on the sea bottom. **5** [I, Ip] ~ (on) rei tuk (nin khop tiang): *The film dragged terribly.* ○ *How much longer is this going to drag on?* **6** [Tn] tiva tawne huih, thil hawl ah: *They dragged the canal for the missing child.* **7** (idm)

**drag one's feet/heels** khulfungter hrim: *I want to sell the house, but my husband's dragging his feet, ie* will not make a decision. **drag sb/sb's name through the mire/mud** hmaisong, ningzakter, hmai ah belmang thuh sak. **8** (phr v) **drag sb down** derthawmter, thinsiatte: *Hot weather always drags me down.* **drag sb down (to sth)** (infml) mi nauta ah umter, um zia niamter: *I'm afraid the children will all be dragged down to his level.* **drag sth in/into sth** thu pakhat rel lai ah thu dangpi rel, suahpi: *Must you drag politics into everything?* **drag sb into doing sth** duh lo nacing ih tuahter: *She had to be dragged into seeing the dentist.* **drag sth out** òul na loin sauter: *Let's not drag out this discussion; we've got to reach a decision.* **drag sth out (of sb)** duh na loin simter (thu): *drag a confession, fact, concession, etc out of sb.* **drag sb up** (Brit) òa te'n cawm daw lo ih faate nei. **drag sth up** a òul lomi thuhla suahpi: *She dragged up that incident just to embarrass me.*

**draggled** /'drægəld/ adj = BEDRAGGLED.

**dragoman** /'drægəmə/ *n* (pl ~s) òng lett (cakapian) le lam hmuhtu (hlanlai Middle East ram pawl ih).

**dragon** /'drægən/ *n* **1** rulhreng a kaa in mei a suah thei (thinlung ih suangtuahmi, thla le tin tla a neimi). **2** (fig derog) mi òihnung (a hleice in nunau): *The woman in charge of the accounts department is an absolute dragon!*

**dragon-fly** /'drægənfla/ *n* thla thuahhnh a nei

mi ruangsau fikfa; titeng.

**dragoon** /drə'gu:n/ *n* ralthuam keng thep thep rangto ralkap.

▷ **dragoon** *v* (phr *v*) **dragoon sb into doing sth** hramhram in tuahter: *We were dragooned into going to the opera.*

**drain**<sup>1</sup> /dreɪn/ **1** tidai bal fentu tler, lihong: *We had to call a plumber to unblock the drains.* **2** (US) = PLUG-HOLE. **3** (idm) **a drain on sb/sth** heutertu (sum le saw): *Military spending is a huge drain on the country's resources.* (go) **down the drain** (infml) heuter, cemlakter: *a single mistake and all that time and money would go down the drain.*

**laugh like a drain** ⇒ LAUGH.

□ **drain-pipe** *n* tidai bal thiartu thir/plastick tler. **drain-pipe trousers** (infml dated) a tet hngin mi bawngbi sau.

**drain**<sup>2</sup> /dreɪn/ **v** **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ (sth) (from sth); ~ (sth) (away/off) luang suak, suah: *All the blood drained from his face*, eg on hearing bad news. ○ *The bath-water slowly drained away.* ○ *The mechanic drained all the oil from the engine.* **2** [Tn, Cn-a] lawngter: *drain one's glass dry.* **3** [I, Tn] tidai cemter/tidai hriat: *Leave the dishes to drain.* ○ *drain swamps/marshes* ○ *Land must be well drained for some crops.* **4** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (of sth)** (fig) farahter, thazaang nauter: *feel drained of energy* ○ *a country drained of its manpower.* **5** (idm) **drink/drain sth to the dregs** ⇒ DREGS. **6** (phr *v*) **drain away** (fig) nuamte te'n cem vivo: *Her life was slowly draining away*, ie *She was dying.*

□ **draining-board** (US **drainboard**) *n* kholh cia pakan tla hul seh ti ih retnak kuang.

**drainage** /dreɪnɪdʒ/ *n* [U] **1** ti-hriat. **2** tihriat dan, ti luanter dan. **3** luantermi ti.

□ **drainage-basin** *n* tiva putnak hmunram.

**drake** /dreɪk/ *n* **1** rampai pa. Cf DUCK<sup>1</sup>. **2** (idm) **play ducks and drakes with sb** ⇒ DUCKS AND DRAKES (DUCK<sup>1</sup>).

**dram** /dræm/ *n* **1** (abbr **dr**) thil-a rih zat tahnak, 1 dram = 1/8 ounce, aungza ih 1/8 a ritmi. **2** (esp Scot) zu (wiski) malte kuam: *He's fond of his dram.*

**drama** /dra:mə/ *n* **1** (a) [C] thuanthu-cawn. (b) calai lam vekin, lole thuanthu-cawn vekin ropi zet ih cawng: *a masterpiece of Elizabethan drama* ○ (dated or fml) *lovers of the drama* ○ [attrib] *drama critic, school, student.* **2** [C] nunram ih pakhat hnu pakhat thilcangmi: *a real-life hospital drama.* **3** [U, C] thin thawhnak: *Her life was full of drama.* **4** (idm) **make a drama out of sth** thil ziang maw te thupi le tum zet ih canter: *he makes a drama out of a simple visit to the dentist.*

**dramatic** /drə'mætɪk/ *adj* **1** [attrib] thuanthucawn lam: *a dramatic society* ○ *a dramatic representation of a real event.* **2** thintho thei, theih nuam: *dramatic changes, developments,*

*news* ○ *her opening words were dramatic.*

▷ **dramatically** /-klɪ/ *adv*: *Her attitude changed dramatically.*

**dramatics** *n* [usu sing *v*] **1** thuanthu-cawn zir/ tuahmi: *amateur dramatics.* **2** (derog) ti luartuknak: *I've had enough of your dramatics.*

□ **dramatic irony** thuanthucawn zohtu pawl ih thinlung khennak.

**dramatis personae** /dræmətɪs pɜː'səʊnəɪ/ (fml) thuanthu-cawn ih teltu milai pawl.

**dramatist** /dræmətɪst/ *n* thuanthucawn ding thuhla ngantu.

**dramatize, -ise** /dræmətaɪz/ **v** **1** [Tn] thuanthu nganmi cawng in hmuh: *a dramatized documentary*, ie a play based on a report of real events. **2** [I, Tn] tam deuh in sim, peh deuh: *Don't believe everything she tells you; she tends to dramatize.* ○ *The affair was dramatized by the press.*

▷ **dramatization, -isation** /dræmətaɪzɪ'n/ *n* [U, C]: a TV dramatization of the trial.

**drank** *pt* of DRINK<sup>3</sup>.

**drape** /dreɪp/ **v** **1** (a) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth round/over sth** puan, kor bang (lu, liang tivek ah): *a fur coat draped round her shoulders* ○ *Dust-sheets were draped over the furniture.* (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/sth (in/with sth)** khuh, thuam: *Dracula appeared, draped in a huge cloak.* ○ *walls draped with tapestries.* **2** [Tn-pr] ~ **sth round/over sth** thlai: *She draped her arms around his neck.*

▷ **drape** *n* **1** [sing] puan zar. **2** [C] (US) = CURTAIN.

**draper** /dreɪpə(r)/ *n* (Brit) puan le sinfen zuartu/dawrtu.

**drapery** /dreɪpəri/ *n* **1** [U] (Brit) (US **dry goods**) puanthan zuar hnaʔuan, zualmi puan pawl: [attrib] *the drapery department.* **2** [C, U] puanzar.

**drastic** /dræstɪk/ *adj* [usu attrib] **1** nasa zet ih thilcang lohlimi: *Drastic measures will have to be taken to restore order.* **2** tuk lawmmam: *drastic shortage of food.*

▷ **drastically** /-klɪ/ *adv*.

**drat** /dræt/ *interj* (infml) thinheng tong: *Drat that child!*

▷ **dratted** *adj* [attrib] (infml): *This dratted pen won't work.*

**draught** /dro:ft/ (US **draft** /dræft/) *n* **1** [C] inn sung ih lutmi thli-dai: *Can you close the door? There's an awful draught in here.* ○ *As the train began to move a pleasant draught cooled us all down.* **2** [U, sing] (nautical) lawng hun langter (puan) theimi tidai thuk zat: *vessels of shallow draught.* **3** [C] veikhat in ih in theh, tohphir: *take a deep/long draught of beer* ○ *he emptied his glass at one draught.* ○ (fig) *He took a deep draught of air into his lungs.* **4** **draughts** [sing *v*] (Brit) (US **checkers**) kei-cangnak (king lehnak). **5** (idm) **on draught** pung, beel ihsin thlor: *winter ale on*

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draught.

▷ **draught** *adj* [attrib] served on draughts: *draught bitter, cider, lager, etc.*

□ **draught-board** (*Brit*) (*US checkerboard*) *n* kei cangnak cabuai.

**draughthorse** *n* tuankhung tuantermi rang (thil phur, leng dir). Cf **PACK-ANIMAL** (**PACK**<sup>1</sup>).

**draughtsman** /ˈdrɑːftsmən/ (*US draftsman* /ˈdræfts-/ *n* (*pl -men* /-mən/)) **1** thil ruangrai (pungsan) ngantu/suaitu. **2** hi tivek suai thiam: *I'm no draughtsman, I'm afraid*, ie no good at drawing. **3** (*Brit*) (*US checker*) kei leh tikih an thawn mi keilu.

**draughty** /ˈdrɑːfti/ (*US drafty* /ˈdræfti/) *adj* (*-ier, -iest*) thli lut tam, thli tam: *It's terribly draughty in here.*

▷ **draughtiness** *n* [U].

**draw**<sup>1</sup> /drɔː/ *n* **1** (*a*) (*usu sing*) ~ (*for sth*) camcawhfun, tiket, awngbali tiket tivek zuuk: *The draw for the raffle takes place on Saturday.* ○ *The draw for the second round of the European Cup.* (*b*) awngbali. Cf **RAFFLE**. **2** bang-aw, zo in khal neh lo (lehnak ah): *The match ended in a draw 2-2.* **3** (*usu sing*) mi hip thei thil, milai: *A live band is always a good draw at a party.* **4** kuak zuk/hlik. **5** (*idm*) **the luck of the draw** ⇒ **LUCK**. (*be*) **quick/slow on the draw** (*a*) meithal suah rang/fung (zunruk puak). (*b*) (*infml*) aancing ol/har: *He's a nice lad, but a bit slow on the draw.*

**draw**<sup>2</sup> /drɔː/ *v* (*pt drew* /druː/, *pp drawn* /drɔːn/) **1** [I, Tn] ngan, rin, zuk suai: *You draw beautifully.* ○ *She drew a house.* ○ *draw a diagram, plan, flow chart, etc* ○ (*fig*) *The report drew a grim picture of inefficiency and corruption.* **2** [Ipr, Ip] hmun khat lam ah feh; fuuk; pan; taan: *The train drew in/into the station.* ○ *The car drew slowly away from the kerb.* ○ *One horse drew further and further ahead.* ○ *A pilot boat drew alongside, ie next to a ship.* ○ (*fig*) *Christmas is drawing near.* ○ *His life was drawing peacefully to its close.* **3** (*a*) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] hnuuk, diir, zuuk: *She drew a cover over the typewriter.* ○ *I drew my chair up (to the table).* ○ *She drew me onto the balcony.* ○ *I tried to draw him aside, ie where I could talk to him privately.* (*b*) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] (leng) dir: *The Queen's coach was drawn by six horses.* ⇒ Usage at **PULL**<sup>2</sup>. (*c*) [Tn] sangka puanzar ong/thlek. **4** (*a*) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth out of/from sth**; ~ **sth out** dir suak: *draw a file from a drawer* ○ *I drew the record out of its sleeve.* ○ *Can you draw the cork out?* (*b*) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** long (nam, zunruk puak, etc) mi tawng dingin: *She drew a revolver on me.* ○ *He came towards me with a drawn sword.* **5** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** ngah, thei (siarmi, zirmi sungin): *What conclusions did you draw (from your study)?* ○ *draw a moral from a story* ○ *We can draw some lessons for the future (from this*

*accident).* **6** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb (about/on sth)** tam deuh sim dingin tuah: *She wouldn't be drawn about her private life* ○ *I wanted to hear about possible changes, but I couldn't draw them (on that).* **7** (*a*) [Tn-pr, Tn-p] phawt le zuk in hmun khat ihsin hmun dangah luanter: *the engine draws water along the pipe.* ○ *The diaphragm draws air into the lungs.* (*b*) [I] thli lut (mei tikmi ah): *The flue should draw better once it's been swept.* (*c*) [Ipr] ~ **at/on sth** fawp, zuk (kuak): *He drew thoughtfully on his pipe.* **8** (*a*) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (from sth)** khai: *draw water (from a well)* ○ *He drew off a pint of beer from the barrel.* (*b*) [Tn-pr] ~ **sth from sb/sth** (duhmi thil laak, ngah): *draw support, comfort, strength, etc from one's family* ○ *She drew inspiration from her childhood experiences.* ○ *We draw our readers from all classes of society.* (*c*) [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** bank ihsin tangka suah: *Can I draw £50 from my account?* (*d*) [Tn] ngah (tangka) thlahlawh: *It's good to be drawing a monthly salary again.* **9** [Tn, Tn-pr] (*a*) ~ **sb (to sth)** hiip (milai): *The film is drawing large audiences.* ○ *Her screams drew passers-by to the scene.* ○ *I felt drawn to this mysterious stranger.* ○ *What drew you to (ie made you study) medicine?* ○ *The course draws students from all over the country.* (*b*) ~ **sth (from sb)** suakter, suahpi: *draw tears, applause, laughter, etc* ○ *The idea has drawn much criticism from both sides.* ○ *The competition has drawn a large postbag.* **10** [Tn, Tn-pr] (*finance*) cheque lethmat in tangka suah: *The bill was drawn on an American bank.* **11** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (from sth)** ngah (bawng le van in/duhhiril si loin): *Before playing cards we drew for partners, ie decided who would partner whom by drawing cards.* ○ *draw the winner/the winning ticket (in a raffle, etc)* ○ *draw cards from a pack* ○ *draw lots, names from a hat, etc* ○ *Italy have been drawn to play Spain in the World Cup.* **12** [I, Tn] bang-aw, zo hman in neh lo (lehnak ah): *The two teams drew.* ○ *draw three-all/for first place* ○ *The match was drawn.* **13** [I] ciah (rong suak seh ti duh ah): *Let the tea draw (for three minutes).* **14** [Tn] (*nautical*) tipar ih lawng phuan thei dingah ti cuzat thuk a tul: *a ship drawing 20 feet.* **15** [Tn] (*dated*) haa thlong. **16** [Tn] sungiril suah. **17** [Tn] conkiang nawp (kap dingah). **18** [Tn] plastik tivek hri femte ah tuah. **19** (*idm*) **at daggers drawn** ⇒ **DAGGER**. **cast/draw lots** ⇒ **LOT**<sup>3</sup>. **draw an analogy, a comparison, a parallel, etc between sth and sth** thil pakhat le pakhat a bang-awknak, a bang-awknak lonak tahthim. **draw sb's attention to sth** thei seh ti ih tuah, theiher, hmuh: *She drew my attention to an error in the report.* **draw a bead (on sb/sth)** (*infml*) bih. **draw a blank** ngah lo, um lo: *I tried looking him up in the directory but I drew a blank, ie his name was*

not there. **draw blood** (a) thihnai suahter. (b) (fig) ningnater: *His wounding remarks clearly drew blood.* **draw breath** (a) thaw suah cawl lawk. (b) nung: *as kind a man as ever drew breath* ○ *You won't want for a friend as long as I draw breath.* **draw a distinction between sth and sth** thil pahnh an dan-awknak hmun. **draw sb's fire** mah le mah thinhengter, soi aw. **draw one's first/last breath** suak/thi. **draw in one's horns** rak tang, ralring: *You'll have to draw your horns in*, ie spend less money. **draw the line at sth/doing sth** tuah duh lo, zawi duh lo: *I don't mind helping, but I draw the line at doing everything myself.* ○ *A line has to be drawn somewhere—I can't go on lending you money.* **draw stumps** cricket leh cemter (thingbul tete phawt in). **draw sb's/sth's teeth/fangs** tihnung lo dingih tuah: *Critics fear the bill will have its teeth drawn before it becomes law.* **bring sth/come/draw to a close/end** ⇒ CLOSE<sup>5</sup>. **draw trumps** (phe kahnak ah) a dang pawl neh theh. **draw oneself up to one's full height** ding zet le a sang thei tawp in ding: *'Never!' she replied, drawing herself up to her full height.* **draw a veil over sth** thuhla sim loin fimkhur zet ih um: *I propose to draw a curtain over the appalling events that followed.* **20** (phr v) **draw back (from sth/doing sth)** tuah lo ih um saal, baang: *draw back from a declaration off from declaring war.* **draw in** ni a tawi deuh: *The days are drawing in.* **draw sb into sb/doing sth; draw sb in** telter ve (duh na loin): *I found myself being drawn into another dreary argument.* ○ *We organize various social activities, but not all the members want to be drawn in.* **draw on** a nai (tikcu, caan): *Night was drawing on.* **draw on/upon sth** hman: *We drew on her experience throughout the project.* ○ *I shall have to draw on my savings.* **draw sb on** leem: *they drew investors on with visions of instant wealth.* **draw out** ni a sau vivo. **draw sb out (about sth)** tong forh: *He's very shy and needs to be drawn out.* ○ *I drew the old man out about his war experiences.* **draw sth out** hnuter: *She drew the interview out to over an hour.* ○ *a long-drawn-out discussion.* **draw up** cawl, feh bang (mawtawka): *The taxi drew up outside the house.* **draw sb up** (usu passive) a tlarte'n/a sangsang in umter: *troops drawn up in ranks.* **draw sth up** ngan (lungkimnak, cazin). □ **drawstring** n dirhsau theihmi dip hri, tangka dip hri.

**drawback** /drɔːbæk/ n ~ (of/to doing sth) sambauak, that lonak: *the great drawback to living on a main road is the constant noise.*

**drawbridge** /drɔːbrɪdʒ/ n minung zawn nawn lo dingih hnukso (bil) theihmi lilawn: *lower/raise the drawbridge.*

**drawer** /drɔː(r)/ n 1 cabuai ansuai: *the middle drawer of my desk* ○ *clear out one's drawers.* **2**

/drɔːə(r)/ (a) (finance) check thawn tangka suahtu. (b) zuk suaitu: *I'm not a very good drawer.*

**drawers** /drɔːz/ n [pl] (dated) sungbruk bawngbi: *a pair of drawers.*

**drawing** /drɔːɪŋ/ n 1 [U] riinmi, ruangrai zuk, zuk (riin thawn): *classes in figure drawing.* **2** [C] riin zuk: *a collection of Italian drawings.*

□ **drawing-board** n 1 zuk suainak thing tlep. **2** (idm) (go) **back to the drawing-board** a thar in tawrlrel sal: *They've rejected our proposal, so it's back to the drawing-board, I'm afraid.*

**drawing-pin** (US thumb-tack) n cahnah bennak thimbo.

**drawing-room** /drɔːɪŋ rʊm, -ruːm/ n mileng khan. Cf LIVING ROOM.

**drawl** /drɔːl/ v [I, Tn, Tn-p] fung zet le paih cuca lo ih tong/sim: *drawl (out) one's words.*

▷ **drawl** n [sing] drawl ih simzia: *a broad Texan drawl.*

**drawn**<sup>1</sup> /drɔːn/ adj a baang zetmi (mit hmai): *She looked pale and drawn after weeks of sleepless nights.*

**drawn**<sup>2</sup> pp of DRAW<sup>2</sup>.

**dray** /dreɪ/ n thilrit phurhnak leng phun khat.

□ **dray-horse** n thilrit leng dirtu rang.

**dread** /dred/ n 1 [U, C] tihphannak, tihnnunnak: *He has always stood in dread of his father.* ○ *She has a dread of hospitals.* **2** [C] tihmi: *Poverty is many people's constant dread.*

▷ **dread** v [Tn, Tf, Tt, Tg, Tsg] tih zet: *dread illness/being ill* ○ *I dread that I may never see you again.* ○ *We all dread to think what will happen if the factory closes.* ○ *The moment I had been dreading had arrived.* **dreaded** adj tih zetmi: *the dreaded scourge of smallpox.*

**dreadful** /dredfʊl/ adj 1 [esp attrib] tihnung: *a dreadful accident, disease, nightmare* ○ *He has to live with the dreadful knowledge that he caused their deaths.* **2** (infml) tha lo, ning khop: *What dreadful weather!* ○ *a dreadful film, man, meal, country* ○ *The noise was dreadful.* **3** [attrib] (infml) (used intensively): *I'm afraid it's all a dreadful mistake.*

▷ **dreadfully** /-fəli/ adv 1 tihnung zetin: *dreadfully injured.* **2** (infml) tha lo zetin: *This article is dreadfully written.* **3** (infml) zet: *I'm afraid it's dreadfully late.*

**dreadfulness** n [U].

**dreadlocks** /dredləks/ n [pl] samphiar tampi (a bikin Rastafarians pawl ih hmanmi).

**dreadnought** /drednɔːt/ n Zabi 20 hrawng ih ralkap lawng.

**dream**<sup>1</sup> /driːm/ n 1 [C] mang, zanmang: *I have a recurrent dream that I've turned into an elephant.* ○ *Good night — sweet dreams!* **2** [sing] manglam vek: *be/live/go around in a (complete) dream.* **3** [C] mangman mi (saduh thah): *My son's dream is to be an astronaut.* ○ *the car holiday, home of*

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*your dreams* ○ *If I win the tournament, it will be a dream come true*, ie sth I wanted very much but did not expect to happen. **4** [sing] (infml) mi mawi, thil mawi: *Her new dress is an absolute dream.* ○ [attrib] a dream house, kitchen. **5** (idm) **a bad dream** mangsia vek, a nuam lo tuk ruangah a si ngaingai ti ih ruah theih lo: *You can't be leaving me — this is a bad dream!* **beyond one's wildest dreams** ⇒ WILD. **go, etc like a dream** (infml) manglam vek a simi thiltha: *My new car goes like a dream.*

▷ **dreamless** adj [usu attrib] mang nei lo (ihhmuh thaw).

**dreamlike** adj mang vek.

□ **dream-land** /-lənd/ n [U] (derog) a singai vekih saduhthat: *You must be in dream-land if you think he'll pay that much!*

**dream world** mah duh vekih cang hluahhlo dingih ruahnak.

**dream**<sup>2</sup> /dri:m/ v (pt, pp **dreamed** /dri:md/ or **dreamt** /dremt/) ⇒ Usage. **1** (a) [I] (mang) man: *She claims she never dreams.* (b) [Ipr, Tn, Tf] ~ (of sth/doing sth); ~ about sth/doing sth mang ah tong: *I dreamt about flying last night.* ○ *Was it real or did I dream it?* ○ *I dreamt (that) I could fly.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tf] ~ (of/about doing sth) siseh la ti ih ruat, saduh that: *I never promised to lend you my car: you must be dreaming!* ○ *He dreams of one day becoming a famous violinist.* ○ *Who'd have dreamt it? They're getting married!* ○ *I never dreamt (that) I'd see you again.* **3** (idm) **not dream of sth/doing sth** ziang ti thu khal ah tuah tum lo: *I should never have dreamt of saying such a thing.* ○ *I'd never dream of allowing my child to do that.* **4** (phr v) **dream sth away** tikcu a lakih heuter: *She dreamt her life away, never really achieving anything.* **dream on** (infml ironic) a si thei lomi ruahsan rero: *So you want a rise? Dream on!* **dream sth up** (infml) ruat (at thlak zetin): *Trust you to dream up a crazy scheme like this!*

▷ **dreamer** n **1** mangmantu, a cang thei lomi tuah tumtu. **2** (usu derog) (a) ti thei lo dingmi khawruattu, tawlreltu: *People who said we would go to the moon used to be called dreamers.* (b) kiangkap thuhla thei loih um mentu: *don't rely on his memory — he's a bit of a dreamer.*

NOTE ON USAGE: Several verbs have alternative regular and irregular past tense and past participle forms: **dream, dreamed/dreamt; spoil, spoiled/spoilt.** In British English the irregular form (**dreamt, spoilt, etc**) is preferred. The regular past tense is more often used when it describes an action that lasts some time: *He learnt his lesson.* ○ *She learned a lot about life from her mother.* ○ *He leant against the post and it broke.* ○ *He leaned out of the window watching the parade.* In US English there is a preference

for the regular past tense and past participle forms (**dreamed, spoiled, etc**). In both British and US English the irregular form of the past participle is found in adjectival uses: *a spoilt child* ○ *spilt milk* ○ *a misspelt word.*

**dreamy** /dri:mi/ adj (-ier, -iest) **1** thudang rak ruat rero, mangman rero. **2** manglam vekih theihmi: *a dreamy reflection of what happened.* **3** (infml) ngaih nuam : *dreamy music!* **4** mangbangza: *What a dreamy little house!*

▷ **dreamily** /-li/ adv. **dreaminess** n [U].

**dreary** /driəri/ (also arch **drear** /driə(r)/) adj (-ier, -iest) **1** ninghanza, riahasiatza: *a dreary winter day.* **2** (infml) nin-um: *dreary people leading dreary lives.*

▷ **drearily** adv. **dreariness** n [U].

**dredge**<sup>1</sup> /dredz/ (also **dredger**) n tiva tawne ih leibek khorhtu, leektu ceet.

▷ **dredge v 1** [Tn] leek, huat: *They have to dredge the canal so that ships can use it.* **2** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sth (up) (from sth)** leek suak: *dredge for oysters* ○ *We're dredging (up) (usu derog) thu tha lo khoih suak: dredge up details of that episode in Cairo.* **dredger** (also **dredge**) n lehnak cet, lawng.

**dredge**<sup>2</sup> /dredz/ v [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **A (with B)**; ~ **over/on A** phulh (cite, cithlum, rawl etc): *dredge a cake with icing sugar* ○ *dredge icing sugar over a cake.*

▷ **dredger** n cite phulhnak dawng (a ong tete ummi).

**dregs** /dregz/ n [pl] **1** a ti-mi sungih pil thil khal. **2** (fig) a sia bik umnak: *the dregs of society.* **3** (idm) **drink/drain sth to the dregs** in thluh (thil ziangmaw).

**drench** /drentʃ/ v [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] **1** ciin, ciar: *We were caught in the storm and got drenched (through/to the skin).* ○ *be drenched with rain.* **2** ~ **sb/sth (in/with sth)** ciarter, cinter: *drench oneself in perfume.* ○ *The poster wouldn't stick even though I drenched it with glue.*

▷ **drenching** n ciar neknek.

**dress**<sup>1</sup> /dres/ n **1** [C] nunau sinfen, hni-angki a peh-awmi: *She makes all her own dresses.* **2** [U] thumthil, nunau mipa ta: *casual/formal dress* ○ *evening dress.*

□ **dress-circle** n (Brit) (US **first balcony**) baisakup zungih a manhar bik tohmun (zanlam hnipuan hruk a tul). Cf MEZZANINE.

**dressmaker** n nunau sinfen tuahtu nu. **dressmaking** n [U].

**dress rehearsal** **1** thil thum thawn neta bik tuahsinnak (thuanthucawn ah). **2** (fig) tuahsinnak: *The earlier revolts had just been dress rehearsals for full scale revolution.*

**dress-shirt** n zanriah ei tikih hmanmi jacket kor leng thawn hrukmi siat angki.

**dress uniform** puai ih hrukmi ralbawi thum.

**dress**<sup>2</sup>/dres/v 1 [I, Tn] thuam-aw, hnipuan huk: *He takes ages to dress.* ○ *Hurry up and get dressed!* ○ *Is she old enough to dress herself yet?* ○ *He was dressed as a woman*, ie wearing a woman's clothes. ○ *a woman dressed in green.* **2** [I, Ipr] zanlam thilthuam huk: *Do I need to dress for the theatre?* **3** [I, Tn] hnipuan leisak, hnipuan thuamsak: *dress, well, badly, fashionably, gaudily, etc* ○ *She can hardly dress her children on the allowance he gives designer.* **4** [Tn] ceimawi: *dress a shop window*, ie arrange a display of goods in it ○ *dress a street with flags* ○ *dress a Christmas tree with lights.* **5** [Tn] hma buah ih tuam. **6** [Tn] a lenglam nalh: *dress leather, stone, etc.* **7** [Tn] ei/suan dingah (rawl) tuah: *dress a chicken*, ie clean it ready for cooking ○ *dress a salad*, ie add a dressing to it before serving. **8** [Tn] rang khi brash thawm hnawt. **9** [I, Tn] ralkap tla artlang in dingter: *dress the ranks.* **10** (idm) (**be**) **dressed in sth** a huk (thilthuam): *The bride was dressed in white.* (**be**) **dressed like a dog's dinner** (infml) mawi zet in thuam-aw. (**be**) **dressed (up) to kill** (infml) midang mipa/nunau hip dingih thuam-aw. (**be**) **dressed up to the nines** thupi/ropi zet in thuam-aw. **mutton dressed as lamb** ⇒ MUTTON. **11** (phr v) **dress sb down** kaw, to. **dress up** ceimawi awk, hnipuan tha bik huk: *Don't bother to dress up — come as you are.* **dress (sb) up (in sth/as sb/sth)** duhzawng ih thuam-aw: *children love dressing up.* ○ *dress (up) as a fairy, bandit, pirate, etc* ○ *They were dressed up in Victorian clothes.* **dress sth up** (fig) thatter deuh: *The facts are quite clear; it's no use trying to dress them up.* ○ *rumours dressed up as hard news.* □ **dressing down** n to nasa, kaw nasa: *give sb/ get a (good) dressing down.*

**dressage**<sup>1</sup>/dresə:z/ n [U] (a) (thil phunphun tuah dingah) rang hrem/zirh. (b) rang khi a phunphun tuahter (zuam-awknak ah).

**dresser**<sup>1</sup>/dresə(r)/ n (used with an adj) **1** nal zet ih thuam-awtu: *a smart, scruffy, snappy, etc dresser.* **2** thuanthucawn hmun ih thilthuam—thuamsaktu. **3** (medical) hma buahtu; mi rai lai ih sibawi rak bawmtu.

**dresser**<sup>2</sup>/dresə(r)/ n **1** (esp Brit) khukheng retnak tiriil. **2** (US) thlalang khuh nei ansuai.

**dressing**<sup>1</sup>/dresɪŋ/ n **1** [U] thuam-aw: *Dressing always takes her such a long time.* **2** [C, U] hmatuamnak pat puansau le sii ti tivek: *apply, change a dressing.* **3** [C, U] hmehti, sawhti: *salad dressing.* **4** [U] (US) = STUFFING. □ **dressing-gown** n (US usu **bathrobe, robe**) inn sung huk korfual.

**dressing-room** n thuam thleng-awknak innndan (a bikin lemawng pawl thuam thlengnak).

**dressing-table** n ceimawi hmun cabuai (thlalang thawm).

**dressy**<sup>1</sup>/dresi/ adj (**-ier, -iest**) (infml) **1** hnipuan

uar tuk milai: *They're a very dressy couple.* **2** thilthuam tha (puai zawhnak tha sinfen): *You can't wear that to the reception — it's not dressy enough.*

**drew** pt of DRAW<sup>2</sup>.

**dribble**<sup>1</sup>/dribl/ v **1** [I, Ipr] cilri for: *The baby's just dribbled down my tie.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr] thil ti for khat tete ih for: *water dribbling out (of a tap)* ○ *Dribble the oil into the beaten egg yolks.* **3** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] bawlung leilung ah beng phah ih fehpi: *He dribbled (the ball) past the goalie to score.*

▷ **dribble** n (usu sing) **1** for keuhko: *a thin dribble of oil.* **2** bawlung leilung ah beng phah in fehpi. **3** mal zet ih a formi: *There's only a dribble of coffee left, I'm afraid.*

**dribblet**<sup>1</sup>/driblit/ n malte: *in dribblets*, ie malte in.

**dribs**<sup>1</sup>/dribz/ n [pl] (idm) **in dribs and drabs** (infml) malte te in: *She paid me in dribs and drabs, not all at once.*

**dried** pt, pp of DRY<sup>2</sup>.

**drift**<sup>1</sup>/drift/ n **1** [U] thawm-awk: *The drift of the tide, current, wind, etc.* **2** [C] (fig) tha lo lam ih a thawm vivo/a feh vivonak: *a slow drift into debt, war, crisis, etc.* **3** [U] khulfungter himnak, hngakhimnak: *Is the government's policy one of drift?* **4** [sing] a tican tlaangpi: *My German isn't very good, but I got the general drift of what she said.* **5** [C] hmun khat ih penkhawmmi vur, tikhal hnawmhne tivek thil tompi pawl: *deep snow drifts.* **6** [U] vur tiva ih taantaak mi, lungtiak, lungtum le leilung pawl. **7** [U] = DRIFTAGE.

▷ **driftage**<sup>1</sup>/-idz/ n [U] fehnak ding zin (lawng zin) ihsin pialnak.

**drift**<sup>2</sup>/drift/ v **1** [I, Ipr, Ip] fen vivo (thli, tidai in): *We switched off the motor and started to drift (along).* ○ *The boat drifted down the river.* **2** [I, Ipr, Ip] thlihrang ih a penkhawmmi (vur, vunnel, tivek pawl): *Some roads are closed owing to drifting.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] fen; thilhrang ih fen: *The logs are drifted downstream to the mill.* ○ *The wind drifted the snow into a high bank, blocking the road.* **4** [I, Ipr, Ip] thawm: *The crowds drifted away from the stadium.* ○ *She finally drifted in two hours after everyone else.* ○ (fig) *He doesn't want a career, he's just drifting.* ○ *They used to be friends, but now they've drifted apart.*

▷ **drifter** n **1** (usu derog) tumtah nei lo (milai), mi vak-lak: *He's just a drifter — he can't settle down anywhere.* **2** surpi thawm a thuam-awmi ngakai lawng.

□ **drift-ice** n [U] ti ih fen mi tikhal.

**drift-net** n tipi nga kaihnak surpi (tilet ih a fen vivomi) tikhal.

**drift-wood** n [U] ti ih fen mi thingtum.

**drill**<sup>1</sup>/dril/ n **luanbu**, thil-vihnak vokzang: *a dentist's drill* ○ *a pneumatic drill.* Cf BIT<sup>2</sup> **2**.

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▷ **drill** *v* [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] kua vit (a bik in luanbu thawn virh): *drill for oil* ○ *They're drilling a new tunnel under the Thames.*

**drill**<sup>2</sup> /dril/ *n* **1** [U] ralthuang tuah: *New recruits have three hours of drill a day.* **2** (a) [U] poipeng tikih umtlan ding dan: *regular drill to establish good habits.* (b) [C] zirhnak: *pronunciation drills.* **3** (a) [U] poipeng tikih cangvaih ding dan (lawng thawn): *lifeboat drill.* (b) [C] cumi a thei maw ti tuahsinnak: *There'll be a fire-drill this morning.* **4** the drill [sing] (Brit infml) a dikmi thil pakhat khat tuah dan: *What's the drill for claiming expenses?* ○ *learn, know, teach sb the drill.*

▷ **drill** *v* [I, Tn] thuangtuahter, zirter: *The well-drilled crew managed to rescue most of the passengers.*

**drill**<sup>3</sup> /dril/ *n* **1** rawl cimu riin khur. **2** rawl cimu rin khur laih le a silhtu ceet. **3** cuti ih cinmi cimu.

▷ **drill** *v* [Tn] rintluan khur sungah cimu ciing.

**drill**<sup>4</sup> /dril/ *n* [U] pat-puan sah.

**drill**<sup>5</sup> /dril/ *n* Africa zawng tumpi.

**drily** = DRYLY (DRY<sup>1</sup>).

**drink**<sup>1</sup> /drɪŋk/ *n* **1** (a) [U, C] in tha (a ti): *food and drink* ○ *fizzy drinks.* (b) [C] in zat: *a drink of water.* **2** (a) [U] zu: *Isn't there any drink in the house?* (b) [C] in zo zat: *How about a quick drink?* ○ *Drinks are on me, ie I will pay for them.* ○ *He's had one drink too many, ie He is slightly drunk.* **3** [U] zu tamtuk in hman: *Drink is a growing problem among the young.* ○ *take to drink because of domestic problems.* **4** the drink [sing] (sl) tipi-thuanthum: *We crash-landed in the drink.* **5** (idm) be the worse for drink zuri. the demon drink ⇒ DEMON. drive sb to drink ⇒ DRIVE<sup>1</sup>. meat and drink to sb ⇒ MEAT.

**drink**<sup>2</sup> /drɪŋk/ *v* (pt drank /dræŋk/, pp drunk /drʌŋk/) **1** [I, Tn] in (a ti): *Some horses were drinking at a trough.* ○ *He drank a pint of milk in one go.* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ sth (in/up) dawp, hawp (tidai). **3** [I] zu in: *He never drinks.* ○ *They drink too much.* ○ *Don't drink and drive!* **4** [Tn-pr, Cn-a] zu tam in: *You're drinking yourself to death.* ○ (infml) *They drank themselves stupid.* **5** (idm) drink/drain sth to the dregs ⇒ DREGS. drink sb's health/drink a health to sb (fml) zuhai khawng-awter ih duhsakmi langter. drink like a fish (infml) zu tamtuk in. drink sb under the table (infml) midang hnakin tamsawn zu in na'n ri cuang lo. you can take, etc a horse to water, but you can't make him drink ⇒ HORSE; rang khi tidai tulh dingah na hruai thei na'n, tidai na inter thei lo. **6** (phr v) drink sth down/up a taang mi hmuah in thluh: *I know the medicine tastes nasty, but drink it down.* ○ (Brit) drinking-up time, ie time allowed for finishing drinks before a public house closes. drink sth in duh zet in ngai: *They stood drinking in the*

*beauty of the landscape.* drink (sth) to sb/sth pakhat khat in phah in mi thlaza cam sak; zuhai khawng-awter ih duhsakmi langter: *drink to sb's health, happiness, prosperity, etc* ○ *Let's drink to the success of your plans.* ○ *I'll drink to that!* ie ka lung a kim.

▷ **drinkable** *adj* in tlak, in theih: *Is this water drinkable?* ○ (fig) a drinkable (ie pleasant but not particularly good) wine.

**drinker** *n* zu in tam, zupham: a terrible/heavy/hardened drinker.

**drinking** *n* [U] zu in: *Drinking is known to be harmful.* ○ [attrib] a drinking-bout.

□ **drinking-fountain** *n* zapi in dingih tuahmi tipuut.

**drinking-song** *n* zu innak ih sakmi hla, zu-in hla.

**drinking-water** *n* [U] in-ti.

**drip**<sup>1</sup> /drɪp/ *v* (-pp-) **1** [Ipr, Ip] a for (tidai, etc): *Rain was dripping (down) from the trees.* **2** [I, Tn, Tn-pr] forter: *Is that roof still dripping?* ○ *a dripping tap* ○ *He was dripping blood (onto the floor).* **3** (idm) be dripping with sth thil pakhat khat thawn a khat, a khuh, a khat theh: *His letter was dripping with flattery.* ○ *dripping with jewels.* dripping/wringing wet ⇒ WET.

□ **drip-dry** *adj* tidai forter ih ro ol hnipuan: a drip-dry shirt, fabric.

NOTE ON USAGE: **Drip, leak, ooze, run, seep** indicate the way in which a liquid escapes from container or tap. Most (not **seep**) also indicate the way in which a container or tap allows a liquid to escape. **1 Drip** = (allow sth to) fall in regular drops: *Water is dripping from the pipe. The pipe is dripping (water).* **2 Leak** = (allow sth to) get out (through a hole in sth) a zun: *Wine is leaking from the barrel. The barrel is leaking (wine).* **3 Ooze** = (allow sth to) move slowly (out of sth) pawt: *Blood is oozing from the wound. The wound is oozing (blood).* **4 Run** = (allow sth to) flow continuously (from sth): *Water is running from the tap. The tap is running.* **5 Seep** = move slowly (through a small opening in sth): *Oil is seeping from the engine.*

**drip**<sup>2</sup> /drɪp/ *n* **1** (a) [sing] for khat: *the steady drip of water from a leaky tap.* (b) [C] zun: *The roof is leaking — fetch a bucket to catch the drips.* **2** [C] (medical) mina thihri sungih thun sakmi (sii, rawl, etc): *put sb on a drip, ie fit such a device to a patient.* **3** [C] (sl) nin-um milai: *Don't be such a drip! Come and join in the fun.*

**dripping** /ˈdrɪpɪŋ/ *n* [U] ermi sahriak.

□ **dripping-pan** *n* sahriak ernak bel.

**drive**<sup>1</sup> /draɪv/ *v* (pt drove /drəʊv/, pp driven /drɪvn/) **1** (a) [I, Tn] mawng, khaal (mawṭawka): *Can you drive?* ○ *He drives a taxi, ie That is his job.* ○ *I drive (ie own) a Jaguar.* (b) [I, Ipr, Ip] mawṭawka thawn feh: *Did you drive (ie come*

by car)? ○ *I drive to work.* ○ *Don't stop — drive on!* ⇒ Usage at TRAVEL. (c) [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] mawṭaw thawn mi phur/thlah: *Could you drive me to the station?* 2 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] caw, rannung pawl dawī, khaal: *some cattle being driven by a man on a horse* ○ *drive sheep into a field* ○ *They drove the enemy back*, ie forced them to retreat. ○ *They drove the enemy back*, ie forced them to retreat. ○ (fig) *I was driven out of the club.* 3 [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] seem (thli in), fen (tilet in): *Huge waves drove the yacht onto the rocks.* ○ *dead leaves driven along by the wind.* 4 [I, Ipr] phom: *driving rain, hail, snow, etc* ○ *The waves drove against the shore.* 5 [Tnpr] (a) hramhram in lutter, fehter, dawī: *drive a nail into wood, a stake into the ground, etc* ○ (fig) *drive a proposal through Parliament.* (b) harzet in saktuah: *drive a new motorway across a mountain range* ○ *They drove a tunnel through the rock.* 6 (a) [Tn, Tn-p] titer, tuahter: *A man driven by jealousy is capable of anything.* ○ *The urge to survive drove them on.* (b) [Tn-pr, Cn-a, Cn-t] cangter, titer (duh na loin): *drive sb crazy/to insanity/out of his mind* ○ *Hunger drove her to steal.* (c) [Tn] ṭuan tuk: *Unless he stops driving himself like this he'll have a breakdown.* ○ *He drives the team relentlessly.* 7 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] (sport) (golf, tennis, cricket) leh tikah bawlung khi hmailam ah napin thawi: *drive (the ball) into the rough* ○ *He drives beautifully*, ie plays this stroke well. 8 [Tn esp passive] herter, fehter: *a steam-driven engine.* 9 (idm) **be driving at** (always with *what* as the object) *tuah ding zuam, ti dingih tum: What are you driving at?* ○ *I wish I know what they were really driving at.* **drive a coach and horses through sth** upadi, daan ziang siarlo. **drive a hard bargain** thil man ṭhum thu relkhawm. **drive sth home (to sb)** thinheng in ringpin tu le tu sim ih theihter: *drive one's point home* ○ *I drove home to him that he must be here by ten.* **drive sth into sb's head** thuhla cingter sal. **drive sb to drink** (esp joc) khawruahhar le vansanglam ko tuah ih zu in, zu cuaiter: *Working here is enough to drive anyone to drink.* **drive a wedge between A and B** rualpi hau-awter/to-awter. **let drive (at sb)** mithawi, mivuk. **needs must when the devil drives** ⇒ NEEDS. **pure as the driven snow** ⇒ PURE. 10 (phr v) **drive sb back on sth** hmang duh lo na cing mi thil hmangter. **drive off** (a) mawṭawka mawng hlo. (b) leh thoknak ah golf bawlung thawi. **drive sb off** mawṭawka thawnmi tlanpi. **drive sb/sth off** neh, dawī. □ **drive-in** *n* (US) mah mawṭawka sung ihsin suak ṭullo in poiṭulmi tawrel saknak hmun (hotel, zuksin, bank etc): [attrib] *a drive-in bank.* **driving-belt** *n* inzin hertu taikap. **driving-licence** *n* (US **driver's license**) mawṭaw mawn theinak laisin.

**driving school** mawṭaw mawng zirnak tlawng. **driving-test** *n* mawṭawka mawng camibuai. **driving-wheel** *n* cet sung hmun dangdang ah tha a kuattu leng. **drive**<sup>2</sup> /draiv/ *n* 1 [C] mawṭawka ih khualtlawn: *Let's go for a drive in the country.* ○ *He took her out for a drive.* ○ *a forty minute, an hour's, a fifteen mile, etc drive.* 2 [C] (US usu **driveway**) bulpak lamzin, inn-zin. 3 [C] (sport) napi ih thawi (tennis, golf ah). 4 [U] thazang, thilti theinak: *Our sales people need determination and drive.* 5 [C, U] (psychology) hiar, hur: (a) *strong sexual drive.* 6 [C] (a) thil tuah suak ding ih tawrelnak: *a sales, a recruiting, an export, etc drive.* (b) ṭumkhat hnu ṭum khat ral nam ciamconak. 7 [C] (Brit) phe leh nunnuam pawlawknak: *a bridge/whist drive.* 8 [C, U] cet tha petu thil: *electric, belt, fluid, etc drive* ○ *front-/rear-/four-wheel drive*, ie where the engine makes the front, rear, or all four wheels turn ○ *a car with left-hand drive*, ie with the steering wheel and other controls on the left ○ [attrib] *the drive shaft.* **drivel** /drivl/ *n* [U] at-hna, at-thu: *don't talk drivel!* ▷ **drivel** *v* (-ll-; US -l-) [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (on) (about sth) at-thu ngan, sim: *He was driveling on about the meaning of life.* **driven** pp of DRIVE<sup>1</sup>. **driver** /'draivə(r)/ *n* 1 mawngtu/khaaltu (mawṭawka, leng etc): *a bus-, lorry-, taxi-driver* ○ *a learner driver*, ie sb who has not yet passed a driving test. 2 (golf) bawlung hlaatpi thawinak a zim thing bunmi fung. 3 ṭilva khaaltu. 4 (idm) **a back-seat driver** ⇒ BACK-SEAT (BACK<sup>2</sup>). (be) in the driver's seat uk, khawng. □ **driver's license** (US) = DRIVING-LICENCE (DRIVE<sup>1</sup>). **drizzle** /'drizl/ *v* [I] ruahhmai tla: *It had been drizzling all day.* ▷ **drizzle** *n* [U] ruahhmai. **drizzly** /'drizli/ *adj*: *a cold drizzly day.* **drogue** /drəʊg/ *n* ka-dawh vek thli hrannak lam hmuhtu dip-zum. □ **drogue-parachute** *n* parachute tom ihsin pharh ko ih hmanmi thawn fate hnuknak. **droll** /drəʊl/ *adj* hnihsuakza: *a droll story* ○ (ironic) *So he thinks I'm going to apologize? How very droll!* ▷ **drollery** /-əri/ *n* [C, U] hnihsuak. **dromedary** /'drɒmədəri/ US pəderi/ *n* tuang pakhat nei kala-uk phun ramsa. **drone**<sup>1</sup> /drəʊn/ *n* 1 khuai pa. Cf WORKER 3. 2 (Brit derog) midang ring ih nung (khuai pa vek) **drone**<sup>2</sup> /drəʊn/ *v* 1 [I, Ip] khuai vekih awn: *An aircraft droned overhead.* 2 [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-p] aw pawr zet in ṭong: *The chairman droned on for hours.* ○ *drone (out) a hymn.* ▷ **drone** *n* (usu sing) 1 khuai awn: *the drone of bees* ○ *the drone of a distant aircraft.* 2

ʔongpawr awn: a steady drone from the lecturer.  
**3** (music) mirang hlung (bagpipe) ih awpawr bik.

**drool** /dru:l/ *v* **1** [I] cil suakter, khadi for, pawt. **2** [I, Ipr] ~ (**over sb/sth**) (derog) duh zetter-aw: drooling over a photo of a pop star.

**droop** /dru:p/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] kuun, tlai: flowers drooping for lack of water ○ Her head drooped sadly. ○ (fig) His spirits drooped at the news, ie He became sad.

▷ **droopy** *adj*.

**drop<sup>1</sup>** /drɒp/ *n* **1** [C] ti dor (a hluummi ti for khat): rain-drops, tear-drops, etc ○ drops of rain, dew, sweat, condensation, etc ○ Pour the oil in drops into the mixture. **2** drops [pl] hnakua sungih forter mi sii: comfort drops, eg used to make contact lenses easier to wear. **3** [C esp sing] malte: I like my tea with just a drop of milk. ○ (fig) He's had a drop too much, ie He is drunk. **4** [C] tidai for, mitthli for vek thil. **5** [sing] hraapsuk zet: There was a sheer drop of five hundred feet to the rocks below. **6** [sing] (fig) ʔum, tlaak (thilri man, etc): a drop in prices, temperatures, etc ○ a big drop in the number of people out of work. **7** [C] vanzamleng ih thlakmi: Drops of supplies are being made to villages still cut off by the snow. **8** (idm) (**only**) a drop in the bucket/ocean a titham lo tukmi, a fate tuk ih ʔahnem santlai lo: Aid to the Third World is at present little more than a drop in the ocean. **at the drop of a hat** hmakhat ah, hnu loin, ruatta loin: You can't expect me to move my home at the drop of a hat.

▷ **droplet** /drɒplɪt/ *n* dor fate.

□ **drop-goal** *n* bawlung khirmi a tlak hlanah siitmi kaw (Rugby bawlung lehnak ah).

**drop-hammer, drop-forge, drop-press** *ns* daan beelrang pawl.

**drop-kick** *n* (Rugby leknak ah) bawlung khi a khir ih a tlak hlanah siit. — *v* [I, Tn].

**drop<sup>2</sup>** /drɒp/ *v* (**-pp-**) **1** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] tla, tlater: The bottle dropped and broke. ○ The climber slipped and dropped to his death. ○ Don't drop that or it'll break! **2** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] thla: she dropped to safety from the burning building. ○ Medical supplies are being dropped to the stricken area. ○ Drop the hammer down to me. **3** [I, Ipr] baang, tha cem: I feel ready to drop, ie very tired. ○ (fig) She expects everyone to work till they drop, ie very hard. **4** [I, Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] kiam deuh: The wind, temperature, water level, etc has dropped considerably. ○ His voice dropped to a whisper. ○ The cost of living seems set to drop for the third month in succession. **5** [I, Ipr, Ip] hrap hruak: The cliff drops sharply (away) (to the sea). **6** [Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (**off**) mawʔaw parin ʔumter, thla: Could you drop me (off) near the post office? **7** (infml) [Dn-n] ca-kuat: drop sb a postcard. **8** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb/**

**sth** (**from sth**) daw, thla: She's been dropped from the team because of injury. ○ Many dated expressions are being dropped from the new dictionary. **9** [Tn] (**a**) tong duh nawn lo, baansan, tuah nawn lo: She's dropped most of her old friends — or they've dropped her! (**b**) baang, tuah nawn lo. (**c**) ʔong baang, ti nawn lo: Drop everything and come here! ○ Lest's drop the formalities: call me Mike. ○ Look, can we just drop the subject? **10** [Tn] (infml) tangka sung (phe lek ah): I hear they've dropped over ten thousand on the deal. **11** [I, Tn] (sl) rithei mi sii ei. **12** (idm) **die/drop/fall like flies** ⇒ **FLY<sup>1</sup>**.

**drop one's aitches** 'h' aw suahter lonak ʔongfang pawl. **drop a brick/clanger** (infml) mi ningzahnak, thinhennak a si ti thei lo ih thu sim, rel. **drop dead** (**a**) (infml) rinlopi ih thi, thi phutphi. (**b**) (sl) mi hnaihnik lo dingih sim/kham. **drop a hint (to sb)/drop (sb) a hint** thei seh ti ah phundang te'n sim. **drop/dump sth in sb's lap** ⇒ **LAP<sup>1</sup>**. **drop sb a line** ca malte kuat: Drop me a line to say when you're coming. **drop names** (infml) hminthang le thuneitu pawl hmin telh, sim (mi thinlung kheng seh ti ah). **drop a stitch** (in knitting) ʔhim in pat a poi. **one's jaw drops** ⇒ **JAW**. **let sb/sth drop** a thuhla rel nawn lo/baang: I suggest we let the matter drop. **the penny drops** ⇒ **PENNY**. **13** (phr *v*) **drop back; drop behind (sb)** mi dungah tang: The two lovers dropped back so as to be alone. ○ (fig) Britain is increasingly dropping behind her competitors in this field. **drop by/in/over/round; drop in on sb; drop into sth** leeng hruak (malte sung): Drop round some time. ○ I thought I'd drop in on you while I was passing. ○ Sorry we're late — we dropped into a pub on the way. ⇒ Usage at **VISIT**. **drop off** (infml) (**a**) sing, mitkuh: I dropped off and missed the end of the film. (**b**) mal deuh: Traffic has dropped off since the by-pass opened. **drop out (of sth)** (**a**) bansan: Since his defeat he's dropped out of politics. (**b**) tlawng suak: She got a scholarship to Cambridge but dropped out a year later. (**c**) mi kom lo ih um.

▷ **dropper** *n* sii a dordor ih tahnak thil.

**droppings** *n* [pl] ramsa le vate ek.

□ **drop-out** *n* khawpi vangpi hnen ihsin a suak mi, tlawng-suak.

**dropsy** /drɒpsɪ/ *n* [U] titsa lakih tidai um natnak.

▷ **dropsical** /drɒpsɪkl/ *adj*.

**dross** /drɒs/; *US* drɒs/ *n* [U] (**a**) thir er tiki a tangmi a ek. (**b**) (fig) a ʔahnem lomi: The best players go off to the big clubs, leaving us the dross.

**drought** /draʊt/ *n* [C, U] nikhua car, ruah sur loih um caan, khawkheng: areas of Africa affected by drought.

**drove<sup>1</sup>** *pt* of **DRIVE<sup>1</sup>**.

**drove<sup>2</sup>** /drəʊv/ *n* **1** tuu rual, caw rual, sia rual. **2** (usu *pl*) (fig) a rualpi (milai rual/burpi): droves of sightseers ○ Letters of protest arrived in

- droves.
- ▷ **drover** *n* rannung rual dawitu.
- drown** /draʊn/ *v* **1** (a) [I, Ipr] tipil ih thi, tidai ah pil: *a drowning man*. (b) [Tn, Tn-pr] ti sungah hnim in that: *drown a kitten*. **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth** (in **sth**) tidai in khuh: *a drowned valley* ○ *He drowned his meal in gravy*. **3** [Tn, Tn-p] ~ **sb/sth** (out) mi dang aw lang lo dingah awn-au tuah ruri: *She turned up the radio to drown (out) the noise of the traffic*. **4** (idm) **drown one's sorrows (in drink)** (esp *joc*) riahasiatnak hngilh duh ah zu in ciamco. (**look**) **like a drowned rat** zingnam tidai sungih tlami vek — ciah nekkek, thi zik.
- drowse** /draʊz/ *v* **1** [I] it dok it dok lo. **2** (phr *v*) **drowse sth away** it dok it dok loih um: *drowse away a hot afternoon*.
- ▷ **drowse** *n* [sing] it dok loih umnak: *in a drowse*.
- drowsy** /draʊzi/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** ih-hmu: *I'd just woken up and was still drowsy*. ○ *This drug can make you drowsy*. **2** mitkuh thei: *drowsy summer weather*.
- ▷ **drowsily** /-əli/ *adv*: *murmur sth drowsily*. **drowsiness** *n* [U].
- drubbing** /drʌbɪŋ/ *n* (idm) **give sb/get a good drubbing** **1** neh/sung neekneek. **2** (fig) sung/neh neekneek.
- drudge** /drʌdʒ/ *n* hnaʔuan har reipi ʔuantu.
- ▷ **drudge** *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away) (at **sth**) hnaʔuan har reipi ʔuan.
- drudgery** /-əri/ *n* [U] ʔuankhung, nin-ummi hnaʔuan: *the endless drudgery of housework* ○ *soulless drudgery*.
- drug** /drʌg/ *n* **1** sii ih hmanmi thil, sii sungih a telmi thil: *a pain-killing drug* ○ *The doctor has put me on drugs*, ie prescribed them for me. **2** mi a cuai thei, a rii thei, thinlung a mawlhter theimi siivai (bing, kanza, tivek): *take/use/be on drugs* ○ *peddle/push drugs*. **3** (idm) **a drug on the market** khawng lomi thil (mi ih an duh lo ruangah).
- ▷ **drug** *v* (-gg-) [Tn] **1** sii rawi sak (rawl ah). **2** ziang thei loin um dingah sii pek: *in a drugged stupor*.
- **drug addict** sii zongsang mi, rit theinak cuai mi. **drug addiction** rit theimi cuainak, sii hman zongsangnak.
- drug dealer, drug, pusher** khammi rit theinak (drug) zuar le leitu.
- drugget** /drʌɡɪt/ *n* [C, U] puan thawn tuahmi zialpah.
- druggist** /drʌɡɪst/ *n* (esp *US*) =CHEMIST<sup>1</sup>.
- drugstore** /drʌɡstɔ:(r)/ *n* (US) sii dawr.
- Druid** /druɪd/ *n* Britain ram um khuahlan Celt miphun (Scotland, Wales, Ireland) pawliham puithiam.
- drum**<sup>1</sup> /drʌm/ *n* **1** (music) khuang: *play the drum(s) in a bank*. **2** khuang vek thil. **3** = EAR-DRUM (EAR).
- 4** (idm) **beat the drum** ⇨ BEAT<sup>1</sup>.
- **drumbeat** *n* khuang-beng. Cf DISC BRAKE (DISC).
- drum brake** mawʔawka ih dram brik.
- drumhead** khuang ih a saphaw lam.
- drumhead cout-martial** ral do lai ih ralkap zungih thuʔhen.
- drum-kit** *n* khuang tuah khat.
- drum major** **1** khuang le thlung tum ih thuangtuah khawngtu ralkap senthum. **2** (US) thlungtum pawl hotu. **drum majorette** /,meɪdʒə'ret/ (esp *US*) khuangtum hruaitu thuam phundang zet hruktu fala.
- drumstick** *n* **1** khuang vuak fung. **2** ar, vai-ar phei-pawngsa.
- drum**<sup>2</sup> /drʌm/ *v* (-mm-) **1** [I] khuang tum. **2** [Ipr, Tn, Tn-pr] ~ (sth) on **sth** khuang vekin khawng rero (kut, ke thawn): *drum on the table with one's fingers* ○ *drum one's feet on the floor*. **3** (phr *v*) **drum sth into sb/into sb's head** cingkeng seh ti ah, tu le tu sim: *Our teacher used to drum our multiplication tables into us*. **drum sth up** midang bomnak ngah dingin zuam: *He's going round firms drumming up interest in the project*.
- ▷ **drummer** *n* **1** khuang tumtu. **2** (esp *US* infml) sumdawng ih vaktu.
- drumming** *n* [U, sing] khuangtum vek aw: *the steady drumming of the rain on the tin roofs*.
- drunk** /drʌŋk/ *adj* **1** [usu pred] zu rii: *be blind/dead* (ie completely) *drunk* ○ *They've put vodka in her fruit juice to get her drunk*. ○ *get drunk on cider*. **2** [pred] ~ **with sth** riit pi, aat pi: *drunk with power, success, etc*. **3** (idm) **drunk and disorderly (law)**; **drunk and incapable** zurit ruangah duhduh le mawi loih um, zu-ai nei. (**as**) **drunk as a lord** zu rii zet.
- ▷ **drunk** *n* zu rii.
- drunkard** /-əd/ *n* (fml) zu riit hman.
- **drunkometer** *n* (US) = BREATHALYSER.
- drunken** /drʌŋkən/ *adj* [attrib] **1** zu rii mi: *a drunken reveler*. **2** zu a rii ʔheu mi: *her drunken boss, husband, etc*. **3** zuriit: *a drunken argument, fury, stupor, sleep* ○ *drunken laughter, voices, singing*.
- ▷ **drunkenly** *adv*: *stagger about drunkenly*. **drunkenness** *n* [U].
- drupe** /dru:p/ *n* (botany) a mu tuamtu hak nei thingthei, mekei vek pawl.
- dry**<sup>1</sup> /draɪ/ *adj* (**drier, driest**) **1** caar: *Is the washing dry yet?* ○ *Don't use this door until the paint is dry*. ○ *This pastry is too dry* — add some water. **2** nikhua caar, ruah um lo: *a dry spell, climate, country* ○ *I hope it stays dry for our picnic*. **3** tidai a kang: *The wells ran dry*. ○ *The cows are dry*, ie not producing milk. **4** ti um lo: *a dry cough*, ie without phlegm ○ *My throat feels dry*. ○ *a dry shampoo*, ie in powder form. **5** zu tuah le zuar lo khamnak hmun: *Some parts of Wales are dry on Sundays*. **6** (infml) tihaal: *I'm a bit dry*. ○ *dry work*. **7** [attrib] thawphat tel lo: *dry*

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bread, toast, etc. **8** thlum lo, a kha nawnmi (cabitti): a crisp dry white wine ○ a dry sherry. **9** nuam lo, a menmen: *They offered no apology, just a dry explanation for the delay.* **10** (of humour) thungai thlak awter, thupiter: a dry wit. **11** thinlung tho lo in, sopar lemlo: a dry manner, greeting, tone of voice. **12** nin-um: Government reports tend to make rather dry reading. **13** (idm) **boil dry** ⇨ BOIL<sup>2</sup>. **(as) dry as a bone** caar riorio (ruh vekin). **(as) dry as dust** nin um tuk. **high and dry** ⇨ HIGH. **home and dry** ⇨ HOME<sup>3</sup>. **keep one's powder dry** ⇨ POWDER. **milk/suck sb/sth dry** pakhat hnen ihsin sum le saw, thu le hla a zate'n lak theh. **not a dry eye in the house** (joc) mi hmuahhmuah tap theh.

▷ **dryly** (also **drily**) /draɪli/ adv: *'They're not likely to give you money,' he remarked dryly.* **dryness** n [U].

□ **dry battery** electric betari (acid hman lomi). **dry cell** daatmei dawng betari.

**dry-clean** v [Tn] tidai hmang loih thiangaftier (puan, hnipuan a ro ih sawp).

**dry-cleaner** n puan thiangafti tertu (tidai hmang loin): *The blankets are at the dry-cleaner's.* **dry-cleaning** n [U].

**dry dock** tidai um lo lawng remnak hmun: *a ship in dry dock for repairs.*

**dry goods** **1** fang, vainim thlai-rawl, thingrah pawl. **2** (esp US) hnipuan le puan thilri pawl.

**dry ice** solid carbon dioxide (vurkuang sungih hmanmi).

**dry land** leilung (tipi a si lomi): *I'm no sailor and I couldn't wait to reach dry land.*

**dry measure** thilri ro caar tah daan.

**dry-nurse** n a zoh mi naute hnawi fawh lotu nau-um.

**dry rot** **1** thing muat. **2** thing muattertu. **3** (fig) pawlkom a siattertu (hmuh loin nuam tete'n).

**dry run** (infml) tuahsinnak; *rehearsal* (kutsih daan, tivek): *Let's do/have a dry run.*

**dry-shod** adj, adv ke le kedar ciar loin: *go ashore dry-shod.*

**drystone** adj mirang leilung nawnmi (ciarbek) tel lo ih dawlm lungto phar dawl.

**dry-wall** n [U] ciarbek tel loih dawlm phar.

**dry**<sup>2</sup> /draɪ/ v (pt, pp **dried**) **1** [I, Ip, Tn, Tn-p] roter, caarter, pho (ni ah), em (mei ah): *Leave the dishes to dry (off).* ○ *Dry your hands on this towel.* **2** [I] (infml) mah tiding vo hngilh. **3** (phr v) **dry (sb) out** (infml) zu in lo dingih tuamhlawn.

**dry (sth) out** roter — a ciarmi: *Your clothes will take ages to dry out.* **dry up** (a) tidai kang theh (tiva, tikhur). (b) (fig) um nawn lo: *If foreign aid dries up the situation will be desperate.* (c) (infml) tong baang: *Dry up and listen to me.* (d) tong dingmi hngilh ruangah tong peh thei lo. **dry (sth) up** puan thawn hnawt ro (khukeng, hai pawl).

▷ **drier** (also **dryer**) /draɪə(r)/ n **1** (esp in

compounds) thil rotetu cet: a clothes drier ○ a hair-drier ○ a tumble-drier. **2** si thuhmi ro cing seh ti ih rawimi sii phunkhat.

**DSc** /di: es 'si:/ abbr Doctor of Science: *have/be a DSc in Physics* ○ *Philip Jones DSc.*

**DSO** /di: es 'əʊ/ abbr (Brit) Distinguished Service Order: *be awarded the DSO for bravery* ○ *Robert Hill DSO.*

**DT** /di: 'ti:/ (also **DTs** /di: 'ti:z/) abbr (infml) thathir nat (Latin *delirium tremens*): *have (an attack of) the DTs.*

**dual** /dju:əl; 'du:əl/ adj [attrib] kap hnih ih a telmi: *his dual role as composer and conductor* ○ *She has dual nationality*, ie is a citizen of two different countries.

▷ **duality** /dju:əl; US 'du:əl/ [U] n.

□ **dual carriageway** (Brit) (US **divided highway**) a laifang ih thenmi (rin maw ziang maw thawn) mawtaw zinpi.

**dual-control** adj milai pahnih ih kaihhruainak: [attrib] a dual-control car, ie one used for driving lessons, in which the instructor can operate the clutch and brakes.

**dual-purpose** adj tumtahnak pahnih hrangah.

**dub** /dʌb/ v (-bb-) **1** [Cn-n] 'paral'tha' hmin'thatnak pek (a liang khi namsau zim in tok in). **2** [Cn-n] duhkawh hmin sak: *The papers dubbed them 'The Fab Four'.* **3** [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth (into sth)** baisakup filim ih um tong khummi hri khi tong dang hri thawn thleng, tong dangin suahter: *a dubbed version* ○ *a German film dubbed into English.*

**dubbin** /dʌbɪn/ n [U] savun nemtertu le tidai khamtertu hriak.

▷ **dubbin** v [Tn] cuihmi hriak thuh.

**dubiety** /dju:'bi:əti; US du:-/ n (fml) **1** [U] zumpaa lonak, lunghrinnak. **2** [C] zumpaa lomi thil.

**dubious** /dju:'bi:əs; US 'du:-/ adj **1** [esp pred] ~ (about sth/doing sth) zumpa lo, lunghrin: *I remain dubious about her motives.* **2** (derog) zum tlak deuh lo: *a rather dubious character* ○ *a dubious business venture* ○ *His background is a trifle dubious, to say the least.* **3** rin-um lemlo: *The results of this policy will remain dubious for some time.* **4** (esp ironic) thungai lemlo, man nei lemlo: *a dubious compliment*, ie a disguised insult ○ *She had the dubious honour of being the last woman to be hanged in England.*

▷ **dubiously** adv. **dubiousness** n [U].

**ducal** /dju:k; US 'du:kl/ adj [usu attrib] Duke vek.

**duchess** /dʌtʃɪs/ n (in titles **Duchess**) **1** Duke (lal) ih nupi. **2** Duke sinak nei nunau.

**duchy** /dʌtʃɪ/ n (also **dukedom** /dju:kdəm; US 'du:k-/) Duke ih ram.

**duck**<sup>1</sup> /dʌk/ n (pl unchanged or -s) **1** (a) [C] rampai (a phunphun): *ducks waddling about the yard.* (b) [C] rampai nu. Cf **DRAKE**. (c) [U] rampai sa: *roast duck.* **2** [C usu sing] (also **ducky, ducks**) (Brit infml) cibai buknak 'dear' ka duhdawt mi

tican. **3** [C] (incricket) bawlung bengtu ih ngahmi 'O' hmat: *make a/be out for a duck* ○ *break one's duck*, ie score one's first run. **4** (idm) **a dead duck** ⇒ DEAD. **a lame duck** ⇒ LAME. (**take to sth**) **like a duck to water** tihphan le harsatnak ruat lemloin — a daan kel vek te'n: *She's taken to teaching like a duck to water.* **water off a duck's back** ⇒ WATER. **a sitting duck** ⇒ SIT.

▷ **duckling** /-lɪŋ/ **n** **1** (a) [C] rampai faa. (b) [U] rampai faa a sa. **2** (idm) **an ugly duckling** ⇒ UGLY.

□ **duck-boards** **n** [pl] ciarbeek parih phahmi zialtlep.

**ducks and drakes** **1** lung phengte tidai parah deeng ih dawpter (nauhak lehnak). **2** (idm) **play ducks and drakes with sth** tikcu heuter meen. **duckweed** **n** [U] tidai parih khomi hrampi phunkhat.

**duck**<sup>2</sup> /dʌk/ **v** **1** [I, Ipr, Ip, Tn, Tn-pr, Tn-p] lu thup lohli (tihphan um ruangah): *I saw the gun and ducked under the window.* ○ *Duck your head down!* **2** [Tn, Tn-pr] malte sung tidai ah lu phum sak: *Her sisters ducked her in the river.* **3** [Ipr, Tn] (infml) ~ (**out of**) **sth** tuan/tuah duh lo ih hrial: *It's his turn to wash up but he'll try and duck out of it.*

▷ **ducking** **n** ciin/ciar neknek.

**duck**<sup>3</sup> /dʌk/ **n** **1** [U] patpuan khoh zet. **2** **ducks** [pl] patpuan khoh zet thawn tihitmi bawngbi.

**duct** /dʌkt/ **n** **1** tler pum (pep), titler kua nei thil pum (a tiimi luannak) thli fehnak dawng: *One of the air-ducts has become blocked.* **2** taksa sung/thingkung sungih ti fehnak dawng: *tear-ducts.*

□ **ductless gland** *hormones* suahnak gland.

**ductile** /dʌktaɪl/ **US** -tl/ **adj** **1** kiak ti um loh sut sau thei vivomi thil (suan, sui tivek pawl). **2** (fig fml) bum ol, hruai ol.

▷ **ductility** /dʌk'tɪləti/ **n** [U].

**dud** /dʌd/ **n** (infml) tuan pelhsolhtu (milai, thilri): *Two of the fireworks in the box were duds.* ○ *The new manager is a complete dud.*

▷ **dud** **adj** man nei lo, thahnem lo: *This battery is a dud.* ○ *a dud cheque*, ie one that is forged or not backed by cash.

**dude** /djuːd/ **US** duːd/ **n** (US) **1** khuapi milai hmuan le lo ih va leengtu: [attrib] *a dude ranch*, ie one used as a holiday centre. **2** a zia-aw zet mipa (dandy). **3** (sl) *man* = mipa: *Who's that dude over there?*

**dudgeon** /ˈdʌdʒən/ **n** [U] (idm) **in high dudgeon** thinheng aithoknak: *He stormed out of the meeting in high dudgeon.*

**duds** /dʌdz/ **n** [pl] (sl) hnipuan-angki, sinfen.

**due**<sup>1</sup> /djuː/ **US** duː/ **adj** **1** [pred] (a) ~ (**to sb**) bakmi, rulh sal dingmi (leiba): *Have they been paid the money due to them?* ○ *I'm still due fifteen days' holiday.* (b) ~ **for sth** a cu thlangmi: *She's due for promotion soon.* **2** [pred] pek cu: *fall/become*

*due* ○ *My rent isn't due till Wednesday.* **3** [pred] ~ (**to do sth**) tawlrel, zum um: *His book is due to be published in October.* ○ *The train is due (in)* (ie scheduled to arrive) *in five minutes.* **4** [attrib] a mawi, a kaih aw, a dingmi: *after due consideration* ○ *With all due respect, I disagree completely.* **5** ~ **to sth/sb** ruangah, hrangah: *The team's success was largely due to her efforts.* **6** (idm) **in due course** a caan thlen tik ah, a cut tikah: *Your request will be dealt with in due course.*

NOTE ON USAGE: **1** Some speakers are careful to use **due to** only after the verb *be*: *His lateness was due to the very heavy traffic on the motorway.* But it is also generally considered acceptable today as a synonym for **owing to**, which is used differently: *He was late owing to/due to the very heavy traffic.* ○ *Due to/Owing to the heavy traffic, he was late.* **2** **Due to** can be used immediately after a noun: *Accidents due to driving at high speed were very common that weekend.*

**due**<sup>2</sup> /djuː/ **US** duː/ **n** **1** [sing] co ngah dingmi thil: *He received a large reward, which was no more than his due*, ie at least what he deserved. **2** **dues** [pl] sungtel sinak: *I haven't paid my dues yet.* **3** (idm) **give sb his due** (fml) zawnruat sak, a dik ciah in: *She's a slow worker but, to give her her due, she does try very hard.* **give the devil his due** ⇒ DEVIL<sup>1</sup>.

**due**<sup>3</sup> /djuː/ **US** duː/ **adv** lam ah ding te'n: *sail due east* ○ *walk three miles due north.*

**duel** /djuːəl/ **US** 'duːəl/ **n** **1** (formerly) mi pahnih do-aw (feipi, namsau, pistol tivek thawn): *challenge sb to a duel.* **2** (fig) mi bur hnih, lole mi pahnih do-aw: *engage in a duel of words/wits.* ▷ **duel** **v** (-ll-; **US** also -l-) [I, Ipr] ~ (**with sb**) (mi pahnih) do-aw: *dueling pistols*, ie mi pahnih do-aw ih hmanmi poistol.. **duelist** /djuːəlɪst/ (**US** **duelist** /duːəlɪst/) **n** do-awtu milai.

**duenna** /djuː'ɛnə/ **US** duː'ɛnə/ **n** (esp in Spain and Portugal) fanu pawl finkhawitu pitar.

**duet** /djuː'et/ **US** duː'et/ (also **duo**) **n** kopzai, mi pahnih hlasak: *a duet for violin and piano* ○ *We sang a duet.*

**duff** /dʌf/ **adj** (Brit sl) santlai lo, thahnem lo.

▷ **duff** **v** (Brit sl) **1** [Tn] (golf lekah) bawlung thawi thelh: *He duffed his drive off the first tee.* **2** (phr v) **duff sb up** thong, lole, siit (na zetin).

**duffer** /ˈdʌfə(r)/ **n** (dated infml) mi-aa, thiam thei lo: *I was always a bit of a duffer at maths.*

**duffle** (also **duffel**) /ˈdʌfl/ **n** [U] tuuhmul puan nem.

□ **duffle bag** dip zawl.

**duffle-coat** **n** tuuhmul kawt lukhuh nei.

**dug**<sup>1</sup> **pt**, **pp** of DIG<sup>1</sup>.

**dug**<sup>2</sup> /dʌg/ **n** hnawi hmur.

**dug-out** /ˈdʌg aʊt/ **n** **1** (also **dug-out canoe**)

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vokkuang lawng (thing tum pakhat salhmi lawng). **2** ral bawhnak/relhnak le kua (laih copmi).

**duke** /dju:k; US du:k/ *n* (in titles **Duke**) (*fem* **duchess** /dʌtʃɪs/) **1** lal, mi-uk (England ram ih hmanmi lal hmin): *the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester*. **2** Europe ram ih ramthen uktu (hlanlai).

▷ **dukedom** *n* **1** Duke hnaṭuan, Duke sinak. **2** = DUCHY.

**dulcet** /dʌlsɪt/ *adj* [attrib] (*fml or joc*) hna theih mawi: (*ironic*) *I thought I recognized your dulcet tones*, ie the sound of your voice.

**dulcimer** /dʌlsɪmə(r)/ *n* a talhnak pahnih thawn tummi tingriset.

**dull** /dʌl/ *adj* (**-ier, -est**) **1** a fiang lo, a tleu lomi, a thim: *a dull colour, glow, thud* ○ *dull* (ie cloudy) *weather* ○ *dull of hearing*, ie slightly deaf. **2** aancing har: *a dull pupil, class, mind*. **3** nin-um: *The conference was deadly dull*. **4** hriam lo, bul (nam, etc): *a dull knife*. **5** a ṭam tuk lomi (hma): *a dull ache*. **6** tluang lo (hnaṭuan): *There's always a dull period after the January sales*. **7** (idm) (**as**) **dull as ditch-water** ningkhop zet.

▷ **dull** *v* [I, Tn] fungter, aa-ter, demter: *Watching television dulls one's wits*. ○ *She took drugs to dull the pain*. ○ (*fig*) *Time had dulled the edge of his grief*. **dully** /dʌl-lɪ/ *adv*. **dullness** *n* [U].

**dullard** /dʌləd/ *n* aancing har.

**duly** /dju:l; US 'du:l/ *adv* **1** a si ding dan vekin: *The president was duly elected*. **2** a tik a cuu vekin: *I duly knocked on his door at three o'clock*.

**dumb** /dʌm/ *adj* (**-er, -est**) **1** ṭong thiam lo: *She's been dumb from birth*. ○ *our dumb friends*, ie animals ○ (*fig*) *be struck dumb* (ie left speechless) *with horror, fear, amazement, etc*. **2** [usu pred] daite'n um, ṭong duh lo (malte sung): *They begged him to explain, but he remained dumb*. **3** (*infml*) mi-aa: *That was a pretty dumb thing to do*. ○ *If the police question you, act dumb*, ie pretend you don't know anything.

▷ **dumbly** *adv*. **dumbness** *n* [U].

□ **dumb show** kut le ke thawn ṭong.

**dumb waiter** (**a**) (US *lazy Susan*) ei dingmi rawl retnak hertheih cabuai. (**b**) inn tluon lam le tang lam ih a fehmi (rawl thiarnak) electric bawm.

**dumbbell** /dʌmbəl/ *n* **1** baan tha cak seh ti ih thlir ṭheumi thir/thing tum (a ritmi). **2** (US *infml*) mi-aa.

**dumbfound** (also **dumfound**) /dʌm'faʊnd/ *v* [Tn esp passive] ziang ṭong ding thei lo ih tuah, mangbangter: *We were completely dumbfounded by her rudeness*.

**dumdum** /dʌmdʌm/ *n* (also **dumdum bullet**) a hmur a parh theimi cerek (a ngahnak ong a kauter).

**dummy** /'dʌmi/ *n* **1** [C] tuahcop mi milai, a ngaingai vekih tuah mi milai: *a tailor's dummy*. **2** [C] a takngai vekih tuahmi, deu: *The bottles of*

*whisky on display are all dummies*. **3** [C] (esp Brit) (US **comforter, pacifier**) hnawi (raba hnawi) naute ngamnakh ih tuahmi. **4** [sing] (**a**) (phe leknakh ah) a rualpa in hlon ve seh ti duh ih a phe pawl a thal-lam ih retu. (**b**) cumi vek phe: *She played a jack from dummy*. **5** [C] (US *infml*) mi fim lo, mi-aa.

□ **dummy run** tihnik/tisin mi thiltuah, hmainornak (*trial or practice*).

**dump** /dʌmp/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] **1** peng, re (hnawm pen ah): *Some people just dump their rubbish in the river*. ○ *Sealed containers of nuclear waste have been dumped in the sea*. **2** peng liailiai: *dump a load of gravel, a pile of newspapers, a bundle of dirty clothes* ○ *Just dump everything over there — I'll sort it out later*. **3** (*infml* often derog) hlon, tanta: *She dumped the kids at her mother's and went to the theatre*. ○ *He's dumped his wife and gone off with one of his students*. **4** (derog commerce) man ol te'n hlon/zuar. **5** (computing) thuhla, cazin pawl hmunkhat ihsin hmun dangah thawn ih khawl. **6** (idm) **drop/dump sth in sb's lap** ⇒ LAP<sup>1</sup>.

▷ **dump** *n* **1** hnawm hlon hmun. Cf TIP<sup>2</sup> *n*. **2** malte kuam ralkap thil le ri retnak hmun: *an ammunition dump*. **3** (*infml* derog) a baal le um duh lonak hmun: *How can you live in this dump?* **dumper** *n* (also **dumper truck**, US **dump truck**) a ruangpi a khatlam a niamter ih thil a hlon theimi mawṭawka (leilung, lungto hnawm hlonnakh mawṭawka).

**dumpling** /'dʌmplɪŋ/ *n* **1** ti thawn suanmi sang hlum, a sungah thingrah retmi sang. **2** emmi, rawhmi cuvek sang: *an apple dumpling*. **3** (*infml*) mi ceeng niam.

**dumps** /dʌmps/ *n* [pl] (idm) (**down**) **in the dumps** (*infml*) aipuang loih um.

**dummy** /'dʌmpɪ/ *adj* (**-ier, -iest**) tawi le thau kurhki milai.

▷ **dumpiness** *n* [U].

**dun**<sup>1</sup> /dʌn/ *adj*, dum le rang a ṭelhṭhok ih a pawl phutphimi rong.

**dun**<sup>2</sup> /dʌn/ *v* (**-nn-**) [Tn] leiba cawh taimak.

**dunce** /dʌns/ *n* cathiam har tlawngta, aancing lo zirtu.

□ **dunce's cap** cathiam lo cawhkuan peknakh ih hmanmi cahnah lukhuh zum.

**dunderhead** /'dʌndəhed/ *n* (derog) mi-aa.

**dune** /dju:n; US du:n/ (also **sand-dune**) *n* vunnel mual/tlaang (thli ih cantermi).

**dung** /dʌŋ/ *n* [U] ramsa eek (dawm ih hmanmi), caw eek.

□ **dunghill** *n* lo sungih penkhawmmi caw-ek.

**dungarees** /dʌŋgə'ri:z/ *n* [pl] pat ih tahmi bawngbi sau: *a pair of dungarees*.

**dungeon** /'dʌndʒən/ *n* inn hnuai leilung tangih thawng inn.

**dunk** /dʌŋk/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sth/sb (in/into sth)** **1** hnim (ei dingmi biskit tivek laphakh ti ah hnim):

*dunk biscuit in one's coffee.* **2** malte sung ti ah hnim: *They dunked her in the swimming-pool as a joke.*

**duo** /dju:ə; US 'du:ə/ *n* (pl **duos**) **1** thuanthucawn, etc tuahtu khuah khat: *a comedy duo.* **2** = DUET.

**duodecimal** /dju:ə'ðesɪml; US ,du:ə'ðesəml/ *adj* hleihnhieh hleihnhieh ih thenmi: *a duodecimal system.*

**duodenum** /dju:ə'di:nəm; US ,du:ə'di:nəm/ *n* (anatomy) pumpi hun pehtu ril.

▷ **duodenal** /dju:ə'di:nl; US ,du:ə'di:nl/ *adj* [usu attrib]: *a duodenal ulcer.*

**duologue** /dju:ələg; US 'du:ələg/ *n* mi pahnih biak-awk.

**dupe** /dju:p; US du:p/ *v* [Tn, Tn-pr] ~ **sb** (into **doing sth**) bum (tuah dingah).

▷ **dupe** *n* bum tongmi, bum ol (fim lo): *I won't be his dupe any longer.*

**duple time** /dju:pl 'taim; US du:pl/ (music) bar khat sungih vuak hnih a ummi.

**duplex** /dju:pleks; US 'du:pleks/ *adj* then hnih nei, a bang-awmi pahnih um.

▷ **duplex** *n* (US) **1** (a) innsang pahnih um thei dingih thenmi inn. (b) cumi sungih pakhat khat. **2** (also **duplex apartment**) umnak dot hnih.

**duplicate** <sup>1</sup> /dju:plikət; du:pləkət/ *adj* [attrib] **1** a bang-aw mi: *a duplicate set of keys.* **2** a bang-aw mi pahnih: *a duplicate receipt, form, etc.*

▷ **duplicate** *n* a bangrepmi thil dang, a bangaw ih khummi, tuahmi: *Is this a duplicate or the original?* **2** (idm) **in duplicate** khawpi pahnih in, a bangawmi pahnih in: *complete a form, prepare a contract, etc in duplicate.*

**duplicate** <sup>2</sup> /dju:plikert; US 'du:pləkert/ *v* **1** [Tn esp passive] a bang repmi pahnih tuah. **2** [Tn] a bangrep mi tuah saal lala (tul lopi ah): *this research merely duplicates work already done elsewhere.*

▷ **duplication** /dju:pl'keɪfən; US ,du:plə'keɪfən/ *n* [U] nolh reronak: *We must avoid wasteful duplication of effort.*

**uplicator** *n* carialnak cet.

**duplicity** /dju:'plisəti; US du:'plisəti/ *n* [U] (fml) bumnak.

**durable** /djuərəbl; US 'duərəbl/ *adj* reipi a daihmi: *a durable peace, friendship, settlement* ○ *trousers made of durable material* ○ *This varnish provides a durable finish.*

▷ **durability** /djuərə'bɪləti; US 'duərə'bɪləti/ *n* [U].

**durables** *n* [pl] (also **consumer durables**) reipi a daih dingmi dawr thilri pawl.

**duration** /dju'reɪfən; US dʊ'reɪfən/ *n* [U] **1** a si sung caan/tikcu: *of short, long, three years', etc duration* ○ *for the duration of this government.* **2** (idm) **for the duration** (infml) (a) raal cem tiang. (b) (fig) reipi tiang: *Well, I'm stuck here for the duration, eg for the whole term.*

**duress** /dju'res; US dʊ'res/ *n* [U] thihnak, hremnak,

hraamhraam ih titernak: *sign a confession under duress.*

**during** /djuərəɪŋ; US 'dʊər-/ *prep* **1** sungihmuah (a tikcu): *There are extra trains to the seaside during the summer.* ○ *During his lifetime his work was never published.* ○ *He stopped for applause three times during his speech.* **2** sung (tikcu): *They only met twice during the whole time they were neighbours.* ○ *There will be two intervals during the performance.* **3** lai-ah: *The phone rang during the meal.* ○ *There was a bomb scare during the precession.* ○ *Her husband was taken to hospital during the night.*

**dusk** /dʌsk/ *n* [U] khawthim pek, arkai, unau hmelpalh: *The street lights come on at dusk and go off at dawn.*

**dusky** /'dʌski/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** a thim nawn: *the dusky light inside the cave.* **2** (a) taksa dum: *dusky blue, red, etc.* (b) (often offensive) midum, tisa dum: *a dusky maiden* ○ *dusky tribes.*

▷ **duskiness** *n* [U].

**dust** <sup>1</sup> /dʌst/ *n* [U] **1** leidip, leivut, leikhu: *a speck of dust* ○ *The old furniture was covered in dust.* ○ *clouds of dust blowing in the wind* ○ *gold, chalk, etc dust*, ie fine particles of gold, chalk, etc ○ [attrib] *A dust-cloud* (ie a whirlwind carrying clouds of dust) *swept across the plain.* **2** (rhet) mithi ruak. **3** (idm) **bite the dust** ⇒ BITE<sup>1</sup>. **dry as dust** ⇒ DRY<sup>1</sup>. **kick up/raise a dust** (infml) hnaihnohter. **shake the dust off one's feet** ⇒ SHAKE<sup>1</sup>. **throw dust in sb's eyes** thudik thei lo dingih tuah. **when the dust has settled** nom lonak le fiangfai lonak pawl cem tikah.

□ **dustbin** *n* (Brit) (US **garbage can, trash-can**) hnawmpung.

**dust bowl** ram kolh (ruah sur lo, le thlawh tuk ruangah).

**dust-cart** *n* (Brit) (US **garbage truck**) hnawm hlonnak leng.

**dust-cover** *n* **1** computer, darhlasa, tivek pawl hnawm (leivut) lut lo dingih a khamtu. **2** = DUST-JACKET. **3** = DUST-SHEET.

**dust-jacket** *n* cabu phaw tuamtu cahnah (duh le ret theih).

**dustman** /-mən/ *n* (pl **-men** /-mən/) (Brit) (US **garbage man**) hnawm hlontu (lakha ei in).

**dustpan** *n* hnawm rutnak.

**dust-sheet** *n* tokheng, cabuai pawl khuhtu puan, etc.

**dust-up** *n* [sing] (infml) ring cece ih tawh-awk, hau-awk.

**dust** <sup>2</sup> /dʌst/ *v* **1** (a) [Tn] leivut phiat, hnawt, thing: *dust the furniture, books, living-room.* (b) [Tn-p] ~ **sb down/off** leivut hnawt (sak): *Dust yourself down — you're covered in chalk.* **2** (phr v) **dust sth off** hmanghnik, tuahhnik (reipi tiang tuah dah lo, hman dah lomi ɬong, etc): *I'll have to dust off my French if we're going to move to Paris.* **dust sth onto, over, etc sth** phulh, theh: *dust*

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sugar onto a cake. **dust sth with sth** phulh: *dust a cake with icing sugar.*

▷ **duster** *n* thil baal hnawtnak puan, calungpi hnawtnak.

**dusty** /ˈdʌsti/ *adj* (-ier, -iest) **1** (a) leivut a khatmi, leivut khuhmi, leivut: *This room's rather dusty, I'm afraid.* (b) leivut vek. **2** (idm) **a dusty answer** mawi lo zet ih rak et lonak, rak elnak. **not so dusty** (dated *Brit infml*) awih lo, ee lo, el: *'How are you feeling?' 'Oh, not so dusty, thanks!'*

▷ **dustiness** *n* [U].

**Dutch** /dʌtʃ/ *adj* **1** *Netherland* (Holand) mi, Holland tɔŋg. **2** (idm) **Dutch courage** (*infml joc*) zuri ralthat. **a Dutch treat** mahte man pek rawl do. **go Dutch (with sb)** a cemmi liam khawm. **talk (to sb) like a Dutch uncle** ⇒ TALK<sup>2</sup>.

▷ **Dutch n 1 the Dutch** [pl *v*] Holland mi. **2** [U] Holland tɔŋg. Cf **DOUBLE DUTCH** (DOUBLE<sup>1</sup>).

□ **Dutch auction** man mal bik pe theitu a tan tiang lilam suai dan.

**Dutch barn** deuthlam (phar umlo).

**Dutch cap** = DIAPHRAGM<sup>4</sup>.

**Dutch elm disease** eem thingkung nat.

**Dutchman** /-mən/ *n* (pl -men /-mən/) **1** Dutch pa. **2** (idm) **I'm a Dutchman!** (zum lo ruangih tɔŋgmi): *If he's only twenty-five, I'm a Dutchman!*

**Dutch oven** nuambang te ih sa suannak siin nei beel.

**duteous** /djuːtiəs/; *US* 'duː-/ *adj* (*fml*) = DUTIFUL.

**dutiable** /ˈdjuːtiəbl/; *US* 'duː-/ *adj* siah pek tɔlmi, a-kauh: *dutiable goods.*

**dutiful** /djuːtɪfl/; *US* 'dʊː-/ (also **duteous**) *adj* (*fml*) hnaʔuan felmi, thu a thlunmi: *a dutiful son, subject, servant, etc.*

▷ **dutifully** /-fəli/ *adv*: *He dutifully followed his commander's instructions.* ○ *to serve one's country dutifully.*

**duty** /djuːti/; *US* 'duːti/ *n* **1** [C, U] tuah dingmi hnaʔuan, ʔuanvo: *It's your duty to go.* ○ *do one's duty* ○ *It's not something I enjoy. I do it purely out of a sense of duty.* ○ *I'll have to go, I'm afraid — duty calls.* **2** [C, U] thilri parih lakmi siah (ngunkhuai): *What are the duties of a traffic warden?* ○ *I'm doing night duty this week.* **3** [C, U] ~ (on sth) mi airawl ih tuah/ʔuan: *customs/exercise duties.* Cf **TARIFF** 2. **4** (idm) **one's bounden duty** ⇒ **BOUNDEN**. **dereliction of duty** ⇒ **DERELICTION** (**DERELICT**). **do duty for sth** midang ai-rawl ih um/ʔuan: *An old wooden box did duty for a table.* **in the line of duty** ⇒ **LINE**<sup>1</sup>. **on/off duty** ʔuanvo nei/neilo sung: *I arrive at the hospital at eight o'clock, but I don't go on duty until nine.* ○ [attrib] *off-duty activities, hours.*

□ **duty-bound** *adj* [pred] ʔuanvo nei: *I'm duty-bound to help him.*

**duty-free** *adj* thilri leimi parih ngunkhuai pek tɔl lo: *You're allowed 1½ litres of spirits duty-free.* ○ *There's a good duty-free shop* (ie one selling such goods) *on the ferry.*

**duvet** /ˈdʊveɪ/ *n* arhmul thawn tuahmi puanbuk (puan sah zet). Cf **EIDERDOWN**.

**DV** /diːˈpiː/ *abbr* Pathian in rem a tile; God being willing (Latin *Deo volente*): *He should be back by Friday, DV, ie if nothing prevents him.*

**dwarf** /dwɔːf/ *n* (pl ~s) **1** mi pate, rannung, thingkung, mi hnaakih a fate, a niamte mi: [attrib] *a dwarf conifer.* **2** (lasi khuavang thuanthu ah) huham nei milai vek a si ih a fate zetmi.

▷ **dwarf v** [Tn] **1** fate zet ih lang, deet: *Our little dinghy was dwarfed by the big yacht.* **2** thandawn.

**dwell** /dwel/ *v* (pt **dwelt** /dwelt/) **1** [Ipr] ~ in, at etc... (*arch or rhet*) sungah um, khawsa, hluum. **2** (phr *v*) **dwell on/upon sth** khawruat, sim, ngan (a saupi in): *Let's not dwell on your past mistakes.*

▷ **dweller** *n* (esp in compound ns) (hmun pakhat) sungih umtu, hluumtu: *town-dwellers* ○ *flat-dwellers* ○ *cave-dwellers.*

**dwelling** *n* (*fml*) umnak inn, innkhan etc: (*fml or joc*) *my humble dwelling.* **dwelling-house** *n* (esp *law*) milai umnak inn, run-inn.

**dwindle** /ˈdwɪndl/ *v* [I, Ipr, Ip] ~ (away) (to nothing) mal vivo, cem vivo: *dwindling hopes, popularity, profits* ○ *Their savings have dwindled (away) to nothing.*

**dye**<sup>1</sup> /daɪ/ *v* (3rd pers sing pres t **dyes**, pt, pp **dyed**, pres p **dyeing**) (a) [Tn, Cn-a] patbuhnak (ting ti) thawn but: *dye one's hair* ○ *dye a white dress blue.* (b) [I] buh theih: *a fabric that dyes well.*

▷ **dyer** *n.*

□ **dyed-in-the-wool** *adj* [usu attrib] (*usu derog*) thinlung ah fek tuk ih zum (buh taak vekin): *a dyed-in-the-wool Marxist.*

**dye**<sup>2</sup> /daɪ/ *n* [C, U] **1** patbuhnak sii, ting (rong): *vegetable dyes* ○ *I bought some blue dye yesterday.* **2** ting pian zia, rong. **3** (idm) **of the blackest/deepest dye** (dated) a siakha bik: *a villain, scoundrel, traitor, etc of the deepest dye.*

**dying** ⇒ **DIE**.

**dyke** = **DIKE**.

**dynamic** /daɪˈnæmɪk/ *adj* **1** cangvai ding le thawn dingih tuultu tha, cangvaitertu thazang. Cf **STATIC** 2. **2** mi cakvak, thazang cak (milai): *a dynamic personality.*

▷ **dynamic n** [sing] cangvaihnak le thlengawknak a suahpi tu thazang: *the inner dynamic of a historical period, social movement, work of art.* **dynamically** *adv.*

**dynamics** /daɪˈnæmɪks/ *n* **1** [sing *v*] cangvaihnak le thazang thu lam zirnak (physics ah). **2** [pl] (*music*) aw ring dan.

**dynamism** /ˈdaɪnəˌmɪzəm/ *n* [U] **1** thazang, thazang suah ih thil tinak. **2** (*philosophy*) thil (matter) le thinlung cu khat le khat parih cangvaihnak ihsin a suakmi thil-um a si ti khawruahnak.

**dynamite** /ˈdaɪnəˌmaɪt/ *n* [U] **1** thing le lung puahnak zian (bomb), dainamait. **2** (*fig*) (a) mi

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siatsuah thei thil/thu: *The abortion issue is political dynamite.* (**b**) (*infml approv*) mi thinlung a kheng theitu milai, thil: *Their new album is sheer dynamite.*

▷ **dynamite** *v* [Tn] *dainamait* thawn puah.

**dynamo** /daɪnəməʊ/ *n* (*pl ~s*) **1** tidai tha, tikhu tha *electric* daat ih cantertu cet, *dainamu*. **2** (*fig infml*) thazang khoh ih a cak zetmi, milai: *a human dynamo*.

**dynasty** /dɪnəstri/; *US* 'daɪ-/ *n* **1** pu bik thok in tesinfa tiang mi uktu sungkhat: *the Tudor dynasty*. **2** cuvek uknak caan/san: *during the Ming dynasty*.

▷ **dynastic** /dɪnəstɪk/; *US* daɪ-/ *adj* [usu attrib]:

*dynastic succession*.

**dysentery** /ˈdɪsəntri/; *US* -teri/ *n* [U] santen, thisendok nat.

**dyslexia** /dɪsˈleksiə/; *US* dɪsˈleɪfə/ *n* [U] (*medical*) (also **word-blindness**) ca siar le ca ngan thiam harnak (thluak that lo ruangah).

▷ **dyslexic** /dɪsˈleɪksɪk/ *n, adj* cumi nat tuartu.

**dyspepsia** /dɪsˈpepsiə/; *US* dɪsˈpepfə/ *n* [U] (*fml*) pumpi nat (rawl rial tha lo ruangih), pumsong.

▷ **dyspeptic** /dɪsˈpeptɪk/ *adj, n* pumpi nat nei, pumpi nat tuartu.

**dystrophy** /dɪstrəfi/ *n* [U] (*medical*) titsa thazang tum vivo natnak (pu le pa hnen ihsin son awkmi): *muscular dystrophy*.

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